

Hunt Comfort Supports Governor's One-Shot Turkey Hunt

Participants in Alabama's Fifth Annual Governor's One-Shot Turkey Hunt were able to wait patiently and comfortably for a shot at an elusive Dixie gobbler thanks to Hunt Comfort's donation of 48 Classic Carry Cushions with special edition embroidered Run 'N Gun gear bags.

Hunt Comfort is a proud sponsor of this annual event during which new industry prospects, business leaders and media from around the country gather in the state for several days of fellowship and turkey hunting.

"We donated the cushions to celebrate the year of Outdoor Alabama," David Robinson, president of Hunt Comfort Cushions, says. "We wanted to do what we could to support the Governor's effort to introduce potential business builders to the state and to promote the sport of hunting."

Jerry DeBin, chief of information and education for Alabama's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, says, "I am pleased that Hunt Comfort participated as one of the fine product sponsors in the Alabama Governor's One-Shot Turkey Hunt."

Employees of Hunt Comfort attended the Fly-Down Social, which is the official kickoff event of the hunt. Festivities included a live band, raffle auction and a wild game feast. Representatives from ESPN, NASCAR, NRA, NWTF and The Outdoor Channel were also present.

This year, 93 business executives from across the nation participated in the March 21-22. Each guest hunter was paired with a landowner and turkey hunting guide. Leaders from Hyundai, Lockheed Martin and Bass Pro Shops, as well as other business prospects, took aim at Alabama's wild turkeys and bagged a total of 35 gobblers.

Turkeys were scored using a combination of weight, beard length and spur length. John McMillan, retiring executive vice president of the Alabama Forestry Association, bagged the turkey that scored the most points and was awarded a large crystal trophy from Governor Bob Riley. McMillan's bird weighed 21.1 pounds, had an 11-inch beard, and spurs that measured over an 1 ¼ inches each.

Money raised during the event will benefit the Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Foundation and its many worthy causes, such as Hunters

Helping the Hungry and the Lynn Boykin Youth Wildlife Scholarship at Auburn University.

“The Governor's One-Shot Turkey Hunt enhances Alabama's image and makes our state more competitive in the global marketplace. More and more leaders are selecting Alabama as a preferred destination for business, industry and nature-based recreation. This was our best event yet,” DeBin says.

The hunt was held on 80 different hunting properties within a 75-miles radius of Montgomery.

The Governor's One-Shot Turkey Hunt is sponsored by the Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Foundation in cooperation with the Alabama Development Office and host community leaders.