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— *An update from Domenick Muoio*

Yet another year down in the history books for American Field. One monumental year is now at hand. This year, the American Field will celebrate its 150th anniversary. The sport of field trialing has now stood for a century and a half.

Over time, there have been many changes in the dynamic world around us, but the world within field trialing has remained relatively untouched since its conception. The idea behind strengthening the pointer breed through trialing in such a way that mimics the original guided hunts between a plantation owner and a dog trainer still exists. Each trial I attend, I relish the fact that many of the mechanics and nuances of this sport remain almost original to how they would have been held back in the 1800s. The sport has continued to grow and endure through just about everything that time could throw at it.

I appreciate all the efforts of the individuals within the sport, from dog owners to club officials, for their work in maintaining the sport of field trialing. I have had countless conversations during my time in this role, and one topic that has come up is growth. I have seen firsthand the effort that has been put in by individuals and groups to keep this sport alive and growing by providing opportunities for dogs to have the best possible competition, which, in turn, makes the pointer breeds propagate the highest quality of offspring.

I was pleased to attend the Jamboree down in Hoffman late last year. This format brought together multiple events, including different championships and derbies, with events like the Tar Heel Open All-Age Championship and the International Pheasant Championship. This Jamboree ran events back-to-back over almost two weeks and provided an opportunity for competitors to have one epicenter of competition. This format brought some of the most competitive dogs in the region together, and we saw a fantastic turnout because of the format. Carl Owens and many others worked together on this event and are a great example of individual efforts aimed at a common goal to keep this great sport alive through novel thinking.

I wish everyone a safe and successful year ahead and I want to remind everyone to check their subscription status and make sure you renew to ensure you don't miss any future publications!

— *Domenick Muoio*

Field Trial & Hunt Test Program Manager

National Champion



MILLER'S BLINDSIDER

Nick Berrong, Owner | Jamie Daniels, Handler | Fran & Jack Miller, Breeders

[Photo by Chris Mathan]

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Dr. Peter Millett, Ike's Owner • Jim Millett, Jack's Owner

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• The M. G. (Mike) Perkins Trophy, a replica of the Julia Colony Ames Memorial Trophy, will be presented for permanent possession to the owner of the 2024 National Champion.

• The Barry H. Saunders Memorial Trophy, with a sterling silver likeness of the last hat pin Barry designed, will be presented to the winning handler for permanent possession.

• The Bank of Fayette County, serving Fayette, Hardeman, McNairy, Shelby and Tipton Counties since 1905, will furnish a \$2,000 purse supplement to the winning handler as noted above.

• The Waldo E. and Pearl H. Dodge Commemorative Silver Belt Buckle will be given to the winning owner.

• The Whippoorwill Wild Card Memorial Breeders Award will be presented to the breeder of the winning dog.

Qualifications: Details of the qualification requirements for the 2024 National Championship were included in our announcement advertised March 28, 2023, on the American Field website and in their following publication. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary, NFTCA.

NOMINATIONS FOR DOGS NOW ELIGIBLE CLOSE FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Nomination Fee: \$600.00 • Starting Fee: \$600.00

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE DOG COMPETES!

Drawing will take place on Saturday evening, February 10, 2024, at Bryan Hall on Ames Plantation at 7:00 P.M. The drawing will be held on Facebook “LIVE” and open to the public.

The 30th Annual Winner of the Joe H. Hurdle Top Dog Award (as described in The American Field, page 1, November 6, 2010 issue) will be announced during the drawing ceremonies.

The “Award Pin” is handcrafted by David Kelley of David Kelley Jewelers, Somerville, TN.

Judges: Jadie Rayfield, Mt. Pleasant, SC; Tom Shenker, Hurtsboro, AL; and Dr. Stan Wint, Gardner, KS.

Reporter: Tessa Hughes, Locust Fork, AL

All participants must use solid barrel guns, .32 caliber or equivalent pistols and/or solid barrel shotguns .410 or greater with blank ammunition, no primers or poppers. Handlers may elect to utilize retrieval collars provided by officials of the trial. Rules promulgated by the AFTCA and the UKC/American Field for use of dog collars in competitive events will apply for this event. No running on Sunday.

• **PURINA PRO PLAN**, is the “OFFICIAL” dog food sponsor of the NFTCA’s 2024 National Championship, Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, MO 63164—(www.proplan.com/sportingdog). Contact Greg Blair, Purina Area Manager, W128 N6239 River Heights Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051; Phone: (262) 939-2775. Purina was founded in 1894 by William H. Danforth, two years before the inaugural running of the National Championship and Purina’s 128+ year history now teams with the 125-year National Championship, celebrating the last 109 years at the historic Ames Plantation. Purina will provide a year’s supply of pet food to the winner and a sample to each handler as well as a one-of-a-kind 2024 National Championship souvenir cap to participating handlers, owners and club officials. Purina will sponsor the Kick-Off Dinner at the Bird Dog Museum on Sunday night, February 11th. Purina will sponsor the National Championship Oil Painting of the 2024 winner by Ross B. Young, Preston, ID. Purina is also making a monetary contribution to the National Field Trial Champion Association to help defray the expenses associated with conducting a quality event.

• **SPALDING LABORATORIES**, P.O. Box 778000, Henderson, NV 89077—(888) 880-1579—(www.spalding-labs.com)—Fly Predators™ brand bio-beneficial insects for fly control. Spalding donates a year’s worth of Fly Predators to the Ames Plantation for control of flies with their horse herd and Bye Bye Odor which is a safe and natural solution especially formulated to substantially reduce or eliminate a wide range of odors associated with animal urine or manure in barns and horse trailers.

• **THE BANK OF FAYETTE COUNTY**, 1265 Hwy. 57 East, Collierville, TN 38017—(901) 854-2265—(www.thebank1905.com), serving Fayette, Hardeman, Shelby, McNairy and Tipton Counties since 1905, will provide a cash supplement of \$2,000 to the winning handler as noted on the previous page.

• **GARMIN INTERNATIONAL**, 1200 E. 151st St., Olathe, KS 66062—(913) 397-8200—(www.garmin.com)—will provide 3 Garmin Astro 430 Receivers & T 5 Collars; one unit each to the winning owner, handler and scout of the 2024 National Championship, as well as providing 4 Garmin Units for use during the competition by the handlers and officials. Garmin will also provide a Tri-Tronics Pro550 Remote Trainer and a Bark Limiter Deluxe to the winning handler.

• **SPORTSMAN’S PRIDE® DOG FOOD**, Red Bay, AL—(www.sportsmanspride.com)—is produced by Sunshine Mills, Inc., a 75 plus year old family business. Sportsman’s Pride Field Master Professional Dog Foods and Treats are developed by experts, and trusted by legends. Sportsman’s Pride® will host the “everyone’s invited” Brunswick Stew, Monday, February 19, 2024.

— SPECIAL AWARDS —

• **Tucker Trail Saddles**, known for providing riders hours of ultimate trail comfort, will award an engraved Montreal Royal Trooper saddle, saddle bags, breast strap, and bridle to the owner of the 2024 National Champion. Every Tucker saddle is handcrafted in Yoakum, Texas. Learn more about Tucker saddles at www.tuckersaddles.com or call (800) 882-5375.

• **Jack Haggis Saddlery**, Jeff and Karen Haggis, 4733 Scotchmere Dr., Glencoe, Ontario, Canada N0L 1M0—(519) 289-5544—(www.haggissaddles.com)—will provide a Haggis Trooper Saddle for the handler of the 2024 National Champion.

• **SportDOG Brand & Gun Dog Supply**, 17645 U. S. Hwy. 82, Mathiston, MS 39752—(800) 624-6378 or (662) 615-5520—(www.gundogsupply.com)—will provide a SportDOG Brand SD-1825 Sport Hunter to the handler of the 2024 National Champion and four—\$25.00 gift certificates to be awarded in a drawing to handlers attending the trial.

• **The Saddle Guy**, 21110 Hwy. 59 South, Robertsedale, AL 36567—(334) 414-4228—(www.thesaddleguy.com)—will provide a Trooper Field Trial Saddle to the winning scout of the 2024 National Champion.

• **Tennessee Tractor LLC**, 11495 US-64, Somerville, TN 38068—(901) 465-9811—(www.tennesseetractor.com)—will furnish the use of two

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• **John and Susan Ivester**, Charlotte, NC, owners of 2000 National Champion Marques Gold Rush, will provide owners, handlers and officials of the 125th Running, a commemorative hat pin, a one and only original designed by the late Barry Saunders.

• **Predator Management Solutions**, Professional Trapping and Wildlife Management by Doug McKenzie, Madisonville, TN—(432) 253-4042—(www.predatormanager.com)—Predator Mgt. Solutions provide 14+ days of predator control on the 6,000 acres of field trial courses at Ames Plantation.

• **5 Star Equine Products**, 4579 US-71, Hatfield, AR 71945—(870) 389-6328—(www.5starequineproducts.com)—will provide a 5 Star Equine Saddle Pad to the owner, handler, and scout of the winning dog.

