



Report on use of AZSFWC grant Funds

Please note that you are required to fill out this form and return it to AZSFWC after your event for which you have received grant money. Also, you must provide a feedback narrative and pictures of the event. Please send these items electronically to [info@azsfwc.org](mailto:info@azsfwc.org)

Name of the Event Veteran's Sportsmen Alliance Pleasant Hunt

Date the event took place. Jan 27-29, 2017

Amount of the grant 1100 Chk# 2125 Other funds \$2800

Please list expenditures of grant funds. Be specific. You are expected to retain receipts  
 BIRDS - FEED

ITEM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Shotgun ammo 12 ga 4cs Bass Pro		\$519.60
Shotgun ammo 20 ga 2cs Bass Pro		
Hunting loads 12 ga 2cs Bass Pro		269.70
Hunting loads 20 ga 1cs Bass Pro		
Targets - 12 cs Wh Fl. Bass Pro		229.00
Shooting glasses ear prot.	Harbor Freight	90.00
Shooting pouches vests	Bass Pro	160.00
Water, soda, snacks	Frys	60.00
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# Veteran's Sportsmen Alliance Pheasant Hunt

January 27-29, 2017

Meeting with these veterans for the first time was covering new ground on both sides. They did not know what it would take them to successfully shoot a shotgun again. We all agreed on this and made a commitment to find a way. All of us also agreed that we would set a very high standard of safety by civilian standards as one of the vets had his 9 year old absolutely fascinated with the activity.

We also agreed to put the awkward nature of the amputations behind us and communicate straight out to find ways to break targets today and drop birds tomorrow. It worked. Soon targets were flying and the 10 vets were rotating in the stations. Prosthetics were adjusted as needed and shooting continued. New things were tried with and without the artificial limbs. Now targets started breaking and excitement grew. We called a cease fire to reload targets and get more ammo. After shooting pads and pouches were adjusted, the shooting continued.

The 9 year old had a serious talk with his Dad. Dad asked us if there was any way he could shoot a shotgun once. We agreed and told Dad about other very young shooters in SCTP. The other vets encouraged this and the 9 year old got his opportunity. The proudest dad in Arizona cheered when the target broke.

These vets had amazing muscle tone on the remaining parts. They did not tire and wanted to continue shooting. We did. Finally, dinner was ready but they kept shooting. By then, all are breaking targets and feeling much more confident about bird hunting the next day.

Next day was a warm up with some specific practice related to shooting a flushing pheasant. Somehow, the 9 year old was able to take a few more shots. Other family members joined in.

The hunt fields were challenging and the vets loved it. Teams of vets and coaches worked with each other to make it happen. Birds flew and were dropped. Then more and more. Safety was never forgotten. Coaches stayed sharp to control swings on fast flushing pheasants. In the end, it was a very successful hunt. All harvested multiple birds. Even the 9 year old.

The vets had regained their prewar shooting skills and really felt good about it. As coaches, we had to promise to do it again and include some of their friends and family members. We will.