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FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME



Fred Rayl



David Johnson



Miller's Happy Jack



Just Irresistible

I would like to personally congratulate this year's Hall of Fame inductees. It is evident from reading nominations and speaking with people in the sport that these individuals and dogs have made a lasting impression.

The individuals being inducted this year have played a role in keeping field trials the same great sport today that they were over a hundred years ago. These individuals have left their mark through their willingness to help, knowledge of the sport, and efforts to maintain the events that you all love to attend.

As for the dogs, they have had outstanding careers but have also produced dogs with notable careers. These types of dogs maintain the rigor of competition long after their pawprints in the dirt have blown away.

It is my pleasure to announce the Hall of Fame Class of 2022.

• FRED RAYL •

Even with his earliest accomplishments dating back to the 70s, Fred Rayl has been in the world of field trialing since birth. His father, Hall-of-Famer Bill Rayl, passed the torch down to his son. Fred has handled dogs to over 50 championship wins and countless placements, handling three Hall of Fame dogs along the way over his 66 years in field trialing. He has been credited with playing a role in the resurrection and preservation of various championships and mentoring many younger handlers who undoubtedly help serve this great sport. His contributions extend beyond handling dogs and mentoring generations. He has also bred and trained some of the most iconic dogs in the sport, which can be found in the pedigrees of many dogs competing today.

• DAVID JOHNSON •

David Johnson's 50+ year career began in 1969 when he would help his cousin, an employee of John Rex Gates, on the weekends. After watching young David's work ethic, John decided he wanted David to work for him. A career that started with selflessness, David carried that attribute throughout his entire career. He has been known to lend a helping hand to the gallery's competitors and is always willing to occasionally jump in as a last-minute scout. David has scouted close to 130 champion dogs over his extensive career. It is no secret that a good scout can be the difference between a placement and a win. Considering his record, David has earned his reputation as a renowned scout. His focus on dogs and the sport can be illustrated in a story about him scouting in Lake City, Florida, in the 70s. David was focused on the dog he was scouting and lost focus on where he and the horse were heading.

About that time, David and his horse ran into and flipped over a barbed wire fence. With his mind entirely focused on the dog and the trial, the only word that came out of his mouth was instinctively "Point." David now joins Ben "Man" Rand as the only scouts in the Hall of Fame. David is a living tribute to the "Golden Age" of scouting.

• MILLER'S HAPPY JACK •

"Jack," owned by Scott Griffin, is a well-known dog in the sport. Jack had a prolific career as a trial dog and producer, siring another Hall of Fame dog, "Valiant." As a sire and grandsire to national champions and Purina Award winners, his bloodline continues to win today. One of his progenies, Lowrider Frank, recently won the Oklahoma Championship at ten years old, proving his genetics carry on producing consistent winners beyond their youth. Jack has sired 73 litters, with over 70 winners produced. During his career, he placed 40 times, of which 18 were champions and runners-up. Not only has his bloodline been rooted in field trialing, but his line is the exclusive choice of dogs for the Knights Hill Plantation and other hunting preserves. Congratulations to Miller's Happy Jack, his owner Scott Griffin, breeder Alvin Bryson, and all the trainers and scouts who played a part in his prolific career.

• JUST IRRESISTIBLE •

Bred by Jack and Tracy Haines, "Stud" was a trailblazer over his career. He was his owner Mary Devos' first dog. Jamie Daniels handled him to his first championship, also Jamie's first open win. To this day, Stud still holds the accomplishment of being the first and only derby-aged dog to win the Southeastern Open All-Age Championship; This and countless other accomplishments were achieved over Stud's short four-year career. Stud was also a fantastic hunting dog as a member of numerous hunting parties led by Jamie on the South Georgia plantation Jamie works at. Stud only sired 21 litters, with 100 puppies produced. Even with only those 100 pups, Stud has made a lasting impression on the sport. Almost half of the dogs bred became winners, with 16 champions. Of those 16 champions, there were 11 national titles and three Purina Award winners. It is said that despite being a high-powered dog in the field, he was a laid-back family member. He would even spend some evenings inside Jamie's house, lying on the couch. You would need to wake him up at field trials, and he would be yawning on the way to the line. After he was cut loose, he would stretch, yawn, look back at Jamie, then take off into the field "with the ability to get out in front of you like no one else." Congratulations to Just Irresistible, owner Mary Devos, handler Jamie Daniels, breeders Jack and Tracy Haines, and all others who played a part in this dog's career and impact on the sport.

— *Domenick Muoio*

Field Trial & Hunt Test Program Manager



National Champion



LESTER'S SHOCKWAVE

Tommy & Bonnie Hamilton, Owners | Gary Lester, Handler | Derek Bonner, Breeder

[Photos by Jamie Evans]

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KNIGHT'S REBEL RENEGADE

Don M. Knight, Owner & Handler | Photo by Kayla Knight

ATLANTIC SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

Wild Bird Season Opener

By Ian Corbett | Nova Scotia, Canada | August 20, 2022



Saturday Open Shooting Dog Winners (from left): Adam Dubriske with Super Storm Nell, Donald Henderson with Cairds Remi, and Robert Little with Cairds Dreaming of Jeannie.

The Atlantic Sportsman's Club held its "Wild Bird Season Opener" at West Caledonia, Nova Scotia, on August 20-21. It was two days of jammed-packed fun running 30-minute stakes through old farmsteads, alder runs, and field edges searching for grouse and woodcock. We were blessed this year with good numbers of grouse. There was much debate while organizing this trial with the heat of the summer and the prospects of the three courses holding up over the two days of running 30-minute heats. The decision was made to run them in the opposite direction on the second go around hoping to push the birds back and forth with each rotation. We also decided to lay out the courses 15 minutes too long so the second round would provide fresh cover. This format worked out quite nicely with one exception; the Boyle Farmstead (Course 2) was barren over the two days. It's a dry course and the grouse and woodcock moved out a week or so earlier. The grouse left to the accompanying Foley Farmstead and greeted many of us roadside over the two days. Fortunately, the Donnellan and Menchan Farmsteads provided lots of excitement if you were drawn to either of those courses. We are working towards building two 30-minute courses at the Menchan Farmstead for next year and we apologize to those who drew Course 2.

A few days before the trial we enjoyed some rain filling the brooks and ponds on the courses for the dogs to cool down from the heat. Each course also had water stations in place if needed. The daily stakeout area was along the Donnellan Farmstead field edge providing ample area and shade. The dogs were well cared for by the handlers and there was no issue with the heat, well, except for the handlers and judges who powered through to complete their duties.

Open Shooting Dog Winners (August 20)

First place Super Storm Nell, a setter male owned by Thor Kain and handled by pro trainer Adam Dubriske, ran the first brace of the trial on the Donnellan Farmstead. Breakaway was at 7:30 a.m. under clear skies with heavy dew in the woods. It was one of those mornings you could hear a pin drop at 50 yards. His brace mate, Elmer's Always Been Crazy (BM), owned and handled by Donald

Henderson, broke off hunting the edges of the path while Super Storm Nell pushed forward. Both dogs started searching with Super Storm Nell digging into the hillside on the left while Elmer hunted close. At 6, just entering the Christmas tree lot to the left, Elmer was still hunting close and Super Storm Nell was on the hillside pushing 150 yards and heading to the lower field. Just before the path up to the field, grouse started to lift from the ground and trees; I'm thinking six birds or more. Elmer stopped and marked the birds' flights. Super Storm Nell at this point was 250 yards to the left but closing in fast to the pond where grouse have been known to hold up for the night. As we moved forward, Elmer continued to hunt close. Adam Dubriske pushed forward to get into a better position to hear his bell, a smart move because it stopped hard on the slope above the pond. When judge Lester Turner and Adam found Super Storm Nell standing, he looked fantastic! Adam moved in and grouse were lifting from all corners. He claims that about 20 birds were moved in front of him. These birds were flushing down toward Elmer, Donald, and me. After all this confusion and excitement, everything was in order, and we continued through the cut to the backside of the course. At 15, we switched up and I watched Super Storm Nell devour the course in pursuit of more birds. He was rewarded with a beautiful woodcock find at 24, high on both ends before and after the shot. This was one of the more exciting performances I have seen in some time. He finished strong!

Second place was Cairds Remi, a pointer female owned and handled by pro trainer Robert Little, no stranger to the winners' circle capturing the U.S. Complete National Shooting Dog Championship in 2020. She always lays out an eye-catching race but at times is a handful; the good ones usually are! She ran in the fourth brace on the Donnellan Farmstead under ideal conditions (second round on the course). She was let loose with her brace mate, Mooselook Mac, handled by Jack McNulty. Both dogs headed down the field, Remi taking the edge and Mac running along the hilltop. Both dogs entered the lower field cover searching the likely spots. Remi swung to the right taking a nice 200-yard cast and continued forward with Bob keeping her in the pocket before the big swing right. Bob knew he'd be in trouble if she headed up the "highway"



Saturday Open Derby Winners (from left): Adam Dubriske with Partridge Hollow Elrumhew and Robert Little with Lady Lucy Lou.



Sunday Open Shooting Dog Winners (from left): Adam Dubriske with Neo and Jack McNulty with Mooselook Fionn MacCool.

to the Murphy Farmstead. She responded to his calls and made the bend heading to prime cover where earlier in the day we moved two broods of grouse (15+ birds). I'm sure Bob was crossing his fingers, maybe even his toes, for a few singles and not that double brood shackled up together! Near time Remi stopped 80 yards or so to the left, buried in a super thick wet muck hole. We were lucky to find her! A few steps forward a grouse lifted out 20 yards, then another! Everything is in order and Bob with a big smile, me too.

Third place Cairds Dreaming of Jeannie, a pointer female owned and handled by pro trainer Robert Little, ran on Course 3, the Menchan Farmstead in the 9th brace on Saturday under scorching temperatures. She broke away hard to the left of the course with her bracemate Belle, a setter female owned and handled by Jonathan Wilkins, in tow. At one point I thought I heard Belle's bell deep and to the right of the course and Jeannie's to the left. As we started down the trail heading to the farmstead, Jeannie's bell could be heard to the left. She made a couple of casts upfront and stopped hard just to the left of us out 75 yards. Bob had a good idea of where she was standing. After a few moments, I spotted her standing to the right in an opening. She was stunning to see, high-headed and poker-straight. I looked to the right of her and spotted the woodcock nestled in a hollow. Bob swung around to the left and flushed her bird. Jeannie lifted her head and watched the bird rocket through the canopy still high and tight. She finished her hour strong. On another note, where was Belle all this time? Well, she was standing deep to the right of the course. Jonathan Wilkins gambled on a last-minute search and just wasn't deep enough. Her tracker was called, and she was located 80 yards standing from where we searched.

Open Shooting Dog Winners (August 21)

Neo, a setter male owned by David Theroux, was the hard-luck dog on Saturday not posting a find after carding a great effort on the ground. However, on Sunday he upped the game with casts over 300 yards covering every corner of the Donnellan Farmstead searching for birds. He's powerful and at the same time glides through the cover effortlessly. At 22, on the backside of the course, his bell stopped out 100 yards. His handler, pro trainer Adam Dubriske, had a good idea of where he was and with some help from Robert Little, directed us to the general area. We searched for a few minutes and Seamus Smith (called upon to scout) spotted him standing. He looked fantastic! I moved around to the right for a better view and flushed a grouse. Neo never budged when the gun was fired. As Adam moved in to collar him back to the course, another grouse blasted out of a tree just inches from Neo; everything was in order. He finished strong and I turned to Seamus and said, "you just witnessed a championship performance!" This dog is going places

under Adam's whistle.

Second place in the Open Shooting Dog, Mooselook Fionn MacCool, a setter male owned and handled by Jack McNulty, was unleashed on the Menchan Farmstead. He ran his heart out in the heat of the day, never giving up. At 15, he headed to a water hole just off the path to the left heading along the edge of Donnellan Field where both woodcock and grouse tend to seek shelter from the heat. After a quick roll around the water, he was off again searching and at 20 stopped hard, but no bird was moved. Sent on and minutes later, he again locked up solid and this time a woodcock blasted out under the pine, everything was in order, Jack fired his pistol, and Mac finished his race hunting. His registration name is fitting; Fionn MacCool is an Irish warrior legend and his dog fought hard, never giving up.

In the Mix and Hard-Luck Dogs

Hard-luck dog Baker River's Mountain Man, a setter male owned by Brad Roth and handled by Adam Dubriske, carded an unproductive at 10 and a nice woodcock at 22, only to move near time on a grouse. He laid out a decent race.

In the mix, Coal Creek Rip, a setter male handled by Adam Dubriske, was rewarded with a nice woodcock at 13 and a stop to flush on another at 15. He was missing for 7 minutes which took away from his efforts. Overall impressive to watch.

Coy (PM), handled by Robert Little, was laying out a beautiful forward race, sharp on the ground covering all the likely spots. He rolls through the cover. At 26, he was found stopped in the middle of a brood and when I saw him, he was very loose. Everything happened so quickly, and Bob fired and continued. He asked me if we were good, but I didn't see what happened in the confusion.

The Derbies

The Atlantic Sportsman's Club's Open Derby was dominated by two beautiful prospects. Partridge Hollow Elrumhew, a pointer male owned by Giuseppe Papandrea and handled by Adam Dubriske, was rewarded first place; Lady Lucy Lou, a setter female owned by Jonathan Wilkins and handled by Robert Little, second place. Saturday's judges, Jack McNulty and Donald Henderson, and Sunday's judges Austin Parson and Donald Henderson, looked over the five entries with the same results. The judges reported that these two laid down very strong races and were in complete decision with their placements.

Congratulations to the winners and hopefully these two will continue their winning ways throughout their careers.

Nova Scotia, Canada, August 20

Judges: Ian Corbett and Lester Turner

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 11 Pointers, 9 Setters and 1 Brittany

1st—*SUPER STORM NELL*, 1687466, setter male, by Blast Zone-Bridgewater Mt. Pemi. Thor Kain, owner; Adam Dubriske, handler.

2d—*CAIRDS REMI*, 1675238, pointer female, by Daddy's Little Boy Butch-Hog Hill Katie. Robert Little, owner and handler.

3d—*CAIRDS DREAMING OF JEANNIE*, 1684574, pointer female, by Sugarknoll War Paint-Sizzlin Julie. Robert Little, owner and handler.

Judges: Donald Henderson and Jack McNulty Ramgeley

OPEN DERBY – 1 Pointer and 4 Setters

1st—*PARTRIDGE HOLLOW ELRUMHEW*, 1695675, pointer male, by Barker Elhew Genesis Jeter-Redrum's Brave Heart Sue. Giuseppe Papandrea, owner; Adam Dubriske, handler.

2d—*LADY LUCY LOU*, 1699312, setter female, by Long Gone Porky-Magic Mist Sydni. Jonathan Wilkins, owner; Robert Little, handler.

Judges: Ian Corbett and Austin Parsons

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 6 Pointers, 7 Setters and 1 Brittany

1st—*NEO*, 1689990, setter male, by Sterlingworth Jack-Sandhill Miracle Maggie. David Theroux, owner; Adam Dubriske, handler.

2d—*MOOSELOOK FIONN MACCOOL*, 1668853, setter male, by Long Gone Buckwheat-Long Gone Pebes. Jack McNulty, owner and handler.

Judges: Donald Henderson and Austin Parson

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In Conclusion

Over the last few years, the Atlantic Sportsman's Club has struggled to find suitable facilities for lodging and meals during weekend events. This year we decided to try the iconic Mersey Lodge, situated 50 minutes from the grounds. On Friday evening, Christopher Clarke provided us with some historical insights on the lodge while Austin Parsons and Jack McNulty prepared the BBQ meals. Breakfast Saturday morning was prepared by Ian Corbett.



Austin Parsons

Lunches on the grounds were again prepared by Austin Parsons. The Saturday night banquet was prepared by Austin Parsons and Jack McNulty. Seeing people step up and help so everything goes smoothly is wonderful. Thank you, Austin and Jack. I wish I could report the Mersey Lodge was ideal, however not providing meals and the 20-minute gravel road drive are obstacles we will not repeat.

These events don't happen without judges taking their time to look over the entries. I thank Lester Turner for judging alongside me on Saturday's shooting dog and Austin Parsons on Sunday. Both are great guys with loads of judging experience. Donald Henderson and Jack McNulty stepped up and judged the derbies along with Austin Parsons on Sunday, thank you.

These events also don't happen without the support from the trial community. A huge thank you to pro trainers, Robert Little and Adam Dubriske, for making the trip to Nova Scotia and their dogs' owners. Without them, trials are not possible. Lastly, we thank the Foley family for allowing us to use their property, and without their continued support, hosting trials would be difficult. The Foleys want to remind everyone that their properties are private and please do not hunt or run your dogs without permission.

PITTSBURGH FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Great River Yellowstone Wins Elwin G. Smith Classic

By Brian Sanchez | East Windsor, Connecticut | September 8, 2022

The Pittsburgh and Associated Field Trial Clubs of Connecticut held their annual fall field trial on September 8 at Flaherty Field Trial Area in East Windsor, Conn. The grounds were in the best shape in years. A special thank you to Dick Frawley and Dave O'Brien for all the work they do there, on top of what the state does.

This year's stakes consisted of an Open Restricted Shooting Dog, Open Shooting Dog, and the Elwin G. Smith Amateur Shooting Dog Classic. Judging the Open Restricted Shooting Dog were Brian Sanchez and Dave O'Brien. First place was Ravenwood All Rise for owner Joe Cincotta and handler by Matt Basilone; second was L H Stream for owner/handler Tom Tracy; and third was Silver Sand for owner/handler Alene LeVasseur.

Open Shooting Dog judges were Jim Thomas and Kevin Joyce. First place was Great River Yellowstone, owned/handled by Brian Sanchez; second was Fort River's Lucky Charm, owned by Gary Tavares and handled by Matt Basilone; and third was Limbsmoke Urban Lullaby, owned by Lloyd Miller and handled by Matt Basilone.

The Elwin G. Smith Classic judges were Matt Basilone and Marcus Ramseur. First place was Great River Yellowstone, owned and handled by Brian Sanchez; second was Guard Rail's Little Annie, owned and handled by Gene Casale; and third was Springflow's Backcountry P, owned by Chris Catanzarite and Rick Beinhaur, and handled by Chris Catanzarite.

Thank you to all our judges and everyone who helped at the trial. A special thank you to Greg Blair and our sponsor, Purina. We could not do it without them.

East Windsor, Conn., September 8 – One Course

Judges: Dave O'Brien and Brian Sanchez

OPEN RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG – 5 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—*RAVENWOOD ALL RISE*, 1696160, pointer male, by Zip Tye-Cedar Ridge Shopper. Joe Cincotta, owner; Matt Basilone, handler.

2d—*L H STREAM*, 1694440, pointer male, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Moonlite Yellow Jacket. Tom Tracy, owner and handler.

3d—*SILVER SAND*, 1688418, setter male, by Awsum In Motion-Cape Point Millbilly. Alene LeVasseur, owner and handler.



Open Shooting Dog Winners (front row, from left): Amilcar Pereira and son, Gabriel Cavanaugh, Brian Sanchez with Great River Yellowstone, Gary Tavares with Fort River's Lucky Charm, Marcus Ramseur, and Matt Basilone with Limbsmoke Urban Lullaby.

Judges: Kevin Joyce and Jim Thomas

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 14 Pointers and 6 Setters

1st—GREAT RIVER YELLOWSTONE, 1688796, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Great River Kennel, owner; Brian Sanchez, handler.

2d—FORT RIVER'S LUCKY CHARM, 1681132, setter male, by Mohawk Mill Lucky Charm-Fort River Jackie. Gary Tavares, owner; Matt Basilone, handler.

3d—LIMBSMOKE URBAN LULLABY, 1688113, pointer female, by Urban Fantasy-Diane Lane. Lloyd Miller, owner; Matt Basilone, handler.

Judges: Matt Basilone and Marcus Ramseur

ELWIN G. SMITH AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

[One-Hour Heats] - 17 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—GREAT RIVER YELLOWSTONE, 1688796, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Great River Kennel, owner; Brian Sanchez, handler.

2d—GUARD RAIL'S LITTLE ANNIE, 1670473, pointer female, by Guard Rail-Myakka T Marie. Gene A. Casale, owner and handler.

3d—SPRINGFLOW'S BACKCOUNTRY P, 1673025, pointer male, by Coosawhatchie Smooth Ride-Backcountry Bonnie. Rick Beinhaur & Chris Catanzarite, owners; Chris Catanzarite, handler.



Elwin G. Smith Amateur Shooting Dog Classic Winners (front row, from left): Gabriel Cavanaugh, Brian Sanchez with Great River Yellowstone, Gene Casale with Guard Rail's Little Annie, Chris Catanzarite with Springflow's Backcountry P, and Amilcar and son. (Back row): Judges Marcus Ramseur and Matt Basilone, Nina Catanzarite, and Gary Tavares.

NORTH AMERICAN WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

Chasehill Poison Ivy Named Champion; Wynot Pete, Runner-Up

By Russell Ogilvie | McAdam, New Brunswick | September 9, 2022

The 50th running of the North American Woodcock Championship kicked off on Friday, September 9. What a difference a year made, both good and not-so-good. Crossing the border was once again fluid but as in most trials, weather plays a key role. Last year torrential downpours, this year was beach weather. Preparing your dog and yourself to compete in not-so-perfect training conditions is so important and it showed this year.

The champion, Chasehill Poison Ivy, owned by Allen Raiano and handled by John Stolgitis, came out of the 11th brace. Allen was part of the gallery, so he saw her performance firsthand. Ivy was braced with Upper Ten Hot Rod, a nice young pointer owned and handled by John Adsit from Vermont. Both dogs were cut loose in 80-degree temperatures down the hill on Diggity Stream. It was a little fortunate that most of the course was on the shaded side of the hill. Ivy started a little slow, not seeming to have her normal drive. As we strolled down the trail, Rod worked the cover at a moderate

pace while Ivy ranged a little farther and deeper, still not laying down the performance of previous braces. Ivy's bell fell silent at 13 to the right of the course. She was quickly spotted standing in some mixed growth. As Stolgitis moved in to flush, everyone slammed on the brakes and stopped to listen. And there it was, the unique sound of a grouse cluck. Out in front of Ivy stood a big ole drummer in all his glory fanned out. Once Mr. Drummer realized the situation was not good, he thundered away, and Ivy had her first find. The grouse sent Ivy into a new gear and when she was turned loose, she laid it down, out in front and in the pocket making it easy for the judges to understand what was happening. Ivy stopped again at 26 but nothing could be produced and was moved on. In most cases, as a gallery member, it's not often you get to see much of the action at cover dog trials. At 31, Ivy treated everyone in tow as she was coming in from the right and as she hit the trail, she wheeled and slammed on point for everyone to see. Stolgitis stepped in and a grouse blew out just



North American Woodcock Championship 50th Anniversary (from left): Robert Little, Tyler Tunny, Frank Joyal, John Adsit, Chris Clarke, Jack McNutty, Don Keddy, Cal Robinson, Mike Best, John Stolgitis, Russell Ogilvie, Craig Doherty, Kyle Price, Gerald Movelle, Steve Forrest, Allen Raino, Mike Flewelling, Joseph Dahl, Donald Henderson, and Judges Leonard Sinclair and Eric Rizza.

in front of her. After some mud puddle cooldowns, back to work she went. At this point, the heat had gotten the best of Tucker and he was picked up. Ivy went deep to the right and was crossing over out in front when her bell fell silent for a third time. This time the gallery got to see birds blow out as she had nailed a large brood. With plenty of time left, across the bridge and into the sunlight we went. Ivy did not disappoint as she drove up the hill until time was called. Ivy, a first-year shooting dog, is not new to the podium. In her derby year, she notched her first championship as well as the honor of runner-up in the Invitational.

Runner-up Wynot Pete, owned and handled by Steve Forrest, came out of the last brace of the trial. The 16th brace was a hot one and everyone was feeling it. Pete was braced with Duck Hook (Stolgitis) on Cassidy Brook. This is a nice flowing course and tends to be one of the better bird courses year after year. Up until this point, birds had been seen but not a single one had been pointed. The final brace was cut loose and both dogs drove hard down the trail. Brute would be the first to return and cut back in to check the raspberry patches out. Pete was still deep, on the edge of the bell. Forrest walked on, listening with the judges of the light ting out in front. Dogs sitting in a box for days before they run often have some pent-up energy to burn off and once he was done, Pete came back, checked in, and went to work. As we passed the bog, Pete's bell fell silent to the right of the course at 15. As we searched, Brute's bell fell silent to the left of the course. Forrest was able to locate Pete in short order and as he worked out to the right of him, I watched Pete's eyes move from right to left making it obvious he saw something I couldn't. Forrest quickly made his way over and sent the grouse shooting out over the gallery. With all in order, back to the course and up the trail he went. Brute however was less fortunate. After a long search, he could not be located, and the tracker was called for, only to be found pointed with a grouse in front of him. As we walked, wondering when summer was going to cool its fire, the second judge caught up to us and had the opportunity to witness such a fine performance. Pete, with the temperatures nearing mid-80s, just plain worked and ground it out. The biggest challenge that Forrest had was trying to get Pete to come in for water! When we popped out of the woods and onto the final stretch of the road, it would have been easy for a dog to let down and or even quit. Pete had nothing like that in mind. He stayed deep and to the front with more run in him when time was called.

The 50th running of the North American was a good one. A strong field was presented to judges Eric Rizza and Leonard Sinclair. Both

fought the heat and the cover to make sure every dog received their attention. When judges have to talk often after the conclusion of a brace, you know the field is a quality one. Good cover dog judges are hard to come by and we thank them for taking time away from their jobs and family to support us.

The North American would not even be possible without the Maritime Bird Dog Club, in particular Bob Little. Many people know him; for those who don't, Bob is a die-hard bird dog man. His passion and his belief that field trials make better bird dogs are second to none. While the club has many members, we are spread far and wide, so it was up to Bob and Donald Henderson to get everything ready. No small task to say the least. Club members and the trialers thank them for their tireless work. And if you have never been to the North American, then you haven't had the opportunity to stay at Normy's (aka The Hoof and Paw B&B). I dare to say that it has to be one of the best places to stay for a field trial. Plenty of space to stake out dogs, everyone stays at the same spot, its low key, great social atmosphere, and the food is great with plenty of it. Ah yes, and the stories!

Every trial is supported in many ways. We are proud to have Cory Nutrition, the makers of Inukshuk dog food, as a great sponsor of the North American. They graciously covered our advertisement and provided items for our raffle. On Friday, they were in attendance to provide updates on their product line and to answer any questions we had. They then stayed to watch and video some of the trial. I'm sure you can go to their site and locate the footage. Great guys, company, and product. In the world of never-ending dog food, they have come to the forefront. Last, but not least, we would like to thank SportDOG Canada for donating the collars for this year's winners. We work our dogs hard and through some of the toughest conditions around. We need quality gear, and SportDOG produces it. If you are ever on the fence about attending, lean over and come. It's a great trial!

The Running

Spring Brook Maximus (Ogilvie) and Wild Apple Hard Cider (Doherty) drew the first brace of the championship. With some moisture still on the ground, the dogs were cut loose on Mann Road. The gallery was large, and everyone was excited to kick off the trial. Max and Cider drove forward. The action started early as Max worked the right side of the trail and stopped at 9. Cider came in and stopped as well. Max was located with Cider backing. Ogilvie

flushed, sending a pair of woodcock out across the road. With dogs collared back to the course, down the road they went. Max stopped just off the road on the left this time, but nothing was home. Cider had moved forward and nailed a woodcock at 21. Max would be next as he stopped at 25 with a woodcock on the right of the course. Cider went back in action with another woodcock find at 35. After turning into the woods, Max would stop to the right at 39. When he was located, he didn't look sure of himself, and he was taken on. He drove up the course with Cider working forward as well. They both hit the clearing with Max entering a peninsula. Max's bell stopped and shortly after, Cider's did as well. After the dogs were located, Cider was honoring Max. The first flush attempt was unsuccessful, and Max was relocated. He surged forward only to slam on point again in the open woods. Again, the flushing attempt failed and he was sent on only to come to another sudden stop. This time his eye movement showed a running bird and with an aggressive flush, the grouse was sent flying. Cider got right back in the mix with a woodcock at 48. Max would stop at 49 after we crossed the woods road but could not be located. He finally moved on just as time was being called. Cider finished his run with a stop to flush on a woodcock at 50. A great start to the trial.

The second brace of the day was Elhew Snakecharmed (Doherty) and Chasehill Little Izzy (Stolgitis) on County Line South. Both dogs broke away strong. They made it across the powerline without much trouble. This turn, for whatever reason, tends to grab dogs and make it challenging to move forward. The dogs and the large gallery walked along, Izzy gliding through the cover going strong. Izzy was running well and both dogs seemed to feed off each other. As we made the corner, Izzy's bell stopped at the front. As Stolgitis searched, the gallery called point as they could see her standing out ahead. When the handler made it to her, a brood of grouse erupted from everywhere with all in order. With dogs once again moving forward, Izzy's bell stopped again at 57 within sight of the course. As Stolgitis moved in to flush, his bracemate came in to help him, ending her day but everything was in order for Izzy. With her run, Izzy was a dog the judges carried until the end.

The third brace of the day broke away off County Line North. This course is very similar to County Line South, we just break away in the opposite direction. Ralph's Chasehill Rip (Stolgitis) and Magic Mist Sydni (Dahl) broke away. With no action before the powerline, the handlers worked to get them across. Just after we crossed, Rip was forward, and Sydni was driving hard. Rip stopped out ahead at 16 while Sydni moved out to the left. As Stolgitis flushed, Rip moved up and ended his day. As this was going on, Sydni's bell fell silent, but it was hard to pinpoint her location and after some searching, the tracker was called.

Brace 4 included Daddy's Little Boy Butch (Stolgitis) and Elhew Snakewood (Doherty). With the temperatures starting to climb, the dogs took off down the opening breakaway of Cassidy Brook, both making a strong cast. Cobe would be the first to return but went back out. Unfortunately, both dogs had the energy to burn, and they missed some quality cover near the breakaway. Cobe would stop just off the trail at 14 but went with a woodcock. Butch, still making bold moves, returned, and abruptly stopped at 25 in the trail. Stolgitis, not liking his posture, moved him on and nothing was located. If my math is right, Butch will be turning 8 but his run did not indicate that. We laid down a youthful race and with time running out, he stopped. Butch was located and was sent on, but he could not pin anything down.

Brace 5 had Panola Bacon (Stolgitis) and Moonlite's Crown Jewel (Joyal) heading down the hill on Diggity Stream. By this time the temperatures were in the 80s and the dogs needed any water they could find. Bacon had one of the better ground races of the trial but came up empty. The heat got to Crown and Joyal picked her up at 44.