• **Area Wide Communications**, 260 Hwy. 45E North, Medina, TN 38355—(731) 783-5380—(www.areawidewidecomm.com)—will donate the use of 6 two-way radios for use by the Ames Security Patrol during the competition.

• **Ames Plantation** will provide twice daily updates of each day’s running on the website below. Bracings should be posted by 10:00 p.m., February 10, 2024.

SPECIAL NOTICE: All horses must have a current Coggins Test (less than 12 months) and health papers on out-of-state animals. Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture and officials will be checking papers. No stallions will be allowed in the gallery. While running is underway, traffic will be restricted on National Championship Drive and Turner Road from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., and on Ames Road and Plantation Road from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

PURINA, Garmin and others, will sponsor a National Field Trial Championship dinner & kickoff party at the National Bird Dog Museum on Sunday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m.

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ALL-AMERICA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Panther Creek Rosie Named Champion; Lester's Another Shockwave, Runner-Up

By Lance Schulz | McLaughlin, South Dakota | September 6, 2023



All-America Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (l-r): Jamie Daniels (judge), Rebecca Futch, Tommy Rice III, Gary Futch, Jason Loper with Panther Creek Rosie, Tommy Rice Jr., Debbie Ozner, Lance Schulz with Lester's Another Shockwave, Bill Stewart, Doug Swingley, Shawn Kinkelaar, Judd Carlton (judge), Curtis Teare, and Christian Stewart.

The All-America Open Shooting Dog Championship and Open Derby fall trial was held September 5-10, 2023, on the Pfeifer Ranch near McLaughlin, South Dakota. We cannot thank the Pfeifers enough for their hospitality, generosity, and overall use of their land!

We would like to thank Purina for their sponsorship of bags of Pro Plan Sport 30/20 for all placing dogs.

Trials are not possible without the club volunteers, judges, dog wagon drivers, and marshals. Thus, we would like to acknowledge Gary Futch, Jason Loper, Joe Runyan, Judd Carlton, Jamie Daniels, Luke Eisenhart, Lee Phillips, Curtis Teare, and Tommy Rice.

The trial had a somewhat false start Tuesday morning due to rain and wind gusts in the 40-mph range. So, after two braces, it was determined the weather was not conducive to running dogs. By Tuesday evening, the storm had cleared, and most of us participated in a walleye fish fry hosted by Gun Dog House Door, Inc. owners Lance and Marcie Schulz. Eight bags, or 40 walleyes, were consumed in record time. Wednesday morning brought near-perfect trial conditions, enabling the completion of the Derby stake.

Dr. Pat McInteer's male pointer, Nemaha Lima Bean, laid down a nice forward ground race with several pieces of bird contact. The difference between second and third and not placing was very close, as four additional dogs had nice derby

prairie ground performances with multiple bird contacts. Upfront's Teeter, handled by Shawn Kinkelaar, was awarded second place, while Terry Chastain Jr.'s Melrose Angel Eyes placed third. Derbies that were also in contention based on ground performance and bird contact included Upfront's Charlie and LP, both handled by Shawn Kinkelaar.

Wednesday evening, several of the gallery caravanned to just north of Isabel, South Dakota, to enjoy a dinner at Firesteel Creek Lodge. Make an evening free during your 2024 summer camp or when attending the 2024 All-Age trials near Trail City. Firesteel Creek Lodge knows how to showcase prairie-fed and grain-finished beef! Those who made the trip were delighted, and you will be as well.

Wednesday's weather stayed true for the remainder of the trial, starting in the



Open Derby Winners (l-r): Tommy Rice III, Lee Phillips (judge), Dr. Pat McInteer, Luke Eisenhart (judge), Curtis Teare with Nemaha Lima Bean, Lance Schulz, Todd Manns with Upfront's Teeter, Shawn Kinkelaar, Lewis Peterson with Melrose Angel Eyes, and Terry Chastain Jr.

50s and rising to the low-to-mid-70s with little overcast and gentle winds. Thursday was the start of the Open Shooting Dog stake, which drew 45 entries. Tommy Rice III handled the champion, Panther Creek Rosie, to the winners' table. Rose ran the second brace on Friday. The female pointer owned by Frank Rutland had a very strong prairie ground performance with three pieces of bird contact on native sharp-tailed grouse. The runner-up champion, Lester's Another Shockwave, handled by Shawn Kinkelaar, made the winners' table with his strong prairie casts as he searched wide and far, which made him appear as a "tick-tack on the prairie." The pointer male had one piece of bird contact on a clutch of pheasants and worked them with his head and tail high and tight. Luke is owned by a syndicate group of Shawn's current owners under the name Prairie to Pines Kennel (P2P Kennels), consisting of Dr. Tom Jackson, Jerry Moisson, Todd Manns, Bjorn Peterson, and Lance Schulz. All the owners except Mr. Peterson were present to watch Luke's brace.

Several dogs had nice ground performances and bird contact. Those dogs included S T's Locked N Loaded, handled by Brian Gingrich, Luke Eisenhart's setter, Erin's Three Leaf Shamrock, and Erin's Tough Grit.

McLaughlin, S. D., September 6

Judges: Judd Carlton and Jamie Daniels

ALL-AMERICA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 36 Pointers, 2 Setters, 4 German Shorthairs, and 3 Vizslas

Winner-PANTHER CREEK ROSIE, 1691574, pointer female, by Panther Creek Merlin-Pineywood's Belle Aire. Frank Rutland, owner; Tommy Rice III, handler.
Runner-Up-LESTER'S ANOTHER SHOCKWAVE, 1691812, pointer male, by Lester's Shockwave-Miller's Stitch In Time. Prairie To Pines Kennel, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

Judges: Luke Eisenhart and Lee Phillips

OPEN DERBY – 20 Pointers, 1 Setter, and 3 German Shorthairs

1st-NEMAHA LIMA BEAN, 1700804, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Jackson's Teardrop. Dr. Pat McInteer, owner and handler.
2d-UPFRONT'S TEETER, 1705555, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Upfront's Southern Star. Lance & Marcie Schulz, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.
3d-MELROSE ANGEL EYES, 1705598, pointer female, by Brakenslide Ben-Melrose Rebel Lou. Terry Chastain Jr., owner and handler.

GRAND VALLEY BIRD DOG CLUB

Fall Trial

By Jim Cipponeri | Highland, Michigan | September 22, 2023

The first fall trial of the Association of Michigan Field Trial Clubs was run on the beautifully manicured grounds at the popular Silo Course. Our local Octogenarian and famous writer for the American Field, Dave Fletcher, was in attendance. He informed us that trials have been conducted here since at least the early 1950s, and recently, there have been several walking championships and even a National English setter event scheduled for later in the fall.

Thanks to the efforts of Ron Sposita, Bill Darr, John Hall, and Tom Vanecek, the one-hour course was groomed to perfection. These individuals donated not only their time but also their farm equipment while grooming the courses after a ban on burning was initiated by the Department of Natural Resources this summer. Birds were picked up and delivered by Mike Brown, and lunches were provided by Maria Sposita to the liking of all those in attendance.

The Club appreciates those amateurs who entered and judged. Also, a big thank you to professional handler R. J. Ecker Jr., who came all the way from Quakake, Pennsylvania. There were many fine performances in both the horseback and walking U. S. Complete stakes. Several

newcomers to Highland showed their dogs, and the future looks bright.

Highland, Mich., September 22 – One Course

Judges: Tom Vanecek and Ron Williams

OPEN DERBY – 2 Pointers, 1 Setter, and 1 German Shorthair

1st-DUKE'S C C KATIE, 1699933, pointer female, by Knight's Light Chipster-Windfall Queen of Soul. Ron Sposita, owner and handler.

2d-HIGHWATERS BRUNO MAGLI, unreg., German Shorthair male, by Wildfire's Royal Flush-Hi N's Allison Miranda. Blake Rizzo, owner and handler.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers, 3 Setters, and 1 German Shorthair

1st-JACK'S ROCKIN ROCCO, 1669276, setter male, by Thornapple Hawk-Boondocks Karens Annie Girl. Jim & Connie Cipponeri, owners; Jim Cipponeri, handler.

2d-STELLER WIND, 1678050, pointer female, Easy Terms-Quickmarksman's Erin Penny. Jim & Connie Cipponeri, owners; Jim Cipponeri, handler.

3d-BAD RIVER BEAUREGARD, 1665144, setter male, by T's Nickleback-Straight Up Skydancing Lady. Tom Vanecek, owner and handler.

Judges: Bill Branham and Ron Williams

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 3 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st-HIGHWATERS ARIAS, 1703634, pointer female, by Greypointe Nubarron-Drowning Creeks Tilda. Blake Rizzo, owner and handler.

2d-BAD RIVER RYLAND, 1687379, setter female, by T's Gunslinger-T's Unjaded. Tom Vanecek, owner and handler.

