

The 13th Annual PVA Trap competition in Green Bay is over. The big event was held July 31 to August 2, 2009 at the Brown County Sportsman Club (BCSC) in Green Bay. The economy did not seem to affect our event with the attendance at 72 registered wheelchair and able body shooters and 24 youth wheelchair and able body shooters for a total of 96 shooters. This is the largest turnout in the PVA Trap Circuit to date per Andy MacDonald National Shooting Director who attended the event for the first time. Mr. MacDonald brought two OIF soldiers with him to attend the event. One walked away with runner up in Ladies class.

For four year's WPVA has run a youth trap program. WPVA is the only chapter at this time that has a youth trap program that is supported by the chapter on the PVA trap circuit. In 2005 WPVA with the help from the National Rifle Association (NRA) developed a youth trap program for youths between the ages of 12 and 18 years of age. The program encourages youth to learn about gun safety and the sport of trap shooting. The program incorporates girls/boys able body and wheelchair shooters to form teams to compete against each other. The program will pay the registration fee, ammo, lodging, awards and meal costs for each qualified youth. The program has grown from just a few shooters to 24 in just 4 years. The maximum of 25 shooters is all WPVA can handle at this time due to financial restraints.

The weather was cool in the morning to 75 degrees in the afternoon. On Saturday we had a little rain, but by 9am the sky cleared up to make it a great day for the shooters. The food at the range was prepared again by Matt Stevenson from the AMVETS Post #41 and he and his helpers did a great job preparing breakfast and lunch meals during the event for the shooters and the many volunteers at the range.

We had the pleasure of having the CEO and a sales representative from Outbound Mobility. The company makes all terrain vehicles for the handicap person. They brought 2 vehicles for people to try out at the shooting club. They were a success with the youth.

This year we had a visit from Mr. Paul Smith of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel whose objective was to interview a few veteran wheelchair shooters. Mr. Smith took pictures of the shooters in action. He interviewed Joseph Fox Sr, PVA Past President, Phillip Rosenberg, WPVA President and Aaron Powless, WPVA Trap team member. The article will be the 8/16/09 Sunday sports page.

WPVA would like to thank James Fuller, Mike May from the BCSC, Andy Macdonald (PVA) and Hilda Fox for their tireless contribution to the event. We want to thank Pat Rathburn and his many volunteers in making sure the ammunition was handed out and keeping the firing lanes clean of casings. We would like to thank all our donors and sponsors. Let's not forget about the WPVA staff for their tireless job of organizing the event and on site coordination. This year's event was very memorable & memorable to all who participated or observed. See you next year July 30th to August 2nd, 2010 in Green Bay.

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