The last brace of the day, brace 6, had Sunkhaze Vera Masardis (Flewelling) and Carolina's Great Pee Dee (Joyal). Lakeland is a great course for showing a dog as it runs through older-growth timber with pockets of softwood and raspberry patches, and it holds birds. Perfect for a driving grouse dog. Unfortunately, this go-around had nothing to report other than Flewelling's derby, Vera, had a mature ground race and with even one find, might have led to a long judges' discussion.

Day 2

The morning started with some welcoming fog and cloud cover. The heat was coming, we just weren't sure how long we had. Chasehill Hidden Jewel (Stolgitis) and Mooselook Fionn MacCool (McNulty) were let loose on Mann Road. Both dogs moved well down the road, but we didn't have any action like the previous morning. The handlers cut into the woods and Fionn eventually stopped at 39 to the right of the path. A bird was seen lifting out but was not witnessed by either judge. Juju would come in to honor. Both dogs made it to the blueberry field without any success.

With the cloud cover holding on, brace 8 broke away at County Line South. Sweet Southern Belle (Little) and Mooselook Mac (McNulty) had drawn the honors. Belle had other thoughts than trialing today and she got caught up in the corner and the tracker was called. Mac had the right frame of mind and crossed the powerline and went to work. Mac's bell fell silent at 20 and McNulty produced a woodcock for his setter. With that find, Mac went into a different gear and started to work. He was rewarded again at 35 with a mannerly grouse find to the right of the course. Mac laid down a solid ground race that might have been hindered due to the lack of a bracemate. Mac would nail his third find of the morning with a grouse just off the trail at 55. He would suffer an unproductive at 58.

Brace 9 had Wild Apple Boa Constrictor (Doherty) and Movelles Chewy (Forrest). Both dogs broke out into the first part of the powerline, Chewy going to the right. Forrest was able to get him to swing back across. Bo was not showing any signs of a strong race and was picked up. Chewy stopped to the left of the course at 12 and could be seen by the gallery. Forrest flushed but could not produce a bird. Forrest decided to take him back to the course and turned him loose. Chewy cut back down to the area he had pointed and was coming back up when a grouse blew out and ended his day.

With the sun showing all its glory, brace 10 had Wild Apple Snake Charmed (Doherty) and Little Miss Margaret (Stolgitis) cut loose on Cassidy Brook. Both dogs had strong breakaways and missed some likely cover. Peppa returned earlier and hunted well. Margaret ran well and had a stop at 14 to the right of the course. Stolgitis could not produce a bird and had an unsuccessful relocation. Both dogs finished the hot hour without any bird work.

Brace 11 was reported earlier.

With the sun at our backs and the hill to the front, the final brace of the day included Movelles Nino (Forrest) and Miramichi River's Real Coy (Little); both glided through the woods. With bells being similar, it was tough at times to identify who was doing what, other than they were out in front. Nino looked good going through the timber and for a good portion of the hour, the heat didn't seem to faze him. However, Forrest noticed that when he came in, he laid down and decided not to risk it and picked him up. As we turned the corner at the old log yard to complete the last 15 minutes of the course, Little looked at a raspberry patch and commented on a likely grouse location. As Coy skirted the edge and everyone walked by, a brood of grouse suddenly blew out on cue. As people chuckled and shook their heads, all we could do was move on. Less than 5 minutes later a grouse walked up and then a couple more. As Coy swung in, birds were just randomly getting up. It didn't end well for Coy as he did not stop ending his opportunity. Birds seemed to bust up out of the raspberry patches and trees for the next 100 yards, easily a dozen or so birds in that span.

Day 3

With very little dew and no cloud cover, day three was going to start hot and quickly get worse. Old Glory Ben (Parsons) and Wynot Sullie (Forrest) headed off down Mann Road. Ben had some legs to him and hunted deep to the left. Ben would stop at 16 on the edge of the road but be sent on. He hung around the area for a bit before heading to the front. Sullie was showing a moderate race as we turned into the woods. Sullie would start and stop off the right. Forrest went in and decided that nothing good was going on and picked him up. Ben would move strongly to the front. Just after we crossed the old road, his bell fell silent at 45. Parsons and the judges had missed him and as the gallery walked up, point was called as a little piece of orange was seen in the green growth. As the handler got close, a grouse lifted, and all was in order. Ben would hit the blueberry field going well and would stop one last time to the left. After a long search, Ben was located but nothing could be produced.

Brace 14 included Calamy's Soul Man and Ralph's Chasehill Molly on County Line South. Both dogs made it easily across the powerline and into the bigger woods. Molly ran a solid race for a fall derby and Elwood was forward and going strong. The gallery walked up birds early but neither dog was near. Elwood would be the first to stop deep to the right at 47. There was a long search and even with a tinkle of his bell, he could not be found. At 58 he had enough and moved on. Molly was forward and stopped at 56 on a woodcock with all in order.

Movelle's Pistol Pete (Forrest) and Cairds Southern Child (Henderson) had hot conditions for brace 15. Rory and Pete had some legs and were challenging to handle. Rory had a stop at 14 but kept relocating until finally moving on. At 36 it looked like Rory was going to run himself out and with the heat, Henderson did the wise move and picked him up. Pete would stay down a little longer,



North American Woodcock Championship Winners (front, from left): John Stolgitis with Chasehill Poison Ivy and Steve Forrest with Wynot Pete. (Back, from left): Judge Eric Rizza, Allen Raiano, and Judge Leonard Sinclair.

but he too was taken up.

Brace 16 was mentioned earlier.

When it was all said and done, we moved 50 birds for the trial: 38 grouse and 12 woodcock.

McAdam, N. B., September 9

Judges: Eric Rizza and Leonard Sinclair

NORTH AMERICAN WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 27 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner—CHASEHILL POISON IVY, 1694453, pointer female, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Al Raiano, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

Runner-Up—WYNOT PETE, 1680454, pointer male, by Wynot Atom-Northwoods Maddie. Steven Forrest, owner and handler.

NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

20th Running of the Hun

By Keith Richardson | Cheyenne, Wyoming | September 14, 2022

The 20th running of the “Hun” Championship was a tremendous success. The added Handler of the Year points for a “Species” trial is a big attraction. The year 2022 marked the end of our “Dual Sanction” program with the AKC but attendance was undiminished. The only change is that we no longer hold retrieving stakes.

The trial ran from September 14 until September 23. The weather was great; a little hot to begin with but nothing like other areas of the country, plus a little light rain and wind. All in all, it was wonderful weather for running dogs, and when the afternoon temperatures climbed to the low 80s for a few days there was water on the course about every ten minutes. The Richardson Ranch is nearly 7,000 feet in elevation and very dry, and attendees are always advised to drink a lot of water and use ample sunscreen.

The Hun Championship and Region 8 are both held back-to-back at the Richardson Ranch and are two of the premier NGSPA Championships. The challenging grounds and difficult birds provide an extreme test for dogs and handlers. Most folks stayed for both events. The two courses are remarkably different, each with its challenges. The end of the day brings a relaxing time in the bunkhouse including a wonderful homemade meal, beverages of choice, friendship, and hospitality. One handler said he is always eager to get home after a field trial, but the Cheyenne trials are so enjoyable that he always hates to see them end.

We enjoyed the best lunches and dinners of any trial in the country, expertly prepared by Marya Kerchner who is our new “head

chef,” replacing Lynn Cook who moved back to Maine to be near her family. Lynn has been a great friend for years and we all miss her and wish her our best. Marya had the amazing assistance of Diane Crabbs at all meals and Sylvia Peppers for many lunches. Sylvia also provided homemade tamales one night which were a big hit. Finely aged wines from Keith's cellar were served by Gary Kercher, who ably filled in for our “field trial sommelier” David Quinn, who was missed and promises to rejoin us next year.

Other benefits of the facilities enjoyed by all were: showers, laundry, electrical and water hookups, round pens and enclosures for most horses, plus ample areas for staking out dogs. Judges enjoyed first-class accommodations in either the guesthouse or the bunkhouse. Bobbi gifted everyone, who would appreciate the experience, a massage by our neighbor, Carol Eisele.

These two back-to-back trials provide tremendous “on-the-job training.” A large number of challenging multiple chukar and Hun finds, running coveys, large explosive covey flushes, and concentrations of “old” scent will teach the dogs things that cannot be learned in training setups.

The Hun is the only American Field trial (and the entire country as far as we know) that uses pen-raised Hungarian partridges. The birds were young, strong, great flyers, and remarkably like wild Huns. Large covey rises, with birds exploding in all directions, tested the steadiness of every dog. A dog making it clean through the Hun Habitat continues up Derby Draw to Derby Rim where mixed coveys of jumpy chukar and Huns lurk. The immense pressure of



NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Open All-Age Championship Winners (back row, from left): Judge Mark Keegan, Dr. Fred Ryan, Dan DiMambro, Rich Robertson, Jr., and Judge Dan Voss. (Front row, from left): April Raber with Chicoree's Glitter and Gold and Keith Richardson with P W Out On A Limb.



NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners (back row, from left): Judge Mark Keegan, Dr. Kirk Loftin, Keith Richardson, Brandon Blum, and Judge Dan Voss. (Front row, from left): Sherri Tangsrud with Twin Creek's Running Rocky and Hank Lewis with B M B's Madison Ave.

many difficult, multi-bird contacts places the Hun Championship at a level of difficulty exceeding that of the wild bird trials. Dogs that survived the “bird gauntlet” were able to demonstrate their endurance during a mile of undulating prairie with a draw on one side and a drop to the Habitat on the other.

During our two weeks of championships, we were pleased to have several pros in attendance for some or all of the stakes: Dan DiMambro, Josh Nieman, Rich Robertson, Art Armbrust, and Jim West. We were happy to welcome several amateurs from outside of the region: Dean and Diane Crabbs (Oregon), Andy and Becky Dynkiewicz (Ohio), and Drs. Fred and Ann Ryan (Ohio), Hank and Dina Lewis (Ohio), Dr. Kirk Loftin (Texas), Sherri Tangsrud (Missouri), Greg Helsbush (Missouri), Heath Autry (Texas), Tom Kosmack (Utah), Joe Amatulli (Connecticut), and Doug Carey (New Jersey). Our local amateurs from Wyoming and Colorado included: Brandon and Jennifer Blum, Alan Davison, Keith and Cathy Bryant, Robin Lambourn, and Keith Richardson. Terry Zygalski (California) provided horses for judges and guests. We always appreciate “Ziggy,” who had to leave after judging our Amateur All-Age stake, but he left Lindsay Marshall to do the wrangling and she did a marvelous job.

We had a slate of excellent judges, and our thanks go out to each of them. Our Open Shooting Dog stake was judged by Tim Carwile (Waynesboro, Va.), and Mike Eades (Enumclaw, Wash.), and our Amateur All-Age Championship was judged by Tim Carwile and Terry Zygalski (Watsonville, Calif.). Scoot Terrell was going to judge for us, but a medical issue prevented him from traveling. We wish Scoot the best as he recovers, and we thank Mike and Terry for filling in for Scoot with very little notice. Our Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, Open All-Age Championship, and Open Derby were all judged by Dan Voss (Cambridge, Minn.), and Mark Keegan (Littleton, Colo.).

The Hun course allows the judges to evaluate a dog’s “total package.” The cast-off crosses a half mile of rolling short-grass prairie before entering the “Hun Habitat,” which is a 3-mile flowing line of dense willow-lined creek bottom bordered by large mown fields, stands of wild plum thickets, and an irrigation ditch with dense grass and shrubs. The course then heads up the steep Derby Draw. Many dogs take the road up the middle, but it is exciting when they take either the left side up Chukar Hill, or the right side with a steep escarpment strewn with large rocks and dense shrubs. A

right turn at the top takes the dogs along Derby Rim, a flat bluff with a steep rim and many pockets holding birds. The course continues along the Badlands with deep drop-offs and steep draws, which tend to draw the dogs backward. This demanding course finishes (time permitting) through the High Gate onto the rolling prairie.

We are grateful for our sponsors. Purina provided financial support and a pallet of Pro Plan for the winning dogs. We also welcome the sponsorship of SportDOG with their gifts of excellent training collars. We missed seeing our friend, Jim Morehouse, but hope to see him next year. Beautiful Hungarian partridge mounts, generous cash prizes and gift cards, Purina products, and SportDOG collars were among the gifts to champions and runners-up. Our good friends Eldon and Terry Hongo, who own the local Bunkhouse Bar and Grill, kindly gave \$50 gift certificates to all champions.

A special thanks to the organizational abilities and hard work of Bobbi Richardson, without which these trials would not be successful. A big thanks also to all of the other folks who helped: Joe and Japheth Frauendienst, David Clifton (bird catching, planting, and feeding, and water sled filling), and Gary and Chris Kercher (bird planting and organizational details). All participants were grateful to the “dog wagon team,” Kaitlin Gaukel and Penny Robertson, who booted all dogs with best-in-class boots from Ruff-Wear to protect them from cacti. They also picked up dogs and helped keep us on schedule. Other behind-the-scenes heavy-lifting was done by Justin Peppers and Brittney Habercorn.

NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Open All-Age Championship **By Dan Voss | 24 GSP Starters**

Chicoree’s Glitter and Gold (Glitz), handled by Dan DiMambro and owned by Dr. Fred Ryan, was named champion.

P W Out On A Limb (Libby), handled by Rich Robertson, and owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson, was named runner-up.

The Running

The champion and runner-up came from brace 3 on day one, breaking away at 10:33 under clear blue skies, a light westerly breeze, and 75 degrees. Both dogs were quickly up the cast-off draw and headed in a southeast direction across the short grass prairie. Both dogs encountered another east/west draw which brought them both to the east fence line with Glitz leading the charge.

The natural flow of the terrain/course lead the dogs to the east start of the Habitat which was located about 1/4 mile east of the gate that the handlers, judges, and gallery used to access this area. As we watched from a hill above and before dropping into the Habitat we witnessed both Glitz and Libby flowing past the gate. At 7:30 both handlers dropped into the Habitat. At this point, Libby was ahead of Glitz. It appeared that both dogs were testing the limits of the course.

The Habitat is a 3-mile long, narrow creek bed (now dry) consisting of irregularly shaped hayfields, water features, shallow ditches lined with tall, thick willows and plum thickets, and is cross fenced in a few areas. Much of the course is green cut grass. The course flows nicely with very few turns.

Both dogs took advantage of the first water tanks at approximately 10. Glitz struck first, nailing a Hun past the second set of water tanks on the left center island of the Habitat at 19:31. She showed her impressive lofty style until the handler reached her after the flush/shot. Libby had taken the right side of the course.

At 22:10 Glitz carded another Hun nearing the end of the Habitat, and Libby recorded a stylish back at this find. Glitz again displayed impeccable bird work.

26:10—Bottom end of the “Habitat,” just before making the turn North to the third set of water tanks and Derby Draw, Libby carded her first find on a Hun.

27:00—Glitz was seen rimming the smallish U-shaped hayfield at the end of the Habitat, and ended up with another Hun find, again displaying impressive style and composure. Both Glitz and Libby were collared to the water for a cool down. They headed up Derby Draw at 30.

36:47—Libby took the left side of Derby Draw high in the rocks on Chukar Hill where she had a find and displayed her lofty high head/high tail throughout her bird work.

45:00—Both dogs passed through the High Gate and back out onto the prairie. Libby ran well forward to the right and Glitz ran well to the front on the left near the breakaway draw. Both handlers had to find a way to show their charges for the remaining 15 minutes. Each dog exhibited a flowing, reaching gait and seemed tireless.

Glitz was seen uphill of the cast-off draw and was spotted making a gigantic cast up to the guesthouse, her handler sang to her as she swung south along the eastern fence. Glitz flashed across the front and crossed another draw to the far southeastern portion of the course; time expired. As her handler and judge rode to the top of the hill that overlooks the Habitat she was seen on the move near the eastern end of the Derby course at 65.

At 45, Libby watered at the High Gate before striking East into the vast open countryside. Her style on the ground was expressive of the qualities of an all-age dog as she reached forward at increasing distance and speed. Her handler expertly sang to the dog who responded regardless of the distance she continued to gain from him. Libby made a line cast to the right of the expansive open terrain, covering objectives on the rim edge quickly and expertly while maintaining significant forward progress. Dipping over the edge to hunt likely objectives, her handler continued forward. At time, Libby was found on point close to the eastern boundary of the property well past Cathy’s Bench, standing with impressive style at the head of a steep draw. She maintained style as the handler dismounted and moved down a ravine to her. A nice covey of Huns was flushed, and all was in order with high tail and head to conclude an excellent all-age performance at range. She showed a full 60 minutes of all-age run with a rhythm of performance between her and the handler that was exceptional.

Summary of Glitz

A stylish attractively gaited dog that exudes class both on the ground and on game. She was ever respectful of her handler’s

commands. She has appeared to look at the course in all-age terms, (i.e., looking for a likely objective, and then going to it). She wasted no time digging deep into the cover. She was more extreme on the ground than her bracemate.

Cheyenne, Wyo., September 21 – One Course

Judges: Matt Keegan and Dan Voss

NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 24 German Shorthairs

Winner—CHICOREE’S GLITTER AND GOLD, 1686474, female, by Chicoree’s Immaculate-Chicoree’s Country Fan. Fred Ryan, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler. Runner-Up—P W OUT ON A LIMB, 1659130, female, by P W Contender-P W Eat Mya Dust. Keith & Roberta Richardson, owners; Rich Robertson, handler.

NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Amateur Shooting Dog Championship By Mark Keegan | 30 GSP Starters

Twin Creeks Running Rocky (Rocky), owned and handled by Dr. Kirk Loftin, was named champion.

Rocky was the top dog in brace 5 which cast off at 2:33 on September 19. There were high northwest winds and mid-80s temps. His bracemate was Hi N’s Dirty Secret (Badger), owned and handled by Hank Lewis. Both dogs passed through the first gate at 9:28 and drifted far to the right of the course. At 9:51 scout pulled Badger back on course, while Rocky hunted aggressively forward heedless of the strong winds. Badger had a find at 10:05, with acceptable style. At 14:44 Badger again pointed a Hun. At 17:08 Rocky stood with style and Badger backed but the Hun was dead. At 22:30 Badger had his third find. At 23:55 Rocky had his second dead Hun find. At 26:20 Rocky had a Hun find showing considerable style and finish in his bird work. Both dogs were released up Derby Draw at 35:38 and they took the road cresting the top together. Rocky had a find on Derby Rim at 51:10, again showing impressive, finished style throughout his bird work. Both dogs watered at the High Gate at 57 and the temperature had risen to 89 degrees. They were sent off into the prairie to show a finish. Badger lost ground speed at the end, but Rocky powered forward as if he just started with speed and intensity; hunted edges well and was forward at distance but handled; impressive finish; championship caliber entire 60 minutes.

B M B’s Madison Ave (Madison), handled by Brandon Blum and owned by Brandon and Jennifer Blum, was named runner-up.

Madison came from the first brace which was cast off September 19 at 8:00 a.m., with skies clear and sunny and a cool 63 degrees. Madison was braced with Carey’s Blazing Cooper (Coop), owned by Doug Carey, and handled by Joe Amatulli.

Both dogs cast left on release, both well forward but nicely turned with handler without scout needed. They entered the Habitat together at 9:18 and moved nicely through it with Madison in the two water tubs at 11:18. Madison was consistently well forward of Coop. Coop had a Hun find at 15:09 in the Habitat, with all in order.

Madison made a far-reaching cast along the ridge to the right of the course on Suicide Hill, where she was seen standing with a high head and tail and intense style while awaiting her handler. Three relocations were done nicely, the dog firm on each relocation with style held until released, all in order on a nice covey. Due to the amount of time taken to locate her bird, Madison was sent to the front along the fence-line road. During his habitat run, Coop disappeared. At 31:05 Madison attacked uphill on Derby Draw, running the ridge from south to north beautifully with intensity, ground speed, and style. On the way, she encountered a chukar on the road, handling it nicely. After cresting the draw and rounding the corner of Derby Rim at 41:35, Madison pointed a chukar with style and manners. After Derby Rim, Madison worked the Badlands, a series of ridges and deep ravines notorious for drawing dogs backward. She responded nicely to the handler who managed to keep her forward. At 49 bottom dog Coop was declared lost and picked up by the handler. Madison finished strongly with no loss of ground speed. Throughout the hour she displayed a consistent,



NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Derby Classic Winners (back row, from left): Judge Mark Keegan, Keith Richardson, Sherri Tangsrud, and Judge Dan Voss. (Front row, from left): April Raber Chisolm with reeks Sweetie Pie, Dr. Kirk Loftin with Stoney Hill's Wildfire Sparky, and Keith Bryant with Llano's Cadillac.

forward-reaching, aggressive and stylish race. She required no scouting and handled very kindly. Madison had a strong performance, but the champion was a bit stronger.

NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 30 German Shorthairs

Winner—TWIN CREEKS RUNNING ROCKY, 1685652, male, by Twin Creeks Running Ruger-P J Wildfire's Little Lexi. Kirk Loftin, owner and handler.
 Runner-Up—B M B'S MADISON AVE, 1670283, female, by Trueblu's B D K Ace Inthe Hole-Time To Pay The Piper. Jennifer & Brandon Blum, owners; Brandon Blum, handler.

NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Open Derby Classic

By Dan Voss and Keith Richardson | 20 GSP Starters

This was a very large derby stake. It was run as an out-and-back, utilizing the entire three-mile Habitat from the eastern corner of the Richardson property to the western end of the Ferguson property. There is very little cactus in the habitat, so the dogs did not need to be booted. It was run after the three championship stakes and 500 Huns had been planted. No additional birds were released, but there was a lot of bird contact throughout the stake.

The judges stated that they had a lot of quality dogs in the stake. Before the running, the judges discussed what they were looking for. They agreed to seek the dog with the best future potential as either an all-age dog or a shooting dog.

Chisholm Creeks Sweetie Pie (Pie), handled by Josh Nieman, and owned by Mark Wasserman, earned first place.

The judges concluded that Pie possessed the best future potential of the stake, and she was an all-age dog. She was exciting to watch as she demonstrated a powerful, independent run. She was nearly steady to wing and shot, and her desire to go with the handler at a distance was impressive. There was no doubt that she was the class dog of the stake.

Stoney Hill's Wildfire Sparky, handled by Dr. Kirk Loftin, and owned by Dr. Kirk and Larry Loftin, earned second place. Sparky was braced with the first-place dog in brace 8. She had a strong performance, and good range, but she did not match the consistent performance of Pie.

Llano's Cadillac (Caddy), handled by Josh Nieman, and owned by Joe and Chad Inderman, earned third place. Caddy ran in brace 7 and showed good potential as a shooting dog, but her range and

application were behind the standards set by the other two placing dogs.

NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE OPEN DERBY – 20 German Shorthairs

1st—CHISHOLM CREEKS SWEETIE PIE, 1701857, female, by Chisholm Creek Riptide-B D K's Allies Miss Sassy Pants. Mark Wasserman, owner; Josh Nieman, handler.

2d—STONEY HILL'S WILDFIRE SPARKY, 1697837, male, by Hi N's Zip It-Wild Fire Little Lexi. Kirk & Larry Loftin, owners; Kirk Loftin, handler.

3d—LLANO'S CADILLAC, 1699281, female, by Llano's Game On Dude-Llano's Sunflower Sue. Joe Inderman & Chad Inderman, owners; Josh Nieman, handler.

NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Open Shooting Dog Championship

By Keith Richardson | 40 GSP Starters

This was a very large stake with a lot of very good dogs. There are three very different terrains, each having its challenges and presenting opportunities to show the natural abilities, bird handling skills, biddability, stamina, and range of the dogs. Unlike most venues, it is possible to see and evaluate the dogs at long distances and it requires a shooting dog that is superbly broke and wants to go with its handler. The first brace was cast off at 8:00 a.m. on September 17. The size of the stake required seven braces to be run the first two days and six braces the third day. Thanks to the judges for working long, hard days; to the handlers; and Prairie Wind dog collection and booting crew to keep everyone on time. Also, thanks to the handlers for getting to the line on time. It should also be noted that by this time there had been over 300 Huns released and they were starting to covey up into large and flighty coveys.

Quijano's W D Forty Rusty (Rusty), handled by Josh Nieman, was named champion. Rusty came from brace 19 which was next to the last brace in the stake. As a quick summary, he had five evenly spaced finds with excellent style and bird work, two huge casts in the final leg of the brace including a big and strong finish in the prairie for the last 10 minutes, and all with no backing, and very little scouting.

Rusty had five finds in total with three Hun finds at 19, 26, and 32 in the Habitat. He was then cast off up Derby Draw where he made a beeline to Derby Hill. Unlike most of the dogs in the stake, he did not take the road up Derby Draw. He was rewarded with a find on top of the hill at 37. He was sent on to Derby Rim where he had his fifth find at 47 on a nice covey of chukar. All of his bird work was impressive with classy style and no movement. No relocations were required because he pinpointed his birds exactly, making flushing quick and easy for his handler.

The handler then sent him off into the prairie to the north where he made a big powerful cast to the front which was completed at the High Gate without any whistle or verbal commands. His final cast from the gate across the prairie was another impressive move as he filled up the country finishing back at the breakaway hill. Overall, Rusty and the handler "painted a pretty picture." Unlike most dogs in the stake, he did not use the roads, his bird work excelled, and his run was purposeful and powerful with no let up at the end. Rusty ran a very exciting race in which the dog had no "holes." Josh did a nice job showing him. A truly memorable championship performance.

Llano's Game on Greta (Greta), handled by Josh Nieman, was named runner-up. Greta ran in the last brace (11) of the morning on day two. She had one find in the habitat at 31, and three on the upper course at 46, 52, and 57. She ran the left edge of the habitat which is a long edge of dense willows and grass. It was a pretty move as she flowed along the meandering line searching for game. This move requires more time to make than the rather straight line offered by the right side of the course. On the other hand, it is where the wild birds would be lurking in a true hunting situation. She was rewarded at the very end when she found Huns in a small cul-de-sac. Upon being cast off by Derby Draw, she hunted the right side which is the opposite side the champion took. This side of the course is challenging to any dog who does it right, as Greta did. She hunted the heavy rock and shrub cover on the steep slope of the bench from



NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (back row, from left): Keith Richardson, Terry Zygalski, Josh Nieman, and Judges Mike Eades and Tim Carwile. (Front row, from left): Keith Bryant with Quijano's W D Forty Rusty and Alan Davison with Llano's Game On Greta.



NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Amateur All-Age Championship Winners (back row, from left): Alan Davison, Judge Tim Carwile, Josh Nieman, Keith Richardson, Judge Terry Zygalski, and Rich Robertson, Jr. (Front row, from left): Keith Bryant with A O Tripps Creek To Win and Bobbi Richardson with P W Bert's Joke On Us.

beginning to end, rounding the corner on Derby rim where she had her first of three finds on the rim. She ended her hour at the High Gate with two minutes to show a finish in the prairie. Her bird work was stylish and well done. She was forward running with plenty of power and a very smart searching pattern. She had less power and punch than the champion but put on a good show.

Judges: Mike Eades and Tim Carwile

NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 40 German Shorthairs

Winner—QUIJANO'S W D FORTY RUSTY, 1683347, male, by Llano's Game On Dude-Bray's Henna. David Quijano, owner; Josh Nieman, handler.
Runner-Up—LLANO'S GAME ON GRETA, 1679141, female, by Llano's Game On Dude-H K's Angies Slick Image. Chad Inderman, owner; Josh Nieman, handler.

NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Amateur All-Age Championship

By Keith Richardson | 19 GSP Starters

We appreciate our amateurs running their all-age dogs. This was a very large amateur all-age stake with a lot of good dogs and competitive handlers.

A O Tripps To Win (Tripp), owned and handled by Alan Davison, was named champion. Tripp ran in the second brace on day one. He had a strong cast-off to the Habitat and had his first find at the plum thicket on the right of the course after the second gate and to the south of Suicide Hill. He had a reaching run through the rest of the Habitat and was watered and sent up Derby Draw. He went up Chukar Hill and had his second find. After his release, he had his third find on Derby Rim. He had a reaching, powerful finish in the prairie after the High Gate. Overall, his bird work was

superlative with classy style. He was forward running with a strong undiminished gait throughout the hour.

P W Bert's Joke On Us (Bert), owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson, and handled by Keith Richardson, was named runner-up. Bert ran in the last brace of day one. He had a huge cast-off and was not spotted until he was found standing off-course on the south side of the willow line before the second gate. He had been standing there a long time and the birds were pinned directly in front of him, and he marked them as they flew low over his head. His second find in the Habitat was on the willow line before the end where a nice covey was produced. His third find was in the cul-de-sac at the end of the Habitat. He was cast off at the water tanks and powered in a direct line to Chukar Hill where he had his fourth find on a nice covey of chukar. Handler cast him off into the prairie where he made a far-reaching move that took him to the High Gate. He jumped in the water and continued through the gate far ahead of the handler. He was seen cresting the ridge at Cathy's Bench and a few other times as he displayed a huge finish on the prairie. He had a powerful all-age race with a big finish but appeared to be a bit "jumpy" on his birds. Even though his bird work was in order, he lacked the stoic intensity of the champion.

Judges: Tim Carwile and Terry Zygalski

NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 19 German Shorthairs

Winner—A O TRIPPS TO WIN, 1671013, male, by Kimberland Tactical-Sixem's A Cut Above. Alan Davidson, owner and handler.
Runner-Up—P W BERT'S JOKE ON US, 1655432, male, by Slicks Cuttin Wild-P W Fast Forward. Keith & Bobbi Richardson, owners; Rich Richardson, handler.

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NBHA SHARPTAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

Grouse Trails Warrior Cat Named Champion; Cold Creek Belle, Runner-Up

By James C. Kleve | Danbury, Wisconsin | September 23, 2022



NBHA Sharptail Championship Winner (from left): Pat Golat, Ben McKean, Brad Holt, Jim Kleve, Jeff Marek, Judge Steve Snyder, Mark Fouts, John McKellop with Grouse Trails Warrior Cat, Zach Erne, Judge Mary Sue Schalk, Gary Vitali, Terry Boatright, Ken Millikin, Andy Erne, James Kleve, and Rod Lein.

Early morning on Friday, September 23, the first walking trial in several years started on the Namekagon Barrens, located in the rural Northwest corner of Wisconsin. The Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association had been the host club for previous trials on these hallowed grounds. Due to several factors, it had not been feasible to accomplish a trial since COVID-19 started. A small but determined group was keen to ensure that walking trials continued on these grounds. Probably taking more time and dedication than anyone anticipated, this not-so-small task was handled exceptionally well by all involved. The National Bird Hunters Association and the Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association teamed up to form the NBHA Sharptail Championship. The success of this trial will no doubt make this a critical event, with many already planning the return trip next year.

