



LOCAL #1 HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL WITO EVENT



On Saturday, May 25, 2019 the Local #1 chapter along with the Friends of the NRA hosted a Women in the Outdoors shooting event at the Youngwood Sportsmen's Association. Despite holding it on a holiday weekend an impressive 22 ladies show up for the program and an enjoyable day afield. Kudos to Stacy Carroll, Local Chapter member and former PGC student intern and Game Farm Worker for organizing the event and handling the registration. The day started off with coffee and pastries in the clubhouse with a welcome and orientation by Club President Ed Sadler. Friends of the NRA representative, Steve Grcich, presented a mandatory safety briefing.

The shotgun range consisted on one on one instruction with the club's seasoned trap shooters, one of our female HTE instructors and trap shooter Cheryl Schmitt

The participants had the opportunity to fire over/under, pump, and auto loading in both 12 and 20 gauge shotguns at clay targets on the club's trap range.

The pistol range had the ladies shooting at bull's eye targets at 10 and 15 yards with one on one instruction from club instructors. Everyone started with the .22 rimfire revolvers or semi autos. Shooters could also choose other calibers to include 9mm, 38 special, 357 magnum and the mighty 44 magnum. A large number of the participants expressed a desire for further training and possibly a future self-defense pistol course.

The rifle range consisted of both bolt action and semi auto .22 rimfire rifles in both scoped and open sight versions. The women shot at bull's eye targets at 25 yards, which many opted to take home with them as a memento of

their success. They also had the opportunity to shoot at reactionary metal dinger and gong targets, which proved a little more challenging.

The highlight of the rifle range was the opportunity to shoot the AR 15 platform in .223 at 8-inch AR500 armor plate gongs placed at 100 yards. This was offered as an option to each participant and 100 % chose to pull the trigger on the dinner plates. We shot both scope sighted and red dot sight equipped firearms and everyone shot a minimum of 5 rounds. Using 5-round magazines, everyone was hitting at least 3 out of 5 with the majority going 4 or 5 for 5 shots.

Lunch, catered by Bob Mull who owns Post Avenue Catering, provided an opportunity to interact with fellow participants and the instructional staff.

The chapter gave each participant a raffle ticket for a provided a limited edition wildlife print donated by PGC Southwest Region.

On behalf of everyone involved we feel this event was a resounding success and our chapter, Local #1, is already planning another event this fall. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers, instructors, members and especially to the participants for making this event so successful. This event was an excellent example of a successful partnership between the Youngwood Sportsmen's Association, Friends of the NRA, and NWTf Local Chapter #1 to promote interest in the shooting sports and our hunting heritage.