

CHAMBERLINES

11th Annual "Big-Game Hunt" = Family Affair!

Stewart Lowder of Albemarle and Darren Poplin of Wadesboro notched top prizes in the 11th annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament that was held Thanksgiving weekend.



Stewart Lowder, first place winner in the Buck Division with a 148.4-pound buck.

Lowder's 148.4-pound, 11-point buck netted him \$800 (\$700 for first place, \$100 daily prize), narrowly edging out Roger Pike Davis of Ansonville, who weighed in a 148.2-pound, seven-point buck for second place and \$475. Jamie Poplin of Wadesboro finished third with a 143.3-pound, eight-pointer worth \$400; John Albertson of Charlotte took fourth place with a 128.9-pound, eight-pointer for \$200; and David Webb of Monroe finished out the Top Five with a 127.6-pound, nine-point buck worth \$75.



Darren Poplin, first place winner in the Doe Division with a 111.4-pound doe.

In the doe category, Darren Poplin of Wadesboro took the top prize with a 111.4-pounder worth \$700 plus a \$100 daily prize, followed by Randy Thomas of Marshville with a 104.5-pounder; John

Bishop of Kannapolis, 104.0 and \$400; Shane Thomas of Polkton, 99.4 and \$200; and John Springer Jr. of Wadesboro, 94.5 and \$125.



Kevin Bye, first place winner in the Youth Buck Division with a 106.1-pound buck.

In the youth overall buck category, Kevin Bye of Lilesville took the top prize of \$300 (including a \$50 daily prize) with a four-point, 106.1-pounder; and Jake Edwards of Peachland earned \$200 (including a \$25 daily prize) and second place with an eight-point, 101.4-pounder. Justin McCall of Wadesboro earned \$75 third place (including a daily prize of \$15) with a button, 57.6-pounder. Kevin Cabrera of Peachland earned \$50 fourth place (including a \$15 daily prize) with a button, 56.5-pounder.



Elizabeth Tarlton, first place winner in the Youth Doe Division with a 115.3-pound doe.

In the youth overall doe category, Elizabeth Tarlton of Wadesboro took first place with a 115.3-pounder, earning \$250 plus a \$50 daily prize. She was followed by Jake Black of Wadesboro, 92.5 and \$200; and Ethan Henson of Vilas, 83.1 and \$125. Mason Krol of Mount Gilead won a free entry in next

year's event. Tarlton's 115.3-pound doe set a youth tournament record, eclipsing the 2002 record set by Darren Poplin. Brett Sikes holds the youth record for a buck at 158.1 pounds set in 2000. "Everything went well," observed Lynn Edwards, executive director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, the tournament's sponsor. "Everyone enjoyed the food at the Saturday night banquet." Edwards estimated that 250 people attended the banquet festivities. God's Country Outfitters of Albemarle was the 2008 Title Sponsor. Edwards said Perdue provided the chicken, while Pepsi and Coca-Cola donated the soft drinks for the banquet. She said hunt volunteers had set up a special room for youngsters, ages nine and under, "to walk through and choose a prize. Youths ages 10 and up were given a door prize ticket for the drawing. We had something for everyone who attended the banquet." In addition, the 286 registered hunters for the 2008 tournament tied the record set in 2006. "We had a lot of new hunters entered in our event this year," Edwards said. In drawings, David Webb won the 270-caliber Remington; Greg Mecimore took home the tree stand; and Avery Harrington garnered the \$100 cash prize. Pick Board winners were Bron Hyatt, first place, who won a Cuddeback Scouting camera; Kevin Thomas, second, who won a 15-foot ladder tree stand; and Jake Mecimore, third, who won a NRA ceiling fan. Edwards said each youth's name was entered in a special drawing. Brandon Biles won the youth rifle; and Kori Ann Davis and Hunter Sheppard each won a \$50 prize. Edwards thanked all of the hunt volunteers for their time, the corporate sponsors and members of the Big-Game Hunt Committee, who oversee the annual event. The 2009 Big-Game Hunt Tournament dates are Nov. 27-28.

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Leadership Anson Class 2009 Has Been Selected

The Leadership Anson Oversight Committee has selected 15 participants for the Class of 2009 that begins in January.

The 13th developmental program will kick off with an overnight retreat at the Beth Haltiwanger Center in Montgomery County Jan. 9-10. An orientation to prepare participants for the weekend retreat and the ensuing sessions will be held at the Anson County Chamber of Commerce office, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5.

The Leadership Anson Class of 2009 participants are: Dusty Moser, Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce; Joyce Ingo, Hospice Services of Anson; Melissa Garrison, Carolina Farm Credit; Natalie Barbour and Christie Grooms, Anson Community Hospital; Robert Mims and Gordon Jackson, Wadesboro Police Department; Angela Newton, Pee Dee Electric; Susan Thomas, Lynn Thomas Grading, Inc.; Gary Garrison, Anson County Waste Water Treatment; Holly Hammonds, Anson County Partnership for Children; Shane Drake, Anson County Sheriff's Department; Lillie Templeton, sponsored by A.C. Writers Club; Jonathan Phillips and Jennifer Nichols, South Piedmont Community College.