Part of the reason for this effort is just how special these grounds are, as not many grounds are suitable for a walking wild bird trial. The Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Management Area strongly focuses on Sharptail grouse habitat and management. Property manager Nancy Christel has put countless hours and resources into this property. The Friends of the Namekagon Barrens group has helped in many ways with improvements over the years. We are proud that our efforts with this trial have allowed us to make a generous contribution to the Friends group.

Some may say a trial is only as good as the judges. So, we felt fortunate when we were able to secure the services of two very well-respected individuals. Mary Sue Schalk traveled from Princeton, Ky. Bird dogs, and field trials, have always been a part of her life. Among her many judging assignments, she previously judged the Region 19 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship on these grounds and was enthusiastic about returning. Steve Snyder of Ellendale, Minn., is best known for being the owner of champion Ponderosa Mac, but his résumé doesn't start nor end on that one dog. Steve has been an active dog man for decades and has many other champion grouse dogs before and after Mac. Both judges worked well in the saddle for four days and agreed on every step of the way.

Numerous sponsors helped make this event possible. We were even fortunate to have a couple of representatives on hand: Greg Blair of Purina and Ben Brettingen of OnX. The NBHA Sharptail Championship cannot understate Purina Pro Plan's generous support; its contributions continue to help the field trial community. OnX supplied gifts for both the winners and judges. The championship winner received a Garmin watch, while the runner-up received a collar gifted by Garmin. Gun Dog Supply provided several gift certificates to exhibitors.

Drawing participants from no fewer than eight states, 46 out of 48 dogs drawn for the championship started, and 23 out of 24 for the companion Open Derby stake. Participants made many new acquaintances. Many times, individuals offered help before they could make introductions. The sportsmanship of this trial cannot be understated. We hope to continue and even improve this practice every year. We want to thank all those involved; naming every individual would be impractical as everyone chipped in when help was needed.

Taking home top honors in this newly formed NBHA Sharptail Championship was John McKellop of Guys Mills, Pa., with his female pointer Grouse Trails Warrior Cat. Runner-up was Ian MacTavish of Afton, Minn., with his female setter Cold Creek Belle. Other dogs that grabbed the judges' attention were: Fast Money with Justin Crook, Grouse Trails Firestorm with John McKellop, and Cold Creek Uncle Sam with Ian MacTavish.

The Championship Winners

Grouse Trails Warrior Cat (McKellop) ran on the last day of the trial. She suffered an early unproductive in a likely spot at 13; her ambitious way of going caught the judges' attention early. At 27, her brace mate elected to pick up, giving Warrior Cat the course. She took full advantage of going on a bird-finding spree. She quickly had two coveys at 47 and 55, just on the south side of St. Croix Trail. She followed it up with a find on a single at 58.

By contrast, runner-up champion Cold Creek Belle (MacTavish)

ran not only on the first day but the first brace, setting the bar early. She worked with enthusiasm her whole hour. At 34 she was seen standing, and as the handler was approaching, a single was seen lifting. Belle was still standing as the handler finally reached her and had a second Sharptail lift, all was in order. At 39 she had a divided find with her bracemate on a large covey. She put a third piece of work in the books at 52 when she handled yet another covey.

Danbury, Wis., September 23

Judges: Mary Schalk and Steve Snyder

NBHA SHARPTAIL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 26 Pointers, 17 Setters,

4 Irish Setters and 1 German Shorthair

Winner—GROUSE TRAILS WARRIOR CAT, 1690752, pointer female, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Laurel A. & Patricia L. McKellop, owners; John McKellop, handler.

Runner-Up—COLD CREEK BELLE, 1695059, setter female, by Erin's Blew By You-Stumbo's Grace. Ian MacTavish, owner and handler.

Open Derby Winners

Todd Manns of River Falls, Wis., and Ben McKean of Minnetrista, Minn., stepped in to watch a very talented batch of derby dogs. The derby stake ran on the same continuous courses

as the championship. Little Hawk (Cook) took home top honors in the derby stake. She showed maturity in her application, filling the grounds at every opportunity and showing she had a purpose. The second place was Grouse Trails Black Knight (McKellop), son of the newly crowned champion. He put down a big and very forward race, handled well, and showed a connection to his handler. The third place was Pokegama Winnie (Golat), a stylish female, showing a very consistent and purposeful race by being in all the right spots.

A big thank you to all of the NBHA national sponsors! We could not do what we do without the amazing support of Purina Pro Plan, Garmin, Gun Dog Supply, Mule Brand Clothing, onX Hunt, and Gun Dog Central.

Judges: Todd Manns and Ben McKean

NBHA OPEN DERBY – 12 Pointers, 11 Setters and 1 Irish Setter

1st—LITTLE HAWK, 1698254, setter female, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-War Paint. Paul Cook, owner and handler.

2d—GROUSE TRAILS BLACK KNIGHT, 1701062, pointer male, by Toth's Tornado Reloaded-Grouse Trails Warrior Cat. Patricia & Laurel McKellop, owners; John McKellop, handler.

3d—POKEGAMA WINNIE, 1695069, setter female, by Rufus Del Fuego-Outcast Starburst. Patrick Golat, owner and handler.

GRAND VALLEY BIRD DOG CLUB

Club's First Combined Trial of the Season

By Jim Cipponeri | Highland, Michigan | September 24, 2022

The weather was cool and overcast for the first combined horseback/walking trial of the season. During the summer plenty of mowing was done by volunteers Tom Vanecek, Bill Darr, and Ron Sposita. Unfortunately, no controlled burns were accomplished due to uncooperative weather conditions this spring.

Bill Branham agreed to judge every stake, except the Horseback Derby in which he had two youngsters entered. The night before Saturday morning's first brace he had to cancel and spend the entire weekend with his wife at Henry Ford Hospital. Julie is now home and both Bill and Julie hope to attend some trials soon. Tom Vanecek volunteered to scratch his dog and judge the two Horseback Shooting Dog stakes. Others pitching in were Mike Cook, Bill Klenner, and Mike Brown, who also picked up the birds.

Highland, Mich., September 24

Judges: Bill Klenner and Tom Vanecek

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 3 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—WICKED QUICK, 1674810, pointer female, by Dunn's Tried'n True-Dunn's Get Out Sue. Sandy MacLean & Kelsey Hajek, owners.

2d—JACK'S PACKIN ROCCO, 1669276, setter male, by Thornapple Hawk-Boondocks Karens Annie Girl. Jim & Connie Cipponeri, owners; Jim Cipponeri, handler.

3d—RUSTY NAIL, 1651755, setter male, by Independence Day Sam-Hytest Silver Bell. Lloyd Wylie, owner; Bill Dar, handler.

OPEN DERBY – 3 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—WICKED PURSUIT, 17001168, pointer female, by Miller's Speed Dial-Wicked Quick. Sandy MacLean & Kelsey Hajek, owners; Sandy MacLean, handler.

2d—DUKE'S C C KATIE, 1699933, pointer female, by Knight's Last Chapter-Windfall Queen of Soul. Ron Sposita, owner and handler.

Judges: Tom Vanecek and Mike Zack

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 3 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—WICKED HIPPIE, 1684804, pointer female, by Lester's Sunny Hill Jo-Wicked Quick. Sandy MacLean & Kelsey Hajek, owners; Sandy MacLean, handler.

2d—WICKED QUICK, 1674810, pointer female, by Dunn's Tried'n True-Dunn's Get Out Sue. Sandy MacLean & Kelsey Hajek, owners; Sandy MacLean, handler.

3d—FLYING MERCURY BO, 1699724, pointer male, by Erin's Country Rebel-Erin's Miss Daisy. Mary Darr, owner; Bill Darr, handler.

Judges: Tim Cipponeri and Ron Sposita

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 3 Pointers, 4 Setters,

1 Brittany and 1 Irish Setter

1st—K DEL'S EAGLE MAGNUM HOT SHOT, 1685770, Brittany male, by Magnum High Velocity-K Del's Eagle's Chance To Soar. Ken DeLong, owner and handler.

2d—FAITH'S MAXIMUM JUSTICE, 1660276, pointer male, by Nelson's Van Max-Wild Apple. Ken DeLong, owner and handler.

3d—KNIGHT'S REBEL RENEGADE, 1682524, pointer female, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Erin's Little Lullaby. Don M. Knight, owner and handler.

Judges: Mike Cook and Bill Klenner

OPEN DERBY – 3 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—FLYINGFURR, 1697355, setter male, by Tomoka's Final Sport-Babe's Shamrock Missy. Maggie Maier, owner; R. J. Ecker, handler.

2d—HUNTER RUN'S CALAIS, 1700095, pointer female, by Hirollins Gone and Doneit-Hunter Run's Sky Too. William Lenz, owner; R. J. Ecker, handler.

3d—BUCK OF PINEY WOODS, 1696648, pointer male, by Bo of Piney Woods-Grouse Hill Prima. Dr. George Najor & Richard Waters, owners; R. J. Ecker, handler.

Judges: Bill Klenner and Tom Vanecek

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 5 Pointers, 10 Setters,

1 Brittany and 1 Irish Setter

1st—FAITH'S MAXIMUM JUSTICE, 1660276, pointer male, by Nelson's Van Max-Wild Apple. Ken DeLong, owner and handler.

2d—DUN ROVENS MIDNITE IKE, 1685001, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Moonshine Cherry. Dr. Peter Millett, owner; R. J. Ecker, handler.

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NGSPA REGION 8 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championship Series Held At Richardson Ranch

By Keith Richardson | Cheyenne, Wyoming | September 24, 2022



NGSPA Region 8 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners (back row, from left): Judge Chris Meyer, Dr. Kirk Loftin, Judge Don Dalton, and Keith Richardson. (Front row, from left): Sherri Tangsrud with Hi N's Allison Miranda and Brandon Blum with Twin Creeks Running Rocky.



NGSPA Region 8 Open All-Age Championship Winners (back row, from left): Brandon Blum, Judge Chris Meyer, Rich Robertson, Jr., Penny Robertson, and Judge Don Dalton. (Front row, from left): Josh Nieman with B M B's Samsquanch and Keith Richardson with P W Bert's Joke On Us.

The Region 8 Championships was a huge success, with a strong entry in all stakes with participants coming from all over. Most of the competitors also attended the NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Championship held previously.

The venue is not only scenic but provides great objectives for dogs to hunt and display their ability to find and handle difficult game birds. The course is unlike any other in the country. The cast-off is over several hundred yards of prairie to Suicide Hill, named for a large number of birds inhabiting it, and the fact that most infractions may be seen 1/4 mile away. There are two large coveys on this hill, a low covey, and a high covey. Then around the hill's base, there is a cove defined by Chukar Bench, a curving high bench about a mile long with steep faces, large rocks, and dense shrub cover. We pass Derby Draw and continue along the base of the high bench to Shooting Dog Draw. We climb to the top of the bench and spend 15 to 20 minutes hunting the upper brushy edge of this steep chukar habitat. The next leg offers a run through the prairie on the left or a steep series of draws known as the Badlands. The High Gate is entered and the dog finishes in the prairie where its stamina and range are visibly demonstrated.

The dogs will experience running coveys, large explosive covey flushes of 20 or more, with birds flying back over their heads, and concentrations of "old" scent left by recent coveys which have flown off. The birds are healthy, young, and strong flyers. Any dog that completes this course is ready for eureka!

We were pleased to have had several pros in attendance: Dan DiMambro, Josh Nieman, Rich Robertson, and Art Armbrust. We were also happy to welcome a large number of amateurs: Dean and Diane Crabbs (Oregon), Keith Bryant (Colorado), Brandon Blum (Colorado), Keith Richardson (Wyoming), Tom Kosmack (Utah), Kirk Loftin (Texas), Shari Tangsrud (Missouri), Hank and Dina Lewis (Ohio), and Joe Amatulli (Connecticut). Terry Zygalski (California) brought a nice group of horses but left early and his assistant Lindsay Marshall did a fabulous job caring for the horses

and getting them ready for the judges.

We brought in some top-notch judges with years of experience in many championship venues: Ray Dalton (Fallbrook, Calif.), Chris (Tree) Meyer (Fountain, Minn.), Rich Burgi (Sandy, Utah), and Diane Vater (Burgettstown, Pa.).

We are grateful for our sponsors. Purina provided financial support and bags of Pro Plan for the winning dogs. Their support of the Purina Handler of the Year program is also very important as contenders often travel to championships hoping to earn points. We encouraged all contestants to feed Purina. We also welcome the sponsorship of SportDOG with training collars. Cash purses, gift certificates, Purina food, and SportDOG collars made up the offering of prizes.

A special thanks to the organizational abilities and hard work of Keith and Bobbi Richardson. A big thanks also to the other folks who helped: Joe Frauendienst (many tasks including planting birds), Japheth Frauendienst, and Gary and Chris Kercher (bird planting and paperwork). Marya Kerchner was our new cook and did a marvelous job. Several folks commented that they would like to take her home with them. Diane Crabbs was a phenomenal help to Marya along with Sylvia Peppers for most lunches. Our ranch crew helped in many ways often unseen, but always with a smile: Justin Peppers, Brittney Habercorn, David Clifton; Kaitlin Guakel and Penny Robertson ran the dog wagon and booted all of the dogs.

The AKC ended the successful Dual Sanction program, so we ended the retrieving stakes.

NGSPA Region 8 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship By Keith Richardson | 22 GSP Starters

Hi N's Allison Miranda (Allie), owned and handled by Dr. Kirk Loftin, was named champion. Allie ran in the first brace on day two. On her cast off her and her brace mate took the fence-line road as so many dogs did and rather than heading up Suicide Hill, she rounded

the corner and dropped into the Hun Habitat where she had a find at 5. She was returned to the Region 8 course and had a second find along the base of Chukar Bench at 12. Her third find was on top of Chukar Hill where she was brought back down to the base of the hill and cast off. She then worked the base of Chukar Bench and had a find at 30 at the corner of Shooting Dog Draw where she took the left-hand side of the draw forward for the two-minute climb, rather than taking the cow path to the top which is the common move. She was rewarded with a find at the crest of the draw where she was seen standing in a picturesque pose, and this move was impressive to the judges. She worked the rim nicely and had a big finish after the High Gate where she was found in the east end of the Habitat. Throughout her hour Allie showed excellent stamina. Her biddability was impressive as she required no backing or scouting. She hunted efficiently and fast, and her style and performance on birds were classic. All in all, she presented the picture of a deserving shooting dog champion.

Twin Creeks Running Rocky (Rocky), owned and handled by Dr. Kirk Loftin, was named runner-up. Rocky ran in brace 5 on day one. He had finds at 3, 19, 24, 32, 38, 43, 48. The first four were on the lower course and the last three were on the upper course after cresting Shooting Dog Draw. His style on birds was excellent and his work was classy. He required very little handling, no backing, and only a little scouting. He hunted the steep hillside where his progress was slower than those dogs hunting the base because he had to negotiate rocks and thick shrubs. At times he got a bit "sticky," whereas the champion moved more quickly through the cover. After his find at 32 at the base of Shooting Dog Draw, he also took the left-hand side for the two-minute move to the top rather than the cow path which was the most obvious way up. The judges liked this pretty move which showcased the dog as it worked its way through the cover and rocks. He then hunted the top edge of Chukar Bench on the way to Derby Rim, having three finds along the way. He then dropped into the Badlands and hunted deep into them, which also slowed down his progress vs. the champion who spent more time in the open prairie. He stayed front but his finish seemed slower. Overall, he had a good shooting dog race with a lot of finds and quality bird work. His bracemate showed more speed.

Cheyenne, Wyo., September 24 – One Course

Judges: Don Dalton and Chris Meyer

NGSPA REGION 8 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 22 German Shorthairs

Winner—HI N'S ALLISON MIRANDA, 1676665, female, by Hi N's Feed Jake-Chicoree's Sparkle In Her Eye. Kirk Loftin, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—TWIN CREEKS RUNNING ROCKY, 1685652, male, by Twin Creeks Running Ruger-P J Wildfire's Little Lexi. Kirk Loftin, owner and handler.

NGSPA Region 8 Open All-Age Championship

By Keith Richardson | 25 GSP Starters

B M B's Samsquanch (Sam), handled by Brandon Blum, was named champion. Sam ran in brace 3 on day one. Sam had two finds at 20 and 27. Sam took the road around the base of Suicide Hill and was later seen at the far end of the Habitat. The scout and handler were able to get him back on course. He ran in their direction and then headed up Shooting Dog Draw where he was found standing at 20 on the rim. Sam's next find was on Derby Rim at 27. He then made it through the High Gate with a lot of time to spare which he spent on the prairie. He covered a lot of ground as he took the draw on the left side of the course to the guesthouse and then he headed south to the Habitat where he finished at the far west gate. Sam required very little handling and scouting once he was pulled out of the Habitat. He was excellent on his birds with great style. He had a big, powerful finish.

P W Bert's Joke On Us (Bert), handled by Rich Robertson, was named runner-up. Bert ran in the first brace on day one. He had four finds at 5, 12, 19, and 27. On the cast-off Bert took a fast, direct line across the prairie to Suicide Hill where he had his first find at

5 on a covey of running chukar which he handled beautifully with high style. He again forsook the road to hunt the hills and soon disappeared over the next ridge. He was seen heading up Chukar Hill where he had his second find on another covey of chukar, which flushed over his head and was handled in fine form. Bert's third find at 19 was at the end of the bottom course on the hill before the turn up Shooting Dog Draw. He was seen on point about 1/4 mile away. A single bird was flushed with all in order. He was cast off up Shooting Dog Draw where he crested the top far ahead of the handler who found him standing 100 yards from the top of the draw with his fourth find at 27. Handler cast him off into the prairie where he made a huge cast to the far hill near the highway (with a dog-proof fence) and hunted the contours forward to the fence-line and up to the High Gate.

He jumped into the water and ran through the gate making a powerful cast forward along the rim and was seen skylined by Cathy's Bench before disappearing. Handler just sat back and pointed him out rather than following the dog which provided an impressive sense of the range and power of his move. He was next seen taking the Habitat to the west where he was gathered up and headed north to the guesthouse. It was an all-age finish to an all-age run with excellent bird work. He needed very little handling or scouting and was in contact with his handler just enough. The judges felt his four finds slowed him down vs. the champion with two finds.

Judges: Don Dalton and Chris Meyer

NGSPA REGION 8 OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 25 German Shorthairs

Winner—B M B'S SAMSQUANCH, 1669573, male, by Trueblu's B D K Ace Inthe Hole-Time to Pay the Piper. Brandon Bum, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—P W BERT'S JOKE ON US, 1655432, male, by Slicks Cuttin Wild-P W Fast Forward. Keith & Bobbi Richardson, owners; Rich Richardson, handler.

NGSPA Region 8 Open Shooting Dog Championship

By Keith Richardson | 27 GSP Starters

The judges found this to be a very competitive stake with a lot of good dogs. The grounds and birds were very challenging and set the dogs apart. Two dogs running together in brace 11, the fifth brace of day two, set the bar and rose above all the rest with powerful shooting dog races, excellent bird work, application to the course, and kind handling with little scouting.

P W Evolution's Recreation (Spike), handled by Rich Robertson was named champion.

Twin Creeks Running Rocky (Rocky), handled by Dr. Kirk Loftin was named runner-up.

These two dogs were neck and neck through the entire brace with big powerful shooting dog races and a lot of quality finds, mostly on large coveys often exceeding 25 birds made more challenging by the wind which often forced the birds to fly back over the heads of the dogs. Spike had six finds at 3, 9, 15, 21, and divided finds at 35, and 40. Rocky also had six finds at 10, 20, 25, 30, a divided find at 35, and 40. Both had four finds on the lower portion of the course and two finds on the upper portion. Despite having a lot of finds, their moves between finds were reaching and powerful intent on searching the cover and not running the roads or open country. They were always forward, trading the front between finds. After their last finds on Derby Rim, they hunted the country until reaching the High Gate where they were watered and cast off into the prairie to show their finish. Both dogs took different paths, strong with undiminished power, and to the front. Both ended up in the Habitat near time. Spike's handler was able to pull him back up the hill and send him off with two minutes to go, and he showed strength to the front before time was called. Meantime, Rocky was also seen in the Habitat, but the handler and scout both had a hard time getting him out of it. He was finally seen and shown to the judges after time. This difference in the last five minutes is what differentiated the two dogs in this exciting brace.



NGSPA Region 8 Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (back row, from left): Keith Richardson, Judge Diane Vater, Dr. Kirk Loftin, and Judge Rich Burgi. (Front row, from left): Bobbi Richardson with P W Evolution's Recreation and Sherri Tangsrud with Twin Creeks Running Rocky.



NGSPA Region 8 Open Derby Winners (back row, from left): Keith Richardson, Dr. Kirk Loftin, Judges Diane Vater and Rich Burgi, and Dan DiMambro. (Front row, from left): Bobbi Richardson with P W Follow Me, Sherri Tangsrud with Stoney Hill's Lucky Charm, and April Raber with Caprock's Bella's Country Gamin.

Judges: Rich Burgi and Diane Vater

**NGSPA REGION 8 OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 27 German Shorthairs**

Winner—P W EVOLUTION'S RECREATION, 1666903, male, by Evolution's Primo Creation-P W Derailed. Keith & Bobbi Richardson, owners; Rich Richardson, handler.

Runner-Up—TWIN CREEKS RUNNING ROCKY, 1685652, male, by Twin Creeks Running Ruger-P J Wildfire's Little Lexi. Kirk Loftin, owner and handler.

NGSPA Region 8 Open Derby Classic

12 GSP Starters

The Course

We use the Hun course in the Habitat. It is a three-mile section of creek lined with willows and dense cover, with open cutgrass and plenty of objectives between the willow line and the fence line. This course does not have cactus, so dogs are not booted. It is an out-and-back course with opportunities to find chukar or Huns. There is good visibility of the dogs so that a dog with all-age potential can be seen making huge moves. All of the braces had bird contact.

P W Follow Me (Meme), handled by Keith Richardson, earned first place. Meme had a strong race to the front, hunting all the way.

Her last move was about 1/4 mile to the front on the final willow line before the end of the course. She locked up and it was a ride of several minutes to reach her while she stood stylish and patient. When the handler was near, she released herself and followed the line around where she produced a covey of Huns, but meantime a judge rode up a covey where she had been pointed. It was pandemonium for a minute with birds flying everywhere, but Meme was able to be gathered up and brought to the dog wagon at time.

Stoney Hill's Lucky Charm (Jade), handled by Dr. Kirk Loftin, earned second place. Jade had a big race and had a nice pattern on the ground, but she checked in a few times.

Caprock's Bella's Country Gamin (Bella), handled by Dr. Kirk Loftin, earned third place. Bella started with less power but built as time went on and ended up having a very nice race.

NGSPA REGION 8 OPEN DERBY CLASSIC – 12 German Shorthairs

1st—P W FOLLOW ME, 1697411, female, by P W Zackly Right-P W Out On A Limb. Keith & Bobbi Richardson, owners; Keith Richardson, handler.

2d—STONEY HILLS LUCKY CHARM, 1697730, female, by Hi N's Zip It-Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee. Kirk Loftin, owner and handler.

3d—CAPROCK'S BELLA'S COUNTRY GAMIN, unreg., female, by Llano's Game On Dude-Chicoree's Country Fan. Joe Vandiver, owner; Kirk Loftin, handler.

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PLAIN FIELDS BIRD DOG CLUB

ABHA Fall Trial

By Magda C. Lear | Berea, Kentucky | September 24, 2022

The trial was run at Central Kentucky Wildlife Management Area in Berea, Ky. Several local dog handlers went running their dogs in a Wisconsin championship so only a few attended this trial. Excitedly, some new out-of-state faces brought their young dogs to learn about field trials. Eagerly, they awaited the beginning of their stakes.

The weather of this year's trial turned out as an all-fall sampler. The morning was cool, wet, and had no wind with a short shower that negatively affected the scenting conditions. Around noon the sky cleared out and the late summer sun heated out the air and the ground. Before long, horses were lifting clouds of dust. This summer was so dry in this area that the bottoms in the middle of the course were bone dry and the creek cutting through the course held no water and dogs found only one muddy puddle to cool off. However, in the afternoon, clouds showed up and with them, cooler and windier conditions proved to help dogs with finding birds. Even though the ground cover was still thick and green, the weather was the major player in this trial.

The scenting conditions for the Open Shooting Dog stake (seven entries) were so unfavorable, that only limited bird work was observed. The first place was deservedly given to setter male Bang Bang's Longshot, owned and handled by Scott Luther, for very nice broke bird work and mature hunting. The second went to well-experienced setter male All Out, handled by Joe Hopkins, and the third to a busy little setter female, Herbie's Shasta La Vista, handled by Scott Luther.

By the time the derby stake started, the heat came. Fortunately, the younger dogs were able to cope with the weather and adversity well.

Regardless that all entries in the Open Derby stake (four) were still of puppy age, all of them showed promising work. First went to a dog of field trial beginner, owner/handler Travis Patterson. His seven-month-old pointer Sonic Boom Vom Huber Haus proved that consistent training and good breeding bring good fruit. The dog was always hunting to the front and easy to handle. Second place was awarded to Ronnie Rogers' hard-hunting setter male Shepherd's Blackbull.

The Open Puppy stake (four entries) was fun to watch. The first placement went to Sonic Boom Vom Huber Haus (Travis Patterson) and second to pointer male Pinehill Elhew Top Gun, owned and handled by newcomer Michael Edwards.

The Amateur Shooting Dog stake (six entries) was run under the best weather conditions of the day. Bird work was numerous and that proved detrimental to some of the dogs. The first place, awarded for her bird work, went to setter female T's Flying Girl Czechka, owned and handled by Magda Lear. The second went to setter male Sky Hawk's Little Rascal, owned and handled by newcomer Robert Warner. His setter showed strong hunting desire and mature covering of the grounds.

The last stake was the Amateur Puppy with four entries and though some of the entries were different than in the Open Puppy, the placement was identical to that stake. First place was won by the proven competitor of this trial, pointer Sonic Boom Vom Huber Haus (Travis Patterson), and second by pointer Pinehill Elhew Top Gun (Michael Edwards). Noteworthy is young setter male Warner's Utah Jack, owned and handled by Robert Warner.

Not just dogs deserve to be mentioned. I want to thank our judges, Tim Hammons of Berea, Ky., and David Riddle from Mount Vernon, Ky. Their fair and attentive judging is well appreciated. Many thanks

to Ronnie Rogers for bringing his horses, Adam Thomas for his dog wagon, Scott Luther for lunch delivery, and all the owners for running their dogs. Even though the trial was small, all the dogs showed nice work and the youngsters will hopefully continue their development into fine strong competitors. Also, hopefully, the first-time handlers had a great experience that will encourage them to continue with preparing their dogs for future field trials.



ALL OUT
Second in the Open Shooting Dog Stake

Berea, Ky., September 24 – One Course Judges: Tim Hammons and David Riddle ABHA OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 7 Setters

1st—BANG BANG'S LONGSHOT, 1696304, male, by North Creek Scooter-Blue Ridge Molly. Scott Luther, owner and handler.

2d—ALL OUT, 1658806, male, by All In-Walnut Hills Rocket Onpoint. Joseph & Brittany Hopkins, owners; Joe Hopkins, handler.

3d—HERBIE'S SHASTA LA VISTA, 1684251, female, by Full Blast-Herbie's Asta La Vista. Shannon Humphrey & Adam Thomas, owners; Scott Luther, handler.

ABHA OPEN DERBY – 1 Pointer and 3 Setters

1st—SONIC BOOM VOM HUBER HAUS, 1701297, pointer male, by Mac Rhoads-Lacey Jane Elhew Blackhawk. Aaron Travis Patterson, Jr., owner and handler.

2d—SHEPHERD'S BLACKBULL, 1701279, setter male, by Daphne's Gage-Katlyn's Jan. William Rogers, owner; Ronnie Rogers, handler.

ABHA OPEN PUPPY – 2 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—SONIC BOOM VOM HUBER HAUS, 1701297, pointer male, by Mac Rhoads-Lacey Jane Elhew Blackhawk. Aaron Travis Patterson, Jr., owner and handler.

2d—PINEHILL ELHEW TOP GUN, 1699947, pointer male, by Pinehill Elhew Damascus Max-Pinehill Elhew Damascus Jan. James M. Edwards, Sr., owner and handler.

ABHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 6 Setters

1st—T'S FLYING GIRL CZESHKA, 1683095, female, by T's Gunslinger-T's Unjaded. Magda Lear, owner and handler.

2d—SKY HAWK'S LITTLE RASCAL, 1670670, male, by Hytest Palladin-Sky Hawk's Blues Traveler. Robert Warner, owner and handler.

ABHA AMATEUR PUPPY – 2 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—SONIC BOOM VOM HUBER HAUS, 1701297, pointer male, by Mac Rhoads-Lacey Jane Elhew Blackhawk. Aaron Travis Patterson, Jr., owner and handler.

2d—PINEHILL ELHEW TOP GUN, 1699947, pointer male, by Pinehill Elhew Damascus Max-Pinehill Elhew Damascus Jan. James M. Edwards, Sr., owner and handler.

NATIONAL PRAIRIE CHICKEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Confident Nation Named Champion; B G K's Luke, Runner-Up

By Ed Liermann | Bancroft, Wisconsin | September 26, 2022



National Prairie Chicken Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Ed Liermann, John Mathys, Judge Lee Long, Frank LaNasa, Scott Jordan with Confident Nation, Ian MacTavish, Delenise Sneed, Judge Dennis Sneed, Allison Bell with B G K's Luke, Jarrett Bell, Richie Boumeester, and Mark Johnson.

The National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship run on the Buena Vista Grasslands in Bancroft, Wis., started on September 23, and drew an entry of 24 dogs. Participants, friends, and helpers came from every direction. Birds were plentiful with ample opportunities. As usual, the cover was a challenge, although certain pure grass areas were a bit thinner than normal. Judges for this year's championship were Dennis Sneed of Ewing, Ill., and Lee Long of Berkey, Ohio. Both men are well-traveled. Their decisions were well received, and many thanks to them for riding with us. Dennis has judged and run dogs at this trial and has also been active with many field trial clubs and organizations. First time here for Lee, also very active in clubs and organizations in Ohio and Michigan.

The Winners

The winner and new champion of the 2022 National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship was Confident Nation, owned and handled by Scott Jordan of Grant, Minn. The four-year-old white and orange pointer male ran in the third brace on the first day of running. This brace produced a multitude of bird contacts and was quite a show. Confident Nation ran a forward, powerful prairie shooting dog race. He had impressive finds at 4, 8, and 11 with high style. He also backed from a great distance at 2, again at 15, and again at 22 producing a skunk, then backed again at 34 with all in order followed by an unproductive at 50. He finished the hour strong, showing far to the front, searching in all the right places.

