

Chamber Big Game Hunt Results

In a release from the Chamber of Commerce: The Anson County Chamber of Commerce has succeeded in hosting the 16th successful Big Game Hunt tournament!

Shawn Mayhew of Indian Trail and Bud Ratliff of Wadesboro pulled off top honors in the buck and doe categories, in the 16th annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament held Thanksgiving weekend. Both of them earned prize money of \$800 each. Mayhew's 9-point, 162.6-pound buck was short of the record by 22 pounds set last year by Bryon Hyatt, 184.7-pounds and 10 points.

Tim Boone of Wadesboro, placed second with a 7-point 159.0-pounder and pocketed \$500, followed by Chris Eddins of Wadesboro, eight-point 145.2-pounds, \$375; Cecil Sikes of Ansonville, eight-point 141.4-pounds, \$225; Brian Bishop of Georgia, 6-point 135.9-pounds, \$100; and Brett Sikes of Polkton, 11-point 131.3-pounds and a free 2014 tournament registration plus \$50 daily prize. All bucks brought in this year seemed to weigh less than those from last year.

Ratliff weighed in a 107.8-pound doe to earn \$800 in total prize money, but was a few pounds under the 2006 record doe of 119.1 pounds held by Tracy Holmes of Marshville. Brian Allen of Peachland placed a very close second with a 107.3-pounder for \$475, followed by Zach Smith of Wadesboro, 100.1-pound, \$400; JR Perrero of Indian Trail, 99.4, \$200; Cody Haigler of Lancaster, 98.9 lbs, \$75; and Kevin Thomas of Polkton, 98.2 lbs. \$25 daily prize money and a free 2014 Big-Game Hunt registration.

In the youth buck category, Thomas Maness of Oakboro won top prize money of \$300 with an 11-point, 150.1-pounder. Ryan Hill of Wadesboro took second place in the buck category and \$150 with an 8-point at 141.3-pounds followed by Jonathan Albertson of Matthews, 6-point 120.5-pounds \$90; and tying fourth place was Hunter Williams of Marshville, 5-point 115.1-pounds and \$100 in prize money; and Katherine McRae of Wadesboro, with a 5-point, 115.1-pounder \$15 daily prize and a free 2014 Big-Game registration. When there is a tie, we go with the one that was weighed in first.

Zach Sikes of Lilesville, won the youth doe category with an 89.1-pounder worth \$300. The record for the youth largest doe of 115.3-pounds was set by Elizabeth Tarlton of Wadesboro in 2008. Alan Dale McRae of Wadesboro, placed second with a 87.4-pounder and won \$175, followed by Will Edwards of Peachland, 86.5, \$100; Wesley Barefoot of Raleigh, 84.9, \$75; and Mike Preslar of Norwood, \$15 daily and a free 2014 registration and a \$15 daily prize. The 2013 weigh-in breakdown listed 27 buck's and 69 doe's grand total of 96 deer.

The entire bay area of the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department was available for the tournament again this year and there was still standing-room-only at the banquet held on Saturday night. Winners of the drawings include: Carson Sikes of Polkton, youth gun; Clint Taylor of Monroe, 308 Winchester Axis Rifle and Scope Combo; Leslie Dennis of Polkton, Scope; Patrick Jarman of Wadesboro, \$100; Curt Howell of Norwood, Rifle; Jeff McCormick of Polkton, Patio Heater and Dane Edwards of Peachland, took home a Deer Stand.

Stacie Cato had the Ring Toss game again which seems to be a hit with all the little ones playing and winning prizes.

Lynn Edwards, executive director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, the tournament's host, gave a "huge thanks" to the all the hunters who participate each year and support this event. "We had several new hunters again this year and I welcome all of you to our tournament," Edwards commented.

Edwards thanked the tournament's sponsors: Buck Shot Deer Processing, Title sponsor; Uwharrie Bank, Banquet sponsor; Gold sponsors; Cobb-Vantress, Duke Energy, N.C. Electric Membership Corp., Pee Dee Electric and Waste Connections, Silver sponsors; Locust Lumber, Tyson Foods, Village Pawn and Windstream, Bronze sponsors; 704 Outdoors, Anson Towing & Recovery, BB & T, Backwater Taxidermy, Lynn Clodfelter Attorney at Law, Lynn Thomas Grading, PNC Bank and McCollum Trucking & Grading, Youth sponsors; Dale McRae Farms and Four a Loader Work, Youth Daily sponsors; Dennis Concrete Finishing and Kiker Resource Management LLC.

"The Big Game Hunt tournament is very successful because of our great volunteers,"

Edwards said, singling out Marty Cato, Courtney & Jamie Webb, Abby Henry, Jessica Webb and helping out again this year, Jake Henry, Abby's brother and Chance Emrich. Also joining our volunteers this year Meagan and Dempsey Sellers. "These special people give many hours to the tournament and I am most appreciative of their support," Edwards stated. She also expressed the outstanding effort that Marty Cato puts into this event each year. "Marty is a special person who simply loves hunting and puts a lot of energy into our tournament. Without him this event would not be what it is today," Edwards said. She also thanked Russell Sikes and Walter Edwards her husband, for cooking the great meal. Edwards would also like to thank Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Refreshment Services and the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department for allowing the event to be held at the fire department each year.

The 17th annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament will be held on Nov. 28-29 of 2014. The Chamber is looking forward to another successful tournament next year!

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