3d-HIGHWATERS LUIGI, 1703635, pointer male, by Greypointe Nubarron-Drowning Creeks Tilda. Blake Rizzo, owner and handler.

Judges: Jim Cipponeri and Ron Williams

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 1 Pointer and 5 Setters

1st-PONDEROSA'S COPPER PENNY, 1690593, setter female, by Ponderosa Mac-Eldridge's Beauty And Beast. Robert Ellis, owner and handler.

2d-ROUGE RIVER PIG PEN, 1702926, setter male, by Chip's Charlie Brown-Rouge River Wing Nut. Michael Brown, owner and handler.

3d-GRACIE BALLROOM STAR, 1694839, setter female, by Sunrise Star-Lucy Two Star. George Najor, owner and handler.

Judges: Tom Vanecek and Ron Williams

OPEN DERBY – 3 Pointers and 7 Setters

1st-ROCKLAND RIDGE ROCKY, 1700815, setter male, by Grouse Hill Bullet Proof-Spata Setters Sally. Gary Chlapaty, owner; R. J. Ecker Jr., handler.

2d-MIA STAR, 1702751, setter female, by Windstar-Hometown Queen. George Najor, owner; Steve McKalko, handler.

3d-ROGUE RIVER PIG PEN, 1702926, setter male, by Chip's Charlie Brown-Rogue River Wing Nut. Michael Brown, owner and handler.

Judges: Blake Rizzo and Tom Vanecek

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers, 6 Setters, 1 Brittany, and 1 Irish Setter

1st-KISSAMEE GROUSEWOODS TEA, 1672676, pointer female, by Daddy's Little Boy Butch-Porter Meadow Bette. Peter LaBella, owner; R. J. Ecker Jr., handler.

2d-SAMMY THE ROCK STAR, 1694825, setter male, by Sunrise Star-Lucy Two Star. George D. Najor, owner; R. J. Ecker Jr., handler.

3d-HIFIVES ROLLING STONE, 1701648, pointer male, by Titanium's Hammer-Hifive's Allisin. John Paul Jones, owner and handler.

— REGISTER PUREBRED DOGS —

Every breeder of purebred dogs should make sure that all litters are enrolled in the *FIELD DOG STUD BOOK* and should urge purchasers of puppies to register them at once.

FDSB litter enrollment assures authenticity of breeding; it sets up a permanent and always accessible record, and insures against any future accidents to the pedigree papers. Litter enrollment fee is only \$25.00 plus \$2.00 per puppy.

Registration of individual dogs assures that the dog's win and production records will be completely preserved. Fee for registration of an individual dog is just \$25.00. All that is required is an application form accompanied by a breeding certificate that has been filled in and signed by the owner of the dam.

The necessary forms are available upon request and may also be accessed at www.americanfield.com.

NATIONAL AMATEUR PRAIRIE CHICKEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Nemaha Tap Water Named Champion; Erin's Rebel Attraction, Runner-Up

By Frank LaNasa | Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin | September 22, 2023



National Amateur Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship Winners (l-r): Doug Reisner, Dr. George Ihrke, Judy Reisner, Ann Ihrke, Allison Bell, Ed Liermann, Jarrett Bell, Scott Jordan, Dr. Pat McInteer with Nemaha Tap Water, Jeff Wallace (judge), Jim Womack, Frank LaNasa, Gary Wolfe, Sean Patrick Derrig with Erin's Rebel Attraction, John Mathys, Mark Johnson, Adam DeLude (judge), and David Steel.

This year's event brought together 18 handlers from 11 states to compete with their 39 bird dogs on the grasslands. It made for a great group, new friendships, and a competitive event. It is what amateur field trialing is all about.

Most trialers know that when competing on raw native ground on wild birds, things are never the same from year to year. Every year, the competitors are well aware they will be faced with unforeseen challenges. Without question, this year, the birds were more challenging to cooperate than historically has been the case. Although there were an impressive number of birds on all of the courses, throughout the entire trial, they were extremely jumpy. While native prairie chickens seem more sensitive to flight than most other game birds, the positive is that whatever the situation, all competitors deal with the same challenges; in the end, some fare better than others.

We were fortunate to have two field trial competitors, and workers sit in the judges' saddles. Adam DeLude from Campbellsport, Wisconsin, has hosted and competed successfully in many venues, including developing and handling his own dogs to impressive championships. He is intimately familiar with the Buena Vista Grasslands and its native prairie chicken. Jeff Wallace from Knoxville, Iowa, owns Cajun Kennels. Jeff has had pointing dogs since the 1980s, and he both hosts events and competes. Both Jeff and Adam were attentive and positive throughout and

handled their duties with the class that makes an event better. In a challenging year to judge, their work was appreciated.

The National Amateur and National Open Prairie Chicken Championships run back-to-back. Consequently, both championships work hand in hand to help each other make it the best experience for the competitors. Ed Liermann has not only been a superb trial chair for the Open Championship but has done much to advocate for the benefits of having quality field trials on these native prairie chicken grounds. Ed has shown that field trial events can be givers to the local communities and positive influences for the natural resources and wildlife on the venues themselves. The benefits of Ed's work reach far beyond the boundaries of just the Buena Vista Grasslands and well into the other public grounds in the state of Wisconsin. His work with the Wisconsin DNR on a local and statewide level and his networking with local institutions of education preparing our next generation of Natural Resource managers have been a blueprint for others to follow.

Others who assist are my co-chair Mark Johnson, the AFTCA Vizsla Trustee at Large; Gary Wolfe, dog wagon driver extraordinaire; George and Ann Ihrke and Judy and Doug Reisner with road crossings; and John Mathys and Ed Liermann with marshaling.

This year's champion, Nemaha Tap Water, owned and handled by Dr. Pat

McInteer, had three contacts with birds. Birds were flushed in front of his first two contacts with impeccable manners at flush and shot. On this third contact, Tap Water immediately stopped and styled up when a single chicken left downwind of him.

Runner-up honors went to Erin's Rebel Attraction on the strength of the most memorable find of the stake. While standing wide open in no more than 3 inches of cover, Attraction did a marvelous job of pointing and handling more than a dozen chickens, which flushed all around him, and he stood proud and stoic. His pace suffered some in the second half of his hour from a foot injury, but his focus never wavered.

The Running

Brace No. 1—Tek One Eyed Willy (PM/Kenton Bryant) and Cochise B (ESM/Marian Brown). A covey lifted as Cochise was zoning in on them. Styled up, his handler dismounted and put a final bird to wing. Cochise had a second contact at 25 on a single bird. Willie was strong, mostly forward. Willie had a good find on a single bird at 40 and then an unproductive at 53.

Brace No. 2—Cole Fusion (ESM/Jim Womack) and Erin's Tin Lizzie (PM/Mark Johnson). Both dogs hunted hard directly into a stiff wind. At 20, Lizzie failed to stop for a wild flushed bird and was up. Fusion wasn't satisfying his handler and was up at 35.

Brace No. 3—Walden's Ridge Slap Shot (PM/David Steel) and Chief's Rising Sun (ESM/John Mathys). At 5, Rising Sun suffered an unproductive with Slap Shot backing. At 30, Sun was up after his second unproductive. Slap Shot's race and pace grew more forward and stronger as the hour progressed, but failed to score as he finished the hour.

Brace No. 4—G F Texas Ranger (ESM/Allen Dunbar) and Nemaha Touch A Grey (PM/Pat McInteer). Ranger had an unproductive at 5 with Grey backing. Grey suffered an unproductive at 10. Both dogs finished the hour with a steady ground effort but without any game contact.

Brace No. 5—Erin's Southern Comfort (PM/Sean Patrick Derrig) and B G K's Lone Gunman (VIZM/Jarrett Bell). After crossing back over Lake Drive, Gunman pointed, but no bird could be produced. Southern Comfort was showing strong

to the front through the tough middle portion of the course. Crossing back over Lake Drive, the cover lightened, and Comfort took advantage with big forward moves, finishing his hour on a number of relocations on running turkeys.

Brace No. 6—Joho's Billie Boy (PM/John Hott) and Stone Church Rooster (PM/Scott Jordan). At 35, Rooster was pointed, and Boy came into the same area and pointed as well. Handlers flushed a nice covey in front of both dogs. Point was called for Rooster far to the front. Chicken left on their own, and so did the dog. Billie Boy finished the hour with no further contacts.

Brace No. 7—Southern Confidence (PM/Frank LaNasa) and Walden's Ridge Rain Storm (PM/David Steel). A two-hour rain delay caused a late start to the morning running. Confidence suffered two unproductives in the first 20 minutes and was up. Storm had a find on a single chicken at 38; his race shorted before suffering an unproductive at 57.

