

L to R: Dwight Watt, President Jim Clapham

"Kiwanis Hears National BB Gun Event"

"The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, August 14, 2018 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Jim Clapham presiding, we had 22 members in attendance with 1 guest, J. T. Tillman.

The program for the evening was hosted and presented by Swainsboro Kiwanian Dwight Watt. Dwight has dual membership in the Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis club and is a candidate for Governor of the Tennessee-Kentucky District at their convention in Gatlinburg this weekend. After giving us a quick over-view of what his year has been like, Dwight presented a program on the "National BB Gun Championships" held on June 30-July 3 at Rogers, AR. The event is sponsored by Daisy Outdoor Products. Daisy actually began as a windmill company, giving away the BB guns as premiums if you bought a windmill. Now they are noted for the BB guns.

Dwight has been active in BB shooting since the early 90's, 1st as a coach and now as a firearms instructor and a match official at the National Championships. While the shooting used to take place on a football field, it is now indoors at the Convention Center. There are some 400 kids from 8-15 years of age on 57 five-member teams from various states, including Georgia. The winning team this year was from Kansas. Teams qualified by winning National Rifle Association (NRA) state matches. To keep the shooters busy while they are not shooting, other events such as a painted gun contest, painted car contests, and team dress-up contests were scheduled. The NRA also provides shooting instruction during the events. BBs were shot at targets at a distance of 5 meters from the prone, standing, sitting, and kneeling positions. All shooters had to take and pass a shooter-safety exam which was used as part of the scoring. Dwight showed us some of the BB guns he has picked up at the National Championships.

Tim Goodman gave us an update on the School Night for Scouting at Swainsboro Elementary School. Pack 75, sponsored by the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, is getting about 20 new Cubs this year

Sports Chair Mary Ellen Smith gave us her sports update and Judge Jim Daughtry was "AWOL", so court was postponed until next week.

If you would like to become a member of our Club, contact our membership Chair Jane Durden at 478-494-4113 or e-mail her at hsdurden@bellsouth.net. If you would like more information about our Club and the many community service projects that we do each year, go to our Club Website at: <http://www.swainsborokiwanis.org/> or to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