The runner-up was B G K's Luke, a two-year-old white and orange male pointer owned by Jarrett Bell of Troy, Mo. Luke ran on the second day in the last brace of the championship. He ran a strong, classy forward race and had a nice find at 37 with all in order, a divided find at 56 with all in order, a stop to flush at 58, and finished the hour going away. The temperature was a bit cooler than normal with overcast skies making it somewhat easier on the dogs. The 15 mph strong winds made it tougher to get the birds pointed. That being said, we saw birds on every course with many opportunities.

Thanks to all the people that make this trial a success. Thanks to Gary Wolfe, a Wisconsin DNR biologist, and our dog wagon driver. Since 1999 Gary has taken vacation time to drive the dog wagon and is a key member in running this championship. Ann Ihrke and Judy Reisner provided the hard-boiled eggs that are a trial tradition and a favorite, especially after the first brace in the morning. Blocking road crossings was vital for safety at this trial and was attended to by Gary Wolfe, George and Ann Ihrke, Doug and Judy Reisner, and Terry Trzcinski.

The roots of this trial stem from the support of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. For us, that starts with site manager Lesa Kardash. The dedication by Lesa and her crew to this site is immeasurable. Thanks to Lesa and her team, John Soergel and Joey Biebl; they work tirelessly on the grounds and are supportive of this event. We were pleased to have guests this year that included Andy Lewandowski, Dog Committee Chairman for the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, and a delegation of DNR officials that were here to view the running and visit with our group.

We would like to thank Bureau of Wildlife Management's Regulation and Policy Specialist Scott Karel, Bureau of Wildlife Management's Wildlife Damage Specialist Brad Koele, and Wisconsin DNR Assistant Turkey and Pheasant Ecologist Alissa Kakatsch, for riding and hanging out with us. We had a great group of field trialers in attendance from around the country with some new faces, including Frank LaNasa (Minnesota), Richie Boumeester (Minnesota), Chris Sellers (Tennessee), John Mathys (Wisconsin), George and Ann Ihrke (Illinois), Doug and Judy Reisner (Wisconsin), Scott Jordan (Minnesota), Mark Johnson (Illinois), Jarret and Allison Bell (Missouri), Sean Patrick Derrig (Illinois), and Ian McTavish (Minnesota). Purina has been a big sponsor of this event for years. Longtime friend and Purina rep Terry Trzcinski stopped in and helped out wherever needed. The Monday night Purina dinner at the Chatterbox was a big hit as we enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner.

Thanks to Purina, Greg Blair, and Terry Trzcinski for supporting

our trial, dinner, and auction. SportDOG also sponsors our trial and auction by donating collars. Thanks to SportDOG and Jim Morehouse, a longtime friend, and supporter of field trials. We appreciate their support.

The Running

It is a tradition to switch the morning and afternoon courses for the open championship. Breaking away on Monday at 8:00 a.m. on Course 1 we cross Griffith and swing east. Tough conditions with overcast skies and prevailing 15 mph winds.

B G K's Bolt Action (Bell) and Sellers Pashca Skylos (Sellers). Both dogs away and immediately into birds at 1½ with a nice find for Bolt with all in order and Skylos credited with a stop to flush. At 4 birds were in the air and Skylos was up. Bolt had a second find at 23 and finished the hour with a nice forward race.

Erin's Tin Lizzie (Johnson) and Northern Confidence (LaNasa). Both dogs moved out fast and forward. Lizzie had a find at 24 with all in order, and another at 28 with good style and manners. She had a stop to flush at 50 and finished the hour forward. Northern Confidence had a nice run at the course with an unproductive at 25 and finished the hour forward and going away.

Confident Nation (Jordan) and Boumeester's Duramax (Boumeester). Birds were abundant on this course. Confident Nation's hour was noted earlier. Duramax ran a forward race with a stop to flush at 2, 8, and again at 15. He had a nice find at 21 with all in order and nice finds at 50 and 58, both with nice style and all in order.

Cedar Creek Sixgun (Liermann) and Erin's Country Rebel (Derrig). Both dogs are away after lunch, fast and forward. Birds in the air at 4 near Sixgun and the handler elected to pick up. Rebel had a nice find at 9 with nice style and all in order and ran a nice forward race throughout the hour.

Southern Confidence (LaNasa) and Boumeester's Evangelist (Boumeester). Both dogs are out fast and forward with Evangelist scoring a find at 3. He had a stop to flush at 34, and an unproductive at 40. The handler elected to pick up at 50. Southern Confidence had an unproductive at 14 and again at 30 and was up.

Erin's Southern Comfort (Derrig) and Cold Creek Belle (MacTavish). Both dogs out fast and forward. Southern Comfort had a big, strong forward race and handled kindly throughout the hour and finished without any bird contact. Belle had a nice find at 10 with all in order. She had another find at 30, left with the bird, and was up.

Erin's Wild Rum (Johnson) and Notorious Dominator's Heir (Mathys.) Both dogs were fast and big. Wild Rum was running big, covering a lot of ground. Handler elected to pick up at 40. Dominator's Heir had a nice forward far-reaching application with no bird contact.

Strut Nation (Jordan) and B G K's C K Savage Arms (Bell). Both dogs are out and moving forward. Strut had an unproductive at 10. He was running big and covering some ground. Gone for a bit, the handler asked for the tracker at 44. Savage Arms ran a nice forward race without bird contact.

Notorious Slap Shot (Mathys) and Game Surgeon (MacTavish). Both dogs had a nice forward race throughout the hour. Game Surgeon had a nice find at 32 with good style, and Slap Shot backing; all is in order here. Both dogs finished going away.

Cold Creek Uncle Sam (MacTavish) and Drycreek's Lickety Split (Bell). Uncle Sam hunted hard throughout the hour but had no bird contact. Lickety Split was covering a lot of ground and had an unproductive at 26. The handler asked for the tracker at 40.

Cheyenne Nation (Jordan) and Notorious Front Range (Mathys). Both dogs are out big and moving along nicely forward through the

cover. Cheyenne Nation had a powerful far-reaching race with a nice find at 31 with all in order. She had another find at 35 and was released on her own and the handler elected to pick up. Front Range ran a nice far-reaching forward course but finished the hour with no bird contact.

Cold Creek Hank (MacTavish) and B G K's Luke (Bell). Hank ran a nice race and had a divided find at 56 with all in order. B G K's Luke's run was noted earlier.

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., September 26

Judges: Lee Long and Dennis Sneed

NATIONAL PRAIRIE CHICKEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 24 Entries

Winner—CONFIDENT NATION, 1684546, pointer male, by True Confidence-Southern Songbird. Scott Jordan, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—B G K'S LUKE, 1690405, pointer male, Dunn's Tried'n True-The White Pearl. Jarrett Bell, owner and handler.

Sidelights

Each year we have a "Chicken Championships" auction at our Saturday night Purina banquet under the tent. Through the proceeds, the Central States Field Trial Club gives away a \$500 and a \$250 scholarship sponsored by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation to University of Stevens Point students. The students are enrolled in the College of Natural Resources and volunteer on the Buena Vista grounds through the Adopt-A-Wildlife Program. This year's recipients were Tristan Stanton and Parker Kreie. Both students devoted countless volunteer hours to various projects that include habitat improvement at the Buena Vista site. We auctioned off a variety of goods but there were several highlights, one being an original painting of a field trial scene at the Buena Vista grounds by good friend and bird dog enthusiast, Rick White. Rick is no stranger to this event as he has donated his work in the past. His work records and depicts the beauty of our sport. Also, Jim Morehouse and SportDOG donated a TEK 1.5 tracking collar, and Greg Blair donated additional bags of dog food. Thanks to Rick, Jim, and Greg for helping to support this effort.

Also, thanks to our auctioneer, outdoor enthusiast, and friend of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, Pete Winistorfer, and his lovely wife Kim, for helping us out. A good time was had by all.

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NORTH COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Moss Meadow Named Champion; Rowling's Star, Runner-Up

By Brad Peterson | Augusta, Wisconsin | October 1, 2022



North Country Championship Winners (from left): Judge Scott Forman, Ken Moss with Moss Meadow Seeker, Chuck Rowling with Rowling's Star, and Judge Christy Helmes.

Before the North Country report, I would be remiss not to mention the new NBHA Sharptail Championship at the Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area near Danbury Wis., hosted by the Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association. The trial drew 48 dogs! Thank you to James and Jim Kleve and Rod Lein for all the efforts to put on this great trial. Well done gentlemen; way to start the year for the Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association.

The North Country Championship

For the third consecutive year, the North Country Shooting Dog Championship was run on grouse and woodcock in the Eau Claire County Forest. We were blessed with great weather and strong bird numbers for the championship. The fall colors were advancing steadily through the week and owners, handlers, and spectators, from six different states, really took notice of the great venue.

The Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog grounds are one of the best trial grounds in the country. Our six courses, covering nearly 13 miles, require sweat equity and good teamwork to maintain. A big thank you to Tom Goltz, Roger King, Mike Luebke, Dennis Baumann, Tim Callahan, Brent Sittlow, Larry Davidson, Bert Benshoof, Randy Bruder, Colin Peterson, and Brad Peterson for their hard work. In addition, Mike Luebke did an excellent job on the required paperwork. During the trial, Scott and Roger King hosted a judges' dinner and provided lunch one day; both were excellent, thank you.

Scott Forman and Christy Helmes from Prattsburgh, N. Y., judged the championship. Both are seasoned dog handlers and winners of many championships. They managed the demanding task of walking miles per day and were both very attentive to every dog. Thank you to Purina for their continuous support. Grey Blair was in attendance for the week. We very much appreciate what he and Purina do to enhance the success of our trials and the commitment to the sport of Cover Dog.

Last, and certainly not least, thank you to Eau Claire County. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to run our dogs on these grounds. The grounds are nationally recognized for consistently providing excellent opportunities on both grouse and woodcock

for all dogs entered. We do not take for granted all the work the Eau Claire County team does on our behalf. We experience and appreciate cooperation like no other in the entire country. Thank you!

The Winners

Brace 9 – High Line – Course 3

Champion: Moss Meadow Seeker (ESM) Ken Moss

Seeker ran an outstanding race topped with an abundance of bird work. He had two finds on grouse and four woodcock finds, all in great style. Most native bird trials do not have this number of clean finds; quite an accomplishment for Ken and Seeker, a well-deserved champion!

Brace 19 – Wilson Park – Course 1

Runner-up Champion: Rowling's Star (ESM) Chuck Rowling

It was a crisp morning and Star was ready to go from the beginning running at the edge of the bell. At 50 Star pointed a grouse with style to secure the runner-up position.

The Running

Day 1

Wilson Park – Course 1: Vitali Grouseringer Pappy (ESM/Gary Vitali). He ran into an uncooperative grouse and was picked up. Fergie (ESF/Bert Benshoof) started well but was not up to Bert's expectations and was picked up early.

Gas Line Course – Course 2: Northview's Dixie Storm (ESF/Bruce Minard) and Moss Meadow Magic (ESM/Ken Moss). Both dogs worked hard but finished the hour with no bird work.

Highline Course – Course 3: Thornapple Casey (ESM/Bruce Minard). Casey had his running shoes on today. Bruce elected to pick up.

Northwoods Sir Gordon (ESM/Ben McKean). Sir Gordon had a great race. Tongue in cheek Ben was trying to make a case to judges

that Sir Gordon had a great turkey find.

Horseshoe Creek – Course 4: Hycast Rollie Fingers (ESM/Scott Chaffee) and Tupelo Honey (ESF/Bob Wheelock). Horseshoe is a looping course along the river that produces several birds but requires a good handle on a dog. Rollie had three well-spaced woodcock finds in the hour. Honey was up to the task until an unfortunate mishap on her third woodcock.

H Course – Course 5: Meridith Grade Corky (ESM/Tammy Chaffee) and Lilly (ESF/Jordan Pharris). Corky had four woodcock finds and a strong forward race. Lilly equally had a strong race, and three woodcock finds.

Diablo Jake Course – Course 6: B K Rolling Dice (PF/Tom Minard) and Northwoods Atlas (ESM/Greg Johnson). After two woodcock finds in the first 25 minutes, B K stretched it out too far; Bruce called for the Garmin. Was off to a great start with woodcock finds at 8 and 18. With Greg trying to catch up, Atlas took a woodcock at 22 and was picked up.

Day 2

Wilson Park Course – Course 1: Hifive's Top Shelf (PF/Bruce Minard) and Rib River Tough Enough Too (BM/Roger King). Both dogs started strong reaching forward; Tuffy had a woodcock find at 15 and Top Shelf a non-productive at 18. Top Shelf had a nice grouse find at 25. Tuff had a grouse find at 50. Unfortunately, the handler was behind Tuffy and picked up after taking the grouse out.

Gas Line Course – Course 2: Lucie (PF/Ben Mergens) and Hifive's Power Line (PM/Bruce Minard). Lucie was out of the gate reaching forward immediately. She pointed at 18 and the handler was unable to locate. After that she got a little bucky and Ben chose to pick up. Power Line was putting down a good race but had a mishap with a woodcock and was picked up.

Highline Course – Course 3: Setter Ridge Pioneer Sam (ESM/Tammy Chaffee) and Moss Meadow Seeker (ESM/Ken Moss). Sam was having a great day for his first two woodcock finds; Tammy picked him up after number three. A total of two grouse and seven woodcock were pointed during this brace. Seeker was previously reported.

Horse Creek Course – Course 4: Wild Apple Siri (PF/Bruce Minard) and Fireside Sally Forth (ESF/Tammy Chaffee). Siri was picked up after a relocation on a woodcock find. Sally was picked up for mishandling a grouse.

H Course – Course 5: Thornapple Cody (ESM/Bruce Minard) and Grouse Trails Firestorm (PF/John McKellop). Cody was picked up after mishandling a woodcock. John elected to pick up Firestorm.

Diablo Jake – Course 6: Snyder's Fireside Ed (ESM/Tammy Chaffee). Ed ran very well and had an excellent grouse find. However, after searching, he could not be located after his bell went silent a second time.

Day 3

Wilson Park Course – Course 1: Northwoods Cedar (ESF/Lindsay Saeter) and Ryder (ESM/Jordan Pharris). Unlike herself, Cedar was running wild. Her bell went silent but was unable to be located; Lindsay picked her up. Ryder had a strong first half and a great grouse find, however, was not able to finish the hour strong.

Gas Line Course – Course 2: Grouse Trails Warrior Cat (PF/John McKellop) and Springpond Rockin Sidney (ESF/Tammy Chaffee). Coming off a great win at the previous week's NBHA Sharptail Championship with his daughter's dog, John elected to pick up Warrior Cat as he was not happy with her this day. Tammy also chose to pick up Sidney.

Highline Course – Course 3: Hifive's Ruff Runner (PM/Bruce Minard) and Grouse Hill Pepper (PF/Scott Chaffee). Ruff Runner had a stop to flush on a woodcock and had an additional woodcock



North Country Derby Winners (from left): Bruce Minard with Hifive's On The Rocks, Judge Jordan Pharris, Rod Lein with Over The Hill Try, and Judge Brad Peterson. [Third place not pictured].

find. Pepper had an early stop to flush on woodcock. In addition, she had two more woodcock finds.

Horse Creek – Course 4: Grouser (GSPM/Jordan Pharris) and Setter Ridge Flash Forward (ESF/Scott Chaffee). Grouser had a divided find on a woodcock and then picked up on a second woodcock. Flash Forward also had a divided find on woodcock and then picked up after two non-productives.

H Course – Course 5: Kits Whiskey Creek Patsy (ESF/Scott Chaffee) and Merry (PF/Rod Lein). Patsy had one strong find on woodcock and one stop to flush on woodcock. After two finds on woodcock, Merry uncharacteristically moved on a woodcock flush.

Diablo Jake – Course 6: Snyder's Sadie (ESF/Tammy Chaffee) and Rebellious Fearless Fred (ESM/Mike Luebke). Sadie ran a good race and had three great woodcock finds. Unfortunately, an encounter with a grouse near the end of the hour did her in. Fred had his usual extreme run and had an excellent grouse find. He was lost on point at the end of the hour.

Day 4

Wilson Park – Course 1: Out of the Shadows (ESF/Bob Rawlings) and Star (ESM/Chuck Rowling). Shadow had a divided find on a grouse and one woodcock find. Two unproductives detracted the effort. Rowling's Star was previously reported.

Gas Line Course – Course 2: Angel's Envy (ESF/Bob Wheelock) and Vitali Grouseringer Shiner (ESM/Gary Vitali). Both dogs picked up.

Another successful North Country Championship. We hope to see you next year!

Augusta, Wis., October 1

Judges: Scott Foreman and Christy Helmes
NORTH COUNTRY SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 11 Pointers, 27 Setters, 1 Brittany
and 1 German Shorthair

Winner—MOSS MEADOW SEEKER, 1676726, setter male, by Moss Meadow Rambler-Moss Meadow Maggie. Ken Moss, owner and handler.
Runner-Up—ROWLING'S STAR, 1675772, setter female, by Long Gone Studly-Rowlings Nike. Chuck Rowling, owner and handler.

Judges: Brad Peterson and Jordan Pharris
OPEN DERBY – 12 Pointers and 6 Setters

1st—HIFIVE'S ON THE ROCKS, 1697462, pointer female, by Hifive's Powerline-Hifive's Golden Nugget. Mike & Kathy Lareau, owners; Bruce Minard, handler.
2d—OVER THE HILL TRY, 1699008, pointer female, by J T H Scion-Over The Hill Patty. Rod Lein, owner and handler.
3d—LITTLE HAWK, 1698254, setter female, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-War Paint. Paul Cook, owner and handler.

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Fall Trial Held At Gladwin Grounds

By Paula Giulitto | Meredith, Michigan | October 1, 2022



Larry Sutter Amateur Shooting Dog Classic Winners (from left): Judge Joe Cammisa, Ash Creek Domino with Jerry Burke, Mountain Top Ryn with Jeff Keller, Judge Neal Minard, and Pinestar's Tupelo Honey with Dale Ash.



Amateur Puppy Winners (from left): Baxter's Doc Holiday with Brent Peters, Josie Wasserman, and Creekside's April Fools with Chris Wasserman.

The venue chosen for the Northeast Ohio Field Trial Club was the grouse woods trial grounds of Gladwin, Mich. The dates of October 1 and 2 were set, and the official announcements were made. The committee made up of Chris Jaeger, Mark Fernandez, and Paula Giulitto was given and accepted their assignments putting into motion a very exciting upcoming trial.

Entries were accepted by Club President Chris Jaeger and 64 dogs were drawn for the renewal.

The grounds in Gladwin are well maintained. The courses were well groomed for the fall 2022 season by a crew of volunteers, including Brent and Denise Peters, Tammy Chaffee, Ken Moss, Mike Singleton, Lonnie Rademacher, Mike Brown, Chris Wasserman, Bob Wheelock, Ken DeLong, Tom Fruchey, and Mike and Kathy Lareau. The event was hosted this year by the Michigan Amateur Field Trial Club and run under that same banner. Much appreciation is extended to Bob Wheelock who worked with the Northeast Ohio Field Trial Club to help coordinate the details of the event.

Arriving at Alibi Hall on the first morning there was the usual hustle and bustle of vehicles pulling in, dogs staked out, and handlers greeting one another. Rich Hollister, who provided the horses for the trial, was loading the horses for the exciting day ahead. He and his wife, Jenn, ensured that the horses and the trailer were where they were supposed to be when they were supposed to be.

It was a crisp Saturday morning with three stakes to be run that day. The Larry Sutter Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog was first on the list of stakes for the weekend. Riding in the judicial saddle for the Memorial renewal included Joe Cammisa, Larry Sutter's longtime field trial friend who made the drive from Pennsylvania, and well-known Neal Minard of Beulah, Mich. Both judges are stalwarts of the sport along with having owned, trained, and competed with championship caliber dogs.

Handlers were starting to line up their cars behind the horse trailer for the short parade out to the beginning course. Once at their destination, Tom Fruchey and Pete Casgrain dressed Bella and Puma with the best of bells and proceeded to the starting line.

The first brace left the line at 8:10 and the start of the trial was in the books. The morning dew laid heavy to start, but quickly burned off and conditions became very dry by 10:30.

Twenty-one dogs competed in the running of the Memorial stake. Several dogs encountered game, but as is usually the case, the cream

comes to the top. One dog always seems to rise to the occasion becoming the standout first-place winner.

Ash Creek Domino, a fast and fancy setter male that ran at the top of the card in the fourth brace, took home the blue. He is owned and handled by Jerry Burke. "Dom" started with a nice cast forward and pinned a woodcock at 5, holding the quarry until Jerry flushed. With everything in order, Dom went on to point woodcock twice more at 8 and 12. His last encounter was with a woodcock that had been sitting on the path. Dom came in hard, swapped ends, and kindly locked up to make a stand just 15 seconds after the bird was flushed by the gallery. Jerry was informed of the flight and no dog intervention; collared him and took him forward. Dom ran a nice forward race up and to the end of the half-hour when time was called.

Second place went to Ryn, a little dynamo of a setter female owned and handled by Jeff Keller. She put on an independent performance, hunting the thickets, and showing no fear of digging in. She checked in from time to time and kept up the pace for 25 minutes when she stopped on a dime to the left, pointing a woodcock buried in. Jeff flushed and Ryn stood fast. Ryn was stopped at the time but moved on as the handler and judge were going to her. Time was up for a good showing.

Third place and garnering the yellow was Moxie, a high-caliber English setter female owned by Michael Reeves and handled by Dale Ash. Moxie was drawn in the fourth brace with Ryn, the second-place winner. Both provided the judges with a charged and appealing show. Moxie, quite like her bracemate, kept up the pace and hunted the entire time. She was rewarded with a woodcock find at 29 when her bell went silent and was found at time. Moxie handled the bird with fine execution and the placements were complete.

The Amateur Puppy stake commenced at the Puppy Course shortly after the first brace of the Memorial broke away. Howard "Skeeter" Hollister and Ricky Hollister judged the field of four pups.

Doc, a very young but spirited English setter male pup, just shy of six months old, was handled by Brent Peters and is owned by Brent and his wife, Denise. Doc was snappy and moved through the course with speed and ease. His efforts were rewarded with a first place placement.

April, a flashy pointer female, was Doc's bracemate. She sprightly navigated the terrain and was handled by her owner, Chris Wasserman. Chris was accompanied by his daughter, whom we may

soon see with her dog competing for a placement. April took the red ribbon.

The Amateur Derby stake ran after the conclusion of the Puppy stake and concurrently with the Memorial, but on the opposite side of the grounds. The logistics of moving cars, marshaling braces and making sure folks had hot coffee (courtesy of Kit Foster), donuts, and a good lunch was a challenge. But everyone pitched in and with the help of all who attended, not a car, handler, or dog was lost, and everyone was well fed.

The Derby stake consisted of 12 dogs. Richard Hollister, owner of Dun Roven Kennels in Roscommon, Mich., and Robert Ecker, owner of Midnight Kennel in Quakake, Pa., presided over the field.

Ken DeLong ran "Freedom," his pointer male. Freedom had an upfront run and held a good pattern. He applied himself to the course with animation and speed. Freedom won the blue for his performance.

Jeff Sweet's "Bill," a setter male, showed off his good hunting skills as Jeff handled him around Course 6. Bill's solid application in the brace earned him second place.

Cody, a big running setter male owned and handled by Mark Fernandez, was Freedom's bracemate. Cody demonstrated his speed and agility as he effortlessly navigated the field. He was awarded third place.

Sunday was another invigorating morning with the Open Shooting Dog as the sole stake of the day. Carl McRae, of Holt, Mich., and Dave Heavlin, from Grayling, Mich., served as the esteemed judges.

Spec, a setter female owned by Craig Merlington and handled by Robert Ecker, took the blue ribbon. She ran on Course 5, Heartbreak Hill. Her race was upfront and flashy. At 20 her bell stopped hard and deep on the left. Robert found her intensely pointing in a scrub oak thicket. Walking into judge, Dave Heavlin heard a grouse flush. Robert fired a shot. Once back on the course, Spec finished the brace with the last cast with plenty of zip.

Lucy, an eye-catching English setter female, owned by Steve Graham and handled by Richard Hollister, won the red. She impressed the judges with her big run and bird work by pointing a woodcock and not one, not two, but three grouse.

Larry is a powerful setter male, handled by Richard Hollister and owned by Paula Giulitto. He ran forward with drive and determination. He stopped hard and held point when his efforts yielded a pair of woodcock. His stylish performance earned him the yellow ribbon.

It was a beautiful weekend to walk the woods, share stories, watch our dogs hunt up birds, and make some memories. A big thank you to all the folks who traveled from near and far to attend and run dogs, move cars, walk braces, and bring sweet and savory treats. As always, much gratitude to Purina for its continued support of the trial and our sport. See you all next year!

Meredith, Mich., October 1 – One Course

Judges: Joe Cammisa and Neal Minard

LARRY SUTTER AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

– 2 Pointers, 18 Setters and 1 Brittany

1st—ASH CREEK DOMINO, 1665895, setter male, by Long Gone Buckwheat-Oliveri's Sussie. Gerard Burke, owner and handler.

2d—MOUNTAIN TOP RYN, 1690895, setter female, by Ponderosa Mac-Grouse River Woodcock Annie. Jeff Keller, owner and handler.

3d—PINE STRAW'S TUPELO HONEY, 1680909, setter female, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-Pine Straw Sweet Tea. Michael P. Reeves, owner; Pete Ash, handler.

Judges: Howard Hollister and Ricky Hollister

AMATEUR PUPPY – 2 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—BAXTER'S DOC HOLIDAY, 1701013, setter male, by Thornapple Casey-Baxter's Mary Katherine. Brent & Denise Peters, owners; Brent Peters, handler.

2d—CREEKSIDE'S APRIL FOOLS, 1701603, pointer female, by Pinehill Elhew Damascus Bud-Pinehill Elhew Miss Megan. Chris Wasserman, owner and handler.



Open Shooting Dog Winners (from left): Cedar Creek Spec with Robert Ecker, Back Creek Lucy with Richard Hollister, Grouse Ridge Larry with Richard Hollister, and Judges Dave Heavlin and Carl McRae.

Judges: Robert J. Ecker, Jr. and Richard Hollister

AMATEUR DERBY – 1 Pointer and 11 Setters

1st—MAY'S LEGACY OF JUSTICE, 1695469, pointer male, by Faith's Maximum Justice-Chasehill Mighty May. Kenric DeLong, owner and handler.

2d—SWEET'S NOBLE BILL, 1697049, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Moss Meadow Kate. Jeff Sweet, owner and handler.

3d—DUN ROVEN'S CODY, 1701977, setter male, by Dun Rovens Zip-Dun Roven's Soozee. Mark & Tom Fernandez, owners; Mark Fernandez, handler.

Judges: David Heavlin and Carl McRae

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers, 21 Setters and 2 Brittanys

1st—CEDAR CREEK SPEC, 1696729, setter female, by Hershner's Grouse Gunner-Call Me Maggie. Craig Merlington, owner; Robert Ecker, handler.

2d—BACK CREEK LUCY, 1683067, setter female, by Payton's Legacy Kip-Girl's Little Dixie. Steve Graham, owner; Richard Hollister, handler.

3d—GROUSE RIDGE LARRY, 1673191, setter male, by Long Gone Boston-Grouse Ridge Merri. Paula Giulitto, owner; Richard Hollister, handler.

NOTE

Masters Open Shooting Dog Championship

The Masters Open Shooting Dog Championship is scheduled to begin March 1, 2023. Dogs entered in the Open Shooting Dog must have a placement in a recognized Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake of 30 minutes or more. Look for trial particulars at a later date.

— Polly Moore

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NATIONAL SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY

Backcountry Pure Gold Wins 59th Running

By Mike Husenits | Bloomingdale, Ohio | October 3, 2022



59th National Shooting Dog Futurity Winners (from left): Backcountry Pure Gold with Chris Catanzarite, Miller's Concealed Weapon with Jack Miller, Miller's Upgraded Design with Mike Tracy, and Wildland Hide The Wine with Eric Munden. (Standing, from left): Judge Chris Goegan, Dr. Susan Wells, Fran Miller, George Tracy, Dave Hughes, Mark Hughes, and Judge Chris Young.

The 59th renewal of the prestigious National Shooting Dog Futurity took place on October 4 and 5 near Bloomingdale, Ohio, over grounds held by the Mingo Sportsman's Club where the event has been staged since the 54th renewal in 2017. Hopefully, the event appears to have found a suitable home following the first 53 years at Baldwinsville, N. Y.

The shooting dog futurities are steadfastly recognized as the prestige derby trials of the major shooting dog circuit, having qualified for this honor for nearly 60 years and remain the derby trials everyone wants to win. Interestingly, the shooting dog futurities once had sister all-age futurities that diminished into oblivion, perhaps due to the existence of all-age derby championships that overshadowed futurities. No shooting dog derby championships exist which, perhaps, has helped preserve the futurities as premier events!

The Mingo grounds have been home to several important events in recent years, namely the AFTCA Region 2, Region 13, National Amateur Pheasant Championship, and the Mingo Classics, all Purina Top Dog points trials. In total, the venue contains nearly 5,500 acres of reclaimed surface mine property. Regrowth and reclaim plantings consist of locust groves, golden rod, and autumn olive. The Mingo club controls the heaviest native growth with extensive mowing and dozing operations. The club has added strips of summer grasses and feed plots that attract and retain upland game birds. A modern clubhouse with restaurant and bar facilities are nearby and the club has recently erected a shed-type building near the field trial starting point, equipped with barbecue grills and picnic tables. Mingo club members serve breakfast and lunch most days for a nominal fee. There is plenty of space for trailers with hook-ups and a large area for dog and horse stakeouts. The course layout flows smoothly and is inviting to wide-ranging front-running dogs that prefer hunting heavier cover. A one-hour continuous course arrangement was employed with the next-up brace always available on the dog truck that was meritoriously manned by Dave Hughes who also provided and maintained water tubs in strategic locations along the course route.

Mark Hughes serves as futurity secretary/treasurer, handling pre-trial arrangements including advertising, Purina support, litter nominations, entries, drawing, and draw sheets. Retiring Futurity President Bob Reed and Vice-President Chris Catanzarite handled everyday necessities. Chris liberated pheasants every morning aided by Jeff Haggis on the last day, plus fulfilled marshaling duties nearly the entire trial aided by Mark Hughes.

Sincere appreciation is extended to Purina for the continuation of their sponsorship; what would we do without Purina? Greg Blair, North America Area Manager, and Karl Gunzer, support numerous top-notch events in many different ways. Purina food products are second to none and it is a fact that most field trial winners are fed Purina!

