



6th Annual Make A Break Thru For Cystic Fibrosis

By Charles Strohmer

Generosity of spirit is what came through to me at the 6th Vulcan Materials Make A Break Thru For Cystic Fibrosis tournament this April 25-26 in Maryville, Tennessee. Every year I attend this shoot. I learn something new about stocks, shells, birds, distances, safety, and more required for skilled competition. This year, I learned about the people, both young and old, behind the guns. This tournament has grown in just a few short years to become the largest competition in the region, and it's the generosity of shooters, working side by side with the many big-hearted volunteers, who've made this happen.

"It's a small sport that gives big," said Junior champion Hub Johnson, a 21-year-old student at the University of Kentucky. "There are only about 20,000 of us registered in the sport in the United States. That's small number compared to other sports, but as small as we are, we accomplish a lot. The sporting clays community is a giving community."

That certainly was true at this year's Make A Break Thru For CF benefit, which drew 341 shooters and 50-plus volunteers each day and raised \$120,000. The two-day, six-flight extravaganza was held at Mickey Burns' Chilhowee Sportsmen's Club, a 118-acre site of hilly terrain and woods in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains.

"Cystic fibrosis is a genetic lung and digestive disease that affects the lives of 35,000 adults and children in the US," said Jim Deanda, founder of Cure Finders, the non-profit organization behind the tournament. "It reduces life expectancy. I have two kids with CF. It affects their

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Team Results

A1	Chilhowee Sportsmen's Club	464
AA2	National Coal	464
AA3	Waste Connections	450
B1	Food City/Terry O'Fallon	366
B2	Concrete Shooters	366
B3	Sullivan's Shooters	355
C1	Senators & Kings	313
C2	Waters Equipment	310
C3	Fire in the Hole	309

Individual Results

A1	Mark Cain (Chilhowee Sportsmen's Club)	98
A2	Mike Redmond (Chilhowee Sportsmen's Club)	97
A3	Hub Johnson (National Coal)	97
B1	Neil Crye (XTP)	78
B2	John Keohane (Gatlinburg Sportsmen's Club)	78
B3	Taylor Houser (Boss Hogg)	78
C1	Don Adams (K & A)	62
C2	Kenny Carr (Cummins Crosspoint)	62
C3	Herb Ogle (Cherokee Distributing)	62

breathing due to thick mucus buildup, insufficient enzyme production in the pancreas, and a weakened immune system. Only a decade ago, life expectancy for CF sufferers was 18 years. Today it's 38, thanks to research partly funded every year by the shooters and sponsors here this weekend. Can't

thank them enough."

In the competition, which was fierce despite this year's soft course, Mark Cain was HOA with a perfect 98, with Mike Redmond and Johnson at his heels with 97s. Last year's champion team Kentucky Headhunters (now the National Coal team of Johnson, Dwayne

Markham, Jim Williams, Richard Stoffle, and Mark Hall) was bested this year by the Chilhowee Sportsmen's Club team (Cain, Redmond, Charlie Donaldson, Andrew Edgemon, and Lacy Mathis). Nick Berrong, Darrel Clabough, Douglas McGill, Mark Clabough, and Andrew Clabough's Waste Connections team took third."

"We try to improve the tournament every year," said Deanda. "This year, we added the flurry. It was a huge hit." The flurry was six traps set up on computer that threw 50 birds in 40 seconds. "Everybody tried to work out a plan of attack," said state champion Doug Kovacs. "But when the birds came out, most guys threw their plan away and shot what they saw. But they had a blast." Top score was 45 by Geographic Environmental Systems (Eric Neumair, Jimmy Ralph, Shannon House, Bradley Dodd, and Charles Williamson), while a 42 by National Coal took second.

And as always, the excellent prime rib lunch—700 pounds of

it—supplied by Sysco Foods had everybody talking. Food City supplied all the fixings and drinks. Sponsors included Vulcan Materials, Power Equipment/Komatsu, Stowers Equipment/Caterpillar, Seay Oil Company, TEMA Isenmann, Industrial Fabrication and Repair, Bridgestone/Firestone, Southern Wire, Bass Pro Shops, Mayfield Dairies, Ready Mix USA, and Bridgemont Development. For info about next year's tournament or more on Cure Finders' fight against Cystic Fibrosis, visit www.curefinders.org or email jdeanda@curefinders.org. 

15th Annual Ruger North American All-Around

By Mike Russo

What can you say about springtime in beautiful New England? Rain. The weather was on the lam