NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY 2013 RECAP

Donations Remain High Despite Slower Turnout

October 9, 2013

The Hawaii Hunter Education Program would like to thank you for your participation in National Hunting and Fishing Day 2013! Although attendance was slightly slower than last year, we're happy to report that the event ran smoothly and donations to the Hawaii Food Bank remained high.

However, the slower turnout was not necessarily a complete loss. In fact, with shorter lines, participants were able to get more range time and hands-on training, and clubs were able to spend more time providing quality instruction to individuals. Many clubs reported that participants returned over and over to try the different shooting and fishing activities. It was reported that one family even returned to purchase an additional \$100.00 in activity coupons after exchanging their canned goods earlier in the day!

Here are the numbers for the weekend: attendance was recorded at 522 compared with 719 from 2012. Cash donations hit a record high at \$3,996.00, compared with \$2,755.00 from 2012. Canned good donations were recorded at 1,527 lbs. compared with 2,451 lbs. in 2012. Sportsmen and sportswomen truly care about our natural and human resources.

We would like to extend a special Mahalo to the following representatives and organizations for your role in eliminating hunger in Hawaii and educating resource users to become responsible, safety conscious, and conservation-minded! We look forward to working with you again next year: Mr. William J. Aila, Jr., Chairperson, Board of Land and Natural Resources; Mr. Randy Awo, Chief, Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement; Mr. Mike Muramoto, Koko Head Shooting Complex; Mr. Mike Kajiwara, Hawaii Food Bank; Mr. Randy Harris, Watson T. Yoshimoto Charitable Trust; Ms. Michelle Jones, Division of Forestry and Wildlife; Mr. Randy Honebrink, Division of Aquatic Resources; Mr. Phillip Rapoza, Hawaii Historic Arms Association and Single Action Shooters of Hawaii; Mr. Melvin Mung Lim, Jr., Safari Club International, Hawaii Chapter; Mr. Harvey Gerwig, Hawaii Rifle Association; Ms. Dawn Horn, Hawaii Friends of NRA; Mr. Elton Miyagawa, Honolulu Trap Club; Mr. Bill Richter, Lessons in Firearms Education; Ms. Arlene Ogura, Leilehua High School Archery Club; Mr. Van Ohumukini, Koko Head Archery Club; Mr. Leonard Acoba, Kakaako Kasting Club; Mr. Lance Marugame, Hawaii Freshwater Fishing Association; Mr. Oliver Lunasco, Pig Hunters' Association of Oahu; Mr. Gordon Lau, Jr., Oahu Taxidermy Service; Mr. Douglas Yanagihara, Troop 49, Boy Scouts of America.



National Hunting and Fishing Day would also not have been possible without the support of our Hunter Education Program volunteer instructors and staff! Thank you to the following volunteers for your hard work and support to make this event a success: Master Instructors: Mr. John Kobayashi, Mr. Phillip Kam, and Mr. Kevin Kong; Instructors: Mr. Emmanuel Alvarez, Mr. Jimmy Brooks, Mr. Jay Chrisman, Mr. Jon Chun, Ms. Carole Fujishima, Mr. Dan Goo, Ms. Judy Goo, Mr. Jerry Ilo, Jr., Mr. Russell Komoda, Mr. Cy Matsuoka, Mr. Darren Ogura, Ms. Arlene Ogura, Mr. David Oshiro, Mr. Chris Wong, Mr. Eric Wong; Staff: Ms. Corinne Gum, Mr. Jesus Lee, Ms. Sharleen Lee.

2013 Scrip Count and Attendance

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Single Action Shooters of Hawaii	293	1192	1485
High Power/.22lr— Hunter Education Program	473	543	1016
Honolulu Trap Club	81	486	567
Leilehua High School Archery Club	249	470	519
Hawaii Friends of NRA		417	417
Hawaii Rifle Association	312		312
Koko Head Archery Club	30	102	132
Rod and Reel Casting (KKC)		66	66
Muzzleloading—Hunter Education Program	14	41	55
TOTAL	1452	3317	4769
Attendance	198	324	522

2012 Scrip Count and Attendance

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	Total		
Single Action Shooting (SASH)	1725		
Archery (Leilehua HS Archery Club)	1138		
.22lr/Handgun (HRA)	486		
High Power/.22lr (Hunter Education)	308		
Shotgun (HTC)	215		
Muzzleloading (Hunter Education)	213		
.22lr/Handgun (HI Friends of NRA)	113		
Metallic Silhouette (HMSSA)	73		
Rod and Reel Casting (KKC)	70		
Fishing Game (DAR)	29		
TOTAL	4370		
Attendance	719		



National Hunting and Fishing Day in Hawaii would not be possible without your support. Over 500 participants received hands-on and interactive instruction in the shooting and fishing sports. This event also gave hunting, shooting, and fishing clubs a chance to come together to not only recognize the contributions of hunters, target shooters, and anglers, but also to show of support for the Hawaii Food Bank. Thank you again to all who helped to make this year's event a success. Your passion for the sport is evident, and your service to the public and the State of Hawaii is truly commendable.

Mahalo,

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