Brace No. 8—Nemaha Tap Water (PM/Pat McInteer) and Boumeester's Duramax (PM/John Mathys). Both dogs started strong. Tap Water had finds at 7 and 28. Both dogs were wide and strong, hunting hard. Point was called for Tap Water at 44 but proved unproductive. At 47, Duramax had a nice find on a single bird with impeccable style. At 52, Duramax went deep, and point was called. Due to the terrain, it took a good while for the judge to arrive, and handler asked Duramax to relocate. During the relocation, a bird took to flight. At 56, Tap Water had a stop to flush on a single bird and finished his hour going to the front.

Brace No. 9—Warioto's White Boy Rick (ESM/Scott Little) and Pioneer B (ESM/Marian Brown). Both dogs started off handling kind and swinging to the front. Boy had a good stop to flush, and Pioneer backed. At 30, B was standing, and point was called. A deep relocation scored on chicken. Boy continued to get bigger and stronger in his application as the hour ended for both.

Brace No. 10—Pearl Jam Nation (PF/Scott Jordan) and Bryant's Give It A Rip (ESM/Kenton Bryant). Rip had an unproductive at 10. Pearl Jam had a stop to flush at 24. Both dogs were

running a comfortable race. After coming across Townline Road, Rip had a second unproductive. Pearl continued with a forward race, suffering a second unproductive at the end of her hour.

Brace No. 11—Erin's Rebel Attraction (PM/Brian Sheehan) and True Ending (PM/David Moore). True Ending pointed at 5 when handler arrived. Ending moved up putting a chicken to flight. At 20, Attraction suffered an unproductive, and after collaring the dog and moving on, a single bird flew from exactly where the dog had pointed. The heavy cover kept Attraction at moderate range, but he got relief once the course crossed back over Lake Drive. At 55, Attraction styled up nicely, and point was called. While his handler was riding to his stand, a large covey of chickens exploded from all around him in the short grass. His manners and style were impressive throughout. Attraction finished his hour across Taft, moving out to the front.

Brace No. 12—J Maple Jester (PF/Joe Hughes) and Stellar's Natural Disaster (PF/Mike Duvall). At 12, Jester put a woodcock to flight. At 20, Jester pointed with a single chicken leaving. Natural came in and backed, and a second bird was flushed from in front of both dogs. After a short discussion, both dogs were picked up.

Brace No. 13—G F Parabellum (ESM/Allen Dunbar) and Joho's Grand River Bess (PF/John Hott). Parabellum started strong until he accelerated into a single chicken, putting it to flight. At the same time, Bess scored on a single chicken. At 25, Bess suffered an unproductive, and Hott decided to call it a day.

Brace No. 14—Luke's Gospel Truth (ESM/Jim Womack) and Northern Confidence (PM/Frank LaNasa). Truth had an unproductive at 47 and was picked up at 50. Confidence hunted and handled to the limits of the course for the hour but failed to score.

Brace No. 15—B G K's Luke (PM/Jarrett Bell) and Erin's Grey Justice (PM/Sean Patrick Derrig). Crossing Griffith Road, Luke had a stop to flush and produced two more birds upon his arrival. Now heading east, both dogs drove deep to the front. Crossing 130th Street, Luke pointed to the left with birds leaving as the handler arrived with all in order. Luke

pointed at 25 with Justice backing, but it proved unproductive. Both dogs finish the hour.

Brace No. 16—Thumper's Anything But (PF/Mike Duvall) and Warioto's Crazy Daisy (PF/Scott Little). At 8, Daisy failed to stop when a chicken flushed from in front of her, and at the same time, Anything But stopped. Back across Lake Drive at 13 Anything But scored on a single chicken with all in order. Anything But scored again at 24 but took steps, ending her bid.

Brace No. 17—Skydancer Silver Spur (ESM/Dennis Lutynski) and Saginaw Luke Skywalker (PM/Mark Johnson). At 4, a single chicken flushed with Skywalker in pursuit. Silver Spur worked at moderate range, and at 30 handler ended his dog's bid.

Brace No. 18—Gal Gadot (PF/Joe Hughes) and Nemaha Magic Marker (PM/Pat McInteer). Gadot had a stop to flush at 15. Both dogs were running well. At 20, Marker had a nice find on a single chicken. At 30, both dogs had a stop to flush. Across the blacktop, Hughes decides to pick up at 40. At 46 point was called for Magic Marker, but it was an unproductive. At 59, point was again called, and while relocating, a bird left from in front of the dog, ending the hour.

Brace No. 19—Notorious Immortal (PM/John Mathys) and Grouse Feather Witcher (ESM/Allen Dunbar). Both dogs started well, hunting aggressively to the front. At 15, Witcher had a stop to flush, and Immortal failed to back. Witcher's race moderated the second half, and he finished with no further contact.

Brace No. 20—Confident Nation (PM/Scott Jordan) scored early on a covey with all in order. He continued to reach further into the country, requiring help. At 57, he scored a second time on a single. He finished strong.

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., September 22
Judges: Adam DeLude and Jeff Wallace
NATIONAL AMATEUR PRAIRIE CHICKEN
SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 31 Pointers and 9 Setters
Winner-NEMAHA TAP WATER, 1696256, pointer male, by Coldwater Spectre-Coldwater June. Dr. Pat McInteer, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-ERIN'S REBEL ATTRACTION, 1691807, pointer male, by Erin's Country Rebel-Erin's Fatal Attraction. Brian Sheehan, owner and handler.

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NBHA SHARPTAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

Over The Hill Merry Named Champion; Northwoods Sir Gordon, Runner-Up

By James C. Kleve | Danbury, Wisconsin | September 22, 2023



NBHA Sharptail Championship Winners (l-r): John Clough, James Kleve, Mike Rosario, Terry Boatright, Amber Dequaine, Brian Vander-Maazen, Tyler Wolcott, Mary Sue Schalk (judge) with her niece, Rod Lein with Over The Hill Merry, Mike Crouse (judge), Ben McKean with Northwoods Sir Gordon, Jordan Pharris, Betsy Danielson, Greg Blair (Purina rep), John McKellop, Hannah Peterson, Jeff Sullivan, Lindsey Saetre, Eric Saetre, Ken Millikin, and Jim Kleve.

The second renewal of the NBHA Sharptail Championship started Friday, September 22, 2023. The Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association proudly hosts this flourishing event at the Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Management Area near Danbury, Wisconsin. The “Barrens,” as called by locals, is part of the Northwest Sands, a rare ecosystem that once was a sprawling sight across Wisconsin. The pine and scrub oak terrain, spread across the sandy soil, is a great test as well as an equalizer for our canine competitors.

The National Bird Hunters Association team has been incredible to work with. The support and infrastructure that they offer is second to none. Great thanks go to all the sponsors. We are very thankful to Purina, who proudly sponsors this event, and we are just as thankful to have Purina representative Greg Blair on hand, who helped keep the trial moving. Seven one-hour courses are laid out with the help of OnX, a mapping program and app. Unfortunately, OnX representative Ben Brettingen was not able to join us again this year due to prior commitments, but we hope to see him next year. Garmin, Gun Dog Supply, and Mule Brand Gear & Apparel also provided winners’ gifts. Other sponsors we are thankful for their support are Gun Dog Central and Park Cities Quail Coalition.

The workload of a trial this size is not for the weary. People who step up

and help keep trials moving forward are irreplaceable and are the backbone of our sport. The “road crew” of Rod Lein, Brad Peterson, and Jim Kleve keep the trial on task by getting the dog and horse wagons where they need to be and keeping the next brace of handlers ready. Mid-morning breaks are handled by Katie Cook, who keeps everyone’s coffee cup filled and with fresh doughnuts in hand. Saturday’s pizza lunch was provided by John McKellop, whose Grouse Trails Warrior Cat won last year’s championship. Others who worked to keep everyone fed were Roger King and Tom Goltz on Friday, Pat Golat on Sunday, and John Clough on Monday.

We were lucky enough to secure Mary Sue Schalk of Princeton, Kentucky, for another year in the judicial saddle. To fill out the judicial card in the Championship, her father, Mike Crouse of Dixon, Kentucky, graciously traveled with her. This father-daughter judging duo makes a phenomenal team. They work well together, are attentive, and courteous. For this trial, a better pair could not be asked for. In the Derby stake, Mary Sue Schalk was joined by Ben McKean of Minnetrista, Minnesota. The Puppy stake was judged by Rod Lein of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and Jeff Sullivan of Litchfield, Minnesota. With the unpredictable weather constantly changing and ever-threatening, all the judges fulfilled their duties with a positive demeanor, and their decisions were well received.

Championship Winners

Over The Hill Merry, owned and handled by professional Rod Lein, was named the champion, running on the second morning course on Saturday. Breaking loose near St. Croix Trail heading north, her opening minutes were a little sporadic and unsettled. Merry then quickly showed her maturity and settled into a forward-reaching but always purposeful search. She scored twice on Sharptail, her second find requiring what one judge referred to as a “spine-tingling” expert relocation that could not have been more perfect. She was well-conditioned and finished her hour strong. Everyone that had seen this brace knew what they now had to overcome.

