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State Fair of Texas Shoots for the Stars: Youth Livestock Supporters Raise \$73,000 for Scholarship Fund

DALLAS, TEXAS – May 6, 2016 – The seventh annual State Fair of Texas (SFT) Shooting for the Stars Sporting Clay Shoot was the most successful tournament yet. A record-breaking \$73,000 was raised at the April event with all proceeds going directly to the SFT Youth Livestock Auction and Scholarship Program.

“We are extremely pleased with the outcome of this year’s event,” says Daryl Real, senior vice president of Livestock and Agriculture for the State Fair of Texas. “We surpassed our goals again this year and are very excited about the continued growth of the sporting clay tournament.”

One hundred percent of the money given at this event goes to support the Youth Livestock Auction and Scholarship Program. This program supports students from across the Lone Star State who have competed in State Fair youth livestock events, as well as students from five DISD high schools in the Fair Park area.

More than 200 shooters on 44 teams competed at the event held at the Dallas Gun Club, with first place teams from three courses recognized. The Quail Coalition team placed first on the green course. The Park Cities Quail team placed first overall on the blue course. The Long Straw Ranch team placed first on the red course. Michael McBee was the first place individual shooter on the green course. First place individual shooter on the blue course was Ryan T. Smith and first place individual shooter on the red course was Stan Perry. All first place winners received a trophy and a prize pack.

A special thanks to the following organizations and individuals:

Catering provided by Atmos Energy, Pepe and Mito’s Mexican Restaurant and Newport Concessions.

Beverages and snacks donated by: Ben E. Keith, Coca-Cola, Lady Walton’s Gourmet Cookies, Miller Ice and Winston Water Cooler.

Side game and gear sponsors were Turner Construction and Lone Star Ag Credit.

Gratis sponsors were Eagle Audio, Freeman Company and Grapevine Golf Cars.

Shooting station sponsors include: ACT Event Services, Atmos Energy, Bobcat Contracting, Cabela’s, Driver Pipeline, Frost Bank, Heritage Land Bank, Housely Group, Lackey Hershman, Larrett Energy Services, MIINC Mechanical, Native Solutions and RDO Equipment.

Learn more about the SFT Youth Scholarship Program at BigTex.com/scholarship.

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About the State Fair of Texas

Since its inception in 1886, the State Fair of Texas has celebrated all things Texan by promoting agriculture, education, and community involvement through quality entertainment in a family-friendly environment. The State Fair of Texas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with proceeds helping to preserve and improve Fair Park and underwrite museum, community and scholarship programs for inner city youth and students pursuing agricultural careers. The 2016 exposition runs September 30 through October 23 in Fair Park. Visit BigTex.com for more information.

About the Youth Livestock Auction

A time-honored tradition at the State Fair of Texas, the Youth Livestock Auction celebrates the agricultural heritage of our great state while also providing scholarships for students across Texas. Dedicated 4-H and FFA youth exhibitors raise quality animals to be judged in the annual competition, hoping to take home the title of Grand Champion.

Prior to the big day, approximately 2,500 students compete for one of the coveted 256 spots in the Youth Livestock Auction. The students who earn a spot in the auction get to sell their animals to the highest bidder. Students then receive a previously-determined maximum payment for their animal, with all excess proceeds donated to the Youth Scholarship Program.

The results from the initial round of competitions determine which students will get to participate in the auction. These shows run Tuesday, October 4 through Thursday, October 6. The Youth Livestock Auction begins at 1:00 pm on Friday, October 7 and is preceded by a special buyer luncheon that will commence at 11:00 am. For more information, please contact auction@BigTex.com.