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# NAGA HOLDS SECOND HUNTING CLUB CONFERENCE

## A SOLD-OUT EVENT

BY BRITNEY BOOTH, NAGA COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR



**N**orth American Gamebird Association members gathered in Manhattan, Kansas, on July 17-19, 2023, for the group's second Hunting Club and Preserve Conference. The sold-out Conference, which doubled in size from the inaugural event held in Ohio, was supported by industry partners and headlined by NSSF – The Firearm Industry Trade Association (NSSF), the event's Title Sponsor.

Attendees traveled from Connecticut, New York and New Jersey in the northeast to South Carolina in the southeast. From Alabama, Mississippi and Texas in the deep South to the mountain states of Colorado, Idaho and Montana. And, of course, the Conference is anchored by a whole crowd of folks from the midwestern states – from Pennsylvania, West-by-God Virginia and Ohio all the way through Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin, South Dakota (and yes, even Michigan) and, the host state of Kansas! Folks attended from as far away as California!

The NAGA Hunting Club Conference committee compiled suggested topics from hunting preserves and

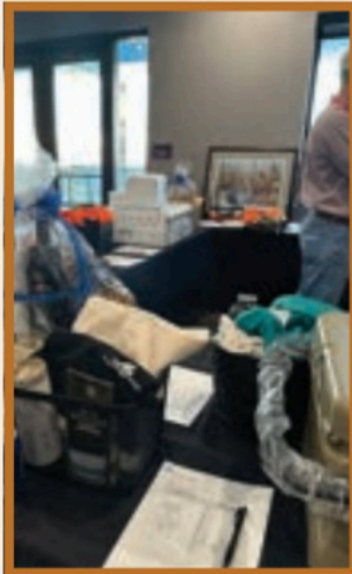
ranked them, with only the top vote-getters making the cut. This year's Conference features a great mix of high-tech information, marketing seminars, sessions on how hunt clubs can navigate the challenges of avian influenza operations in the field, retail management and online resources.

Featured presenters included Lt. General Perry Wiggins (retired), Kansas State Veterinarian Dr. Sara McReynolds, NSSF's Justin Morrissey and a group of industry experts from Romeo Bravo Software (a Platinum Sponsor of the event).

After a full day of presentations, NAGA Hunting Club Conference attendees gathered in the Bluemont Hotel President's Suite to unwind, share some laughs and network. Dan Barngrover of Longtail Farms hosted the hospitality room, which featured refreshments of the adult and all age variety. Monday evening hospitality was sponsored by Beavers Game Farm and Tuesday evening hospitality was sponsored by MacFarlane Pheasants, Inc.

"The design of the Hunting Club Conference is meant to encourage strong relationships between all of us who know the obstacles that can arise in this business," explained NAGA President Peg Ballou. "It's not all speeches and presentations. Our goal was to leave Kansas, a stronger family than we had when we arrived."

On Tuesday night, the organization hosted a buffet-style dinner and a fundraising auction and gun raffle drawings. Carol Schlomer of Pheasant



Cover Outfitters won the Winchester SX4 12-gauge semi-auto, donated by Milford Hills and James Brill, Jr. of Prospect Hall Shooting Club won the Weatherby Orion 12-gauge over/under given by an anonymous donor.

The 2023 event included exhibit booths featuring a variety of industry-leading companies, including Auburn University's Wildlife Enterprise Management Program, Dawe's Laboratories, Deception Decoy Co., Kent Nutrition Group, Kuhl Corporation, MEC Outdoors, NSSF - The Firearm Industry Trade Association, Nutritional Health Applications, LLC, Queen Wood Products, Inc., Romeo Bravo Software and RuffLand Performance Kennels.

NAGA will gather next in Orlando, Florida, at the Holiday Inn Disney Springs for its annual convention on January 22-24, 2024. Stay tuned for more information about the Convention and future Hunting Club Conferences as we make announcements via email and our website - [NorthAmericanGamebird.com](http://NorthAmericanGamebird.com).



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