

# HIGH COTTON CLASSIC

SPORTING CLAYS SINCE 1990

The High Cotton Classic is an annual sporting clay fundraising event held at a beautiful farm in the Piedmont region of SC. (If you saw the film, "The Patriot", much of the movie was filmed on the same fields where we shoot the High Cotton Classic.)



Sporting Clays, sometimes referred to as "Golf with a Shotgun" consists of a series of natural and unique shooting stations connected along a course trail. At each station, participants attempt to shoot airborne clay targets simulating gamebird wingshooting (and even a couple of bouncing "rabbit" targets). Small groups of 2 to 5 persons tour the course, and at each station take turns shooting at a set number of targets, usually 8

or 10 per person per station. Scoring is easy - each target equals one point, the shooter with the most points wins.

Our event began in 1989 with a small group of men who enjoyed shooting sports and had a desire to turn that enjoyment into a fund-raising opportunity for a local Christian school. Eight-

*"I can honestly say that I have never been involved with such a strong group of individuals working together for one common goal; that is to enhance our future by helping to provide for our children's education. The High Cotton Group is one of the best and I can think of no better way to spend my available time, except for working with my church."*

Karen Baxley, Regional Vice President, AgSouth Farm Credit

teen years later, the one day event now hosts up to 400 shooters, volunteers, and guests and has generated well over a quarter of a million dollars in charitable contributions to various educational, extra-curricular, and community programs. Over 97% of funds generated are donated each and every year. Some of the groups and organizations we have supported include:

- Westminster Catawba Christian School
- Athletic, academic, and music programs for Northwestern HS; Rock Hill HS; Fort Mill HS; Lewisville HS; Chester HS; York HS
- Red Cross - Boy Scouts of America - Crisis Pregnancy Center - Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Young Life - Children's Attention Home - Youth Mission Scholarships - A Place for Hope - Rocky Creek Clay Dusters - SC DNR Fishing Rodeo

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One of the shining beacons of our event is our Trapper program. We enlist the aid of young men 14-18 to operate the stations and provide work on the course. But it's more than just operating a thrower - we teach these young men gun safety, trap safety, Southern sporting traditions, and the importance of greeting each of our shooters with a firm handshake and direct eye contact. We want to make a positive impact on these young men, we want them to be true Southern gentlemen, who enjoy times in the field, who treat people with respect, and who pass on positive traits learned to their friends and family. Their work is hard and long and their pay is slight. They get a much coveted High Cotton Trapper Hat, supper, and a chance to shoot the course the next day with the dads trapping for them. We have mothers who call and ask how their son can get into the High Cotton "program". It has exceeded our wildest imaginations.

*"I am most excited about the High Cotton Classic Trapper Program...we do not have enough opportunities in our society today to allow a young man to have this kind of responsibility... It is a wonderful opportunity for a father to watch a son experience as well."*

Chip Hutchinson

*"The High Cotton Classic is recognized for two things that are very important to Family Trust. One is their generous support of the educational community, which benefits all of us. The second is that the event has as its purpose the teaching of Godly character to young men."*

Lee Gardner, President, Family Trust Credit Union

Our event has not stayed within its own confines. Through developed relationships with like-minded folks, six other events throughout the southeast have been created and enhanced through the use our equipment and experiences.

The full day event is always the last Saturday before Labor Day Weekend and includes two sporting clay courses, other skeet shooting games, lunch & supper, and terrific prizes. In recent years we have averaged 200+ paying sportsmen and 150+ volunteers and guests from FL, GA, TN, NC, VA, and SC.

One of the reasons we have been blessed with so much success is the support of some terrific sponsors. Multiple sponsorship opportunities exist from designated key sponsors to providing prize and gift items for our shooters and trappers. See our current High Cotton Sponsorship Opportunities sheet for more specific information.

*At Piedmont Medical Center, we have recognized the value of supporting organizations such as High Cotton, that in so many ways impacts the young people of our community by providing assistance to our local educational institutions and many youth programs such as the Boys Scouts and High Cotton's own Trapper program that help to instill strong values and mold the character of our young people. At the end of the day, our youth are our future and as community we all need to be actively involved in ensuring our future is strong.*

Brad Talbert, CEO, Piedmont Medical Center

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