Runner-up was Northwoods Sir Gordon, owned and handled by amateur Ben McKean. Sir Gordon ran on the first and hottest day of the trial in the fourth brace Friday. He had three well-spaced finds on Sharptail, the first of which had some extra distractions involved; the trust in which the handler put in his dog was of note. Due to the unfavorable weather conditions, his race shortened some, but Sir Gordon’s desire to keep working and stay on task while many others faltered on that day was not a fact that was lost as he finished his hour going away.

Danbury, Wis., September 22

Judges: Michael D. Crouse and Mary Sue Schalk
NBHA SHARPTAIL CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 20 Pointers, 20 Setters,
4 Irish Setters, and 2 German Shorthairs

Winner-OVER THE HILL MERRY, 1678045, pointer female, by Grouse Trails Cracker Jack-Diva Dot. Rod Lein, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-NORTHWOODS SIR GORDON, 1674314, setter male, by Erin’s Prometheus-Northwoods Carly Simon. Ben McKean, owner and handler.

Open Derby Winners

Outcast Siren Song, owned by John Clough and handled by James C. Kleve, won the hotly contested Derby. Her lofty way of going caught the judges’ eye, and her consistency on the ground, coupled with bird work, secured her victory. Dauntless Rogue took second for owner Bert Benshoof and handler Jordan Pharris. She worked the cover hard for her half hour and showed the intelligence to get to likely objectives, which proved fruitful in producing birdwork. Jewett’s Creek Beauty, owned by Jeff Sullivan and handled by Rod Lein, took third. She ran



Open Derby Winners (l-r): Jim Kleve, James Kleve with Outcast Siren Song, John Clough, Jordan Pharris with Dauntless Rogue, Jeff Sullivan with Jewett's Creek Beauty, Mary Sue Schalk (judge), and Ben McKean (judge).

in the second brace, and many felt the standard had been set early. Her strong and forward race was eye-catching, and a piece of birdwork near time was icing on the cake.

Judges: Ben McKean and Mary Sue Schalk
NBHA OPEN DERBY – 9 Pointers, 10 Setters,
2 Irish Setters, and 1 Gordon Setter

1st-OUTCAST SIREN SONG, 1703063, setter female, by Outcast Jericho Hilltopper-Outcast Clear Vision. John Clough, owner; James C. Kleve, handler.

2d-DAUNTLESS ROGUE, 1701391, setter female, by Ponderosa Mac-Moss Meadow Lil. Bert Benshoof, owner; Jordan Pharris, handler.

3d-JEWETT'S CREEK BEAUTY, 1703337, pointer female, by Toth's Tornado Reloaded-Grouse Trails Warrior Cat. Jeff Sullivan, owner; Rod Lein, handler.

Open Puppy Winners

Northwoods Eddie Setter, owned and handled by Ben McKean, took first. A strong, sometimes rough, race separated him from the crowd. Second was Mud Lake's Money Maven, owned and handled by Hannah Peterson. Maven, a very young and youthful female setter, worked the cover well and showed a connection with her handler. Cazadors Spirit Lake Forbes garnered an honorable mention for handler Hannah Peterson.

Judges: Rod Lein and Jeff Sullivan

NBHA OPEN PUPPY – 2 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st-NORTHWOODS EDDIE SETTER, 1705580, setter male, by Northwoods Sir Gordon-Northwoods Valencia. Ben McKean, owner and handler.

2d-MUD LAKE'S MONEY MAVEN, 1704637, setter female, by Jackson's Let Er Rip-Jones Big Sky Lanius. Hannah Peterson, owner and handler.



Open Puppy Winners (l-r): John Clough, Paul Cook, Tyler Wolcott, Amber Dequaine, Mike Rosario, Lindsey Saetre, Brian Vander-Maazen, Ben McKean with Northwoods Eddie Setter, Betsy Danielson, Hannah Peterson with Mud Lake's Money Maven, Jordan Pharris with Cazadors Spirit Lake Forbes, Zach Erne, Jeff Sullivan, Greg Blair (Purina rep), Ken Millikin, and Jim Kleve.

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REGION 9 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG & IDAHO OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Chris Perkins | American Falls, Idaho | September 22, 2023

Thanks to our gracious landowners, we were blessed to have another great renewal of this field trial on these prestigious grounds southeast of American Falls, Idaho. The Region 9 Amateur Shooting Dog was run in conjunction with the Idaho Open Shooting Dog Championship and the premier running of the Idaho Open Derby Classic, which is also the first running of a Western region super qualifier for the U. S. Amateur All-Age Derby Invitational. There was an overabundance of Sharptail grouse and Hungarian partridge on the six one-hour-long courses. The cover ranged from superb to difficult, at best. The weather proved difficult, with fluctuating temperatures ranging from the low 40s with rain during the derby and first day of the Region 9 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship to fighting the heat in the high 70s throughout the running of the Idaho Open Shooting Dog Championship. By the end of the week, many great performances were presented, smiles and laughs were shared, and old friends reunited at this great trial. We would like to thank the landowners, the judges, the



Region 9 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners (l-r): Brandi Perkins, Dave Noell, Jim Michaletz, Chris Perkins, Todd Schaaf, Jake Nyenhuis, Terry Erickson with Perkins Sawyer's Warrior, Brad McCardle (judge), Ed Mayhew, Scott Kragerud, Jason Staley (judge), Bill Owen, Alex Mauck with S B Always Dreamin, John Neely, Mike Robbins, and Sophie Robbins.

handlers, and the club members who made this trial possible.

The Running

Brace 1A—Idaho's Lucky Mike (PM/

Heaton). Mike cast off and quickly caught the ridge, made the right bend on the hill above the trees, and proceeded to go on point. A flushing attempt was made, but no birds were produced, and the first

unproductive was recorded at 17. The dog was later found pointed, and Sharptail grouse were produced right after the road crossing at 36. A second find was recorded in a similar manner right before the right turn around the base of the knob hill. Mike finished the hour, and a consistent forward race was maintained throughout the brace. Neely's Business Man (PM/Neely) was scratched.

Brace 2A—Rope (GSPM/Kosmack) had a divided find before the first road crossing on a rooster pheasant at 11, the second find on Sharptails at 38, and the third find at the top of the hill at 40. Rope shortened up on his race towards the end. Perkins Elhew River Rail (PF/Perkins) had a divided find on a pheasant at 11. After the first road crossing, River Rail ascended the large hillside to the left, had a leave of absence for a few minutes, and reappeared at the top of the hill. She had a stop to flush at 36 on sharptails, then proceeded to have a second find at 43 prior to the second road crossing. River Rail finished the hour.

Brace 3A—Pete (GSPM/Oxborrow) had a find 7; the tracker requested at 20. Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Jack (PM/Mauck) had a find at 4 before the fence opening. He was picked up at 38 for breach of manners on a pheasant.

Brace 4A—M H Rockford Peach (PF/Huston) backed her bracemate at 15 after the first road crossing. She was picked up for breach of manners at 50. Edge's Hidden Canyon (PM/Robbins) went on point at 15 after the first road crossing, and handler flushed a Sharptail in front of him. Then Canyon proceeded up the long hill and was lost to the front. The tracker was requested at 52.

Brace 5A—Kilo (GSPF/Kosmack) had a find on Sharptails on Moose Ridge. She finished the hour. Miller's Newest Version (PF/Owen) made the turn and ascended the hill and was found pointed at 17. Sharptails were flushed by her handler in front of her. Then Version had her second find on a pheasant at 35. Version finished the hour.

Brace 6A—Lone Tree Splish Splash (PF/Owen) was picked up at 25. Touch's Jimi Thing (PM/Perkins) had a find at 8 on Sharptails. Then he proceeded to have a stop to flush at 40. He was picked up at 50.

Brace 7A—Ramblin Rivers Unplugged (PF/Stapleton) had a find at 27 after the first road crossing. Then she was lost, and the tracker was asked for at 40. Horizon's Bea (ESF/Erickson) had a slow start. Then she started picking up pace after the road crossing. She had a find at 33. Bea finished the hour.

Brace 8A—O T F's Good Time (GSPM/Blockovich) ascended the hill and had a

Sharptail find on the lower bench at 37. He finished the hour showing to the front. KC Moen's Freedom's Belle (GSPF/Kragerud) ascended the hill and had an STF at the beginning of the lower bench at 29. Then she proceeded to have a find at 37, followed by a second find at 41. She made a wrong turn at 56 and ascended the hill off course. She came from behind when time was called.

Brace 9A—Hersh (GSPM/Oxborrow) had a find before the gate at 5. He had a second find on the hillside after the first road crossing at 44. Then, he was found pointed at the top of the ridge, which resulted in an unproductive. Costas (PM/Jones) was found pointed before the gate, and a group of sharptails were flushed by the handler at 5. He maintained a strong race through the thick cover and was found pointed at the top of the ridge at 43. When a pheasant was flushed by the handler, Costas made a forward movement, which resulted in him being picked up.

