

The Broken Clay Event is a great time with even a greater purpose. The 2009 Humphrey & Associates Broken Clay was a huge success. As the brisk fog rose and morning broke Friday the 25th of September, the Dallas Gun Club came was alive for the fifth year of this event. Volunteers for the Broken Clay met at 6:20 am to organize the day and enjoyed a specially prepared breakfast by Vermejo Park Ranch Chefs.



The event was well attended with 341 shooters and more than 105 volunteers. The overall benefit of the Broken Clay Event to the Young Life Ministry across North Texas was more than \$60,000. The Broken Clay raised just a tad over \$44,000 for Young Life with the Shoot, the Crusher, the Games (Long Bird / Flurry), the Shootigans and the 2nd Annual Stress Ball Drop from a Bell JetRanger. The Silent and Live Auctions provided by the Argyle YL Committee raised an additional \$19,000.

The Broken Clay started with a special benefit for Cavalry Sponsors of the event. Vermejo Park Ranch's James Africano - Executive Chef and John Sakelaris - Guest Services Manager along with Bill Raether (VPR – Castilla Lodge Chef), Adam Woloszyn (Sous Chef) and Scott Peryam of Humphrey & Associates, Inc. prepared a special meal for about 88 guests. It was an amazing event, as dinner Fare included – Wine and Appetizers, Tumbleweed Salad, Main Course including Chateaubriand of Bison, with Profiterole Pastries for dessert. Local Young Life Volunteers, and Young Life Staff from across North Texas served the group dinner and Jace Thompson – FW Metro Director shared a little of how the Young Life ministry had changed lives of kids.

The 2009 Broken Clay Shooting Course consisted of 15 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 Chef Team from Vermejo Park Ranch.

The Stress Ball Drop included the sell of 960 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 great prizes.

Top Shooters in this year's Broken Clay included: Team #1 - The Thompson Group at Classic Chevrolet; Team #2 – TXI; Team #3 – Bonded Lightning. Individual shooters were Rich Wolfe 1st, Rick DelMonte 2nd, and 3rd Will Chisum.

The special raffle for the event was the 2009 Broken Clay Crusher was won by Laura and Clay Thompson.

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 2010 Broken Clay is already on the Calendar for the last Friday in September 2010.

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Thanks to Texas Aerial and North Texas Helicopter for blowing us away with the Ball Drop! Thanks to Bonded Lightning for providing the Long Bird Game and Aon for providing the Flurry.

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, and Most Attractive Personality ever to grace the earth. It is a crime to bore anyone with the Gospel!" (Jim Rayburn, YL Founder). 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.