

European-Style Sporting Clays Resort Coming to Polkton, Will Create 15 New Jobs



Pictured above are, from left, Logan and Ashley Scarborough, and Alesha and David Griffin.

Anson Economic Development Partnership (AnsonEDP) recently announced that Four Branches Sporting Preserve, LLC has selected a site near Polkton for a new European-style sporting clays facility. When Phase 1 is completed later this year, Four Branches will include a fully automated 14 station and five stand clays course, a pro shop and a clubhouse to host corporate events, private parties and family gatherings. Future plans include accommodations for overnight guests, guided upland game and waterfowl hunts and tower shoots.

Four prominent Anson County couples, Logan and Ashley Scarborough and David and Alesha Griffin. "We originally acquired the land as a timber investment," said Logan Scarborough, who also owns and manages the Land a Better Forested. "But when we got out and actually walked the plan a better emerged."

The resort will encompass 400 acres off U.S. Highway 74, south and east of Polkton. While happily catering to local sportsmen, the location was chosen with an eye to bringing shooters from all over the region to Four Branches, Scarborough said. "When the Monroe Expressway opens in the fall, Four Branches will be less than an hour drive from the tens of thousands of shooting enthusiasts who live in places like Waxhaw, Rock Hill, Concord, Denver and Huntersville, and are looking for an upscale sporting clays experience in a rural, wooded setting." In addition to the clays course, Four Branches will feature a pro shop offering top brands, and an event space where guests can relax after a day of shooting or rent space for parties, meetings and get-togethers.

"We are committed to creating a top-notch outdoor entertainment venue," added David Griffin, owner and manager of D.A. Griffin Construction in Polkton. "Four Branches will be a place where you can proudly bring business associates, your wife or your best buddies."

Work at the site began in June and will continue through the fall. Ground was broken on the clubhouse August 8th. When open, the resort will create up to 15 new jobs, primarily in hospitality and groundskeeping, but the impact on the local economy is expected to be many times that, as people driving in from other parts of the region are likely to spend money at nearby shops, restaurants and attractions.

"Ultimately we believe a venue of this quality could draw millions of dollars in additional revenue to Anson County," said AnsonEDP executive director John B. Marek. "Similar types of facilities across the state have become powerful economic drivers in the communities where they are located. Four Branches will only enhance the county's already strong identity as an outdoor recreation destination."

Wildlife Commission Youth Deer Hunting Day is Saturday

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has designated this Saturday, Sept. 22, as a Youth Deer Hunting Day for 2018. On this day, youth 17 and younger may use any legal weapon to hunt deer of either sex and are not required to be accompanied by an adult if they have completed a hunter education course. The Youth Deer Hunting Day provisions apply to both private and public lands.

Hunters age 18 and older with a valid hunting license may use only the weapon that is legal for the type of season open in their county on this day. All hunters must wear blaze orange on Sept. 22, even if using archery equipment. The use of dogs for deer hunting is allowed during Youth Hunting Day in areas where it is lawful. During the remainder of hunting seasons, youth 17 and younger are required to use the legal weapon for the open season in the area where they are hunting.

Youth Deer Hunting Day, which coincides with National Hunting and Fishing Day, was established in 2015 to increase interest in deer hunting among youth, potentially increase their success at hunting, and highlight the need to engage youth in hunting.

Hunters can report their big game harvests either by phone at 800-I-GOT-ONE (800-446-8663), online at "Report a Harvest" (ncwildlife.org/IGotOne) or at a participating Wildlife Service Agent location.

For more information on hunting in North Carolina, visit the Commission's website, www.ncwildlife.org/hunting. For more information on the four family-friendly events the Commission is supporting in celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Day, visit www.ncwildlife.org/nhfd.



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Nichol was president of the College of William & Mary (2005-2008), Law Dean at the University of Colorado (1988-1995), and Dean at UNC from 1999-2005.

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