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Highland Dinner & Auction 2024

Storehouse, Foulis Ferry

Thursday 28th March 2024, 7.00pm-9.30pm

(includes complimentary wine and venison casserole buffet)

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Welcome from the Highland Chair, Charlotte Gilfillan



It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the GWCT Highland Dinner and Auction 2024, which marks the return of this very popular event in person, and my first as the Chair.

Many of you will be acutely aware of the changing nature of rural sports and land management in Scotland, and The GWCT remain at the forefront of conservation science, providing scientific research that underpins sustainable conservation practices and influences government policies. For over 90 years they have been researching and developing game and wildlife management techniques and are deeply passionate about the conservation of game and its associated flora and fauna for the public benefit. There is some fantastic research being undertaken at present, and I would encourage you to take the opportunity this evening to speak to some of the GWCT team to find out more.

This work does require the necessary financial support to continue though, and as a Committee we will be working hard over the next year to increase GWCT membership in the Highlands. If you are not already a member and interested in becoming one, we would be delighted to arrange that.

The dinner and auction this year would not be possible without the very generous support of our Sponsors, NFU Mutual Dingwall & Thurso, Saffery's and Galbraith's, Quintin & Michelle Stevens for the use of the Storehouse and the most excellent food, and Argay Game for the venison. The lot providers have also been incredibly generous, and we have a varied selection of lots to chose from.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Committee for all their hard work in pulling together this evening, and to Rory Donaldson and Chloe Forbes for their invaluable help and support. This has been very much a team effort. A special thanks to outgoing Chair James Macpherson-Fletcher, for his dedication and commitment over the years.

My final thanks are to you for joining us and supporting our fundraising efforts for GWCT, so please bid generously, become a member, and most importantly, enjoy the night.

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1



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2



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| 01 GWCT Scotland | A day's ferreting for up to 4 guns at the GWCT's demonstration farm at Auchnerran. | £500 |
| 02 Brahan Estate | 4 Salmon Rods on the River Conon on Monday 8th April 2024. | £300 |
| 03 F & R Forbes | Carnochway Gundogs would like to donate a days training. (2 hrs am 2 hrs pm) for 4 handlers, any standard. | £400 |
| 04 Frank Spencer- Nairn | 2 salmon rods for 2 days on the Culligran beats of the River Farrar in July/August 2024. | £200 |
| 05 Neil McIntyre | A morning session at renowned wildlife photographers Neil McIntyre's red squirrel photography hide near Rothiemurchus. | £100 |
| 06 Dumnaglass Estate | One days accompanied hind stalking to be taken during the 2024/25 season. | £450 |
| 07 Gordon Macphail | Bottle of Benromach 21 Year Old. | £150 |
| 08 Women In Wellies Podcast | Business sponsorship of one episode of the Women In Wellies Podcast in 2024. | £200 |
| 09 Gordon Macphail | Tour for 4 people at The Cairn Distillery in Grantown. | £80 |
| 10 Erchless Estate | Four rods on the River Glass on a date to be agreed between 1 May and 31 August 2024. | £250 |
| 11 Tom Chetwynd | Accompanied days stalking on Bunloinne Estate with expectation of one red stag and possibility of one sika stag, on a date to be agreed between 1 July and 20 October 2024. | £650 |
| 12 Campbell's of Beauly | Ladies or gents made to measure plus 4s and cap. | £500 |

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Regular predator control inspections conducted by the GWCT have really raised the standard of trapping and snaring, not just on this estate, but across Scotland.

– Headkeeper, Scottish Borders



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| 13 Kinrara Gin | A tasting experience for 6-8 people that will showcase the award winning highland gins onsite at Kinrara Distillery. | £150 |
| 14 Lethen Estate | A days brown trout fishing for 2 rods from the boat on Loch Belivat. | £30 |
| 15 Bonk & Co | Award winning, sustainably handmade rattan log basket from Bodj. | £200 |
| 16 Eilean Iarmain Estate | Two night stay (B&B) for two people in Hotel Eilean Iarmain, a half day simulated stalk for two people, and a gin and tasting session of our own award-winning Gaelic Whiskies and Gaelic Gins. | £600 |
| 17 Highland Shooting Centre | Outdoor long range rifle session followed by an evening Sika stalk. Between 07/24 - 02/25. | £800 |
| 18 Lower Oykel Fisheries | Three rod day on the Lower Oykel in late February 2025. | £300 |
| 19 GWCT Supporter | Taxidermy of a Kookaburra. | £50 |
| 20 Lethen Estate | A days salmon fishing for 2 rods on the Alntahara beat on the River Findhorn. | £300 |
| 21 Balnagowan Estate | One week stay for up to 4 people in Swiss Cottage during 2024 | £850 |



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| 22 | Logie Estate | A days salmon fishing on the River Findhorn at Logie for 2 rods. | £250 |
| 23 | James Munro | Duck fighting for 4 guns in Easter Ross plus hospitality. | £300 |
| 24 | David Houston | 6 bottles of Clos du Clocher 2010 Pomerol in original wooden case. | £300 |
| 25 | Reay Forest Estate | Three days hind stalking for two rifles plus cottage in 2024/25 hind season. | £1,500 |
| 26 | Novar Estate | 2 days (up to four outings) of Sika stalking in pursuit of a mature stag. | £800 |
| 27 | GWCT Scotland | A mixed species day for up to 4 guns at the GWCT's demonstration farm at Auchnerran. | £1,000 |
| 28 | GWCT Scotland | An evening's duck fighting for 3 guns at Auchnerran. Drinks will be provided after the event. To be taken between Nov– Dec 2024. | £200 |
| 29 | Dumnaglass Estate | One gun on a 200 bird driven pheasant day during 2024/25 season. | £1,300 |
| 30 | Soval Estate | Five days fishing for 4 rods between 10-14 June inclusive, on the River Laxay (Isle of Lewis) for Brown Trout and Salmon, including the services of a ghillie each day. Includes boat fishing on Loch Langavat and Loch Valtos. | £1,200 |



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Please can you pay for all your purchases on the auction night.
A card machine will be available but may not be workable so please bring a cheque book too if you have one.

Please can you ensure that all sporting lots are taken during the 2024/25 season as the GWCT Highland Committee are unable to roll over untaken lots.

The GWCT Highland Committee would like to thank all our donors, sponsors, advertisers and bidders who support this event year on year.

A special thanks to Quintin and Michelle and the team at The Storehouse, Scott Chapman our auctioneer and Ardgay Game for supplying the venison.

All your support to GWCT Scotland is hugely appreciated.



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