Futurities are breeders' stakes whereby both owners and breeders share in the prestige and winnings. Generous purses are divided two-thirds to the owners and one-third to the breeders. Additionally, appropriately engraved wall plaques are awarded plus a painting of the first-place winner. The nomination process is quite simple in that a live litter can be nominated within 60 days of the whelping date. Late nominations are accepted with a penalty applied. All 36 entries in this season's futurity were whelped in 2021. Litter nominations have diminished in recent years, but the overall quality of the derbies entered seems to be improving every year. This reporter can attest to many years past when over 100 litters were nominated, and 60 to 70 derbies competed with no more than a handful outstanding. This is not the case in recent times as 70 to 80 percent of the dogs entered show potential.

Alabama artist Mary McPherson was commissioned to paint last year's winner, Steel Valley Raven, a pointer female owned by field trial veteran Harry Blaine of Traverse City, Mich., and handled by Jeanette Tracy. Ownership of Raven has since passed to Brian Sanchez, Lisa Pollock, and Ted Foust. The painting was presented to Jeanette following a chicken dinner catered by the Mingo club and sponsored by Harry Blaine on Monday evening. The Mary McPherson painting, not to mention the delicious meal, impressed

all in attendance.

Several owners, breeders, handlers, and visitors assembled for this renewal, apologies to those I missed. Handlers included Mark Hughes, Mike, and George Tracy, Ernie Saniga, Mike and Anthony Martino, Doug Ray, Bo Brewer, Jeanette Tracy, Carl Bishop, Chris Catanzarite, and Jack and Fran Miller. Owners and breeders included Brian Sanchez, Ernie and Karen Saniga, Bob and Karen Reed, Norm Meeder, Eric and Krysta Munden, Allen Linder, Dr. Susan Wells, Jeff Haggis, Tom Winters, and Tommy Walker.

Several dedicated attendees performed yeomen services, including Mary Tracy who was up before daylight and made sure hot coffee and snacks were available near the starting line and on the dog truck for morning and afternoon breaks. Dave Hughes drove the dog truck and always had the next brace ready and waiting. Dave also provided water tubs placed strategically along the course route. Tommy Walker grilled pork chops for the Tuesday evening dinner prepared at the pavilion on the grounds complimented with an array of side dishes and dessert, all compliments of an anonymous donor, who also happened to drive the dog truck!

Weather conditions were quite agreeable, at least from the human standpoint. Cool mornings with dew on the vegetation gave way to mild sunny skies by midday.

Judges for this renewal were two highly respected arbiters quite popular and successful on the German shorthair circuit, namely Chris Goegan of Alliance, Ohio, and Chris Young of Rochester, Pa. Chris Goegan is a successful professional trainer and Chris Young a highly successful amateur owner/handler. They held a steady pace and gave their undivided attention to every contestant. Their decision was well received and robustly applauded.

The Winners

First place went to Backcountry Pure Gold, orange marked pointer female owned, bred, and handled by Chris Catanzarite of Scenery Hill, Pa. Gold is a product of Chris's highly successful home breeding program; her sire Springflow's Backcountry P, the current reigning Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog, her dam multiple champion Backcountry Tornado. Her pedigree is dotted with pointer royalty, such names as Great River Ice, Belfield Silver, Rock Acre Blackhawk, Calico's Thrillology, Coosawhatchie Smooth Ride, Calico's Rebellious Sue, and many others. Gold was whelped on February 23, 2021, the only pup in her litter. Chris raised her in the house and developed a strong rapport that is evident when you see them perform. Gold's winning exhibition here consisted of a smooth forever-forward race, reaching distant objectives in open country, and tightening to the handler's wishes on the turns and in tighter cover. Her bird work on pheasants came at 4, 21, and 29. On each she stood with rigid style and remained solid until birds were in the air, taking the liberty to mark flight on one but solid as a rock for the shot. She maintained a consistent pace from start to finish, going away with gusto at the end.

Miller's Concealed Weapon, a tri-colored setter male whelped June 1, 2021, owned and bred by Jack and Fran Miller of Berwick, Ga., and handled by Fran Miller, won second place. Jack and Fran Miller are well known for their success with pointers, now adding setters to their field trialing repertoire; a darn good one at that! Weapon's breeding traces to the Smith/Harold Ray setter line with Brannigan close up in his pedigree, who traces to champions Sam L's Skyhigh, Commander's Jet Stream, Orchard Valley Skylight, and significant others. Weapon rendered a solid performance here, ending up with three stylish finds handled with advanced manners at 13, 18, and 26. His ground effort was animated and forever forward, handling response precisely.

The third was another Fran and Jack Miller bred entry, this one a solidly built liver-marked pointer male named Miller's Upgraded Design, whelped January 27, 2021, and handled by Fran. This line of pointers developed by the Millers is solidly line-bred through

Ch. Just Irresistible with Ch. Miller's Bring The Heat, a leading dam. Searching the pedigree a little farther back such noted sires as Miller's Silver Bullett, Funseeker's Rebel, Elhew Sinbad, Island Grove Brute plus a host of others are dominant. Design's effort here was highlighted by a very powerful ground race with several extremely wide forward swings. He recorded a stylish mannerly find at 11 near the stone pile crossing, after which his impressive exuberance carried him far ahead. He pointed briefly at 29 and showed youthful determination as the birds went skyward.

Fourth-placed Wildland Hide The Wine, orange marked pointer male owned by Eric and Krysta Munden, bred by Joe Cammisa, and handled by Mark Hughes, was whelped on January 29, 2021. He is sired by Ch. Double Deuce Zeke and Joe Cammisa's multi-time winner Beaver Meadow Rose. Wine, call name Chucky, was the bird-finding star of the show with four pheasant finds, the first not clearly defined minutes off the breakaway plus an unproductive near time. In between, Chucky impressed on pheasants at 7 near the left side of the spinney, 17 at the hilltop, and 22 after the road crossing. Chucky was high and tight on his birds and demonstrated exemplary manners for flush and shot on all three, his ground race directed to the fore with plenty of range making the judges' decision a tough consideration.

The Running

Start at 8:06 with Isabull (Ernie Saniga) and Check It Out (Mike Martino). Bull hunted hard and had an unproductive stand at 14 plus a late contact. Check was wider in scope and more forward but failed to contact birds.

Wildland Wild Man (Mark Hughes) and Great River Stallion (Doug Ray). Stallion reached far and wide, lost to judgment at 23. After a slow start, Wild Man ranged wider as time went on, had a mannerly find at 17 near the trail, and another stand in heavy goldenrod at 27.

Miller's Promotional Upgrade (Fran Miller) and Suemac's Wicked Sister (G. Tracy) shared a find at 17 near the stone pile road crossing; Upgrade added a sterile stand at 22, both shortened near the finish.

Brookdales Escapee (Mike Martino) made a clean escape near the road crossing. Wildland Hide The Wine's winning effort is described above.

Ironstone's Ironstone (Mike Tracy) pointed briefly at 16 and again at 29, birds were in the air. Miller's Upgraded Design's third-place performance is described above.

Waybetter Thor (Carl Bishop) and High Drive Trouble (G. Tracy). Trouble went wide and counted out at 15. Thor proved he could find birds with stands at 7, 17, and 29 but his overall ground race was a bit short in range.

Suemac's Hoodoo Dawg (Mark Hughes) hunted forward but failed to find birds. Miller's Concealed Weapon (Fran Miller) won second and previously described.

C S Rock Star (Doug Ray) and High Drive Freedom (G. Tracy). Star ran all over the available country with one find and an unproductive. Free had a find at 18, unproductive at 24, and a stand at 27 with an overall medium-range ground effort.

Mulberry Meadow's Molly (M. Hughes) and Quail Roost Rewind (M. Tracy). This brace produced plenty of action with Molly contacting pheasants at 5, 8, and 23 plus a divided stand at 29, exhibiting youthful exuberance on two. Her high intense pointing style on the other two was impressive. Rewind scored at 9 near feed strip, 15, 23, and a divided stand at 29, handling two nicely and exhibiting potential.

High Drive Forever (M. Tracy) and Lights Out (M. Martino). Both quickly to the front, Forever had a good find at 4 followed by a stop to flush at 12, then reached out beyond the limits and counted

out. Light soon had birds in the air and picked up early.

Parkway (Mark Hughes) and Panther Creek Big Betty (M. Martino). Parkway went quickly forward, had an unclear incident at 2, an unproductive at 8, a solid stand at 13 along the brushy edge, and added stops to flush at 17 and 26 near the lake edge. Betty rambled far and wide but a bit rough on the handle and picked up at 11.

High Drive Just Right (G. Tracy) and Anna Lake Klark (Mark Hughes). Drive went far and wide, soon out of pocket, tracker called for at 14. Klark hunted hard and showed he could find birds and had a good time putting them airborne on three occasions.

High Noon Time (M. Tracy) and Miller's Miss Congeniality (Fran Miller). First brace Wednesday, away at 8:04 with Time registering an unproductive early plus two other contacts that were not clearly defined. Miss scored at 5 along the autumn olive edge, backed solidly at 12, and suffered an unproductive at 24.

Saddled Up Sadie (Mark Hughes) and Miller's Little Duce Coupe (Fran Miller). These two pointer females were very classy and consistently hard-driving. Sadie hunted the fore with a willingness to hit the cover. She scored stylishly at 4, pointed an unproductive at 14 in heavy goldenrod, added a nice find at 19 above the gas well site, and a stand at 28 where a running cock pheasant was espied exiting some distance away but officially recorded as a second unproductive. Coupe had a solid find at 3 just off the trail and another at 19 on the hilltop turn. Unfortunately, stands at 14 and 29 did not produce birds.

Quehanna Country Roads (Mark Hughes) and C S Four Seasons Lisa (Doug Ray). Roads made contact with a pheasant at 3, then hunted hard at close range to the finish. Lisa had an unproductive at 4 and was up after an undefined contact at 8.

Seekers Cross Fire (Jeanette Tracy) and Pretty Boy Leo (Mark Hughes). These two pointer males rambled through the country with reckless abandon but were picked up after unclear incidents near the stone pile road crossing at 20.

Backcountry Pure Gold (Chris Catanzarite) and Arlington's Legacy (M. Martino). Gold's winning performance is described on the previous page. Legacy was a handful and in the harness early.

World Class Patch (Doug Ray) and Winterset's Patch of Ice (Mike Tracy). Final brace off and running at 11:42, Patch strong early but shortened and harnessed at 15. Ice widened nicely after a slow start, demonstrating plenty of potential with an overall medium-range classy ground race and a solid statuesque point at 29.



58th Futurity Winner: Mark Hughes (center) presents the Mary McPherson painting of Steel Valley Raven to handler Jeanette Tracy (left), and current owner Brian Sanchez.

Bloomington, Ohio, October 3

Judges: Chris Goegan and Chris Young

NATIONAL SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY – 31 Pointers and 6 Setters

1st—*BACKCOUNTRY PURE GOLD*, 1694791, pointer female, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Backcountry Tornado. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

2d—*MILLER'S CONCEALED WEAPON*, 1699549, setter male, by Miller's Black Butte-Alaqua Dee. Jack & Fran Miller, owners; Fran Miller, handler.

3d—*MILLER'S UPGRADED DESIGN*, 1700308, pointer male, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Walden's Ice Breaker. Jack & Fran Miller, owners; Fran Miller, handler.

4th—*WILDLAND HIDE THE WINE*, 1697105, pointer male, by Double Deuce Zeke-Beaver Meadow Rose. Eric Munden, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Futurity Board of Directors met at the Mingo clubhouse on Monday following the day's running with the meeting called to order by secretary Mark Hughes at 7 p.m. Last year's minutes and financial statements were approved. The target starting date for 2023 was set for October 2. The board voted to reapply for Purina Derby points status. Officers elected for the coming year are Mike Tracy, President; Chris Catanzarite, 1st Vice-President; Mike Husenits, 2nd Vice-President; and Mark Hughes, Secretary/Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

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WISCONSIN COVER DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Moss Meadow Seeker Named Champion; Northwoods Atlas, Runner-Up

By Brad Peterson | Augusta, Wisconsin | October 5, 2022



Wisconsin Cover Dog Championship Winners (from left): Tucker Johnson, Greg Johnson with Northwood's Atlas, Judges Ben McKean and Ryan Hough, Ken Moss with Moss Meadow Seeker, and Mary Moss.

The Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association continues to proudly host the annual Wisconsin Cover Dog Championship. This year's championship began on October 5 and concluded on October 8. The weather ranged from cloudy to partly cloudy with an occasional evening rain shower. Temperatures ranged from the mid-30s to mid-60s. Fifty-two dogs were drawn for this year's championship.

The Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog grounds are one of the best trial grounds in the country. Our six courses, covering nearly 13 miles, require sweat equity and good teamwork to maintain. A big thank you to Tom Goltz, Roger King, Mike Luebke, Dennis Baumann, Tim Callahan, Brent Sittlow, Larry Davidson, Bert Benshoof, Randy Bruder, Colin Peterson, and Brad Peterson for their hard work. In addition, Mike Luebke did an excellent job on the required paperwork. During the trial, Scott and Roger King hosted a judges' dinner and provided lunch one day; both were excellent, thank you.

Ben McKean, from Minnetrista, Minn., and Ryan Hough, from St. Bonifacius, Minn., judged the championship. Both judges demonstrated a professional, attentive demeanor with strong discretion while managing the physical demand of 13 miles of courses daily. Thank you for your efforts in this championship. Good judges make good championships and we experienced both.

Thank you to Greg Blair and Purina for their continued support of the championship. We very much appreciate what Greg and Purina do to enhance the success of our trials and their commitment to the sport of Cover Dog.

We must also recognize Eau Claire County. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to run our dogs on these grounds. The grounds are nationally recognized for consistently providing excellent opportunities on both grouse and woodcock for all dogs entered. We do not take for granted all the work the Eau Claire County team does on our behalf. We experience and appreciate cooperation like no

other in the entire country, thank you!

The Winners

Brace 15 - High Line - Course 3

Champion Moss Meadow Seeker (ESM/Ken Moss)

After a dominant win in the North Country Championship, Seeker threw down another championship run at the Wisconsin for back-to-back championship wins. Seeker pointed a pair of grouse and four woodcock in a methodical race that kept the judges on their toes. Congratulations to Ken Moss and Seeker.

Brace 22 - Highline - Course 3

Runner-up Champion Northwoods Atlas (ESM/Greg Johnson)

Atlas ran a strong forward race which produced three woodcock and great ground application. Congratulations to Greg and Atlas.

The Running

Day 1

Brace 1 – Wilson Park – Course 1: Setter Ridge Flash Forward (ESF/Scott Chaffee). She ran a strong forward race, stopping at 35 with a woodcock find, and stood tall with fully intense manners. Flash Forward was Day Dog for day one. Kalamity Cinder (RSF/Bruce Minard). Cinder ran a nice race but produced no individual bird work. She did back on her bracedmate's point.

Brace 2 – Gas Line Course – Course 2: Upper Ammonoosuc Poison Ivy (PF/Scott Forman) and Grouse Trails Firestorm (PF/John McKellop). At 25 Ivy and Firestorm stopped face-to-face with a divided find. As the handlers approached the dogs a grouse lifted through the canopy; both handlers shot their pistols. At 35 Ivy was found on point again. After two flushing attempts, Scott relocated his dog which took the wrong end of the scent funnel, and the bird flushed beneath the dog, which proved too much for Ivy to handle.

At 48 Firestorm's bell went silent on the right side of the course. Firestorm's scout located the pointed dog. The handler flushed the woodcock and the dog held through the shot. Firestorm had an additional woodcock at 58 and a stop to flush on another woodcock at 59.

Brace 3 – Highline Course – Course 3: Rufus Del Fuego (ESM/Neil Anderson) and Blair's Calvary Mountain (PM/Tom Waite). Exciting start to this brace. Rufus pointed a woodcock at 13. Upon Rufus' release, both dogs drove hard to the front. Both Rufus and Calvary Mountain got too far in front and took themselves out of the bidding.

Brace 4 – Horseshoe Creek – Course 4: Out of the Shadows (ESF/Bob Wheelock) and Thornapple Cody (ESM/Bruce Minard). Out of the Shadows struck first with a pointed woodcock at 14 with a difficult bird location. Thornapple Cody was found on point at 18, but no bird could be produced. Bob Wheelock's setter female once again was on point at 26, but no bird flushed. As the dog was released, a woodcock was sighted but the dog didn't react. No shot was fired. Out of the Shadows once again was steady at 35 on a woodcock. However, this time proved to be too much, and the handler picked up his dog. Thornapple Cody finished the hour with no further bird work.

Brace 5 – H Course – Course 5: Grouse Hill Pepper (PF/Scott Chaffee) and North Slopes Allie (ESF/Ed Grady). Both ran strong with good efforts but unfortunately neither produced any bird work.

Brace 6 – Diablo Jake Course – Course 6: Brook's White Hot Blaze (ISM/Tom Waite) and Grouse Hill Bullet Proof (ESM/Scott Forman). Both dogs showed good effort. There is a large swamp on Course 6 which both handlers needed to navigate their dogs around which consumed a good amount of their hour. No birds were produced in this brace.

Day 2

Brace 7 – Wilson Park Course – Course 1: Northern Slopes Star (ESF/Ed Grady) and Brushville Burton Spencer (ESM/Tom Waite). Rain stopped right before the 8:00 a.m., day two breakaway. Both Star and Spencer started forward but ended up behind the gallery for the first 17 minutes. Eventually, Spencer found the front and worked hard to finish the hour without producing a find. Star's handler got her back in front but requested his tracker at 30.

Brace 8 – Gas Line Course – Course 2: Tupelo Honey (ESF/Bob Wheelock) and Grouse Hill Mags (ESF/Scott Forman). This brace started and maintained energy throughout the hour. Tupelo Honey had the biggest and strongest race of the trial thus far. Every opportunity Honey had she covered well with exciting anticipation for the judges and handler. At 55 Honey slammed a woodcock, pointing and handling the bird with all appropriate manners. Mags also held the attention of all in attendance on this brace. She ran strong and had one point that was so intense it produced an uncharacteristic verbal response from one of the judges. Mags had an unproductive at 30. At 45 she was found on point again. No bird was produced while attempting to flush, but the handler decided to move on when an unforgiving woodcock flushed. It should be noted that many handlers commented on how tight the birds were holding.

Brace 9 – Highline Course – Course 3: A pair of setter females were featured in this brace. Dale Creek's Gypsy Queen (ESF/Tom Waite) and Kit's Whiskey Creek Patsy (ESF/Scott Chaffee). Gypsy Queen had two unproductive finds at 31 and 36. Good effort but no confirmed bird work. Patsy ran with snappy, animated purpose. She was running with enthusiasm and drive as she went on point in a ravine populated with thick, bloodletting thorns. After two attempts at flushing, her handler relocated her. On the third attempt to flush, the dog broke point.

Brace 10: Horse Creek Course – Course 4: Cedar Creek McArthur (RSP/Tom Waite) and Wild Apple Siri (PF/Bruce Minard). McArthur finished the hour but lacked desired range for the judges

and didn't produce any birds. Siri had a strong outing, producing woodcock finds at 16 with a stand to flush, at 32, and at 40 with good points.

Brace 11 – H Course – Course 5: Rib River Tough Enough (BM/Roger King) and Meridith Grade Corky (ESM/Tammy Chaffee). Tuffy had a mature and focused run. His handler saw him on point at 22 but noted he wasn't demonstrating his usual posture, so he moved him forward and the Brittany locked on point which produced a woodcock. Tuggy finished the brace as he started, strong. Corky, a powerful male setter, went on point at 30. No bird was produced initially so his handler tapped him for a relocate and a woodcock popped in the process. Corky showed expected manners and stopped at flush. At 35 the big setter pointed another woodcock and managed it well. Both dogs finished the brace with gusto.

Brace 12 – Diablo Jake – Course 6: Raintree Blue Moon (RSM/Tom Waite) and Vitali Grouseringer Pappy (ESM/Scott Forman). One of the better-built red setters on the circuit, Moon put in the work with a huge range but didn't produce any birds. Pappy earned the nickname "Ferrari" by keeping the judges' attention with his ability to eat up the course. At 33 he had a woodcock find; at 45, he posted an unproductive. The judges and gallery enjoyed watching this brace.

Day 3

Brace 13 – Wilson Park Course – Course 1: Snyder's Fireside Ed (ESM/Tammy Chaffee) and Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire (ESM/Scott Forman). Day three started at 33 degrees at the breakaway. Both dogs enjoyed the temperature and were ready to hunt. Ed was on a mission with his bell stopping at 30. Both handler and judge looked for the dog for 10 minutes. When found, Ed was standing proud that both handler and judge were convinced he had a bird, but none was produced; Ed finished the hour. Whiskey started with a strong forward race. He pointed a woodcock cleanly at 21 and an unproductive find at 29. The woodcock showed itself right under the dog! When the bird flushed, the dog spun to mark the bird. It was impressive bird work by Whiskey; the setter is stunning on point. Whiskey went on the finish the hour.

Brace 14 – Gas Line Course – Course 2: Ruffed Country Sweet Lily (ESF/Jordan Pharris) and Hifive's Top Shelf (PF/Bruce Minard). Sweet started well, working both sides of the course and into the right cover. Unfortunately, she got too far away from the handler, and it took 20 minutes to get her located again. Sweet didn't point any birds but did finish the hour. Top Shelf had a solid race. At halfway he got caught up in what the judges named "the worst thorny death chamber of plants." Top Shelf was stopped but couldn't be located. The dog was certainly on birds. When the handler released his dog, it immediately went to the front. The handler and judges flushed a grouse on departing the "thorny death chamber." At that time, Top Shelf dove into the cover, and the bell went silent; one second later the judge called time. The handler couldn't flush the bird, so he asked to relocate which the judge granted. Thirty yards from the original point, Top Shelf pointed again. Upon approach, a grouse flushed 20 feet to the right of the dog. The handler fired and that concluded the hour.

Brace 15 – Highline Course – Course 3: Moss Meadow Seeker (ESM/Ken Moss) and Bad Habits (PF/Ben Mergens). Seeker is a solidly built male setter. He started his brace with an unproductive find at 14; it got better from there. Moments later he pointed a woodcock where he stood proud. At 31 Seeker was found 20 feet off the trail in a tag-alder thicket. As the handler and judges approached, a grouse lifted through the falling leaves. Seconds later, as the handler closed the distance to his dog, another grouse flushed in front of the dog. The handler discharged his pistol and the brace continued. At 36 Seeker stopped again for another woodcock find in thick cover. His final point was another woodcock in typical cover. Bad Habits is a young, fancy pointer who put together a strong run. At 30 she located a woodcock, and her bird manners were perfect.

At 36 she immediately backed her bracedmate when seeing him, with a picturesque point. At 46 the handler and judges went to locate Bad Habits on point. The young female was next to Seeker facing the opposite direction. Bad Habits needed to stand through her bracedmate's shot. After Seeker was moved, Bad Habits' handler shot. Very impressive work for a young dog. She went on to finish the brace strong.

Brace 16 – Horse Creek – Course 4: Thornapple Casey (ESM/Bruce Minard) and Angel's Envy (ESF/Bob Wheelock). Casey was focused on great habitat from the release and the handler had a true handle on him proving how well they connect. At 32 Casey stopped but no bird could be produced. At 40 Casey stopped again and relocated on his own. The handler decided to end his bid. Envy had a huge forward race, consistently forward until 30 when she decided to hunt in the opposite direction. The handler called for his tracker at that time.

Brace 17 was eliminated due to scratches.

Brace 18 – H Course – Course 5: Moss Meadow Magic (ESM/Ken Moss) and Rebellious Fearless Fred (ESM/Mike Luebke). Magic is a very enthusiastic, strong, hard-charging dog. He started his hour with a back to his bracedmate. Both dogs were classic "high at both ends." Magic was found again on point at 20, but no birds could be flushed. He followed up with two tight woodcock finds at 31 and 41; Magic finished the hour. Fearless Fred's bell stopped at 12, but the last location the bell was heard was difficult to determine. When the dog was found, no bird could be produced. Fred's bell stopped again a few minutes later and was rewarded with two woodcock. At 25 Fred pointed another woodcock. The dog stopped again at 40 in some of the most challenging cover on the course. The judges passed a few feet from Fred and didn't see him. It took 10 minutes to find the dog in the thick cover. Unfortunately, no bird was produced. Fred finished the hour with plenty of gas left in the tank, an exceptional dog.

Brace 19 – Diablo Jake – Course 6: Fireside Sally Forth (ESF/Tammy Chaffee) and Over The Hill Merry (PF/Rod Lein). Sally Forth, a solidly built, nice-looking setter started her bid at 11 with a hard point on a woodcock. The young setter was as close to perfect through wing and shot. At 15 Sally Forth slammed on point close to the course for the gallery to enjoy. The handler flushed the woodcock and when attempting to shoot her pistol, it misfired three times. The dog left when the gun finally shot, unfortunate for both the dog and the handler.

Merry dove into the cover from the release. At 13, on the right side of the course, the bell went silent. It took a few minutes to locate Merry. The judge and handler walked up the grouse which was 20 yards away from the pointed dog. The shot was fired and Merry stood steady. At 19 Merry went on point again in dense cover. Due to the thick cover, it took several minutes to locate her. When she was located, no bird could be produced. Another stop for Merry at 39 in a beautiful opening for all to see. The handler made a thorough search for a bird but was unable to flush one. Upon relocation, the bird popped and Merry, uncharacteristically, mishandled the flush thus ending her hour. The birds continued to hold very tight during this trial.

Day 4

Brace 20 – Wilson Park – Course 1: B K Rolling Dice (PM/Bruce Minard) and Flycast Rollie Fingers (ESM/Scott Chaffee). B K demonstrated a dramatic, powerful, forward race, always in the right place. However, he needed the entire hour to produce some bird work which came at 59 with a divided find on a woodcock. Rollie threw down his customary focused, fancy race and was finally awarded a divided find at 59.

Brace 21 – Gas Line Course – Course 2: Hifive's Power Line (PM/Bruce Minard). Power Line is a strong dog that demonstrates good ground application. The handler found his dog standing at 9

but that ended with an unproductive. The handler elected to pick up his dog at 30.

Brace 22 – Highline – Course 3: Setter Ridge Pioneer Sam (ESM/Tammy Chaffee) and Northwoods Atlas (ESM/Greg Johnson). Sam is a very handsome setter that is eye-catching on the run. At 13 he was found on point with multiple woodcock being produced in which the dog demonstrated strong manners. At 27 Sam's bell stopped again in a thicket that no dog had hunted during the trial. That stop produced a limb find on a woodcock. At 44 Sam pointed another woodcock with all manners in order.

Atlas ran a purposeful, forward race, stopping first at 13 on a multiple-bird find. His handler was approximately 40 yards away from the dog at flush and decided to shoot. Atlas kept it together in proper order. At 27 Atlas stopped for a woodcock limb find 50 yards from his bracedmate's separate find. Atlas followed that with a point at 43 on a flying bird. The woodcock flew 10 yards, three feet off the ground, and Atlas maintained his manners throughout the temptation. Atlas is a beautiful dog on point. The setter finished making moves to where he should have been, rolling through open ground and thoroughly hunting objectives. Atlas showed power and reach when it mattered, in the last five minutes. This was a great brace.

Brace 23 – Horse Creek Course – Course 4: Pistol Patch Bullet (PM/Scott Forman) and Hifive's Ruff Runner (PM/Bruce Minard). Bullet ran a strong race but didn't produce any birds. The handler opted to pick up the dog at 50. Ruff Runner pointed a grouse, right off the course, at 20 with good manners. The dog followed with a woodcock point at 39 but had an indiscretion and the handler picked him up. Overall, Ruff Runner's race and application were good.

Brace 24 – H Course – Course 5: Grouse Trails Warrior Cat (PF/John McKellop) and Springpond Rockin Sidney (SF/Tammy Chaffee). Cat is an incredibly athletic dog with great agility. The dog backed her bracedmate at 17, but no bird was produced. At 22 Cat mishandled a grouse ending her bid. Sidney started with a "close to the course" woodcock find at 8, followed by an unproductive point at 17. At 23 the dog had a clean woodcock find. The handler elected to pick up Sidney at 30. Nice young female setter that we will see in the future.

Brace 25 – Diablo Jake – Course 6: Rowling's Star (ESM/Scott Forman) and Northview's Dixie Storm (ESF/Bruce Minard). Star was coming off a runner-up win at the North Country Championship. He ran a good race with a good application, but no birds were produced. The handler picked him up at 30. Storm started her race strong with a grouse find at 11. At 30 the dog mishandled a woodcock ending her run.

Brace 26 – Wilson Park – Course 1: Oscar Robinson (ESM/Scott Forman) and Snyder's Sadie (ESF/Tammy Chaffee). Oscar's handler wasn't satisfied with his dog at 15 and chose to pick him up early. Sadie is one of the "up-and-comers" on the circuit, a super fancy, young setter that is easy to watch. At 33 Sadie pointed a grouse and tried to reposition causing the bird to fly. The dog didn't respond appropriately to the flush and was picked up.

Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association is committed to the sport of Cover Dog. We will continue to strive to offer the best possible field trial experience to both professional and amateur handlers to showcase the sport's best cover dogs on one of the best trial venues on the circuit. We look forward to seeing you at one of our future trials.

Augusta, Wis., October 5

Judges: Ryan Hough and Ben McKean

WISCONSIN COVER DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]

– 13 Pointers, 33 Setters, 1 Brittany, 4 Irish Setters and 1 German Shorthair
Winner—*MOSS MEADOW SEEKER*, 1676726, setter male, by Moss Meadow Rambler-Moss Meadow Maggie. Ken Moss, owner and handler.
Runner-Up—*NORTHWOODS ATLAS*, 1674557, setter male, by Northwoods Northwoods Nickel. Greg Johnson, owner and handler.

Judges: Bert Benshoof and Bob Wheelock

**OPEN DERBY – 8 Pointers, 4 Setters, 8 Irish Setters
and 4 German Shorthairs**

1st—*OVER THE HILL MORGAN*, 1699010, pointer female, by J T H Scion-Over The Hill Patty. Robert Zielke, owner; Rod Lein, handler.

2d—*OVER THE HILL TRY*, 1699008, pointer female, by J T H Scion-Over The Hill Patty. Rod Lein, owner and handler.

3d—*LITTLE HAWK*, 1698254, setter female, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-War Paint. Paul Cook, owner and handler.



Cover Dog Open Derby Winners (from left): Rod Lein with Over The Hill Morgan, Scott Forman with Over The Hill Try, and Paul Cook with Little Hawk. (Standing, from left): Judge Bert Benshoof and Christy Helmes.

NORTH MISSOURI FIELD TRIAL CLUB

NBHA Fall Trial

By Kevin Western | Martinstown, Missouri | October 8, 2022



Open Shooting Dog Winners (front row, from left): Tim Penn with Penrosa's Hidncash, Kenny Snow with Hey Mr. Tin Man, and Jessica Hann with Charlie's Perfect Angel. (Back row, from left): Judge Scott Beeler, Charlie Beeler, Jim Giles, Kevin Western, Judge Craig Hiatt, and John Hann.

