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COLORADO STRAIGHT SHOT EVENT

We all shoot for different reasons, the most obvious being "Because it's fun!" and "To win!" If those are the principal criteria by which the success of the Second Annual Straight Shot Sporting Clay Event is judged, it was a shining example of the best our sport has to offer, mixing hospitality, charity and sportsmanship for a truly worthy cause – Cerebral Palsy of Colorado. The 2007 event was hosted by former Denver Bronco six-time All-Pro linebacker, Karl Mecklenburg, at Colorado Clays near Denver International Airport in mid August. Friday's corporate shoot witnessed 172 participants, ranging from beginners to Master class shooters. After a catered lunch under the big top, shooters set out to test their mettle against 15 stations nestled

among the rustling cottonwoods of Boxelder Creek. Typical of any corporate shoot with shooters of widely varying ability, the targets were set to the lowest common denominator. Most competitive shooters posted scores well into the 90s, and "muligans" were available for those not shooting NSCA registered targets.

It was a relaxing and enjoyable summer day, with shooters provided generous "goodie bags," golf carts and plenty of cold drinks to enjoy in the ample shade of the course – all of which was an ideal prelude to the hospitality which was to follow.

After an ego boosting round, shooters were treated to an excellent selection of single-malt scotch whiskies, hand-rolled cigars and an opportunity to enjoy



THE CORPORATE SHOOT WAS A RELAXING AFFAIR

the camaraderie of fellow shooters who had gathered for this worthy cause. An auction of a wide variety of items such as autographed football jerseys from Karl Mecklenburg and Roger Staubach, all manner of sporting guns, art, hunting and fishing trips, and other valuable items set the stage for a fine banquet to conclude the day's festivities.

The NSCA shoot on day two brought out many of the area's best shooters, and the course was set to challenge the field. The real winners of the 2nd Annual Straight Shot sporting

clays event are the thousands of disabled people and their families who will have a better opportunity to live productive and re-



SIX-TIME ALL-PRO KARL MECKLENBURG HOSTED THE EVENT

warding lives, because of nearly \$100,000 raised by shooters for the programs of CP of Colorado. That kind of winning is the most fun of all.

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