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# Sportsmen Assisting Nebraska Disabled Sportsmen

## *No Words for SANDS Hunter*

Lani Baker couldn't find the words to describe how she felt after a memorable hunt at Pheasant Bonanza in Tekamah.

Baker was the fortunate SANDS member who was selected for a recent pheasant hunt donated by Jim Murray. It was a blessing and curse for Baker, who looked like an outdoor-superstar with an entourage of photographers and groupies waiting for the birds to explode out of the grass.

Baker was followed by reporters and photographers wanting to document the occasion. To other pheasant hunters walking the grasslands and crops of Nebraska, one woman in a hunting preserve may not be a big deal. But to SANDS, it was a dream come true.

Baker suffers from multiple sclerosis, a disease that has kept her away from the fields for 10 years. She never thought she'd find herself pheasant hunting again, let alone shooting a shotgun.

Due to the generous gift of a pheasant hunt from one of the SANDS sponsors, Pheasant Bonanza, Baker once again, after 10 years, found herself wearing the blaze orange and trouncing through the Nebraska grasses with her father's shotgun.

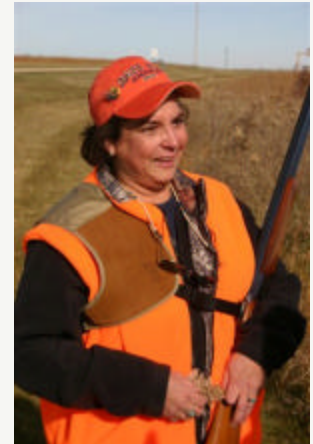
"When my dad left us, I wanted to make sure I got his guns and knife."

Baker's dad was watching, too. The day was perfect, the dog was perfect and the setting was magnificent. After making a few "close" misses, Baker got in the groove and dropped 4 pheasants. Lani, one was a little too close.

It wasn't important that Lani brought home some fresh pheasant for the dinner table. What was important was that someone decided to make a difference and offered a little time and help so one hunter could return to the love that she thought she lost.

We're proud of you, Lani!  
What a blast!

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## **We Need Your Pictures**

**Please send your digital hunting, fishing, and outdoor pictures to Mike Freel at [msfreel@west.com](mailto:msfreel@west.com) so we can be sure to get them in the newsletter. We really like the close-ups so we can see your smiling faces! SANDS will make you fa-**

If you are a member of an outdoor organization and you would like to sponsor a SANDS member by purchasing a license or permit, please contact Dave Burgess at [sandsnebraska@yahoo.com](mailto:sandsnebraska@yahoo.com) and we'll help get you in touch with people needing your help.

## ***Free Deer Hunting Permits for SANDS Members***

Free deer hunting permits are available for SANDS members. If you would like to go hunting there are still some permits available. SANDS will sponsor you by purchasing your permit for you. There is no cost to you as a member of SANDS.

If you are interested in going deer hunting, contact Dave Burgess at 402-559-3743. Leave your name and number.

## ***Taxidermists Make a Moment A Lifetime***



Wildlife Creations and Countryside Taxidermist have graciously donated their services to the SANDS program.

Each business has donated one deer head mount to the program each year. In addition, they're discounting their services to SANDS members! You can talk to Steve Evers at Wildlife Creations at 402-896-6887 about your mounting needs. Countryside Taxidermist can be reached by calling Rick Jacobson at 402-253-3139.

Ed Boyd and Cheryl White Hawk are the lucky SANDS members for 2006!

Get your name in the running by sending in your name and contact information to [sands-nebraska@yahoo.com](mailto:sands-nebraska@yahoo.com) or call Dave at 402-559-3743 by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Winners will be drawn September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. We'll send more reminders.

### Contact Information

For more information about SANDS, contact Dave Burgess at [sandsnebraska@yahoo.com](mailto:sandsnebraska@yahoo.com).

SANDS is published bi-monthly and posted on the NGPC website and [www.sandsnebraska.com](http://www.sandsnebraska.com).

## Survey: A SANDS Banquet?

Would you be interested in a banquet dinner in February 2007? The event would possibly consist of a free dinner, door prizes and presentations by SANDS members and supporters.

Please let us know if you are interested or if you may want to participate on a planning committee. You can call Dave at 402.559.3743 or email your comments to him at [sandsnebraska@yahoo.com](mailto:sandsnebraska@yahoo.com).

## Free Turkey Hunt

Hey SANDS members—Get entered to win a **free turkey hunt** and one-year membership for *Wheelin' Sportsmen Magazine* donated by the Grand Island NWTF. To enter the drawing, send an email with the words "Turkey Hunt Drawing" in the subject line with your contact information (Name, phone number, address, email)



The drawing will be held April 1<sup>st</sup>, and the hunt will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2007. Motel accommodations will be made for you to spend the night on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2007. If you

# Meet the New SANDS Field Directors

## Southeast Nebraska

John Swinarski. John lives in Omaha and can be reached at 402-738-8185.

## Northeast Nebraska

Brent Kneifl. Brent lives in New Castle and can be reached at 402-355-2643.

Thank you John and Brent for volunteering your time and knowledge to help the SANDS program grow.

If you would like to be a SANDS Field Director and have the time to volunteer to assist people with disabilities, **we need you**. We are still looking for Field Directors in the North and South Central Nebraska regions and in the Northwest and Southwest regions. You must live in the region you are volunteering to assist with. Contact SANDS if you are interested.

have any questions you may contact Dave Burgess at 402-559-3743 or his cell 402-650-0211 or email at [sandsne-braska@yahoo.com](mailto:sandsne-braska@yahoo.com).

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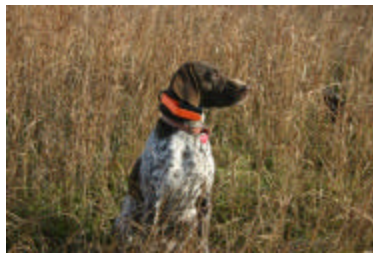
Good Luck!!!

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Here are some pictures from the Recent SANDS pheasant hunt with Lani Baker and Jim Murray, owner of Pheasant Bonanza in Tekamah.



Lani Baker and Jim Murray



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Lani Baker and guide, Brian "Frosty" Frost