Brace 10A—League of Her Own (PF/Schaaf) was found pointed on top of the high hill at 8, and birds were produced. She was later picked up at 38. Affinity (PF/Schade) disappeared to the front early on, then was found on point on top of the hill, and birds were produced at 8. She later suffered an unproductive at 44. Affinity finished the hour.

Brace 11A—Ramblin Rivers Natural (PM/Stapleton) had a strong race and had a find at 28 on the upper bench. He finished the hour. Tualota's Rebel Rush (PM/Mayhew) cut back at about 25 and was lost to the rear. Tracker was requested.

Brace 12A—Gotta Nother Project (PM/Schaaf) slowed up and was picked up at about 28. Carbonado's La Flama Blanca (PF/Schade) ascended the ridge and was found pointed at 6, which resulted in an unproductive. He suffered a second unproductive and was picked up after the road crossing at 29.

Brace 13A—Meg (ESF/Noell) had a find after the road crossing at 33. Meg finished the hour. T's Quadrigger (ESM/King) had an unproductive along the first ridge at 10 and later suffered a second unproductive prior to the second road crossing at 40 and was picked up.

Brace 14B—Carbonado's Wilberg (PM/DeJonge) suffered an unproductive at 28 and his second unproductive on top of the hill at 42. Whiskey's Grand Slam (BRITM/King) had a strong race through the thick cover at the beginning. He had a stop to flush at 40.

Brace 15B—S B Always Dreamin (PF/Owen) had a strong forward race through the gate and went through the tall cover

with ease. After the road crossing, she ascended the steep hill, made it through the gap, and was sent on by her handler. After disappearing to the front, she was found pointed on the edge of the sage, as intense as ever at 56. A covey of Hungarian partridge flushed, and Dreamin maintained her staunchness throughout. She then proceeded to make a strong cast to the front as time was called.

Brace 16A—Miller's Concealed Weapon (ESM/Owen). Concealed Weapon backed his bracemate at 40, then again at 44, and was picked up at 49 for breach of manners. Perkins Diamond Cutter (PM/Perkins) had a find on bird alley at 36 where Sharptails were flushed by the handler in front of the dog. Then, the second and third finds were recorded at 40 and 44. Cutter was picked up at 51 for breach of manners.

Brace 17A—Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee (ESF/Mauck) suffered an unproductive at the end of the upper bench at 26. She went on to have a find on the last ridge at 48. Dallee finished the hour. Perkins Sawyer's Warrior (PM/Perkins) made a strong cast to the front at the beginning of the brace, made the turn, swung up the hill on the upper bench, and disappeared to the front. He later reappeared at the far end of the bench and preceded to go on point at 24. Maintaining his staunchness in the afternoon heat, the handler flushed a single sharptail in front of him. He then proceeded to wind down the forest path and was found pointed at 35, which resulted in an unproductive. He then ascended the last hill and was found staunchly pointed on the ridge at 53, and Sharptails were produced. He was sent on by his handler and disappeared to the front only to reappear at time.

Brace 18A—Name Like Mike (PM/Robbins) suffered an unproductive at 5 before the narrow ridge. He then had a find at 12 along the narrow ridge. He then went on to have a second find at the top of the hill at 33 and was later found by a scout pointed before the long valley at 44, resulting in his third find. Mike finished the hour. Charlie's Zip Tie (ESM/Owen) backed his bracemate at 12. He was picked up at 32.

American Falls, Ida., September 22
Judges: Brad McCardle and Jason Staley
REGION 9 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 22 Pointers, 7
Setters, 1 Brittany, and 6 German Shorthairs
Winner—PERKINS SAWYER'S WARRIOR, 1694443, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Intentional. Chris Perkins, owner and handler.
Runner-Up—S B ALWAYS DREAMIN, 1679868, pointer female, by Rivertons Funseek'n Scooter-Touch's J Class. William Owen, owner and handler.

IDAHO STATE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

The Running

Brace 1A—C K Guy's Light My Fire (VIZF/Gingrich) suffered an unproductive at the bend of knob hill at 48. Neely's Business Man (PM/Neely) was picked up for failing to back at 48.

Brace 2A—Burr Oak's Tommy (VIZM/Gingrich) ran a forward race. He was picked up at the second road crossing at 50. Lone Tree Splish Splash (PF/Owen) ran a big race and was erratic at times. No bird work was reported.

Brace 3A—K C Moen's Freedom's Belle (GSPF/Gingrich) ran a forward race. She was found standing at 52 and realized she was backing her bracemate. She was picked up at 55 for breach of manners. Perkins Elhew River Rail (PF/Perkins) had a find on a group of Sharptails on the ridge before the gate at 4. She was found pointed on the flat basin after the gap at 52, and a Sharptail was flushed in front of her. She was picked up at 58 in the bottom before the hut for breach of manners.

Brace 4A—BMB's Supernova (GSPF/Gingrich) ran a forward race, and no bird work was reported. Edge's Hidden Canyon (PM/Robbins) had a find at bird alley at 28. He was lost to the front, and the tracker was requested at 50.

Brace 5A—O T F's Good Time (GSPM/Gingrich) had a find at the beginning of the upper shelf at 14. Afterward, he hooked right and never came around. The tracker was requested at 22. Horizon's Bea (ESF/Erickson) had a find at the beginning of the upper shelf at 17, where birds were flushed in front of her by her handler. She was picked up 24 for breach of manners.

Brace 6A—Liveaction Capt Gus Mcrae (GSPM/Gingrich) had a forward race. No bird work was reported. Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Jack (ESM/Mauck) ran to the front while checking out objectives. No bird work was reported.

Brace 7A—Miller's Concealed Weapon (ESM/Owen) ran a smooth race. He suffered an unproductive at 33 after the road crossing. Ramblin Rivers Natural (PM/Stapleton) was found pointed at the top of the first ridge at 5 but resulted in an unproductive. He then went on point at 39 at the far saddle. Birds were claimed to have left before the judges got there.

Brace 8A—Meg (ESF/Noell) had a find at the top of the hill at 40, where the handler flushed birds in front of her. Meg finished the hour. Charlie's Zip Tie (ESM/Owen) was picked up at the end of the lower bench at 37 for breach of manners.



Idaho State Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (l-r): Bill Owen, Chris Perkins with Touch's Jimi Thing, Jarry Walton (judge), Brandi Perkins with Perkins Sawyer's Warrior, Marty Middleton (judge), Alex Mauck, Mike Robbins, and Sophie Robbins.

Brace 9A—Perkins Sawyer's Warrior (PM/Perkins) had a strong forward race from the beginning and negotiated the thick cover of the first half with ease. Warrior maintained his forward race and disappeared, ascending the hill towards the gap after the road crossing. He was found on point on top of the ridge, and birds were produced without Warrior flinching. He was then led through the gap, sent on, and had a stop to flush at the basin after the gap at 55. He was sent on and had a strong finish on the hillside in front of the judges. Miller's Newest Version (PF/Owen) had a strong forward race throughout the whole brace. No bird work was reported.

Brace 10A—Touch's Jimi Thing (PM/Perkins). In the heat, Jimi cast away hard to the front and reappeared on the shelf below the tall hill. He went over the hill and went on point after the first road crossing at 16. Sharptails were flushed while Jimi maintained his beautiful poise. He then was sent on and disappeared into the valley before bird alley. He was found pointed at the beginning of bird alley at 25, which resulted in an unproductive. He was sent on and went on point at 27, where birds were produced. He then disappeared to the front and reappeared at the top of bird alley. He then cast off and was found pointed in the middle of the top shelf at 55, and birds were produced. Jimi finished strong to the front. Burr Oak's Born Again

(VIZM/Gingrich) was picked up at the road crossing at 13.

Brace 11A—Burr Oak's Barney (VIZM/Gingrich) had a strong race. He suffered an unproductive at 52 at the top of the last ridge. Perkins Diamond Cutter (PM/Perkins) was picked up for breach of manners at the upper shelf at 18.

Brace 12A—Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee (ESF/Mauck) had a strong start to the front and disappeared. The tracker was requested at 23. S T's Locked N Loaded (VIZF/Gingrich) maintained a smooth race throughout the brace. She was picked before the gap at 54 for breach of manners.

Brace 13A—Ramblin Rivers Unplugged (PF/Gingrich) was lost to the front after the road crossing. Tracker was requested at 42. Name Like Mike (PM/Robbins) had a find at 30 after the road crossing. Mike finished the hour.

Brace 14A—S B Always Dreamin (PF/Owen) had a strong start and was found pointed on the first ridge, and birds were produced at 6. She went on to have a second find at 13 after the first road crossing on the hillside. She was found pointed at 55, and birds were claimed to have been produced, but no birds were seen. Dreamin finished the hour.

