

API Father/Son & Family Sporting Clays Tournament

This spring the API Delta Chapter celebrated its 6th annual Father/Son & Family Sporting Clays Tournament. Despite challenging industry conditions, we had great support from our sponsors, shooters, and volunteers. 48 teams participated on a great weekend at Covey Rise Lodge in Husser, Louisiana. Severe thunderstorms in the early morning hours did not hinder the fearless from turning out. The morning flight was only delayed 30 minutes. API Delta Chapter was very pleased to offer a fun and safe event for our industry families. As always, it is rewarding to see parents and their children spend quality time together while competing with friends and colleagues.

The tournament has become a unique event to the oilfield community in the New Orleans area. It emphasizes and encourages participation from all members of the family. In addition to the Father/Son teams, the tournament also awards top shooters in the Ladies Class, Individual, and Four Man teams. Our annual clay shoot and golf tournament provide the Delta Chapter with the majority of its funding. Consequently, industry support is vital to our philanthropic efforts. The past successes of these two events have allowed our Chapter to increase donations to a variety of opportunities and needs in the community. For 2010, we increased our scholarship awards outlay and, where appropriate, try to maximize impact for our membership with a special emphasis on education related to the oil field industry.

Much appreciation goes to our industry supporters. Obviously, an event like this cannot succeed without their financial support. This year we had 3 Gold, 7 Silver, 9 Bronze, 5 Gun and 2 Shirt Sponsors along with 30 food & station sponsors. Similarly, we recognize and thank the many volunteers who made this event fun and safe for the rest of us. Just as important are these behind-the-scenes volunteers who handle the work of cooking, registering, scoring, and picking up.

This year's tournament was directed once again by Bob Bailey. He and his tournament committee volunteers, most of whom have contributed to past tournament success, faithfully carried on our established tradition. Special recognition goes to Barbara Edmonds, our API Board of Directors Secretary. Each year she helps the committee handle the vigorous challenges of registration that an event this size presents. In Bob's own words, "This year's tournament was quite a success due to the efforts of the committee along with great support from the many sponsors and participants. Despite the threat of weather, I am glad everyone came out to participate. Fun was had by all. My sincerest thanks to my committee and to everyone for their involvement in helping make this tournament a tremendous success. I am looking forward to next year's event."

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