

SEMINOLE CUP

Well folks, the Seminole Cup has been and gone – and the new competition season is well under way. Quail Creek Plantation in central Florida was once again host to this, the longest running Big Blast in sporting clays. Much to the joy of the snow birds, this year's event was blessed by mild temperatures and blue bird weather. It was only a week before, at the Rhino Rally, that a deep dip in the jet stream brought below freezing temperatures to Florida and chilled the early rotation shooters to the bone! None of that this weekend.



A GOOD TURN OUT FROM THE VENDORS.



FRED AND MARIA FANIZZI (4TH AND 5TH FROM RIGHT) AND THE QUAIL CREEK STAFF. AT LEFT: WENDELL CHERRY, THE SEMINOLE CUP CHAMPION.



WILL FENNEL MAKING HIS SHOT ON PEG 1 OF PARCOUR 1.



THE LONGEST DISTANCE TRAVELED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT HAD TO BE ANGEL RAMOS (FROM VENEZUELA) AND MATTE HUGHES FROM ALASKA!

Always loaded with plenty of events to satisfy even the most ardent competitor, this year's Cup featured a Thursday 100 target Pre-lim, the Phil Hughes 100 on Friday, as well as a 50 target Compak competition, a 50 target sub-gauge event, 100 target FITASC and 200 target Main Event. Also included was a Long Bird competition and the ever popular "Make-a-Break" game.

One of the numerous reasons that the Seminole Cup has been such a success over the past decade is the selection of the host grounds. For several years TM Ranch provided their beautiful (and sadly now closed) grounds situated but a stones throw from Orlando Florida, a prime tourist spot in central Florida. Now, Fred

Fanizzi and crew have taken up the reins of this season opener at the equally beautiful Quail Creek Plantation, just about an hour's drive south of Orlando. Their two excellent sporting courses offer diverse settings from wide open spaces and a tall tower to a more wooded course with beautiful timber shooting stands.

This years event ran about as smoothly as possible with the well experienced crew of Quail Creek handling the literally thousands of details that go into putting on a major event for almost 500 competitors. Everything started on time and any glitch that popped up was quickly tended to, making for a pretty smoothly run shooting experience for the competitors. The icing on the cake so to speak

2007 SEMINOLE CUP RESULTS

THURSDAY PRE-LIM

CH	WENDELL CHERRY	96
2ND	NICK GAMEL	93
3RD	R. TRAVIS MEARS	93
M1	ALEXANDER COBB	91
AA1	JON SHOCKLEY	90
A1	TAYLOR HARRIS	84
B1	STEVEN STOICA	80
C1	DOUGLAS HARDIE	80
D1	MATT TOMSETH	78
E1	DOUGLAS BAILEY	65
L1	ASHLEIGH HAFLEY	89
SJ1	THEO RIBBS	84
J1	TRAVIS MEARS	93
V1	CURTIS ANDERSON	91
SV1	FLOYD HARTLAGE	89

FITASC 100

CH	WENDELL CHERRY	90
2ND	RICK HEMINGWAY	89
M1	STEVE SCHULTZ	87
AA1	BRUCE SCOTT	80
A1	THEO RIBBS	73
B1	STEVE OMAN	73
C1	SAMMY McFADDIN	70
D1	DAVID CAMPBELL	67
E1	STEVEN SEEVER	46
L1	DIANE SORANTINO	76
J1	HUB JOHNSON	78
V1	MARK KIDDIE	81
SV1	FLOYD HARTLAGE	80

COMPAK

CH	MIKE HAFLEY	50
2ND	CURTIS MAULDIN	49
M1	HERBERT KANZKI	48
AA1	GREG MACKINTOSH	46
A1	FRANK BLOOM	45
B1	DEL PARKER	43
C1	JONATHAN FOX	44
D1	PAUL BROWN	41
E1	DAVID TODD	36