Classes will begin with "Rotary Planetarium" on Tuesday, Jan. 27; followed by "Local Government Day" on Feb. 10, "Health Care Day" on Feb. 24, "Education Day" on March 10,

"Local Leaders Panel" on March 24, "Anson Agri-Business Day" on April 7, "Community Service Opportunities Day" on April 17, "Industry Day" on May 5, "Hornwood Day" on May 19, and "Legislative Day" on June 2. Graduation, which is planned by class members, has been set for June 16 at a site to be announced.

The Leadership Anson program was implemented in 1997 by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce and, in eleven years, has graduated 203 participants. The program, with assistance from South Piedmont Community College and Hornwood, is designed to develop a commitment to community through leadership.



2009 District Attorney's Valentine's Ball

Saturday, February 14, 2009, 7pm-until. The Black tie affair will be held at the Twin Valley Country Club, 2305 Country Club Rd, Wadesboro. The cost per son is \$60. Photo packages are available for purchase. Tickets are available at American Cleaners, Rockingham 910-895-1504, J. Talberts, Albemarle 704-983-0905, Romance Limo Service, Wadesboro 704-694-0770, Lacy's, Wadesboro 704-694-4646 or call 704-690-0836. For more information on this wonderful evening please go to www.michaelparkerda.com

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Chamber Re-Elects Moore as Board Chair While Electing New Treasurer and Vice-Chair!

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors elected officers to serve in 2009 at the December Board meeting, held at Sullivan Place Bed and Breakfast on Dec. 16.

Todd Moore, Pee Dee Electric, was re-elected as chair, Dana Maness, Anson Bank & Trust was elected as treasurer this year.

Two new directors were also elected at the annual meeting Nov. 18. Steve Coggins Jr., Selectronics, CEO and Carly Little, H.W. Little & Co. Little was elected as board vice-chair. Re-elected to a second three-year term Chris Wease, CMH Flooring and Lewis Evans, Anson County Farm Bureau.



Steve Coggins, Jr.

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Local Handmade Food gets Rave Reviews!

Merrie Datin co-owner of Forever Inn B&B and owner of MerrieLynn's get national attention. MerrieLynn's was selected and featured in Nov. 2008 issue of Hallmark Magazine. In a piece titled "Nuts to You", the Chocolate Pecan Butter Crunch handmade by MerrieLynn's in Wadesboro was one of ten nut-related products profiled. Datin says, "Our goal is to have our pecans as fresh and natural as possible using the best ingredients. MerrieLynn's pecan products don't sit on a shelf or in a warehouse for weeks or months." There was an article in the Charlotte Observer in the Dec 12th issue. MerrieLynn's also got a write-up in the new products column of the food section of Carolina Living.



New Ventures Business Development, Inc. held a Business After Hours at the Olde Mill Gallery at the SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center on Dec. 9. All enjoyed the beautiful gallery and refreshments.



Anson Bank & Trust held a Holiday Business After Hours on Dec. 18 at the bank. Everyone enjoyed the holiday atmosphere and hors d'oeuvres. Photos courtesy of Anson Biz-zine

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CALENDAR

- The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 9.
- The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20.
- The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 15.
- Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16.

All of the above meetings will be held at the Chamber of Commerce.

Upcoming Events!

January 1 - Happy New Year! The Chamber of Commerce will be closed.

January 11 - Full Moon!

January 19 - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed

January 20 - The Anson County Chamber of Commerce and New Ventures Business Development will sponsor a LUNCH & LEARN session. There is no charge for the session. Please RSVP by calling 704.694.4181 by Friday, January 16.

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January 30 - The Partnership's Third Annual Barn Blast will be held from 6-11 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, at the National Guard Armory on Anson High School Road.

January is a very, very busy month! Please check out our web calendar for events

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Walk in B&B in a bad mood one day while he is there and you will probably walk out smiling saying to yourself "God broke the mold when he

made that one." Bill can be nice and pick with you, but he also knows when it's time to get down to business. He can be serious but there will still be humor in the way he goes about it.

Through the years Bill has faced some difficult times that some of us may never even dream of, but that hasn't stopped him from putting customers, employees, friends and family first. Whenever your around him you will always learn something new and quite entertaining that he has gained through his own experiences. Just sit down or ride with him somewhere for one afternoon and we guarantee that you will hear some life experiences and challenges he's faced from taking care of a farm, the Great Depression of the 30's, the pest control company, owning



Pictured is Owner, Bill Boone.

and operating B&B Grocery, to just life in general.

Bill has been in the pest control business over 50 years and has not tired out from it yet. B&B is still going strong with the help from the community. At this time Bill and Tim would like to thank the community for all their support through the years and hopes that they will be able to continue to prosper. The employees would like to thank Bill for all he has done not only as an employer but also as a friend.

Daddy, I Love You!



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