

Pig Picking Open ,Rocky Mount North Carolina 6-25-17

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Picture this if you will, typical North Carolina weather in late June, hot and humid as all get out. Squeet being shot and the mouth - watering smell of a pig being cooked to perfection. This means only one thing, it is time for The Pig Picking Open in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

This shoot started off with Doubles on Friday and this event was won by Bruce Colclough and Noah Dove the Gun Champion Runner up. Chip Simmons won A-1, Marquis Williams B-1, and Dave Burton C-1.

Saturday morning the 12 Gauge was won by Thomas Myaard with Bruce Colclough Gun Champion Runner-up. Clint Kreuser took AA-1, Butch Hassell A-1, Charles Lawley B-1, Kamm Bunting C-1, Kerry Ward D-1 and Dave Burton E-1

The 20 Gauge event was won by Victoria Stellato with Butch Hassell Gun Champion runner-up. Clint Kreuser Took AA-1, Charles Lawley A-1, Bruce Colclough B-1, John Parker C-1, and John Jones D-1.

Saturday night all the shooters and their guests were treated to a real "Down home pig picking" like you read about. You could have "pulled pork" or have it chopped, it was your choice and you could not go wrong with either. The Bar-B-Que was flanked by the usual side dishes that you find in the South. Home made Pies , Cakes and Cobbler backed up this feast in ample fashion. This was a meal that made calorie counting something to do next week.

The 28 Gauge Gun Champion was Victoria Stellato with Noah Dove runner-up. Charles Lawley A-1, Karl Grimm B-1, Robert Mizner C-1, Dave Burton D-1. This event had a young man Trace Davis shooting in his first registered shoot. Twelve year old Trace ran his first 25 straight and shot a 95. If he keeps this up it is no telling what kind of scores he can shoot. By the way, his 95 was good for A-2 in the 28 gauge.

The .410 bore event was won by Victoria Stellato with Clint Kreuser as Gun Champion runner up. Class winners were Thomas Myaard A-1, Mitch Simpson B-1, Kerry Ward C-1, and Dave Burton D-1. In the 410 event we had another young

man who is shooting very good. Matt Rhodes ran his first 25 straight with the 410.

We also had 3 novice shooters this weekend, shooting their first registered targets ever. They were Jonathan Ballard, Trace Davis and Tim Dove. There is something we need to remember, these young shooters are the future of this sport. Let's all encourage them and help them whenever we can.

HOA was won by Victoria Stellato with Thomas Myaard runner up. Class winners were Clint Kreuser A-1, Bruce Colclough B-1, John Parker C-1 and Trace Davis D-1.

This was a small shoot in numbers but those of us that were there had a good time, shot good targets and had one hell of a good meal courtesy of Chef Wayne Rhodes and his staff.

Our thanks to the guys that kept the traps working and full of targets and the referees who pulled them and Belinda and Jim Tiner. We couldn't do it without you.