

NORTHEAST FRIENDS OF NRA HIT BIG WITH OVER \$52,000 NET!!!!!!



The North East Friends of NRA Event was held on February 7th, 2008 in Aberdeen South Dakota. With 620 Event Tickets purchased, the event was sold out and when the final count was done, over \$52,000 was raised for South Dakota's shooting sports programs and range improvements. This also earned them the High Caliber Award again for 2008.

This year featured something special as well. An original Oil Painting by South Dakota Artist Mark Anderson was live auctioned and sold for over \$3300. The winning bidder also was awarded the rights for all prints produced from this original and the chance to have his logo, brand, etc, painted on the elevator which was the backdrop for this beautiful painting with flushing pheasants. Arnie Goldade, North East Chapter Chairman stated, " I know Mark and will ask him if he is interested in doing something for our event....", after seeing his



work listed in an Vendor Catalog for the program. Mark is an accomplished SD artist who was the winner of the 2005 and 2006 Federal Duck Stamp Competition and has received numerous awards including Ducks Unlimited North and South Dakota Artist of the Year, Illinois State Habitat Stamp, SD Habitat Stamp, SD Duck Stamp, and many, many more. Please check out Mark at www.markandersonwildlife.com for more information about this South Dakota artist and Friends of NRA Supporter.

The Aberdeen Event was also the only Magnum Event in South Dakota for 2008. These events feature exclusive items to attendees. The 2008 lineup offered the NRA Sharps Sporting Rifle .45-70 with a walnut stock and octagon barrel. The "Aerial Ballet" Eagle Sculpture from Marc Pierce. This piece portrays two eagles flying freely, which come together in a beautiful and elegant sculpture. A Custom 1911 Conversion Slide .22LR was also offered, designed to fit a full size 1911 frame and built of stainless steel. The fourth unique item in the Magnum Package is the "Headed High" Elk Sculpture by Marc Pierce. This sculpture features three Bull Elk heading uphill in the snow with the lead elk signaling their arrival with his bugle.

The success of the the North East Friends of NRA is led by Arnie and Lori Goldade. They lead a dedicated committee of over 20 volunteers who dedicate countless hours and manpower to this event. Each member has a sense of dedication and willingness to go the extra mile which makes this event one of the best in South Dakota.