

Regional Tournaments

Las Vegas Sporting Clays Classic

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Located just 25 minutes from the famous Las Vegas strip, Desert Lake Shooting Club hosted the inaugural Las Vegas Sporting Clays Classic February 2, 2008. Benefiting the Las Vegas Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, this event was timed to coincide with the first day of the SHOT Show.

When the United Way re-structured its funding to the Boy Scouts, the scouts decided to try something new. Howard Bulloch, president of the LV Area Council, said, "Every nonprofit organization has a golf tournament. We saw this as a great opportunity to hold an event that is more in line with something that the Boy Scouts represent, the outdoors."

Smith & Wesson and Land Rover Las Vegas became platinum sponsors to the tune of \$25,000 each. But their generosity didn't end there. Land Rover hosted a Friday night party that included dinner, a live auction, and the promise of a two-year lease on a Land Rover Sport to be given away as a raffle prize at the tournament. Smith & Wesson provided range bags for all entrants, as well as all the prize guns and guns used in the side games.

Forty-six, four-man teams



Enjoying the tournament were Team Fiocchi's (left to right) Karen Stack, Dee Zambetti, Ellen Delegates, and Kyle Smith.

started Saturday morning under clear blue skies with temps in the mid-50s. While half of the competitors started on the sporting course, the other half had to get their "passports stamped," a unique way to ensure that everyone participated in all eight side games, which included two 40-bird flurries and the chance to shoot a black-powder rifle, M&P 15 rifle, and three S&W handguns, including a 9mm, .45, and the monster S&W .500 Magnum. The shooting fun culminated with a 15-minute Land Rover test drive through some of Las Vegas' roughest desert. Lest you think they had toned down the loads for the .500 Mag, all the side games'

ammo was donated by COR-BON Ammunition, always known for its "stout" loads. With passports stamped, entrants were eligible for the Land Rover drawing.

The sporting clays portion was held on Desert Lake's main course. With dramatic elevation changes and challenging targets, shooters were tested on 15 stations. Fiocchi Ammunition supplied all of the shells for this part of the event. Each team member shot a total of 74 sporting targets, the only "scored" part of the event.

At noon, everyone was treated to a delicious lunch, followed by an exhibition by Las Vegas Metro SWAT. The demonstration started with a

helicopter insertion of two snipers onto a remote hilltop and culminated with a full-blown vehicle assault, complete with flash-bang grenades and suspect extraction. After, clays shooters swapped with side-game participants.

At the day's conclusion, range manager Jared Smith took center stage and thanked everybody for participating. Next up was Trevor Fagan from Range Rover LV for the drawing. For the next two years, Kevin King (or his wife) will be driving a brand-new Land Rover Sport.

When the final results were announced, local team Bull Concrete claimed the top spot. Team members Adam Pinto, Rick Plote, John Sands, and Curtis Thew edged out the team from Konami Gaming by 10 birds to claim the S&W 9mm handguns. "It's all about having fun and supporting the Boy Scouts," Thew said. "Desert Lake did a great job, and we'll be back next year."

So how did the LV Area Boy Scouts do? For its first time hosting a fundraising tournament, it managed to raise, amazingly, just under \$250,000. More information on the Boy Scouts and next year's event can be found at www.lvacbsa.org.

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Main Event

A1	Bull Concrete	266
A2	Konami Gaming	256
A3	Land Rover LV	237
B1	JBM Underground	186
B2	Big Town Mechanical	185
B3	Martin-Harris Construction	185
C1	Investment Counsel Co.	162
C2	Brimont Construction	159
C3	Russell Financial	155



Bull Concrete won the team event with (left to right) Adam Pinto, John Sands, Rick Plote, and Curtis Thew.