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CMA Music Fest is a Sporting Event for Julie Ingram!

Singer Shows Sportsmanship in Archery, Air Rifle, Sporting Clays, Bait-Casting and Game-Calling Competitions

NRA Sports Sporting Clay Showcase

Nashville, TN – This years CMA Music Festival became something of a sporting event for singer/songwriter Julie Ingram. In addition to signing autographs and meeting fans, the athletic Julie also competed in an NRA Sports presented Sporting Clays Showcase benefiting The NRA Foundation, Field & Stream's Total Outdoorsman Challenge, Outdoor Life's Save-A-Stream Charity Pro-Am and the 4th Annual New Holland Celebrity Tractor Race hosted by Michael Peterson.



Julie and Chris Cox, Executive Director, NRA



Julie takes aim at the sporting clays



THE SHOOTING TEAM of Daryl Singletary (Koch artist), Julie (CEO/Artist/LongShot Records) Chuck Rhodes (CEO Koch Records) and "Lucas the kid". Julie, an accomplished hunter who is known as the LongShot Girl, place second on the team.

First on Julie's schedule was the NRA Sports presented Sporting Clay Showcase in conjunction with the Country Music Association. Shooters showed up bright and early at the Tennessee Clay Target Complex in Nashville where Dave Butz, NRA Board Member and three-time Super Bowl Champion with the Washington Redskins, was on-hand to shoot and provide coaching to the competitors. Silver Pigeon and Black Onyx Beretta USA shotguns were provided for the competitors to use.



Julie and Dave Butz, NRA Board Member and former NFL Washington Redskin



Julie gets her bling-bling on trying Dave Butz's Super Bowl rings on for size

Field & Stream Total Outdoorsman Challenge



Next on the schedule were Field & Stream's Total Outdoorsman Challenge and Outdoor Life's Save-A-Stream Charity Pro-Am which were both held at historic Fort Nashborough. The Total Outdoorsman Challenge is an outdoor skills competition designed to demonstrate how fun hunting and fishing can be, where country artists test their skills in archery, air rifle, and bait casting.

Julie and "The Pro Bubba" skunked 'em and WON THE BAIT CASTING ALONG WITH THE DUCK THROW (being a former pitcher it was a no-brainer)



Julie at the archery competition

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CMA Music Festival Fan Fest – 2009 (con't)

Outdoor Life Save-A-Stream Charity Pro-Am

It was Julie's second time to compete in Outdoor Life's Save-A-Stream Charity Pro-Am. Hosted by Daniel Lee Martin, from The Sportsman Channel's Backstage & Backroads, the event teams up country artists with some of the top callers/outdoorsmen in the United States for a friendly game-calling competition.

Last year, Julie and her partner, pro-caller Bubba McPherson, took home 2nd place for their game calls. This year, the competition was expanded to also include a bait-casting and decoy/bumper toss challenge. Julie and Bubba were reunited at this year's event and despite the additional challenges, once again were awarded the 2nd place trophy. Outdoor Life's "Project Save-A-Stream" is a nationwide conservation program to clean up our waterways.

4th Annual New Holland Celebrity Tractor Race

After learning how to drive a tractor, Julie was quite comfortable racing one in CMA Music Festival's 4th Annual New Holland Celebrity Tractor Race hosted by Michael Peterson. The fan-favorite event features country artists, songwriters, athletes and other celebrities in a race against the clock around a figure 8 track on a New Holland compact OD tractor



Dodging the cones – taking the New Holland Tractor around the figure 8 track

Starkey Hearing Foundation Gift of Hearing Event

Last, but certainly not least, Julie also assisted at the Starkey Hearing Foundation Event, where more than 100 children were fitted with the finest digital hearing instruments, available at no cost to their families. As a celebrity volunteer, Julie helped give moral support and encouragement to the children as they were fitted for the hearing instruments and was able to witness the miracle of some of the kids hearing for the very first time.



Julie watches as Dr. Bill Austin of the Starkey Foundation gives Bradley an early gift of hearing for his 4th Birthday on July 25th, as mom Ginger Pippin, and a Starkey volunteer witness this miracle.



Host Justin Osmand (of the Osmand Family) who was born with hearing loss and Julie

Dallas singer/songwriter Julie Ingram released her breakthrough country album, **KEEP ON BELIEVIN'**, in July 2007 on LongShot Records. Musically and creatively inspiring, **KEEP ON BELIEVIN'** chronicles one woman's struggle to have a career as a mainstream singer/songwriter in country music. Julie's current single, **Gone To Kentucky**, celebrates her country roots. The fourth single from **KEEP ON BELIEVIN'**, the Bluegrass-inspired song showcases the album's breadth, and follows in the footsteps of Ingram's previous singles, **Make Me Feel Like A Woman, Anytime Anywhere** and **A Place Called Love**. **Gone To Kentucky** is an upbeat, country-inspired story of a woman leaving her inattentive man for a place "where the only thing blue is the grass."