MAIN EVENT

CH	WENDELL CHERRY	187
2ND	DOUG VINE	185
M1	CURTIS MAULDIN	182
AA1	MIKE THOMPSON	176
A1	MATTHEW HOFFMAN	167
B1	EDWIN WAHLEN	155
C1	JAY STEENBERGEN	157
D1	CALEB COLLINS	150
E1	JEREMY WHEATON	134
L1	CASEY ATKINSON	157
SJ1	DAVID RADULOVICH	173
J1	TRAVIS MEARS	179
V1	ROBERT FIELDS	175
SV1	FLOYD HARTLAGE	175

would certainly be the superb Saturday night banquet featuring an excellent prime rib dinner, complete with all the trimmings.

THE TARGETS

This year's targets were set by Quail Creek's course manager Kirk Perkins and visiting setter, Gary Bloome. Kirk set the Red course Main and the Compak event, while Gary set the Blue course and the FITASC. General opinion was that the targets were very good, but distinctly different in style between the two setters with Bloome's Blue course set a few targets softer than Red. Bloome's targets had a bit less speed on them with far more floaters and falling shots, while the

Red course picked up the speed a bit and also added some distance to more than a few of the shots, receiving high marks from the shooters for entertainment value and fun.

The Compak event was a fun and pretty straight forward event with a difficulty level set to please just about everyone. Mike Hafley shot the only perfect score of the event with a run of 50 straight. Notable was the fact that Mike's 50 straight would win the HOA in the seniors while daughter Ashley



QUAIL CREEK'S MANY BEAUTIFUL TIMBER SHOOTING STANDS DOT THE RED COURSE.



JOE CANTEY GETTING FOCUSED AS DEBBIE WALL LOOKS ON.



THE NEW ZOLI SHOTGUNS WERE HERE FOR ALL TO SEE, AS WELL AS "SHOOT THE MOON" VESTS FOR LADIES.

would top the Ladies concurrent with a 46.

The FITASC event was without doubt the most challenging event with 253 competitors facing some pretty formidable target

presentations with the notable distinction of looking easier than they proved to be.

Wendell Cherry was the lone competitor to reach the 90 mark – giving him HOA. Rick



THE CAREY BROTHERS WITH LANKY CURTIS ANDERSON (CENTRE).



THE SUB-GAUGE EVENT HAD IT'S OWN SET OF 5-STAND TYPE LAYOUTS.



BOB JAMES (MONTANA LONG GUNS) ALWAYS READY WITH A SMILE.



PARCOURS #3 WAS JUST PLAIN TOUGH!

Hemingway made a valiant effort to catch him, coming up but one short at 89 for Runner-up. I found it interesting to note that out of the 253 competitors, only 18 scored above 80 and only 46 shooters managed to score over 70 – making this a tough event and considered by many of the competitors I spoke to as just a bit over the edge in its degree of difficulty.

WENDELL CHERRY BRINGS HIS 'A' GAME TO FLORIDA AND WON TWO PRE-LIMS, FITASC AND MAIN EVENT

And the winner was... Wendell Cherry! His winning performances at major Big Blasts rolls on. He won Thursday's Pre-lim with a fine 96 and went on to win the Phil Hughes (93). Clearly he had no problems with the FITASC as he blew by the main body of competitors with a lone score of 90 for HOA. He again set the mark in Saturday's Main Event, posting a 95 on the harder Red course, and added to it with a 92 on Sunday's Blue course for a 187 total – becoming the 2007 Seminole Cup Champion. Without doubt, right now, Wendell Cherry has the hottest gun in sporting clays! Doug Vine made a supreme effort to catch Wendell by putting up a combined score of 185, taking the Runner-up trophy.

Our congratulations to all the winners from this year's Seminole Cup and hat's off to Quail Creek Plantation, Fred Fanizzi and Maria, and their excellent staff for a fine job done hosting this event. A complete listing of all the scores from every event can be found on-line at:

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