American Falls, Ida., September 25

Judges: Marty Middleton and Jarry Walton

IDAHO STATE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] - 27 Entries

Winner-TOUCH'S JIMI THING, 1692245, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Hainline's Silver Star. Chris Perkins, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-PERKINS SAWYER'S WARRIOR, 1694443, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Intentional. Chris Perkins, owner and handler.

Judges: Bill Owen and Alex Rickert

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC - 13 Entries

1st-PERKINS WARRIOR PRINCESS, 1706147, pointer female, by Perkins Sawyer's Warrior-Perkins Elhew River Rail. Chris Perkins, owner and handler.

2d-PERKINS TAZMANIAN DEVIL, 1706148, pointer male, by Perkins Sawyer's Warrior-Perkins Beautiful Disaster. Chris Perkins, owner and handler.

3d-SERANOVA'S VALLEY BELOW, 1700479, pointer male, by Touch's Malcolm Story-Seranova's On Guard Annie. Nicholas Schade, owner and handler.



Idaho Open Derby Classic Winners (l-r): Bill Owen (judge), Dave Noell, Ed Mayhew, Jim Michaelitz, Rich Heaton, Chris Perkins, John Neely, Brandi Perkins, Alex Rickert (judge) Brad McCardle, Nard Bailey, Nick Schade, and Terry Erickson. Dogs (l-r): Perkins Warrior Princess, Perkins Tazmanian Devil, and Seranova's Valley Below.

NATIONAL OPEN PHEASANT SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Jolene Jolene Wins 67th Running

By Joe Lordi | Bloomingdale, Ohio | September 25, 2023



National Open Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship Winners (front, l-r): Mike Tracy, Casey Foster with Jolene Jolene, Joe McHugh (owner), and Vic Hall and Rylan Foster with Miller's Automatic Upgrade. (Behind): Ronnie Rogers (judge), Daphne Rogers, Bobby Verderosa, Jeff Gilbertson, Michael Martino, Chris Sellers (judge), Dave Hughes, and Mark Hughes.

The New York State Bird Dog Association ran the 67th National Open Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship. As we were nearing the drawing date, we had concerns about whether we would draw enough dogs. We had trailer issues, medical conditions, and trainers choosing other trials. Coming off last year's record high of 84 dogs, this year, we were not sure if we would get 25 dogs. Trailers were repaired in time, and we drew a respectable 53 dogs. We would like to thank the handlers and owners for their support. We received entries from professionals Mike Tracy, Matt Basilone, Michael Martino, and Mark Hughes. Amateurs Joe McHugh, Cliff Mesnard, and Joe Lordi also ran dogs. The amateurs represented well, with three of the five entered finishing the hour and another just seconds away from finishing the hour.

This year, the Board decided to go in a new direction for sponsorship. We are grateful for the years of support from our previous sponsor. The Southern Bird Hunters Association has agreed to sponsor the trial and has given us access to several big-time sponsors. Eukanuba agreed to provide dog food to the winners and provide the handlers' dinner; they also provided a tent, hats, sample dog food, and various swag. Lynn Carradine and James Niemann were super supportive and went above and beyond. SportDOG provided training collars to the winners. We cannot thank the Southern Bird Hunters Association and their sponsors, Eukanuba and SportDOG, enough for their

incredible support and for helping us make this a premier shooting dog event. Again, this year, Lion Country and Jack Haggis Saddlery sponsored our four honorable mentions with \$100 gift cards to the handlers.

We have been running at the Mingo Sportsman Club for six years, and the grounds have improved every year. There is no doubt that this year, the grounds were groomed to perfection, with feed strips of sorghum and corn planted along the course to provide excellent cover. The rolling hills provide a great place to show a dog. We are very happy that we were able to make the Mingo Sportsman Club in Bloomingdale, Ohio, our home. Bill Monk is a great ambassador for the club and very helpful. Jess Brown opened up the clubhouse for our group and cooked two delightful meals for all to enjoy.

We have several club members who were very helpful, and we would like to thank them for all their work. Greg Strausbaugh and Stacey Goodie were extremely helpful with the drawing and marshaling. We look forward to them spending the entire week next year. Casey Foster scouted all day and then cooked two fantastic dinners that really hit the spot. Mike Tracy helped me catch and feed the birds each night. A few afternoons, he provided horses for the judges. Thank you for all your help, Mike. Bobby Verderosa became my right-hand man. He was willing to do anything I needed and did it with a smile. He planted birds for several days; this trial

would not have been a success without his hard work. Carl Bishop was also extremely helpful in planting birds for a couple of days.

Dave Hughes provided and drove the dog truck and his Polaris for bird planting. He was always in the perfect position with dogs. Mark Hughes was also a big help, marshaling when needed and providing much-needed pretrial work.

Muriel Primm and Karen Saniga made sure there were plenty of snacks and drinks for the breaks. Muriel also made sure the judges' rooms were taken care of. Ernie Saniga got the pins for the winners and drove the dog truck the day Dave Hughes was unavailable. Bill Primm jumped in and marshaled as needed. Karen Reed made sure the judges' gifts were ordered and ready for the trial. Mary and George Tracy were extremely helpful, pretrial and during the trial. Chris Catanzarite led the judges' horse in after the day's running on Thursday. I hope I did not miss anyone; it was truly a team event, and the club is very appreciative of everyone's effort to put on this trial.

We had a delicious meal on Tuesday night in honor of last year's winner, Waybetter Rocky. Carl Bishop planned this dinner in great detail to honor Rocky's win and career. The dinner was delicious, but not one meal could adequately honor Rocky. Rocky's career was beyond impressive, winning 18 championships and numerous hour placements. He was a threat to win every time he was released. Muriel and Bill Primm, and Carl and Colin Bishop are very proud of this future Hall of Famer. They were presented with a beautiful painting of Rocky done by Mary McPherson.

This trial saw some streaks end. George Tracy missed this trial for the first time since he started coming. He was missed on every level, from running dogs and leaning on his vast experience to providing a drink or two at the end of the day's running. We all wish George a speedy recovery and can't wait for George to be back soon. Please note Mary and George were still a great help from home before and during the trial. I had to meet the bird guy and needed to miss the last two braces. These are the only braces I did not ride in 13 years.

We would like to thank our judges, Ronnie Rogers of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Chris Sellers of Selmer, Tennessee,

for their time in the saddle. They set a very consistent pace throughout the whole trial. They gave every dog their complete attention and the complete hour. They never ordered a dog up unless it made a mistake. When the heavy rain came Thursday afternoon, they did not want to run dogs in the rain, even though it meant they would have a full day on Friday. They never cut the course short. Their decision was very well received. We appreciate all their time in the saddle and driving to and from the trial.

The Winners

Jolene Jolene (“Jelly”), a pointer female raised by Dave and Liz McKay and now campaigned under the partnership of Dave McKay and Joe McHugh, was handled by Mike Tracy. Jelly has been consistently improving, and a big-time win seemed likely to happen sooner rather than later. She placed in the New England Futurity with Dave handling and won the Spruce Brook Amateur Shooting Dog Classic this past spring. She also had a very respectable performance in the Amateur Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship. Jolene Jolene bested the field of 53 dogs with a five-find performance. The judges were impressed with her smooth front-running performance. Her birdwork was flawless, never giving anyone any inclination that she was anything but perfect on her bird work.

Jolene Jolene ran the first brace on Tuesday morning. She was found standing at the end of the breakaway hedgerow and showed fine style for the flush. She pointed high and tight on both ends at 14, across from the rock pile for her second find. She hunted to the front through Locust Grove and was standing on the hill to the left for an extended flush. She handled all three pheasants to perfection. She had an unproductive on the right side of the hill after the ridge. She answered with two chukar covey finds on the outer loop. The chukars took out many dogs, but Jolene was up for the challenge, standing proud. Jolene’s finish was icing on the cake. She was seen blowing out the front end, cresting the hill as time was called. Mike Tracy raced over the hill, bringing Jolene back about five minutes later. Proud owner Joe McHugh was in the gallery to witness this outstanding performance. I am also sure Annie and June are very proud of Jelly’s first championship.

Runner-up Miller’s Automatic Upgrade is a 3-year-old pointer male owned by Allen Linder and handled by Mike Tracy. He was closest to the winner and had a very similar performance to the winner. He ran in the final brace on Day 1 with Smoke‘N’Mirrors. He showed fine style

on his bird work, scoring nine finds on pheasant, chukars, and quail. He had a strong forward race with a big finish. Upgrade nailed two finds on pheasant along the autumn olives hedgerow. Upgrade was all jacked up for his third find in the Locust Grove. He was making strong forward casts, and scout Casey called point for Upgrade on the hill. He handled the chukars to perfection and was sent on. Just before the ridge, Upgrade stood tight for the flush as a pheasant flew just over his head. On the left side going up the ridge, Upgrade was out of my sight, but a small covey of quail took flight. At the top ridge, he handled a single quail and was sent on. He hunted to the right side of the ridge and was rewarded for his effort with another stylish find. He was sent to the front, scoring yet another pheasant find in the clump of trees on the left of the hill. His style was impeccable, with a poker straight tail and head high. He showed he had all the run needed, running big in the outer loop. He was gathered up and sent to the front, coming back. He hunted the bottom and swung up and over the hill, as time ended. The judges waited for Mike to gather up Miller’s Automatic Upgrade. He laid down an impressive effort and was the only dog to finish on the first day.