The North Missouri Field Trial Club hosted a fall weekend trial in early October at a new location near Martinstown, Mo. We drew 62 dogs in a loaded field of competitors for both open and amateur stakes. We were pleased to see some new faces as well as some familiar ones. The weather was great, and the grounds were in good shape to show the dogs off. We want to thank all who participated and a big thank you to Tim Penn, Scott Beeler, Craig Hiatt, Jim Giles, and Kevin Western for sitting in the judges' saddles and giving the dogs their full attention. I also want to thank Jim Giles and Charlie Beeler for handling the dog wagon duties and keeping things going.

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sponsorship of the NBHA are much appreciated.

Again, we would like to thank all our sponsors, judges, helpers, and our participants. It is the work, participation, and dedication of all that help make up a great event, making the future look great for the National Bird Hunters Association.

Martinstown, Mo., October 8 – One Course

Judges: Craig Hiatt and Tim Penn

NBHA OPEN PUPPY – 6 Pointers, 1 Setter and 1 German Shorthair

1st—*SONIC BOOM VOM HUBER HAUS*, 1701297, pointer male, by Mac Rhoads-Lacee Jane Elhew Blackhawk. Aaron Travis Patterson, Jr., owner and handler.

2d—*SNOW'S BLACK BETTY*, 1697891, pointer female, by Jimfork's Black River-Jimfork's Sunny Hill Dot. Kenny Snow, owner and handler.

3d—*HACKBERRY BIG*, unreg., pointer male, by Hackberry's Pacman Rock-Deep Creek Katydid. Jerone Boggs, owner and handler.

Judges: Scott Beeler and Craig Hiatt
NBHA OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers, 4 Setters,
1 Irish Setter and 3 German Shorthairs

1st—PENROSA HIDNCASH, 1670954, setter male, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-Penrosa Jane Doe. Tim Penn, owner and handler.
2d—HEY MR. TIN MAN, 1680641, pointer male, by Crazy Train-My Lil Whiskey Girl. Kenny Snow, owner and handler.
3d—CHARLIE'S PERFECT ANGEL, 1691261, German Shorthair female, by Odyssey's Perfect Traveler-Liverhead's Sizzlin Lizz. Clay Benton, owner; John Hann, handler.

Judges: Scott Beeler and Tim Penn
NBHA OPEN DERBY – 5 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—HACKBERRY'S ELHEW FALCO, 1696856, pointer male, by Amarugia Elhew Heir Strike-Rich's Elhew Pepper. Robert Konz & Brian Kennedy, owners; Brian Kennedy, handler.

NBHA AMATEUR PUPPY – 5 Pointers, 1 Setter and 2 German Shorthairs

1st—O B G QUEENIE, unreg., pointer female, by Whippoorwill Wild Agin-Sparkles. Jerenoe Boggs, owner and handler.
2d—SONIC BOOM VOM HUBER HAUS, 1701297, pointer male, by Mac Rhoads-Lacey Jane Elhew Blackhawk. Aaron Travis Patterson, Jr., owner and handler.
3d—HACKBERRY JIT, unreg., pointer male, by Hackberry Packman Rock-Deep Creek Katy Did. Jerone Boggs, owner and handler.

NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers, 4 Setters
and 4 German Shorthairs

1st—SULPHUR BEND FIRESTORM, 1690502, German Shorthair male, by Texas Tuff-Sulphur Bend Inferno. William D. Langley, owner and handler.
2d—CRAIG'S RUNNIN ROXIE, 1665573, pointer female, by Mac's Silver Dollar-Hilo Southern Tea. Craig Hiatt, owner and handler.
3d—SULPHUR BEND INFERNO, 1677047, German Shorthair female, by Sulphur Bend Clown's Jester-Quailhammering Trixie. William D. Langley, owner and handler.

Judges: Tim Penn and Kevin Western

NBHA AMATEUR DERBY – 7 Pointers, 2 Setters and 1 German Shorthair

1st—ELM HILL B'S ROSE, 1697160, setter female, by Beaucoup Creek Buck-Homestead B. Steve & Jerry Fuess, owners; Steve Fuess, handler.
2d—CRAIG'S GEORGIA MAX, 1699217, pointer male, by Bonner's Excalibur-Hirollins Canadian Mist. Craig Hiatt, owner and handler.

Judges: Jim Giles and Kevin Western

NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—PHILLIP'S V LEOPOLD, unreg., German Shorthair male, by Phillips Great White Hope-Fisher's Ruby Anne. Tyler Phillips, owner and handler.
2d—HACKBERRY'S ELHEW AMY, 1694562, pointer female, by Elhew Snack Charm-Hackberry's Elhew Megan. Robert Konz, owner; Brian Kennedy, handler.
3d—LIVERHEAD'S HEBREW EZEKIEL, 1680198, German Shorthair male, by B D K Chloe Jax Of All Trades-Liverheads Jumpin Jackie. Rohrk Cutchlow, owner; Adam Hamilton, handler.

NORTHEASTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Miller's Heat Seeker Wins Title Second Year In A Row; Erin's Big Casino Named Runner-Up

By Tom Gates | East Windsor, Connecticut | October 10, 2022

The 64th renewal of the Northeastern Open Championship commenced October 10 at the popular Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Area in East Windsor, Conn. The time-honored event attracted 45 well-qualified entries from the Eastern United States.

Chairman Gene Casale needs no introduction. Taking the reins of this championship from his father, Hall-of-Famer Eugene Casale, Gene has run almost 20 renewals of this prestigious event, attracting the best dogs in the Eastern United States. I'm personally proud to work with him here, and twice a year when we conduct the Central Connecticut Bird Dog Club trials on these grounds. Another fantastic renewal; thank you, Gene.

The club is fortunate to have Purina as its sponsor. Purina's continued support in running this event for decades is deeply appreciated and acknowledges why their products are the #1 choice here in New England. A special thank you to Greg Blair from Purina who has become the champion of major circuit bird dog field trials in the Northeast. A great guy to say the least and a great dog food.

Breakfast and lunches were served by Sue Way. Sue has been a huge part of our Connecticut field trial crew for over 30 years. Her food truck business always took a step aside to help our trials. Thank you, Sue. Monday evening saw an outstanding offering of chicken parmesan, stuffed shells, pasta, and salad served with homemade rolls by Pam Casale, aided by daughters Anna and Heather. Additionally, apple crisps with ice cream were served for dessert, making the evening complete.

John Olfson of the Association of New England Field Trial Clubs then presented "Dog of the Year" awards. The Open Derby was won by Steel Valley Raven, handler Jeanette Tracy, with owners Brian Sanchez, Lisa Pollock, and Ted Foust. Open All-Age was won by Raag's Rich and Rare, handled by Mike Tracy, and owned by John Ivester. The Open Shooting Dog went to Miller's Heat Seeker, handled by George and Mike Tracy, and owned by Bill and Muriel Primm, Jack and Fran Miller, and Dennis Hood. An extremely nice plaque was awarded to each.

Tuesday evening Pam Casale was back with another huge handlers' dinner offering. Lasagna, stuffed shells, meatballs, and salad greeted a couple of dozen hungry guests. Cake and ice cream were served for dessert. Wednesday, Pam served leftovers for dinner (there was enough food to feed 100 people!). Thank you, Pam, you're the best.

This event could not take place without the dedicated help of David O'Brien. There is not one task that Dave didn't master. Thank you, sir. Anna Casale and her boyfriend Kevin aided in bird liberation. Again, thank you both! It was also great to have John Olfson, Dick Frawley, Tony Forte, Rich Anselmo, Amilcar Pereira, Rich Garini, and Brian Santos (and his family) at the event.

The state-owned grounds are managed by the Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Association. Dick Frawley, President of the Association, has transformed the area over the past several years. Upgrades to the clubhouse, bird room, and horse corral were augmented with a ground improvement plan. The course was perfect again this year. It was immediately evident to me that extensive mowing and culvert work has transformed many of the wet areas into great edges and objectives. This transformation was not accomplished or maintained by luck or a chance happening. The Association works very closely with Ann Kilpatrick of Connecticut DEEP, a hero in field trial circles. She truly understands our needs and supports us completely. A champion in her own right is our opinion. Thank you, Ann.

You need great judges for a great championship, and we had the best. Tom Tracy from Lebanon, Conn., and Tom Stargell of Scottsville, Va., officiated this year's renewal. I've known Tom Tracy for about 50 years. I've judged with him, placed his champion dog, and witnessed him become the best bird dog man in the Northeast. Tom Stargell has judged dozens of major championships nationally. He is a true southern gentleman. Having judged my share over many decades, I watch and evaluate judges just as I watch and evaluate dogs. I must say that these two men were the best judging team that I have ever seen. They defined what a championship judge should be. From establishing the pace of the breakaway on Monday



Northeastern Open Championship Winners (from left): George Tracy with Miller's Heat Seeker and Janet Hinkle with Erin's Big Casino. (Standing, from left): Jeanette Tracy, Tom Gates, Alene LeVasseur, Rich Garini, Judge Tom Stargell, Gene Casale, Judge Tom Tracy, Mike Tracy, and Casey Hollander.

to knowing where to put their horse on a find, these men continued to complement each other's moves all week. A sincere thank you to both.

It was a classic New England October week. The leaves were turning, the red and orange oak and maple leaves were outstanding. Temperatures in the 60 to 75 degrees range each day. A 10-minute shower on Thursday morning produced the only clouds that we saw all week.

Sidenote: When going into the motel on Monday night Tom Stargell put his coat on a trash barrel while getting out his key card. Upon picking up his jacket he was met by a large skunk about a foot away. Being a southern gentleman, Tom bid the skunk good evening and slipped away without getting sprayed! I'm glad that he didn't get sprayed because we Yankees would have changed his name to Stinky Stargell!

The Winners

Miller's Heat Seeker was named champion from an extremely competitive field for the second year in a row. Handled by George Tracy, the awesome white and orange pointer male's performance only brings one word to mind: spectacular. Seeing him run Monday in the fourth brace is the reason that I come to field trials. It was truly a thrill! This eight-time champion with four runners-up titles is destined for the Hall of Fame. Heat Seeker is one in a million. He certainly makes you stand up in the saddle! Owned by Bill and Muriel Primm, Jack and Fran Miller, and Dennis Hood, Heat Seeker was a sight to see this day. Braced with Smoke N Mirrors (Matt Basilone) in the fourth brace on Monday, it was evident from the breakaway that this brace was special. Heat Seeker is nice moving. His race just got better and better as time went on. He slammed into point at 9 exhibiting a lofty stance. Smoke N Mirrors had a single, some 50 yards away. At 15 both dogs were found standing a covey. At 23 point was called again for each dog in separate locations. Smoke N Mirrors, a nice fast-moving pointer male, carded his last find at 34. Heat Seeker, charging the course, added singles at 35, 48, and 55 with unbelievable intensity pointing at each find. George pointed out Heat Seeker at finish time taking an edge, just a speck in the distance. You'll never see a better ground race at this venue.

Runner-up laurels went to Erin's Big Casino, handled by Mike Tracy, and owned by Paul Berdiner. Big Casino is a larger-than-life magnificent English setter that is just starting his career. Many braces were going birdless on Tuesday, but that changed in the 12th brace. Away at 2:30 p.m., Big Casino was braced with Miller's Flowers and Lace (George Tracy). Big Casino, a handsome setter male, is an eye-catcher for sure. You could see

his poker straight tail above the grass of the mowed strips as he ate up the course. Both dogs were found standing at 10 with a single quail. Casino was intense, pointing on his tiptoes. Flowers and Lace pointed at 15 with Big Casino having a find some 100 yards in front. Flowers and Lace had her last find at 20 with good style pointing. Big Casino registered covey finds at 23 and 40. Adding a single at 43, he put it in high gear showing super endurance, and was found standing at 59. Awesome ground race!

Big Casino has been a consistent winner for Paul Berdiner. In addition to many weekend placements, Big Casino has logged two Futurity placements, won the Guard Rail Open Shooting Dog Classic in 2021 (on these grounds), and annexed the champion title at the Keystone Championship earlier this year.

Three dogs with exceptional performances, very close to the winners, earned an honorable mention: Steel Valley Raven, Bittersweet War Cry, and Miller's Lock and Loaded. All had championship quality performances.

I have known George Tracy for nearly 50 years. To me, George Tracy is to field trials what Tom Brady is to football, the G.O.A.T. (greatest of all time). This was George Tracy's 20th title win of this event in the 51 years that he has supported the Northeastern Championship. To date, George has won 208 championships and has 172 runners-up. He has also produced two champion trainers/handlers—Mike and Jeanette. Mike has amassed 142 championship wins and 109 runners-up; Jeanette has recorded 6 championship wins and 16 runners-up titles. Congratulations to George and his wife, Mary!

The Running

Brace 1: Miller's Million Dollar Penny (PF/Mike Tracy) with Harbor City Sure Shot (Matt Basilone). Penny had a quail find at 8. This was her only bird work. Sure Shot racked up four nice quail finds at 9, 22, 30, and 50. This hard-driving pointer finished the hour driving on the right edge far to the front.

Brace 2: Calico's Sky's the Limit (PF/George Tracy) with Bittersweet War Cry (PM/Mike Tracy). Limit was flying when she swapped ends for a single at 8; this was her only bird work. War Cry went bird hunting, carding six stylish finds at 8, 15, 25, 37, 43, and 54. His animated gait and purposeful application were complemented by a very strong race, wanting to go another 30 minutes. Nice job!

Brace 3: R Q's Saddle (PM/Jeanette Tracy) with Cheyenne Jack (PM/Mike Tracy). This brace was off to the races! Both dogs ran big and were eventually lost. Too bad, as they both looked great going.

Brace 4 was covered.

Brace 5: Pine Straw Sweet Tea (ESF/Jeanette Tracy) with Waybetter Rocky (PM/Mike Tracy). Both dogs had quail finds in separate locations at 8. Sweet Tea backed a staunch-standing Rocky at 14; all in good order. The eye-catching black and white setter added finds at 19 and 27 with Rocky backing her at 19. Rocky's workman-like effort was rewarded additionally at 27 and 38. He carded an elusive single at 48 after a good relocation.

Brace 6: The Secret (PM/Jeanette Tracy) with Southpoint's Hog Wild (PM/Mike Tracy). Off at 4:00 p.m., Secret backed bracemate at 9 with all in good order. Hog Wild was on fire, scoring again at 13, 24, and 43, with a long relocation on the last. With a couple of finds, Secret might have been in contention.

Brace 7: Miller's Automatic Upgrade (PM/George Tracy) with Hauser's Rollin Thunder (PM/Mike Tracy). This brace was off at 10:00 Tuesday morning after an extended fog delay. This pointer male duo attacked the course with fire and purpose. Upgrade traded ends at 10 for a single with Thunder displaying a very stylish back. Both dogs logged another quail find at 15 in separate locations.

Brace 8: Miller's War Bonnet (PM/Mike Tracy) with Saddle



(Mounted, from left): Judges Tom Tracy and Tom Stargell.



(Standing, from left): Mike Tracy and George Tracy.

Ridge Thunder (ESM/Jeanette Tracy). This pointer and setter brace were loosed at 10:58 with a huge breakaway. Both were lost to the front; unfortunate as they were stylish, pretty running dogs. A foot race had ensued between dogs, but they were collected up after a 15-minute absence.

Brace 9: High Drive Fancy Pants (PF/George Tracy) with Faithful (PF/Mike Tracy). Fancy Pants was an excellent moving dog scoring a stylish find at 14, his only bird contact. Faithful blasted out at the start and made a turn at 4 toward the Dearborn property, not to be seen again.

Brace 10: Jolene Jolene (PF/Mike Tracy) with Miller's Strolling for Gold (PF/George Tracy). The two pointer females were huge going. Nice ground application, but eventually being lost.

Brace 11: Steel City Avenger (PM/Jeanette Tracy) with Miller's High Heat Index (PM/Mike Tracy). Both dogs were out of sight in an instant at breakaway. Heat Index was found standing a covey at 24 with admirable style and manners. He again disappeared and neither dog was seen again.

Brace 12 was covered.

Brace 13: Iron Bully (PM/Mike Tracy) with Fort River's Lucky Charm (ESM/Matt Basilone). Gary Traverse was on hand to watch his exciting setter, Lucky Charm, run for Matt. Both dogs were found standing at 12 sharing a small covey. More than admirable style and manners for both. Bully added singles at 25 and 34 while Lucky Charm was lost to the front.

Brace 14: Miller's Extreme Heat (PF/Mike Tracy) with Steel City Alabama (PM/Matt Basilone). Away at 8:06 a.m. on Wednesday, this was a very exciting brace. Both dogs were found standing high and tight at 9 with a covey well located. Alabama was fast and purposeful on the ground. The classy pointer swapped ends at 15 for a single. He then recorded a small covey at 25. Mike Tracy called point at 16 for Extreme Heat with a great off-course taking. When flushed, the quail flew right over the dog's head, but she remained like a statue. Strong driving effort.

Brace 15: Miller's Record Heat (PF/Mike Tracy) with Miller's Special Cinderella (PF/George Tracy). Record Heat was classy going with a very cracking tail. It's very evident that this dog was excited, happy, and having a good time in sync with the handler. She had an intense find at 8 and added a nice covey find at 18. Cinderella was all class and a fireball off the line at breakaway. Her race got bigger and bigger and was finally lost to the front.

Brace 16: Miller's Lock and Loaded (PM/George Tracy) with Steel Valley Raven (PF/Jeanette Tracy). Loaded ran a big race with more than adequate style. He scored a single in good order at 8. He added another great quail single at 16. Both dogs were found

standing at 35. After the relocation of both dogs, a single lifted as both handlers fired. Loaded finished with a good find at 53. Raven added finds at 49 and 51 with the judge saying Raven ran "a classic shooting dog race." It was a perfect brace to ride!

Brace 17: Trumped (PM/Mike Tracy) with Triple Nickel Carbon Copy (ESM/Matt Basilone). Trumped is one of those young dogs that you would like to take home with you. Awesome on the ground, he was found standing in an island of trees at 8 with Carbon Copy backing the intense point. This was his only find. Carbon Copy was animated and fast-moving. The setter was found buried in the cover standing a single at 13, nice find. He added a small covey at 27 with intense style.

Brace 18: Bully Rock (PM/Mike Tracy) with Double M's Smokin Gun (PM/George Tracy). Bully Rock was a hard charger. He has a huge amount of drive and character on the ground, carrying a high snappy tail. At 13 he traded ends for a single, all in good order. His last find was at 29 with a relocation on a feisty single. Smokin Gun is a great dog to ride. The classy pointer has everything you want to see on the ground. Unfortunately on this day, there were no birds to be found.

Brace 19: Ragg's Rich and Rare (PM/Mike Tracy) with Miller's Southern Gossip (PF/George Tracy). Mike was unable to produce a bird at 8 over a lofty stance for Ragg. A nice little covey was flushed for the intense pointing dog at 18. A repeat at 27 was the last bird recorded for a fine-running dog. Southern Gossip was another great running and stylish dog that just couldn't connect with a bird in the hot afternoon.

Brace 20: Miller's Blazing Hot Chick (PF/George Tracy) with Bronco Bully (PM/Mike Tracy). The last brace of the day saw Hot Chick card a big covey at 8 with an immense amount of style pointing. Like a statue at flush, the female pointer made you look at her with envious eyes. She locked up at 13 with a wary single. Bronco Bully, a favorite of many here, took a right turn at 3 and headed out to the Dearborn property. The snappy dog was not recovered in contention.

Brace 21: Waybetter Rebel (PM/Mike Tracy) with Hillhavyn's Wild Child (PF/Jeanette Tracy). Thursday morning we were hard-pressed to get a bird pointed. I was seeing good coveys at all locations, but dogs weren't able to connect. This brace was hard to keep from being lost, requiring a fair amount of scouting as dogs weren't stopped on birds. Nice running pointers with plenty of desire, but no birds.

Brace 22: Reedy Creek Dial Tone (PM/Mike Tracy) with Miller's Upgrading the Ante (PF/George Tracy). This pointer pair were pretty moving on the ground, but again birdless.

Brace 23: Answered Prayers (PM/Mike Tracy)—bye dog. The prayers weren't answered this day. A nice pointer male, Prayers locked up at 13 with incredible intensity, a statue at flush. A forward hunting race was not rewarded with Prayers making a long edge running cast at the end.

**East Windsor, Conn., October 10 – One Course
Judges: Tom Stargell and Tom Tracy
NORTHEASTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 40 Pointers and 5 Setters**

Winner—MILLER'S HEAT SEEKER, 1674886, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. William & Muriel Primm, Dennis Hood, Fran & Jack Miller, owners; George Tracy, handler.

Runner-Up—ERIN'S BIG CASINO, 1682928, setter male, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-Three Stripe's Livewire. Paul Berdiner, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

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Chronicled below is an excerpt from the 57th Northeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship run in 2015. Margaret Drew, of Hoffman, N. C., reported the event and included an incredible history of the championship.

Margaret is a gifted and experienced writer, who has reported hundreds of trials, championships, and futurities. I believe that her reporting talent is derived from her expert knowledge of field trials, bird dogs, and the fact that she rides every single brace. Margaret and her husband Earl have also had a successful field trial career with hundreds of placements and championship wins to their credit. To me, Margaret's coverage of trials is equal/comparable to that of Everett Skeehan and Frank Foss.

Northeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship History

Margaret C. Drew, Hoffman, NC

The Northeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship was first organized by Gordon Engford and some friends as an all-age championship dating back to 1958, first as a walking stake and then becoming a horseback all-age until 1985. Since then, it has been a horseback shooting dog championship. That event was run at the popular Pelton's Pasture, now known as the Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial and Wildlife Area in East Windsor, Conn. For 27 years this championship was titled an all-age championship, running at the Flaherty Field Trial and Wildlife Area until 1980. One exception to this occurred in 1977 when a harvesting equipment failure left unharvested crops at the East Windsor fields and the championship was moved at the eleventh hour to Pomfret, Conn., for that one year.

I am told that in the late 70s a decline in participation and available help led to a new committee being formed. This committee became very active, gained support from area field trialers and business sponsors, as well as moving the venue to what is termed the Glastonbury Meadows. Among those active in this strengthening movement were Phil Fogg, Gene Casale, Sr., Bill Hyland, Jim Magotta, Rich Anselmo, Tom Tracy, Rich Garini, and Don Gustafson. Joining these men were Dave O'Brien and Jim Disabato. In the fall of 1980, the Northeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship moved to Glastonbury Meadows, in Glastonbury, Conn. These 600 acres are located about 23 miles from the East Windsor Flaherty Field Trial Area. Here the grounds had no facilities, aside from a huge tent brought in by the committee, under which everyone took shelter from the weather, club members cooking great meals, along with breakfast sandwiches. These meadows are floodplain fields used for farming. As you rode you stepped over eggplant, tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, and squash, not to mention finding pheasant hiding among the remaining corn stalks. These fields were bounded on one side by the Connecticut River and the rest of the course crossed and winded around crop fields and a small, wooded area along the river.

The entrance to the grounds was a dirt road off Main Street in Glastonbury, a very old, historic area with nice houses. This meadows roadway passed between several houses in the developed

neighborhood before reaching the back croplands. I can distinctly remember my first trip to Glastonbury, arriving late in the afternoon and my husband assuring me that I had recorded the wrong directions as we made our way down this roadway, which seemed to be getting more narrow, less developed and had no place to turn around with a horse trailer. Luckily, we met a man jogging who assured us that we were not lost and that we would see the trailers at the next opening. The course here was very open, except for two areas, and I mostly remember that the last 20 minutes had a long edge and if you expected to win, your dog better take it and be found standing at the end.

In 1986 the Northeastern Championship was renamed the Northeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship and continued to be held each fall in the Glastonbury Meadows until October 2005 when several days of severe storms caused the Connecticut River to flood the fields used by the championship. As the waters began to rise, area field trialers became alarmed when George Tracy and Gene Jr. arrived on Monday morning and found water covering the meadows roadway. As most trailers were still attached to the trucks, Luke Eisenhart started farmer Butch Bottosello's tractor and started pulling out the trucks and trailers. Dave O'Brien went to Gene Jr.'s house and returned with a rowboat to assist with mobility as the men attempted to get vehicles and animals to higher ground. Gene Casale, Sr., and Jr., did not have their trailers attached to their trucks as they had used their vehicles to travel home the evening before. By the time the Casale trailers were pulled out, the water was halfway up the sides, and the gooseneck hitch was 6 inches below the water. With the use of a borrowed three-point hitch, the tractor was able to haul these trailers out. When the final horses were led to safety, the water was halfway up their bellies. Dog and horse dishes, as well as water tubs, were floating everywhere. Although trailer interiors, leather, and food supplies were soaked, no loss of vehicle or life was incurred due to the fast thinking and cooperation of the handlers and trial committee. With special help from Rich Garini, the state of Connecticut, and the Flaherty Field Trial Association, the trial was relocated to Flaherty Field Trial Area where it remains to this day.

For those not familiar with the Flaherty Field Trial Grounds, it is a managed wildlife area consisting of about 200 acres. These lands are maintained as wildlife habitats for shrubland, grassland fields, woodlands, and wetlands. The original purchases and plans prescribed that these lands would be for wildlife and field trial events. Maintenance of these acres is closely coordinated by the state and the Flaherty Field Trial Association. For these reasons, the Northeastern has remained at Flaherty Field Trial and Wildlife Area where it began, as well as immediately preceding the New England Shooting Dog Futurity making for less travel and easy access to hotels and restaurants.

At Flaherty, there is the modern clubhouse, running water, and heat when needed, as it often is at this October time period. These state facilities have a good clubhouse, much safe parking with ample room for trailers, horses, and dogs, not to mention a birdhouse separate from the clubhouse. Oh, and a fenced-in area to watch much of the running, complete with an outside pavilion. For this 2015 season, the state had mowed many wide pathways throughout the area, providing easy access for dogs and handlers, as well as scouts. The area is well used by hunt test groups, AKC, and horseback field trials; therefore, accounting for many birds, quail, chukar, and pheasant all being seen and pointed.

Let's get back to the Northeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship's factual history. Records reveal that from 1958 thru 1963 some records are missing; however, it is noted that Earl Crangle, Dr. A. H. Nitchman, Fred Arant, and Phil Brousseau were winning handlers in these early years. Earl won the inaugural championship with Rumson Farm Hayride. Dr. A. H. Nitchman repeated the win in 1959 and 1960 with Magnum. Not until 2000 and 2001 did another dog pull back-to-back wins when Calico

Kennel's Calico's Future Force won the championship under the whistle of George Tracy. Again, in 2005 and 2006, Brad Bonnetti's Grid Iron repeated the feat with Luke Eisenhart. This is the year that the Northeastern returned to be run at the Flaherty Field Trial and Wildlife Area. Several dogs have earned the runner-up title in back-to-back years, as well as Lucky Country Boy, owned by C. A. Lefler, winning in 1980 and again in 1982 with George Tracy. Remember, the 1980 event was the first held at Glastonbury Meadows. The year 1981 was won by Mr. Motion for Joe Crowley with Bruce Jacobs.

Not to be overlooked in these spectacular achievements is the 1990, 1991, and 1992 winner, Rail's Princess, owned by Earl and Margaret Drew, and handled by Bruce Jacobs. As far as I can tell, Rail's Princess is the only dog to win the New England Futurity, and then go on to sweep the Northeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship and the New England Open Championship the next year. She did not stop there, returning in 1991 and 1992 to win the Northeastern Open Championship again, while taking the runner-up

position at the New England Open these same years. (Back then, the Northeastern awarded a unique wooden clock with bird dogs as hour markers to the champion. The Drews have two of these clocks in their Hoffman, N. C. home, and a third a few miles away at Bruce Jacob's house.)

The Northeastern Championship has been supported by many handlers over its 57 years. Wins went to Earl Crangle, and Gerald Tracy in 1970 and 1980, as well as George Tracy 16 different years. George's first championship was at the Northeastern in 1971 with Larry Lotz's Trachaven Blitz following in his father's footsteps. Bruce Jacobs has five wins; Harold Ray, Mike Tracy, and Luke Eisenhart share four wins each. Steve Merton had two wins, as did Nitchman. Among those handlers with one win are Fred Arant, Phil Brousseau, Bill Conlin, Thelmer Page, Arthur Bean, Pete Hicks, Mike Hester, Matt Basilone, and Jeanette Tracy. Jim Disabato was the breeder, owner, and handler of pointer female Precious Metal, the winner in 1988. Also, a winning owner and handler combination went to Bob Abric in 1986 with his pointer male Rail's Bo.

NORTHWEST CHUKAR CHAMPIONSHIPS & NATIONAL AMATEUR CHUKAR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

By Jeremy Skousen | Payette, Idaho | October 10, 2022



Northwest Chukar Open All-Age Championship Winners (back row, from left): Laurie Auckenthaler, Judge Bill Owen, Jim Ledington, Mark Kirkland, Terry Erickson, and Judge Jeremy Skousen. (Front row, from left): Austin Turley, Scout Alex Mauck with Touch's Amazing Greyce, Scout Talmage Smedley with B K Damascus Sureshot, Sergio Velez, and Bridget Ledington.

“This is a wonderful place to run bird dogs,” a statement made during the running of the all-age championship and there isn't a better way to convey the venue. Prairie Wind Ranch sits about 20 miles outside of Payette, Idaho, and hosted many fall trials this year for many different organizations. The extremely dry summer was evident in the dust kicked up by dogs and horses, but the cover and bird numbers had both benefited from a wet late spring.

Boise Valley Pointing Dog Club would like to thank Keith and Bobbi Richardson for the use of the grounds and the many amenities, and also offer a thank you to all those involved for all the work before, during, and after the trial concluded. Special thank you to Mark Kirkland and Phil Bowden for driving the dog truck and keeping water and refreshments available to all and being punctual and fluid with the delivery of the dogs. Thank you to Anita Robertson for the lunches and Kris Wall for helping with dinners,

and both for everything else they just pitch in and do. The Boise Valley Pointing Dog Club would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to Purina, SportDOG, and Garmin for their continued sponsorship of these trials.

Northwest Chukar Open All-Age Championship

The well-deserved 2022 Northwest Chukar Open All-Age champion was Touch's Amazing Greyce, owned and handled by Austin Turley, with a forward and consistent all-age race that also included some exciting moves high up above the course searching for birds, and a big finish. The runner-up was B K Damascus Sureshot, owned and handled by Sergio Velez, with three finds on chukars throughout the hour and a fine finish hunting well to the front. The judges for the all-age championship were Bill Owen and Jeremy Skousen and were in complete agreement on the winners.



