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Local Boy Scouts Celebrate 100th Anniversary with a Blast!

Rip Van Winkle Council Holds Sporting Clays Tournament to Benefit Scouting

The Rip Van Winkle Council of Boy Scouts has announced its second annual *Sporting Clays for Scouting* tournament will be held Friday, September 24th at the prestigious Orvis Sandanona Shooting Grounds in Millbrook, NY. The action-packed fundraising event coincides with the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America and is being underwritten by the new **Catskill Hudson Bank branch on Stockade Drive in Kingston and will serve to support more than 3000 area youth active in the council's Scouting programs.**

Sporting clays has been described as "golf with a shotgun," where clay targets are thrown in a variety of trajectories, speeds and elevations. **"But you do *not* have to be an experienced shooter or even own a shotgun to participate in this event- it is for shooters and non-shooters alike," said Scout Executive, Ray Braun.** "Orvis Instructors will be available at the shooting stations to assist novices and shotguns can be shared by teams, or rented at Orvis Sandanona," noted Braun.

The Orvis Sandanona course is the oldest permitted shooting club in the country and was listed in *Esquire* magazine as one of the top ten courses in the United States. The cost of the tournament is \$250 and participants will be served breakfast and lunch, and receive shells for the course. Scoring will be conducted using the Modified Lewis Class System, with prizes awarded for different skill levels. There will also be a raffle drawing for a 20-Gauge Elite Gold™ Collector's Series Shotgun, donated by Smith & Wesson, as well as numerous other prizes.

All proceeds from the tournament will be used to directly support youth and Scouting programs in the Hudson Valley. The Rip Van Winkle Council provides leadership development programs for more than 3,000 area boys and girls through its Scouting and Explorer programs in Ulster and Greene counties. The council also provides year-round camping opportunities for Scouts and other community groups at Camp Tri-Mount, its 480-acre camping facility in East Jewett, NY.

For further information or to reserve a place in the tournament, contact the Council Scout office by phone at (845) 339-0846; by email at rabraun@bsa.org; or visit the council's website at: www.rvwbsa.org.