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HEROES OF CONSERVATION

Volunteers find different ways to achieve the same goal: protect hunting and habitat **By Mike Toth**

• *Future Worker* Williams with pointers and ringnecks.

THE ALL-IN CONSERVATIONIST

RICH WILLIAMS, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

In the late 1990s, after volunteering for National Wild Turkey Federation banquets, "a light went off" for Williams about the need to get families and youths involved in hunting to increase participation. Williams, 63, is now vice president of the NWTF's Arizona State Chapter, coordinates the group's Save the Hunt program, and runs a youth turkey hunting camp. He's also president of the Arizona Elk Society, on the board of directors for Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation, and on the steering committee for the Hunting and Angling Heritage Work Group.

THE HUNTER RECRUITER

JAMES PINSKY, REMINGTON, VA.

In 2013 Pinsky founded the nonprofit Green Bow Foundation, which provides kids with the education, skills, science and habitat background, and resource-stewardship training necessary to become capable hunters as well as ambassadors for outdoorsmen. Students must also do volunteer work before going on a mentor-guided hunt. "I want this to be a clear pipeline to the sport," says Pinsky, 41.

THE QUAIL CAMPAIGNER

THURMAN TUCKER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Tucker formed Minnesota's first Quail Forever chapter, in the southeast corner of the state, in 2005, and started another chapter in Minneapolis a few years later. He also leads Bobwhite Field Days, in which local landowners learn how to manage their land for the birds, and arranges habitat-education field trips for schools. "Rather than just hunt," says Tucker, 71, "let's do something that will make an impact."

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