Northwest Chukar Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (back row, from left): Kris Wall, Judge Bridget Ledington, Bill Owen, Terry Erickson, Ed Mayhew, Jim Ledington, Talmage Smedley, Phil Bowden, and Barratt Gorshe. (Front row, from left): Scout Alex Mauck with Charlie's Zip Tie, Handler Brian Gingrich, Scout Matt Blockovich with C K Post Route Scout, and Sergio Velez.



Larry Brech Memorial Open Derby Classic Winners (back row, from left): Matt Blockovich, Phil Bowden, Barratt Gorshe, Terry Erickson, Jim Ledington, Ed Mayhew, Ryan Marriot, and Nick Schade. (Front row, from left): Judges Bridget Ledington and Jim Ledington, Handler Sergio Velez, Scout Talmage Smedley with BK Unforgiven, Handler Austin Turley with Touch's Diamante, Scout Bill Owen with Mauck's Wyeast Molly, Alex Mauck, and Kris Wall.

Payette, Ida., October 11

Judges: Bill Owen and Jeremy Skousen

NORTHWEST CHUKAR OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 11 Pointers and 9 Setters

Winner—TOUCH'S AMAZING GREYCE, 1693629, pointer female, by Touch's Grey Street-Intentional. Austin Turley, owner and handler.
 Runner-Up—B K DAMASCUS SURESHOT, 1671685, pointer female, by Wiggins Elhew Damascus-Wiggins Mis Tres. Sergio Velez, owner and handler.

Northwest Chukar Open Shooting Dog Championship

The 2022 Northwest Chukar champion was Charlie's Zip Tie, owned and handled by Bill Owen. Zip had three finds with a stylish forward race. Runner-up champion was C K Post Route Scout, handled by Brian Gingrich. Scout had two finds with a nice shooting dog race. The judges for this stake were Talmage Smedley and Bridget Ledington.

Judges: Bridget Ledington and Talmage Smedley

NORTHWEST CHUKAR OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 20 Entries

Winner—CHARLIE'S ZIP TIE, 1686445, setter male, by Northwoods Charles-Gertrude. Bill Owen, owner and handler.
 Runner-Up—C K POST ROUTE SCOUT, 1663076, Vizsla female, by CK Touchdown Guy-Vanguard's Make Her Mark. Jim Gingrich, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.

The Larry Brech Memorial Open Derby

The Larry Brech Memorial Open Derby was held in between the championships and first place was BK Unforgiven, owned by Sam Handous and handled by Sergio Velez. Second place was Carbonado's Wilberg, owned by Ben DeJonge and handled by Austin Turley. Third place was Mauck's Wyeast Molly, owned and handled by Alex Mauck.

Judges: Bridget Ledington and Jim Ledington

LARRY BRECH MEMORIAL OPEN DERBY – 16 Entries

1st—BK UNFORGIVEN, 1699366, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-B K Northwest Express. Sam Handous, owner; Sergio Velez, handler.
 2d—CARBONADO'S WILBERG, 1698041, pointer male, by Touch's Diamante-Empire On Line. Ben DeJonge, owner; Austin Turley, handler.
 3d—MAUCK'S WYEST MOLLY, 1699454, setter female, by P W Sunrise-High Prairie Gypsy. Alex Mauck, owner and handler.

National Amateur Chukar Shooting Dog Championship

The National Amateur Chukar Shooting Dog Championship was held over the weekend in combination with the Northwest Chukar Championships. The 2022 National Amateur Chukar champion was Painted Owyhee Breeze, owned and handled by Bridget Ledington. Breeze had a couple of finds and a very smooth and consistent hour. She hunted the course as a seasoned bird dog would and pleased the judges. Runner-up champion was S B Always Dreamin, owned and handled by Bill Owen. She had one mannerly find and pushed the

limits of the shooting dog course, with wide and powerful casts.

Jim and Bridget Ledington chaired the trials, and they ran smoothly and efficiently. Everyone appreciates the time and effort it takes to put on a trial and should be commended. The trial was well attended, with some of the "usual suspects" and some handlers there for the first time.

During the trials, birds were seen on every brace, and every dog had the opportunity to find liberated and wild birds. The rocks, big hills, and tough scenting conditions required the dogs to have grit and the unquenching desire to find birds. Getting to watch them while riding a smooth walking horse is a gift that a select few get to enjoy.

Judges: Mike Mathews and Sergio Velez

NATIONAL AMATEUR CHUKAR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 20 Entries

Winner—PAINTED OWYHEE BREEZE, 1669636, pointer female, by Utah's Redrock Express-Little Willow Aaron. Bridget & Jim Ledington, owners; Bridget Ledington, handler.
 Runner-Up—S B ALWAYS DREAMIN, 1679868, pointer female, by Rivertons Funseek'n Scooter-Touch's J Class. Bill Owen, owner and handler.



National Amateur Chukar Shooting Dog Championship Winners (back row, from left): Terry Erickson, Sharon Bowden, Mark Kirkland, Matt Blockovich, Bill Owen, Ed Mayhew, and Chris Perkins. (Front row, from left): Judge Sergio Velez, Bridget Ledington, Scout Jim Ledington with Painted Owyhee Breeze, Lacie Precht, Kris Wall, Scout Alex Mauck with S B Always Dreamin, Courtney B., Margaret Horstmeyer, and Judge Mike Mathews.

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INTERNATIONAL PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP

Lester's Storm Chaser Named Champion; Mr. Arkansas Wins Tom Honecker Memorial Derby

By William S. Smith | Berea, Kentucky | October 14, 2022



International Pheasant Championship Winners (front row, from left): Gary Lester, Korry Reinhart with Lester's Storm Chaser, and Fred Corder with Game Heir. (Back row, from left): Joy Lester, Judge Ross Leonard, Tim Hammons, and Judge Scott Little.

The International Pheasant Championship was first contested in Baldwinsville, N. Y. It ran there for many years before a change of venue took it to Killdeer Plains for a considerable time. That venue became inaccessible for horseback field trials when horses were judged to be “detrimental to the grounds.” The clubhouse, barns, and corrals were bulldozed down before the ink dried on the termination paper, ensuring that field trials would never be allowed there again.

The trial was dormant until Dr. Fred Corder of Corinth, Miss., took control of the trial after his friend, Tom Honecker, passed away suddenly in March 2010. Trial headquarters were moved to Dresden, Ohio, where the trial was held on reclaimed strip-mined grounds. Dresden was a challenging venue with little mowing done to the courses and high, dense vegetation. The steep hills were a test of stamina for dog, horse, and man. With few amenities from the Ohio Wildlife Department, entries declined to the point that it was not feasible to continue in Dresden. The trial was not conducted for a couple of years until the trial was resurrected in 2021 in Berea, Ky., at the Central Kentucky Wildlife Management Area.

The International Championship is the first of a “double header” followed by the National Pheasant Championship that begins after the International Pheasant Championship/Tom Honecker Memorial Derby.

The Kentucky Field Trial Association hosted the event again this year. Members of the Association are Buster and Pam Tucker and Tim and Kris Hammons. The trial was sponsored by the Pheasant Championship Club. Dr. Fred Corder is the President of the club and Andy Cline is the Secretary/Treasurer. Mike Jackson and your scribe are Directors of the club. Dr. Corder is the driving force behind this championship and the accompanying derby stake. He has extended a great effort to ensure the continuation and success of these trials.

The trial is a points trial for the Purina Top Dog Award and the Purina Handler of the Year Award, and it is also a National Championship qualifier.

Our appreciation goes to Purina for underwriting the trial ad, for donating Pro Plan to the winners, and for sponsoring a Purina dinner on Saturday evening, October 15. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Many thanks go to SportDOG for donating a model 2525 electronic collar for the champion and a model 1825 electronic collar for the runner-up. Their sponsorship is greatly valued.

Pam Tucker prepared sausage biscuits, bite-size French toast, and link sausage that were available from the dog wagon between the first and second braces every morning. She also provided her signature snack—fried apple pies—which were the crème de la crème of all snacks. Needless to say, everyone looked forward to the end of the first brace.

Local resident Charlie Jackson piloted the dog wagon and also flagged at the road crossings. Charlie's first stop was Pam's house every morning to pick up the day's fare. In addition to the snacks, Charlie had hot coffee, cold drinks, and water available for the choosing. Charlie was always where he was needed, and his service was not without notice.

Buster Tucker and Tim Hammons began their day long before daylight to release the pheasants. A total of thirty pheasants were released for the trial. Additionally, they performed the duties of scouts and course marshals. They were always busy doing something to ensure the trial ran without any hitches. Their efforts were appreciated.

Scott Little from Clarksville, Tenn., and Ross Leonard from Chatsworth, Ga., officiated the stake. Both men have many years of

field trial experience. They rode at a pace that enabled the handlers to show their dogs and gave their attention to each entry. Their diligence reflected their desire to “get it right.”

Seventeen pointers and one red setter were entered to challenge for the championship

Lester’s Storm Chaser, handled by Gary Lester for owner Janie Chapman, emerged as the new International Pheasant champion. He ran in the first brace and set the bar with a nice pheasant find at 44. His race was pleasing, as he used all of the course and then some. Game Heir, owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder, was awarded the runner-up spot. The only thing that separated the two was the fact that Heir was credited with two quail finds, but the champion must have a pheasant find and Heir did not meet that requirement.

The International Pheasant Championship began on Friday morning, October 14 under a cloudless azure sky. It was 44 degrees when the call to “turn ‘em loose” was heard.

The Running

Brace 1: Dunn’s Sneak’n In (Will Dunn) and Lester’s Storm Chaser (Gary Lester). The brace kicked off at 8:35. The conditions seemed perfect for a good day of hunting. The temperature was 44 degrees with a brisk breeze blowing. Sneak’n In scored a barren stand at 35 and was picked up at 48. Chaser was credited with an unproductive stand at 7 after a relocation attempt. He had a pheasant find at 44 and a find on a quail bevy at 55.

Brace 2: Knight’s Little John (Gary Lester) and Rocky River Loaded (Phil Stevenson). Both dogs were picked up at 49 without the benefit of any bird work.

Brace 3: Game Heir (Fred Corder) and Broken Halo (Phil Stevenson). Heir had a quail find at 22 and 29. He also had a barren stand at 54; Halo was on the board first with a covey find at 10. Stevenson took the retrieval device at 54 after an extended absence by Halo.

Brace 4: Lester’s Shockwave (Gary Lester) and Casey Creek Crystal Ice (Buster Tucker). Shockwave had a quail find at 11 after a searching relocation and a find on a single quail at 28. Crystal had a quail find at 4 and an unproductive stand at 52. She was picked up after her barren stand.

Brace 5: Game Rebel (Fred Corder) and Dunn’s Ever’n Onward (Will Dunn). Rebel was out of contention because of a medical issue. Onward suffered an unproductive at 4 and Dunn asked for the retrieval device at 46.

Brace 6: Morgan’s Yellow Leadbetter (Phil Stevenson) and Excalibur’s Ice Blade (Gary Lester). Leadbetter had a very pretty back at 25 and a quail find at 40. Ice Blade had a quail find at 25.

Brace 7: Imagine (Matt Pendergest) and Lester’s Storm Surge (Gary Lester). Imagine had a pheasant find at 35. He backed his bracemate at 55. He had a quail find at 57 and finished the hour with another pheasant find at 59. Surge performed a back at 35. He had a quail find at 55 and backed Imagine at 57.

Brace 8: Lester’s Boss Man (Gary Lester) and Game Wardon (Fred Corder). Man scored a quail find at 49 and finished the hour. Wardon was not suiting Corder and he was up at 15

Brace 9: Red setter Little More Shine (Tim Hammons) and Pendency’s Good Grace (Matt Pendergest). Shine was given credit for a quail find at 10 and for a pheasant at 20 and a second pheasant at 50. Grace was up at 26 after some extended absences.



Tom Honecker Memorial Open Derby Winners (front row, from left): Mike Lemons with Mr. Arkansas, Korry Reinhart with Mayfield Storm Charger, and Dr. Fred Corder with Game Cake. (Back row, from left): Gary Lester, and Judges William Smith and Mike Jackson.

Berea, Ky., October 14

**Judges: Ross Leonard and Scott Little
INTERNATIONAL PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 18 Pointers and 1 Irish Setter**

Winner—LESTER’S STORM CHASER, 1697205, pointer male, by Lester’s Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Janie Chapman, owner; Gary Lester, handler.
Runner-Up—GAME HEIR, 1691409, pointer male, by Dominator’s Rebel Heir-Game Snow. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

Tom Honecker Memorial Open Derby

Thirteen pointers were drawn to compete. The derby stake is an American Derby Invitational Championship points trial. Six of the contestants were sired by Lester’s Storm Surge.

The stake began mid-morning on Saturday, October 15, and concluded that afternoon. The stake was judged by Mike Jackson of Battle Ground, Ind., and your scribe. All placements were awarded based on race and all-age potential.

Judges: Mike Jackson and William Smith

TOM HONECKER MEMORIAL DERBY – 13 Pointers

1st—MR. ARKANSAS, 1697808, male, by Game Warden-Coldwater Splendor. Mike Lemons, owner and handler.
2d—MAYFIELD STORM CHARGER, 1701588, male, by Lester’s Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Scott Mason & Jake Davis, owners; Gary Lester, handler.
3d—GAME CAKE, 1700579, female, by Touch’s Grey Street-Game Belle. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

The remaining hopefuls were: Send the Bullet (Stevenson), Miller’s Family Tradition (Lester), Gigi’s Broken Halo (Stevenson), Miller’s Chairman of The Board (Lester), Ben (Pendergest), Game Mode (Corder), Lone Tree Bud (Stevenson), Game Surge (Corder), Arkansas Threat (Lemons), and Miller’s King Post (Lester).

CORRECTION

Rentz’s Hijacked, owned by Joe Rentz, has been invited to compete in the National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational beginning December 9 at Round Pond Plantation in Leslie, Ga.

Rentz’s Jacked Up was incorrectly listed in the ad on page 46 of the November issue. Please see the updated ad at www.americanfield.com for trial particulars.

— Piper Huffman
AFTCA Secretary

NATIONAL PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP

Lester's Shockwave Named Champion; Knight's Little John, Runner-Up

By William S. Smith | Berea, Kentucky | October 16, 2022



National Pheasant Championship Winners (front row, from left): Korry Rinehart with Lester's Shockwave, Tim Hammons with Knight's Little John, and Pam Tucker. (Back row, from left): Gary Lester, Dr. Fred Corder, Tommi Smith, Judges William Smith and Mike Jackson, and Andy Cline.

This stake dates back to 1926 when it was initially held in Buffalo, N. Y. After some 25 renewals, it moved to Baldwinsville, N. Y., in 1950. In the early 1970s, there was a short tenure at the Blue Marsh Area near Bernville, Pa. The last running was in 1974. After more than thirty years, the stake was rejuvenated and brought to the Killdeer Plains Area near Harpster, Ohio, in 2006 mainly through the efforts of Tom Honecker who suddenly passed away in 2010. The trial remained dormant until Dr. Fred Corder of Corinth, Miss., resuscitated the National Pheasant Championship Club as President of the organization.

Due to the loss of the Killdeer Plains venue, the championship was relocated to the Tri-Valley Area near Dresden, Ohio. Dresden proved to be a challenging endeavor with little and reluctant support from the Ohio Wildlife Department. After several renewals, the decision was made to relocate the trial. In 2021 the stake was repositioned to the Central Kentucky Wildlife Management Area at Berea, Ky. This area is also known as the Miller Welch-Central Kentucky Wildlife Management Area.

The Kentucky Field Trial Association was very supportive of the request to host the trial in 2021 and the success of that venture made possible the return of the stake this year.

The workers from the International stake continued in their same capacities for the running of the National. The members of the International club comprise the roster of the National club in the same capacities: Dr. Fred Croder, President; Andy Cline, Secretary/Treasurer; and Mike Jackson and William Smith, Directors. An additional thirty pheasants were released for this championship. Dr. Corder deserves all the credit for resurrecting the National Open Pheasant Championship.

Our appreciation goes to Purina for donating Pro Plan to the winners and underwriting the field trial ad. Their support is never taken for granted, but it is always respected and highly regarded.

Purina also sponsored a dinner on Saturday night that was much appreciated.

SportDOG is another sponsor that greatly enhances field trials. They donated a model 2525 electronic collar for the champion and a model 1825 electronic collar for the runner-up. Our thanks for their generosity.

The goal of this event is to preserve and improve the Open All-Age Pheasant dog. The trial is a points trial for the Purina Top Dog Award and Purina Handler of the Year Award, and is also a National Championship qualifier.

Fifteen pointers and one red setter comprised the roster of the contenders.

The trial began on the morning of Sunday, October 16. Five pheasants and seven quail were pointed during the eight braces. Knight's Little John, handled by Gary Lester for owner Scott Griffin, ran in the fourth brace and scored two pheasant finds. He ran with purpose and searched the grounds in an intelligent manner. He was out of pocket at the end of the hour, but he was back in the allotted time. His effort earned him the runner-up spot.

Lester's Shockwave is the defending National Champion. He ran in the last brace of the National and made history when he was named champion. He repeated that performance when he ran in the last brace on Monday morning. He added another championship to his résumé when he was named the 2022 National Pheasant champion. He was on the board early when he pointed a pheasant at 6. To be named champion the winner must have work on a pheasant. Shockwave fulfilled that requirement with a picturesque pose as he stared into a feed patch as if he could see his quarry. Shockwave was also handled by Gary Lester for owners Tommy and Bonnie Hamilton. He kept Lester and scout, Korry Rinehart, busy the remaining 54 minutes of the brace as he covered the venue at a pace that left no doubt as to his conditioning. He was absent some

of the time, but when he was spied, he was to the front. He was not seen when time expired, the scout found him dead ahead to the front standing at 61. The flushing attempt revealed Shockwave's second pheasant find. He is the deserving National Pheasant Champion.

Mike Jackson from Battle Ground, Ind., and your scribe from Moscow, Tenn., filled the judicial saddles. Mike has years of experience in a judicial role, and it was my pleasure to work with him. Each entry was given undivided attention.

The Running

Brace 1: Bonner's Hot Rize (Gary Lester) and Imagine (Matt Pendergest). Lady Luck abandoned both dogs this morning. Rize had a quail find a 3, but he did not want to stay with Lester and after a lengthy absence Lester took the retrieval device at 28. Imagine scored a quail find at 18 and then disappeared. Pendergest asked for the retrieval device at 44.

Brace 2: Game Heir (Fred Corder) and Lester's Storm Surge (Gary Lester). Both dogs were in and out and that kept the handlers and scouts busy looking for them. Lester called it quits and took the retrieval device at 40. Heir was to the front at 55 and the scout found him standing at 59. A very thorough relocation failed to produce any feathers and the brace ended with Heir credited with a barren stand.

Brace 3: Morgan's Yellow Leadbetter (Phil Stevenson) and Lester's Storm Chaser (Gary Lester). Both dogs scored barren stands at 22. In a very unusual manner, they were standing tail to tail with four feet separating them, both pointing in opposite directions. Both handlers flushed but to no avail. Leadbetter scored a nice quail find at 33. He finished his bid with a far-reaching cast to the front still going away when time was called. Chaser backed his bracemate at 33 with picturesque style. In addition to Chaser's unproductive at 22, he had a second barren stand at 50 that ended his chances for the title.

Brace 4: Knight's Little John (Gary Lester) and Rocky River Loaded (Phil Stevenson). John had a quail find at 8 and pheasant finds at 14 and 30. His race was forward and pleasing. Loaded pointed at 13 and a pheasant flushed wild but was not seen officially. He failed to back at 14 and was picked up.

Brace 5: Little More Shine (Tim Hammons) and Casey Creek Crystal Ice (Buster Tucker). Shine was independent today and the retrieval device was taken at 59. Crystal had a quail find at 18 and a pheasant find at 63. She experienced some noticeable absences during her bid.

Brace 6: Lester's Boss Man (Gary Lester) and Pendency's Good Grace (Matt Pendergest). Man was credited with a quail find at 37. He completed the hour with no other bird work. He was absent for much of the hour. Grace had a quail find at 40 and a pheasant find at 61. She was out of pocket several times during the hour.

Brace 7: Game Rebel (Fred Corder) and Excalibur's Ice Blade (Gary Lester). Rebel was out of contention very early. Blade was not suiting Lester and he was leashed at 30.

Brace 8: Lester's Shockwave (Gary Lester) and Game Wardon (Fred Corder). Shockwave's effort was previously described. Wardon went to all the likely places, and he went quickly. He was the runner-up in this stake last year and he made a valiant bid to repeat but was unable to locate the elusive quarry today. He was absent when time expired and Corder took the retrieval device at 62.

Berea, Ky., October 16

Judges: Mike Jackson and William Smith
NATIONAL OPEN PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 15 Pointers and 1 I Irish Setter

Winner—LESTER'S SHOCKWAVE, 1681623, pointer male, by Ransom-Beane's Line Dancer: Tommy & Bonnie Hamilton, owners; Gary Lester, handler.
Runner-Up—KNIGHT'S LITTLE JOHN, 1697531, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Bonner's Platinum Doll. Scott Griffin, owner; Gary Lester, handler.

A Look at the Past

Over the course of its long history, any number of prominent names of field trial winners, owners, and handlers grace the roster of the National Pheasant Championship.

Village Boy, by Seaview Rex ex Village Girl (she won the stake in 1927) was the first back-to-back winner—1931 and 1932—handled by Glenn Davis. Tarheelia's Lucky Strike won the stake twice, in 1940 and again in 1943. He was owned by Mrs. Eleanor Livingston (Dixie Plantation) and handled in 1940 by Earl Crangle, and in 1943 by his father, George Crangle.

Earlier, Dewey English won back-to-back renewals in 1937 and 1938, the first with Lawless Boy, the second with Uncas Flying Devil. Four years later, in 1942, he won with Titan.

Eleanor Livingston was back in the ringneck winners' circle in 1948 with Shore's Brownie Doone, the dog handled by George Evans, who would handle four additional winners carrying the Livingston colors: Kilsyth Brownie's Son (1950), Kilsyth Rusty Doone (1951, title withheld), Kilsyth Rusty Doone (1952), and Kilsyth Georgia Rebel (1954).

Earl Crangle was back in 1957 with Rumson Farm Hayride which also won in 1958.

Phil Brousseau made headlines in 1961 and 1962 with Little Frenchman (a moniker he enjoyed); Phil came back in 1963 with Rig A Jig.

Fred Arant was in New York in 1964 when he won the ringneck title with Rambling Rebel Dan and also in 1967 with Tooth Acres Hawk.

Sugarshack notched two wins of the championship for handler Bob Lamb, the first in 1966 and the second in 1968. George Hodge handled two winners, Q's Delight in 1971, and Mission in 1973. George Bevan was another handler with two wins of the Pheasant Classic—High Spirit in 1972 and Gwynedd Fury in 1974, the final year the stake was held in Baldwinsville.

After the long hiatus, the trial came to the Killdeer Plains Area where Tom Honecker handled Cedaroak Bee Sting to the title in 2007 and 2008. Quester notched back-to-back wins for handler Ray Warren in 2011 and 2012. Lefty Henry handled White's Solid Reward to the crown at Tri-Valley in 2013 and 2014, and Sean Derrig, the second amateur handler, won the title with Erin's Redrum in 2018 and 2019.

Luke Eisenhart was a winning handler on two occasions with the same dog—True Confidence in 2015 and 2017.

Several owners of Pheasant Championship winners are members of the Field Trial Hall of Fame, among them: James Fornear (2008); Raymond Hoagland (1960); Tom Honecker (2010); John Ivester, Jr. (2018); Allen Linder (2016); Mrs. G. M. (Eleanor) Livingston (1966); and Claudia L. Phelps (1962).

Likewise, several handlers who won the stake have been honored by membership in the Hall of Fame: Fred Arant, Jr. (1986); Fred E. Bevan (1987); George M. Crangle (1965); George A. Evans (1999); Edward Farrior (1957); Howard Kirk (1988); William F. (Bill) Rayl (1984); Luther Smith (1970); and Paul Walker (1969).

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OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Horseback; 50% (50-30-20) —\$10 grounds fee.....	\$80.00
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Drawing: Tuesday, November 29, 6:00 P.M., at the home of the trial chairman.

(Sat.) OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)	\$55.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)	\$40.00
OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Time permitting	\$35.00
(Sun.) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)	\$55.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)	\$40.00
AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.)—Time permitting	\$35.00

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Judges: To be announced



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Directions: Off of Rt. 94, turn onto Lasinski Rd. and go over the railroad tracks to the end. Trial to be run on quail, chukar and pheasant. Drawing: Tuesday, November 29, 7:00 P.M., at the home of trial chairman John Dobson, 227 Forge Rd., Eagleswood, NJ 08092.

OPEN PUPPY	\$40.00
OPEN DERBY	\$50.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG	\$50.00
AMATEUR DERBY	\$40.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG	\$50.00
AMATEUR GUN DOG	\$50.00

Judges: To be announced



Entries to: JILLIAN STUHR, Secretary



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Judges: Johnny Atkinson, Marion, SC, and Ray Joye, Marion, SC

Reporter: Ruthann Epp, Marion Junction, AL

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Reporter: Ruthann Epp, Marion Junction, AL

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AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.) \$ 50.00

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JANUARY 7 • STARTS 7:30 A.M.

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AMATEUR PUPPY—(Run at club's discretion) \$30.00

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AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) \$ 50.00
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DECEMBER 9–11

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PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD
& U.S. AMATEUR DERBY INVITATIONAL

Drawing: Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 P.M.
AFTCA membership number must accompany entry.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour) \$70.00

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Minutes) \$35.00

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) \$70.00

Judges: Ryan Braddock, Grand Junction, TN,
and Chris Weatherly, Grand Junction, TN
Reporter: Kent Walker, Collierville, TN

Entries to: KENT WALKER, President • (901) 277-1527

RAZORBACK OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

— Hosted by Hidden Valley Field Trial Club —



Starts mid-December, 8:00 A.M.,

[following the Arkansas Open Shooting Dog Championship]

Camp Robinson SUA

331 Clinton Rd., Conway, AR 72032

**A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD,
HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD & TOP DERBY AWARD POINTS TRIAL**

**A QUALIFYING STAKE FOR THE
NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

Drawing: Wednesday, December 7, 6:00 P.M., at the Ornsby residence.
Accommodations: Days Inn, 1002 E. Oak St., Conway, AR (Exit 127 off I-40)—(501) 450-7575.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour) Entry Fee: \$200.00*

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) Entry Fee: \$100.00*

**Plus \$30 grounds fee • Purses: 60% of entry fees split 50-30-20*

Judges: Lynn Oxendine, Joplin, MO, and Ryan Eichelberger, Chelsea, OK

Entries to: RITA ORNSBY, Secretary—(501) 581-5280

JOHNNY ORNSBY, Stakes Manager—(501) 733-1375

Club not responsible for accidents, injuries or loss of property.

SWAMP FOX OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

— Presented by Cock-N-Fire Field Trial Club —

Starts December 27*, 8:00 A.M.

Hoffman, NC Field Trial Grounds

**Start date depends on number of entries*



**A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD
& PURINA HANDLER AWARD POINTS TRIAL**

NATIONAL SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—50%, 50-30-20..Entry Fee \$250.00

OPEN DERBY—Time Permitting; 50%, 50-30-20 ...Entry Fee \$100.00

Judges: Jerry Raynor, Dunn, NC, and Carl Owens, Awendaw, SC

A BBQ Supper will be held Wednesday, December 28, at the clubhouse.

Drawing: Thursday, December 22, 5:00 P.M.

Entries to: ALLEN JOHNSON—(803) 464-5525

-or- JERRY RAYNOR—(910) 237-0619

Participants and spectators attend at their own risk.

MID-SOUTH AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

AMES AMATEUR JOE G. WALKER MEMORIAL FIELD TRIAL



Running will commence

Monday, December 26, 2022

at Ames Plantation, Grand Junction, TN



**POINTS TRIAL FOR THE NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL,
PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD, REGION 6
MID-SOUTH ASSOCIATION DOG OF THE YEAR AWARDS
AND U.S. AMATEUR DERBY INVITATIONAL**

****NOTE** Drawing:** Will be held Tuesday evening, December 20, 7:00 P.M. AFTCA membership number must accompany all entries! Motel Reservations: Hampton Inn, Collierville, TN. Phone: (901) 854-9400.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (One Hour) Entry Fee: \$70.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Minutes) Entry Fee: \$35.00

Judges: Brad Kennedy, Red Bay, AL, and Jeremy Taylor, Rienzi, MS
Reporter: Kent Walker

Blank ammunition and manufactured barrel guns only. Lunches served. Horses must have negative Coggins.

Help us make this the best Ames Amateur yet. Come and compare your dog's bird finding ability with the National Champion!

Entries to: KENT WALKER, President • (901) 277-1527

SANDLAPPER FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA & SCFTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

**JANUARY 12–15 (Depending on entries)
SPRING TRIAL**

**A PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD
& AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL**



Sponsored by Purina

Grounds: John & Sue Ivester's Sawtooth Plantation, McBee, SC. From McBee, SC, go north on U.S. 1 3.5 miles to Wildlife Dr. (Carolina Sandhills Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Headquarters), turn left, go 1.4 miles and turn right on Wire Rd., go 1.7 miles to stone gate on right. **Pre-Drawing:** Tuesday, January 10, 6:00 P.M., at the home of Dr. Billy McCathern.

***OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20.....Entry Fee \$50.00**

***AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)Entry Fee \$45.00**

H. COOPER BLACK MEMORIAL

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....Entry Fee \$90.00

*Prizes to winners • *Time permitting*

Judges: Lefty Henry, Foxfire, NC,
and Rob Maguire, Chesapeake, VA

Entries to: TIM RUFF, Secretary • Cell: (803) 479-0880

— Please text entries if possible —

Any entry is accepted as a waiver of any claim for loss, or damage of any kind against the clubs, landowners, and sponsors. Current twelve-month Coggins required on all horses.



REGION 6 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP



Hosted by Carroll County Field Trial Club

Member AFTCA & Region 6 • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Starts Thursday, December 8*

*(*Depending on number of entries)*



**A NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL, REGION 6 DOG OF THE YEAR
& PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE POINTS TRIAL**

Entry Fee: \$125.00 • One-Hour Heats • AFTCA Win Certificate number required

Judges: Mike Lemons, Conway, AR, and Kent Walker, Collierville, TN

Grounds: Located 6 miles east of Huntingdon, TN, near Buena Vista. From Hwy. 22, go east on Buena Vista Rd. for 4.5 miles. Turn south on Smyrna Rd., 1.4 miles to headquarters. **Drawing:** Monday, December 5, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Region 6 Secretary Lisa Little—Cell: (931) 980-0452; Email: doubletroublestables@yahoo.com. An AFTCA Member number and FDSB registered name and number must accompany each entry.

