

2008 Press Release



The 2008 Humphrey & Associates Broken Clay was a huge success. As morning broke Friday the 26th of September, the Dallas Gun Club came to life. Volunteers for the Broken Clay set out shooters gifts, shotguns shells, and sunshade tents at each station, while others began to prepare food for the attendees of the day. 2008 marked the fourth year for this event. The Broken Clay Event is a great time with an even greater purpose.

There were 294 shooters, over 50 volunteers, and Bison for lunch! The overall benefit of the Broken Clay Event to the Young Life Ministry across North Texas was over \$71,000. The Broken Clay raised just a tad over \$50,200 for Young Life with the Shoot, the Crusher, the Games (Long Bird / Flurry), the Shootigans and the 1st Ever Stress Ball Drop from a Bell JetRanger. The Silent and Live Auctions provided by the Argyle YL Committee raised an additional \$20,800.

The Broken Clay started with a special benefit for Cavalry Sponsors of the event. Vermejo Park Ranch's Bobby Bigsby and James Africano (Executive Chefs) and John Sakelaris (Guest Services Manager) along with Matt Sorrentino (Sue Chef) and Scott Peryam of Humphrey & Associates, Inc. prepared a special meal for about 80 guests. It was an amazing event, as dinner Fare included – Wine and Appetizers, Badger Salad, Main Course including Grilled Quail over Oven Roasted Strata, with Crème Brulee for dessert. Local Young Life Kids (now adults) from over 20 years ago and current Young Life Leaders served the group dinner and shared a little of how the Young Life ministry had changed their lives.

The 2008 Broken Clay Shooting Course consisted of 14 stations and 100 rounds. There was also an optional flurry (2-5 person) - provided by AON, and a Long Bird Event sponsored by Bonded Lightning Protection. As a special treat for lunch, everyone enjoyed Bison Burgers and Bison Brats, homemade coleslaw, homemade beans and homemade Vermejo Park Strawberry Lemonade that were graciously served up by the Team from Vermejo Park Ranch.

The special raffle for the event was the 2008 Broken Clay Crusher that was donated by Luke Nolan (1992 Toyota Land Cruiser). After donation, the Crusher was Rigged 'Texas Hunting Style' by a team of people. The Crusher was prepped and painted with Chemical Agent Resistant Coating 686 Tan (CARC-686 Tan) by Triad Product Finishing. Southside Trim refinished the interior with custom stitched Camouflage Interior. New Sony Radio / Speakers were installed by DFW Camper. Jaeson Thornton donated the Safari roof rack. The Bumpers and Winch were donated and installed by Humphrey & Associates Mechanical Department. A 2 ½" Old Man Emu Lift Kit and 32" Pro Comp Tires were installed with some assistance from 4 Wheel Parts – Coppell. The Thompson Group at Classic Chevrolet did the Fluid changes and Overall Coordination of the rigging. Texas Aerial added a Garmin 196 GPS. The Crusher Raffle itself raised over \$14,000 for Young Life. 170 Tickets were sold and the lucky winner with one ticket was Bill Quillen with Dallas Shaver / Southwestern Parts.

The Stress Ball Drop included the sell of about 1000 bright orange (numbered) Stress Balls. The balls were loaded into a Bell JetRanger provided by Texas Aerial / North Texas Helicopter that proceeded to the Drop Zone. The crowd looked on with amazement as the Helicopter washed wind across the onlookers as they rose up to approximately 100 feet to drop the balls. Laughter and excitement were plentiful as many have not been that close to a Helicopter or seen Stress Balls bounce over 20 feet as they hit the ground and settled around the targets. 20 lucky balls won prizes, which included a 50" Plasma TV, Foosball Table, Tools, and other great prizes.

The Humphrey Family wants to extend special thanks to the volunteers, the shooters, and the sponsors. Thanks to our Special Guest from Vermejo Park Ranch, the talents of the Chefs, and the Teams' Serving Hearts. The 2009 Broken Clay is already being planned for the last Friday in September 2009.

Young Life is a non-denominational Christian ministry, which reaches out to high school and middle school kids. The ministry is based on the idea that "Christ is the Strongest, Grandest, Most Attractive Personality ever to grace the earth. It is a crime to bore anyone with the Gospel" (Jim Rayburn, YL Founder). The YL Leaders make every effort to "earn the right to be heard" to share Christ with kids.

If you haven't heard of Young Life or want to know how to get involved in YL in your community ask one of us, or look at the YL Website www.younglife.org.