Entries to: LISA LITTLE, Region 6 Secretary • Phone: (931) 980-0452

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NBHA NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Bluegrass Walking Shooting Dog Club

Member NBHA, AFTCA & KFTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

December 9-11, 2022 • Berea, KY

Grounds: Miller-Welch Central Kentucky WMA, 638 Dreyfus Rd., Berea, KY 40403. **Drawing:** Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 P.M., at the home of the trial chairman. **Qualification:** An Amateur Shooting Dog or Amateur Derby placement. FDSB registration and individual AFTCA member numbers required. **Lodging:** Quality Inn, 365 Peggy Flats Rd., Berea, KY. Ask for KFTA rate.

NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—Prizes..... Entry Fee: \$150.00

Champion will receive an oil painting from Kentucky artist Steve White

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Prizes Entry Fee: \$ 50.00

AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.)—Time permitting; Prizes..... Entry Fee: \$ 40.00

Judges: *Championship*—Matt Hadley, Frankfort, KY, and Sam Ridings, Cumming, GA; *AD & AP*—To be announced.

Reporter: Gerry Addison, Okeana, OH

Entries to: MIKE FOX, Trial Chairman • Phone: (812) 594-1563

BWSDC, NBHA, AFTCA, or KFTA, are not responsible for any accidents or injuries to any persons and/or animals. All participants, spectators, or visitors entering the grounds do so at their own risk.



LEE COUNTY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA, Dixie Trace FTA & Alabama FTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

DECEMBER 9 TO COMPLETION • STARTS 8:00 A.M.

— *Three One-Hour Courses* —



Grounds: Showtime Plantation, Bronwood, GA. From Bronwood, GA, take Thornton St. past Bronwood Cemetery to Speir Rd., and turn right to barn 1/2 mile down road. **Pre-Drawing (all stakes):** Thursday, December 8, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Larron and Laura Copeland. Phone at drawing: (229) 317-1812 or (229) 881-3118. Please be prepared to give your AFTCA Membership number at time of entry.

— *Friday, December 9 to Completion* —

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour)\$125.00
Purina Amateur All-Age Award Points & Amateur Invitational Points Trial • Prizes: Usable items

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Prizes: Usable items\$ 75.00
Amateur Derby Invitational Points Trial • Prizes: Usable items

Amateur Judges: Keith Bollendorf, Guntersville, AL, and Jamie Daniels, Dawson, GA

— *Open Stakes to start after completion of Amateur All-Age, but not before December 12* —

***OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)**—60%, 50-30-20\$250.00 + \$30.00 Grounds Fee
*Plus \$20/dog National Qualifying Fee

A qualifying stake for the National Championship (\$20/dog NFTCA Fee not included in Entry Fee),
Purina Handler of the Year Award Points & Purina Awards Points Trial

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—60%, 50-30-20\$130.00 + \$20.00 Grounds Fee
Purina Top Derby Award Points & Derby Invitational Points Trial

Open Judges: Jeff Gibbons, Deatsville, AL, and Bill Mason, Moundsville, AL

Reporter: Maria Bassham, Quitman, GA

For further information, call: STEVE WILEY—(229) 881-3118 -or- LARRON COPELAND—(229) 317-1812
Club and landowners not responsible for accidents or injuries.

BUCK-TUCK QUALIFIER

— *Hosted by the Buck-Tuck Qualifier Field Trial Association* —

Guy Hendrix, President • Burke Hendrix, Vice-President • Betty Shearouse, Secretary/Treasurer

Starts December 12 at 8:00 A.M.

Hendrix Farms, Laws Hill, MS



Grounds: Located at 4097 Wilson Golden Rd., Waterford, MS 38685.

Pre-Drawing: Friday, December 9, 6:00 P.M., at the home of Betty Shearouse.

2023 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER (\$20/DOG FEE NOT INCLUDED IN ENTRY FEE)

PURINA AWARD & HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL • DERBY INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL

ALL-AGE.....Entry Fee: \$250.00

DERBYEntry Fee: \$125.00

Payback: 60% of entry fees divided 50-30-20

Judges: Scott Little, Woodlawn, TN, and Betty Shearouse, Kimball, TN

Field Trial Committee: Bob Craig, Sarina Craig, Jonathan Burch,
Joey McAlexander, Kenny Dickerson and Walter Bain

Entries to: BETTY SHEAROUSE • Phone: (423) 667-0702 • Email: Betty@Shearouse.com

NORTH CAROLINA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by North Carolina Field Trial Association

Member AFTCA & NCFTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

December 12 to Conclusion • Starts 8:00 A.M.
Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, Hoffman, NC



Entry Fee: \$300.00 • One-Hour Continuous Courses

Purse: 50% of entry fees (less grounds fees and bird program) divided 70-30

— A PURINA HANDLER AND PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL —

Judges: Grayson Francis, Brookneal, VA, and George Kimbrell, Fort Mill, SC

Chairman: Johnny Atkinson • Reporter: To be announced



Drawing: Thursday, December 8, 11:00 A.M., at the home of Ray Joye. Registered names only. **Qualification:** Placement in an American Field recognized Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby stake. **Lunches:** Will be served. All State of North Carolina COVID-19 protocols in place will be adhered to. Electrical hook-ups available on a first come, first served basis for \$10 per night.

— Supported by Richmond County Tourism Development Authorities —

Entries to: RAY JOYE • Cell: (843) 430-1161 • Email: rayjoye@aol.com

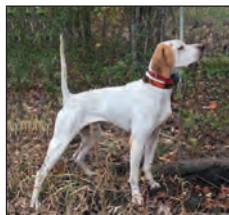
Email will be confirmed and must be received before 10:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 7.

Please do not request favors in draw. No entries via phone message.

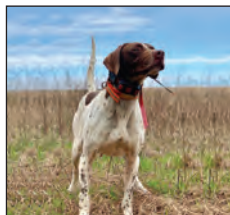
Horses must have a Coggins test. Tracking collars allowed. Entries accepted with the understanding that the NCFTA, its members and directors are not responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents or injury to any person, animal or property.



Double Deuce Zeke
Douglas McMillen, Owner



Hirollins Gone and Doneit
Warren Parrott, Owner



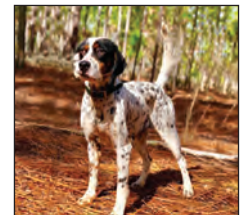
Bo of Piney Woods
Richard Warters, Owner



Glassilaun War Paint
Jamie Nee, Owner



Smoke Rise Jake
P.F. Rose, Owner



Miss Penn Star
George Najor Owner

U.S. COMPLETE SHOOTING DOG ASSOCIATION

OPEN INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

December 12-13 • Starts 8:00 A.M. each day

Sawtooth Plantation, McBee, SC

Drawing: Sunday, December 11, 7:00 P.M., on the grounds.

Judges: Lefty Henry, Southern Pines, SC, and one to be announced

— Robert Ecker and Tony Bingham, Stake Managers —



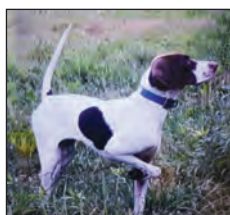
Inquiries to: JAMESON CRANDALL, Secretary • Phone: (804) 577-3788 • Email: jameson.crandall@gmail.com



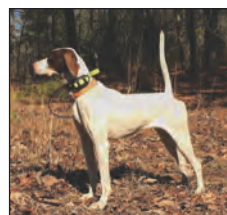
Double Deuce Sage
Douglas McMillen, Owner



Dun Rovens Midnite Ike
Peter Millett, Owner



Little Miss Margaret
Timothy Cavanaugh, Owner



Suemac's Sashay
Roger McPherson, Owner



Sterlingworth Jack
James Millett, Owner



Kendal Hills Dawson Creek
Tim Tufts & Tim Perschke, Owners

REGION 3 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only! • .32 Caliber or Larger

— Sponsored by Purina —



Starts Thursday, December 15 (depending on entries)

To be run at Sandhills Wildlife Area, Hoffman, NC

Entry Fee: \$135.00 • Trophies to Winner and Runner-Up

— A NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER —

Judges: Jerry Raynor, Dunn, NC, and Mike Hester, Mebane, NC

Pre-Drawing: Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 P.M. Must be an AFTCA member. Please provide handler's name when entering. **Qualification:** Dogs must have an AFTCA Win Certificate in an Amateur All-Age or Amateur Derby stake. **Accommodations:** Best Western, Southern Pines, NC—(910) 693-2280. Ask for field trial rate.

Entries to: GARY MILLER • Cell: (910) 690-3002 • Email: glm@mail.com



REGION 3 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Member AFTCA & SBHA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!





December 15–18 (pending entries) • Pamplico, SC • Entry Fee: \$140.00

Hosted by Gamecock Field Trial Club

Judges: Bruce Mercer, Dallas, GA, and Scott Miller, Beaufort, SC

ACCOMPANYING STAKES (time permitting):

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Trophies	\$75.00
AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.)—Trophies	\$40.00

Grounds: Rodney Poston's Farm, 364 E. Shirley Rd., Pamplico, SC. **Directions:** From Florence, SC, take Pamplico Hwy. 151 to Pamplico, then turn left on Shirley Rd. **Drawing:** Saturday, December 10, 8:00 P.M. (EST), at the home of Warren Parrott. AFTCA handler/member number to be submitted with entry. **Note:** Winners in all stakes to receive SBHA points.

Entries to: WARREN PARROTT • Phone: (843) 598-1962
755 West Camp Branch Rd., Scranton, SC 29591

Region 3, its officers, and the landowners are not responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs, or equipment.
 Current Coggins test required. Disrespect to Judges or Officials in any form will not be tolerated.











REGION 17 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & NBHA WALKING STAKES



Member AFTCA & KFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

**Starts Thursday, December 15 • Starts 8:00 A.M. each day
Holler Point Farm, Abilene, KS**

Directions to Grounds: Near Abilene, KS, exit I-70 at Abilene; Go south on Hwy. 15 for 20.6 miles. Entrance to farm is between 400 and 300 Ave., off Hwy. 15. Look for signs on west side of the road. **Meals:** Lunch to be served daily; Saturday night Banquet on the grounds. **Drawing:** Monday, December 12, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Diane Shoemaker, Grain Valley, MO. **Lodging:** America's Best Value—(785) 263-2050; Super 8 Motel—(785) 263-4545; Budget Lodge—(785) 263-3600.

REGION 17 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP.....\$150.00

Prizes: To Champion and Runner-Up

Qualification: A recognized placement in an AFTCA Shooting Dog or Derby stake. AFTCA membership number required at entry.

Judges: Justin Crook, Jasper, MO, and Paul Ott, Andover, KS

— *Preceding the Championship* —



NBHA OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour)—Payout: 40%, 50-30-20.....\$125.00

NBHA OPEN WALKING DERBY (30 Min.)—Prizes to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.....\$ 50.00

Companion stakes held at the discretion of the hosting club. The Championship is the main event with supporting companion stakes.

Judges: Chase Verdoorn, Platte City, MO, and Klaus Schmidt, Wichita, KS



Rodney Shoemaker, Trial Chairman • (816) 558-2427

All entries to: DIANE SHOEMAKER • (816) 309-4773

Entries accepted and attendance of this event are with the understanding that NBHA, AFTCA, Region 17, their officers, directors, members, sponsors and the landowner(s) are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents or occurrences involving anyone attending the trial, their animals, or equipment.

REGION 6 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



Hosted by Bear Creek Field Trial Club

Member AFTCA & Region 6 • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



Starts Thursday, December 29*

Camp Robinson Field Trial Grounds, Conway, AR

(*Depending on number of entries)



A NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL, REGION 6 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG OF THE YEAR & PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS TRIAL

**Entry Fee: \$125.00 + \$20/dog (bird fund fee) • One-Hour Heats
AFTCA Win Certificate number required**

Judges: Jim Martin, Wooster, AR, and Jon Davis, Conway, AR • **Stake Manager:** John Van Horn

Drawing: Tuesday, December 27, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Region 6 Secretary Lisa Little.

An AFTCA Member number and FDSB registered name and number must accompany each entry.

Entries to: LISA LITTLE, Region 6 Secretary, 1301 Ross Dr., Woodlawn, TN 37191

Phone: (931) 980-0452 • Email: doubletroublestables@yahoo.com

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GEORGIA FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Welcomes owners, handlers and guests to the 2023 running of the GFTA!
Starts Monday, January 2, 2023 • Waynesboro, Georgia

— *Bird Dog Capital of the World* —

GEORGIA DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP

— One of the three Derby Championships to qualify for the National Championship —

Winner of the Derby Championship will automatically qualify to run in the 2023 National Championship

Entry Fee: \$250.00** • **Purse:** 55% divided 60-40 (Runner-Up will be named)

Beautiful sterling silver “Berol’s Greenwood Pep” Challenge Trophy to winner, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berol (to be kept in club’s possession). Keepsake trophy to winner donated by GFTA.

Judges: George Kimbrell, Ft. Mill, SC, and Hoss Earley, Richlands, NC

followed by GEORGIA QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

QUALIFYING TRIAL FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP • A PURINA AWARD POINTS STAKE

Entry Fee: \$300.00** • **Purse:** 55% divided 60-40 (Runner-Up will be named)

The “Addison Simpson Memorial Challenge Trophy” to the winner, donated by

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berol (to be kept in club’s possession). Keepsake trophy to winner donated by GFTA.

A dog must be qualified by having placed in a recognized Open All-Age or Open Derby stake to participate.

Judges: John Outlaw, Warsaw, NC, and Wallace Reichert, Whitesburg, GA • **Reporter:** To be announced

**Includes \$10 bird fee and \$20 National Championship qualifying fee

Pre-Drawing: Friday, December 30, 2022, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Nell Mobley. Entries to Nell Mobley—(706) 554-2991, (706) 466-2991 or Gary Futch—(912) 536-0129. **Lodging:** Quality Inn—Phone: (706) 437-0500. Note: When making reservations ask for field trial rates! No pets allowed! Stalls and hay available. **Owners’ Banquet:** To be announced, sponsored by Purina.

Georgia Shooting Dog stakes will pre-draw, Friday, January 6, 2023 and start following the Quail Championship, but not before Tuesday, January 10, 2023. No vehicles allowed on courses.

Trials will be run on Di Lane Plantation, 4854 Herndon Road, Waynesboro, GA (property purchased by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, leased to the State of Georgia as public Wildlife Management land). Courses have been cleared to please any handler/owner. Birds will be released daily. Retrieval collars may be used. Six braces each day. No live ammunition. No dogs will be posted. Lunch will be served.

— Sponsored by Purina, Quality Inn and Burke County Chamber of Commerce —

The club, club members, and Georgia Department of Natural Resources are not responsible for accidents or injuries to vehicles, animals, or persons.



UNITED STATES QUAIL SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY

— *59th Running* —

Monday, January 2, 2023 (start time dependent on entries)
at H. Robert Gordon Field Trial Area, Hoffman, NC



- **Futurity Entries & Nominations Close:** December 16, 2022
- **Entry Fee:** \$125.00 (Due before the drawing on December 26, 2022)
- **Purse:** 50% of entry fees divided among owners & breeders (\$3000 max); Painting of winner to owner.
- **Pre-Drawing:** To be held Monday, December 26, 2022, at noon.

— **A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL & DERBY AWARD BONUS POINTS TRIAL** —

Judges: Marty Robinson, Carrollton, GA, and Jim Crayne, Centre, AL

This Futurity is the premier shooting dog derby field trial, featuring half-hour first series heats; second series (one-hour callbacks) to follow. All entries must be from duly nominated litters whelped in 2021. Late nominations are accepted until December 16, 2022, with late penalty to apply. Winners to be DNA tested at owner’s expense unless previously certified. Failure to comply or pass DNA results in forfeiture of placement and monies. **Board of Directors’ Meeting:** Monday, January 2, 5:00 P.M., at the clubhouse. **Social Event:** Painting presentation to the 58th winner, Waybetter Rebel (PM), Tuesday, January 3. Owners Muriel Primm and Carl Bishop will host a dinner to follow. CDC and state guidelines for COVID-19 will be in effect. **Accommodations:** The Microtel, Southern Pines—(910) 693-3737 or Best Western—(910) 692-0640.

NOTE: Dogs to be shot over with approved guns using non-projectile blank ammunition.

— **Supported by Purina & Richmond County Tourism Development Authorities** —

For further information and to enter, contact:

MARGARET C. DREW, Secretary, P.O. Box 252, Hoffman, NC 28347

Home: (910) 281-5259 • Cell: (910) 206-0079 • Email: bmdrew@windstream.net

Club officials not responsible and cannot be held liable for loss, accident or injury to persons, animals or equipment. Attend at your own risk.

TWO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING FIELD TRIALS

Camp Robinson Wildlife Management Area
Mayflower, AR



PRAIRIE OPEN ALL-AGE QUALIFYING TRIAL

Presented by Prairie Amateur Field Trial Club

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STAKE • PURINA TOP FIELD TRIAL BIRD DOG POINTS
PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS • DERBY INVITATIONAL POINTS

Starting Sunday, January 1, or at the conclusion of the
Region 6 Shooting Dog Championship

OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)—60%, 50-30-20

Entry Fee: \$225.00 + \$30.00 Grounds Fee = \$255.00

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—60%, 50-30-20

Entry Fee: \$125.00 + \$30.00 Grounds Fee = \$155.00

Judges: Mike Lemons, Conway, AR, and Ronnie Miller, Van Buren, AR

Field Trial Chairman/President: Dr. Fred Corder • Secretary/Treasurer: Rhonda Lee
\$20/dog National Championship fee not included in the \$255.00 entry fee

PELICAN OPEN ALL-AGE QUALIFYING TRIAL

Presented by Pelican Amateur Field Trial Club

Member AFTCA & Mid-South AFTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STAKE • PURINA TOP FIELD TRIAL BIRD DOG POINTS
PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS • DERBY INVITATIONAL POINTS

— Starting at the conclusion of the Prairie Derby —

OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)—60%, 50-30-20

Entry Fee: \$225.00 + \$30.00 Grounds Fee = \$255.00

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—60%, 50-30-20

Entry Fee: \$125.00 + \$30.00 Grounds Fee = \$155.00

Judges: Marty Moore, Hornersville, MO, and Steve Messick, Greenbrier, AR

Field Trial Chairman/President: Dr. Fred Corder • Secretary/Treasurer: Rhonda Lee
\$20/dog National Championship fee not included in the \$255.00 entry fee

Drawing (for both trials): Wednesday, December 28, 6:00 P.M. (CST), at Magnolia Enterprises.

Entry Deadline (for both trials): Wednesday, December 28, 12:00 noon (CST).

Accommodations: Days Inn, Conway, AR—(501) 450-7575

Entries to: DR. FRED CORDER—(662) 415-5244

2023 CALIFORNIA BIRD DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by the Fresno Bird Dog Club

Starting Monday, January 9, at 8:00 A.M.
Camp H Field Trial Grounds, California City, CA



CALIFORNIA BIRD DOG CHAMPIONSHIP..... \$225.00

Guaranteed Purse to the Winner and Runner-Up

— A PURINA TOP DOG & HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS TRIAL —

Judges: Todd Yamamoto, Surprise, AZ, and Ellis Hertz, Agua Dulce, CA • **Reporter:** Terry Erickson, Laguna Hills, CA

Prizes: Plaques, Collars, and Purina Dog Food to Winners • Perpetual Trophy (does not travel)

Qualifications: Entry must have a placement in a recognized Open All-Age or Open Derby stake.

WALLY WALLACE DERBY CLASSIC \$ 50.00

To follow the California Bird Dog Championship

Judges: Bruce Hale, Riverside, CA, and Ed Dixon, Norco, CA

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Directions to Grounds: From Kramer Junction (CA 58/395), go north approximately 15 miles to Twenty Mule Team Rd., turn left, and follow signs to grounds at Camp H. **Courses & Birds:** *Championship*—continuous one-hour course; *Derby Classic*—continuous 30-minute course. Birds are liberated Bobwhite quail. **Drawing:** Sunday, January 8, 5:00 P.M., on the grounds. **Meals:** Lunches will be served on the grounds daily. Coffee and pastries available each morning. **Accommodations:** Best Western—(760) 373-1369.

For entries, please contact:

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GEORGIA FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

Welcomes Owners, Handlers, and Guests to the 2023 Georgia Shooting Dog Trials to be held at Di-Lane Plantation, Waynesboro, Georgia—Bird Dog Capital of the World.

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Plenty of birds, including released daily. Courses have been opened up with viewing to please any handler!

Trial follows the Quail Championship, but not before Tuesday, January 10

GEORGIA SHOOTING DOG DERBY CLASSIC

Entry Fee \$175.00 + \$10 bird fee • One-Hour Heats

Purse: 55% of entry fees to be divided 50-30-20.

Judges: Derek Bonner, Mooresboro, NC, and Scott Griffin, Charlotte, NC

Pre-Drawing: Friday, January 6, 7:00 P.M., at home of Nell Mobley. Phone: (706) 554-2991 or (706) 466-2991.

Phoned entries accepted until 7:00 P.M.

followed by



GEORGIA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



Entry Fee \$250.00 + \$10 bird fee • One-Hour Heats

Purse: 55% of entry fees divided 70-30 (Runner-Up will be named).

Berol Challenge Trophy to Champion (stays in club's possession). Keepsake trophy to winners. Lamar Mobley Open Shooting Dog Championship Memorial Trophy will be given to the Champion (stays in club's possession). Keepsake trophy to winners. A dog must be qualified by having placed in a recognized Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby stake to participate.

— POINTS STAKE FOR PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG & PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARDS —

Judges: David Huffine, Wilmington, NC, and Whitley Stephenson, Smithfield, NC

All one-hour heats qualify for all Amateur and Open Shooting Dog Championships, except the National.

Trials will be run on Di-Lane Plantation, 4854 Herndon Road, Waynesboro, Georgia (property purchased by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, leased to the State of Georgia as Public Wildlife Management land). Birds will be released daily. Tracking collars may be used. Six braces each day. **NO LIVE AMMUNITION!** No dogs will be posted. **Headquarters & Accommodations:** Quality Inn, 1436 N. Liberty St., Waynesboro, GA. Call for reservations: (706) 437-0500. Ask for field trial rates. Stalls and hay available. Lunch to be served.

The club, club members and Georgia Department of Natural Resources are not responsible for accidents or injuries to animals or persons.

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Starting Monday, January 30, 2023, 8:00 A.M.

Sedgefields Plantation, Union Springs, AL

Entry Fee: \$650.00 (payable before running) • 1½-Hour-Heats • 4 Braces Per Day

Judges: Jonathan Burch, Holly Springs, MS; and Squire Lee, Pike Road, AL; and Mike Jackson, Battle Ground, IN.

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Special Thanks to Raymond & Kathryn Harbert for the use of Sedgefields Plantation for this event.

— No access to the Plantation prior to Sunday, January 29 —

Qualifications: A placement in a *Qualifying trial between January 27, 2021 and January 26, 2023.

The Winner is automatically qualified for the next three runnings. Blank shotguns only.

— Nightly social events including Purina Dinner —

Drawing: At Union Springs Country Club, **Thursday, January 26, 7:00 P.M.**

Entries close at 4:00 P.M. (CST), day of drawing.

Harrassment of Judges or Club Officials will not be tolerated.

Entries: HEATHER KLINCK, Secretary/Treasurer • (334) 207-9422 • hsklinck@gmail.com

Club, club officials and landowners are not responsible for loss of property or injuries to participants and animals.

Pertinent information can be found on our website:

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*Qualifying trials listed on our website and published in the August issue of UKC® Field

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AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

January 15, 2023 • Tone River Field, Ibaraki-ken • Starts 7:00 A.M.

Entry Fee: 15,000 Yen • One Hour • One Course

Drawing: Saturday, January 14, 5:00 P.M., at Hotel Green Core Bando, Ibaraki-ken.

Phone: 0297-36-4400.

Judges: Nobumasa Takeishi and Kenji Shirasu

Reporter: Thiharu Niwa • Stake Manager: Toshiji Yoshioka

Grounds Committee: Chestnut Field Trial Club Members

Entries to: TATSUO ISHINO, Secretary • Phone: 053-925-3029

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February 19, 2023 • Tone River Field, Ibaraki-ken • Starts 7:00 A.M.

Entry Fee: 15,000 Yen • One Hour • One Course



— A PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS TRIAL —

Drawing: Saturday, February 18, 5:00 P.M., at Hotel Green Core Bando, Ibaraki-ken.

Phone: 0297-36-4400.

Judges: Nobumasa Takeishi and Kenji Shirasu

Reporter: Thiharu Niwa • Stake Manager: Toshiji Yoshioka

Grounds Committee: Chestnut Field Trial Club Members

Entries to: TATSUO ISHINO, Secretary • Phone: 053-925-3029

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Recognized Field Trials

Alabama Field Trial Club

December 1 / Blue Mountain, MS
Contact: Greg Bain
Phone: (256) 762-2014

Bama Quail Classic

December 1 / Tuskegee, AL
Contact: Bill Goodwin
Phone: (334) 467-5100

Ozark and Arkansas Open Shooting Dog Championships & Arkansas Derby Classic

December 1 / Conway, AR
Contact: Steve Messick
Phone: (501) 680-2862

NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Championship

December 2 / Gentry, MO
Contact: Chris Bryant
Phone: (402) 681-9627
Email: christopher.bryant@rbc.com

United States Open Championship

December 2 / Greensboro, AL
Contact: Ruthann Epp
Phone: (334) 412-7426

Volunteer State Field Trial Club

December 2 / Kevill, KY
Contact: Chris Cagle
Phone: (248) 670-2574

Esmont Field Trial Club of Virginia

December 3 / Brookneal, VA
Contact: Tommy Stargell
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Nevada Bird Dog Club

December 3 / Reno, NV
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Region 13 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship

December 3 / Ionia, MI
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National Free-For-All Championship

December 4 / Greensboro, AL
Contact: Ruthann Epp
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Tachibana Bird Dog Club

December 4 / Fujioka-shi Gunma Pref.
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National Amateur All-Age Invitational Championship

December 5 / Grand Junction, TN
Contact: Piper Huffman
Phone: (662) 471-1700
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South Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship

December 5 / Patrick, SC
Contact: Dr. Roger McPherson
Phone: (843) 623-2186 or (814) 657-0712
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Missouri State Amateur All-Age Classic & Ralph Berendzen Memorial Open Derby

December 8 / Grovespring, MO
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Region 6 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship

December 8 / Huntingdon, TN
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Hoffman Amateur Field Trial Club

December 9 / Hoffman, NC
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December 9 / Bronwood, GA
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National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Championship

December 9 / Leslie, GA
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Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club

December 9 / LaVergne, TN
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Associated Field Trial Clubs of Florida

December 10 / Punta Gorda, FL
 Contact: Paul Daniel
 Phone: (813) 477-4104

Tsukuba Field Trial Club

December 11 / Sakaecho Field
 Contact: Susumu Yagami

Buck-Tuck Qualifier

December 12 / Laws Hill, MS
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 Email: Betty@Shearouse.com

North Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship

December 12 / Hoffman, NC
 Contact: Ray Joye
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Mid-South Amateur Field Trial Association

December 15 / Blue Mountain, MS
 Contact: Kent Walker
 Phone: (901) 277-1527

Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic

December 15 / Conway, AR
 Contact: Rita Ornsby
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Region 3 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship

December 15 / Hoffman, NC
 Contact: Gary Miller
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 Email: glm@gmail.com

Region 3 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship

December 15 / Pamplico, SC
 Contact: Warren Parrott
 Phone: (843) 598-1962

Region 17 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship

December 15 / Abilene, KS
 Contact: Diane Shoemaker
 Phone: (816) 309-4773

Reelfoot Field Trial Club

December 16 / Kevil, KY
 Contact: Mary Sue Schalk
 Phone: (270) 625-0196

Columbia County Field Trial Club

December 17 / Lake City, FL
 Contact: Joe Hicks
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All Japan Open Shooting Dog Championship

December 18 / Ibaraki, Japan
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Eastern Kanto Field Trial Club

December 25 / Chiba-Ken
 Contact: Toshiji Yoshioka

Ames Amateur Joe G. Walker Memorial Field Trial

December 26 / Grand Junction, TN
 Contact: Kent Walker
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Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Classic

December 27 / Hoffman, NC
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Region 6 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

December 29 / Conway, AR
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Prairie Open All-Age

January 1 / Mayflower, AR
 Contact: Dr. Fred Corder
 Phone: (662) 415-5244

Georgia Derby & Quail Championships

January 2 / Waynesboro, GA
 Contact: Nell Mobley
 Phone: (706) 554-2991 or (706) 466-2991

Pelican Open All-Age

January 2 / Mayflower, AR
 Contact: Dr. Fred Corder
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United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity

January 2 / Hoffman, NC
 Nominations Close: Friday, December 16
 Contact: Margaret C. Drew
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NGSPA Open All-Age Invitational Championship

January 4 / Blue Mountain, MS
 Contact: Keith Richardson
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California Bird Dog Championship & Wally Wallace Derby Classic

January 9 / California City, CA
 Contact: Bruce Hale
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Georgia Shooting Dog Derby Classic & Open Shooting Dog Championship

January 10 / Waynesboro, GA
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Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship

January 11 / California City, CA
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Sandlapper Field Trial Club

January 12 / McBee, SC
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Region 15 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship

January 15 / Tone River Field
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Atlantic Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship

January 23 / Hoffman, NC
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National Open Shooting Dog Championship

January 30 / Union Springs, AL
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Chestnut Bird Dog Club

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Region 15 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

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Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship

February 22 / Lake City, FL
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ABHA TRIALS

(No upcoming trials)

NBHA TRIALS

NBHA National Amateur Invitational Championship

December 1 / Grovespring, MO
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Licking River Bird Dog Club

December 3 / Berea, KY
 Contact: Tim Mulvaney
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Northern New Jersey Field Trial Club

December 3 / Hardyston, NJ
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NBHA National Amateur Championship

December 9 / Berea, KY
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 Phone: (812) 594-1563

Holler Point Field Trial Club

December 15 / Abilene, KS
 Contact: Diane Shoemaker
 Phone: (816) 309-4773

SBHA TRIALS

SBHA Derby Thriller

December 2 / Pamplico, SC
 Contact: Bruce Mercer
 Phone: (470) 345-6369

Alabama Region of SBHA

December 9 / Walnut Grove, AL
 Contact: Jim Crook
 Phone: (256) 208-1157

Gamecock Field Trial Club

December 15 / Pamplico, SC
 Contact: Warren Parrott
 Phone: (843) 598-1962

USCSDA TRIALS

Peninsula Bird Hunters Club

December 3 / Ahoskie, NC
 Contact: Ashby Morgan
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USCSDA Open Invitational Championship

December 12 / McBee, SC
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January 28 / Regina, VA
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