In my opinion, the two top performances were head and shoulders above the field, but pushing the winners were honorable mentions Limbsmoke Urban Lullaby, handled by Matt Basilone and owned by Lloyd Miller; Hillhavyn’s Major Tom, handled by Mike Martino and owned by Brad Brown; Suemac’s Sashay handled by Mark Hughes and owned by Suzie and Roger McPherson; and Cheyenne Jack handled by Joe Lordi and owned by Sal Morelli.

The Running

Waybetter Rebel (M. Tracy) and Iron Will’s Raging Bull (M. Basilone) were off after the fog lifted at around 8:40 a.m. on Monday. Waybetter Rebel had a stylish find, but on the second find showed a slight lapse of manners and was picked up. Raging Bull was charged with an unproductive and then in Locust Grove stood high and tight, but as Matt flushed, the chukars proved too much.

Double Deuce Zeke (M. Hughes) and Raag’s Rich and Rare (M. Tracy) were released from the flats after Locust Grove. Both dogs made a nice forward cast when scout Chris Catanzarite called point far out on the top of the hill past the second pond. Rich and Rare was pointing, and Zeke was backing. Both dogs showed excellent manners for the flush. Zeke answered, standing, going up the ridge, but while relocating, the horses moved and flushed

a rooster, and Zeke took an unfortunate unproductive. While gaining the front, Zeke backed Rich and Rare at the bottom of the ridge. Mike was able to flush a hen bird in a tricky spot. Both dogs were sent on. Zeke was charged with a second unproductive at the top of the hill. Rich and Rare had a stylish find in the outer loop. He was released and made an outstanding move, showing beautifully to the front. He turned, made game, and stopped. A rooster took flight, and Rich and Rare succumbed to the temptation.

In the third brace, Hillhavyn’s Repeat (M. Martino) and Calico’s Sky’s The Limit (M. Tracy) were off from the rock pile. Both dogs had birds on their minds and scored pretty finds left and right. However, after the fifth and sixth finds, respectively, one rooster proved to be too much, taking out both dogs. This ended what had been an exciting brace.

We started back at 2 p.m. on Monday with Southern Shadows Rick (M. Basilone) and Miller’s Southern Gossip (M. Tracy). Gossip Girl had a pretty find before having a lapse of manners. Southern Shadows Rick looked like he would be the first dog to finish with six high-tailed finds, but he had a lapse of manners on chukars at 55.

Miller’s Hopped Up Version (M. Hughes) and Hightailing Penny (M. Tracy) were off going into the outer loop. Both dogs were off to the races, with point called for Penny near the far end of the outer loop. Hopped Up Version was picked up after failing to back. Unfortunately, Penny was charged with an unproductive. She ran a big race, showing to the front with one find before suffering a second unproductive.

Miller’s Automatic Upgrade (M. Tracy) and Smoke‘N’Mirrors (M. Basilone) were sent away from the main breakaway. Miller’s Automatic Upgrade’s performance is described under the winners. Smoke‘N’Mirrors was charged with an unproductive at the end of the breakaway hedgerow. Near the rock pile, Smoke‘N’Mirrors was locked in as a sneaky pheasant ran across the road and down the hill. Smoke‘N’Mirrors was deep in the cover as Matt flushed a rooster. Smoke‘N’Mirrors bid was ended by the chukars.

Limbsmoke Urban Lullaby (M. Basilone) and Reedy Creek Dial Tone (M. Tracy) were pitted against each other for the seventh brace. Dial Tone was running a far-reaching race with no bird work at 35, so Mike called for the tracker. Lullaby stood with high style on the sorghum feed patch for Matt to flush a pheasant and was sent on at 3. Along the autumn olive hedgerow, Lullaby notched his second stylish find. Lullaby continued a forward

race with a pheasant find on the right as we went up the ridge. Again, at the top of the ridge, he stood tall as Matt flushed a pheasant. At the start of the outer loop, he was locked tight for the flush. At the center of the outer loop, he scored his sixth find. He was released and was on point shortly after, but no bird was produced. He finished the hour to the front.

Island Fantasy (M. Basilone) and Suemac's Wicked Sister (M. Tracy) were off from the end of the outer loop. Island Fantasy had a quick find, but the flush proved to be too much temptation. Sister had her first find on the breakaway hedgerow on chukars. She had a slight lapse in manners on her second find and was picked up.

Miller's High Heat Index (M. Tracy) and Wayward Flyin Tomato (M. Hughes) finished out Tuesday morning. Both dogs ran strong forward races with High Heat Index a little further reaching. Flyin Tomato finished the hour strong with only an unproductive. High Heat Index slammed on point for a pheasant find on the right before the second pond. He was gathered up before the ridge and sent forward, scoring a find on chukars at the clump of trees on the top of the ridge. On the hill after the ridge, High Heat Index pinned a pheasant after a relocation. He continued to run to the extreme front end and was rewarded with a find on chukars at time.

The 10th brace featured Hillhavyn's Wild Child (J. McHugh) and Southpoint's Hog Wild (M. Tracy). Both dogs were all jacked up for a find on the breakaway hedgerow as chukars were flushed. Hog Wild pinned a hen bird at the start of the Locust Grove, again showing perfect manners. Point was called for Wild Child to the left before hitting the rock pile, and Joe was able to flush a rooster. Hog Wild again had a stylish find at the end of Locust Grove. Hog Wild had a slight lapse of manners out of my sight and was picked up. Wild Child needed to be gathered up after the second pond and again at the start of the outer loop. She had a lapse of manners with one minute left to end her bid.

Miller's Strolling For Gold (M. Tracy) and Backcountry Buddy (M. Martino) were off from the far outer loop. Both dogs made strong moves on the outer loop. They were gathered up and taken to the rock pile. Strolling For Gold was rolling; Mike Tracy called for the tracker as we turned back out, and Strolling For Gold was just up the hedgerow. Buddy had lacked the required style on his two finds and was ordered up.

Miller's Miss Congeniality (M. Tracy) and Hirollins Bad Boy (M. Basilone)

finished the second day of running. Both dogs showed fine class and speed on the ground. On the far left of Locust Grove, Bad Boy was looking good with Miss Congeniality backing. Both dogs were sent on, and at the end of the grove, Bad Boy took an unproductive in the cat o' nine tails. Miss Congeniality was further up in the flats with a sharp-looking find. Miss Congeniality had a lapse of manners and was up at 25. Bad Boy was taken to the front after the unproductive and sent up the ridge hunting the left side; he earned a stylish pheasant find. At the bottom of the ridge, a running rooster was just too much temptation.

Jolene Jolene (M. Tracy) and Ravenwood Throwing Smoke (M. Basilone) were off in the 13th brace. Jolene Jolene's performance is described under the winners. Smoke ran a big race, needing to be gathered up as the echo may have taken him to the left, going up the hill after the breakaway hedgerows. He scored two finds and was standing going up the ridge; on the relocation, a rooster got up, and Smoke stopped and went back to Matt as if to say, "I didn't do that."

Cheyenne Jack (J. Lordi) and Trumped (M. Tracy). Jack had two finds and a back with a good race. Trumped had three finds and an unproductive.

Iron Bully (M. Tracy) and Red Alert Lane (M. Basilone) were in the last brace Wednesday morning. Iron Bully cracked and popped on the ground and showed fine style on point but had two unproductives. Red Alert Lane had two finds on the breakaway hedgerows with fine style before taking liberty on a rooster.

Navajo Cody (J. Lordi) and Miller's Lock and Loaded (M. Tracy) ran in one of the hottest braces of the trial. Lock and Loaded had a find on the autumn olive hedgerow and continued a strong race before the handler elected to pick up. Cody was standing on the sorghum patch to the right on the breakaway. As the handler was flushing, the marshal said they saw flight of bird, and the handler went on. At the start of Locust Grove, Cody failed to stop as a rooster got up.

Fort River's Lucky Charm (M. Basilone) and Miller's War Bonnet (M. Tracy) were released in the flat at the end of Locust Grove. War Bonnet scored a pheasant find on the top of the ridge, an unproductive at the start of the outer loop, and a chukar find at the far end of the outer loop. She backed at the end of the breakaway hedgerow before finishing the hour to the front. Lucky Charm ran a medium shooting dog race with a back and three finds at 46, 47, and 50, finishing the hour.

Iron Will's True Grit (M. Basilone) and Miller's Heat Seeker (M. Tracy) finished out Wednesday. True Grit was absent and picked up on the top of the ridge. Heat Seeker had two finds and an unproductive before his bid ended going up the hill.

Waybetter Rocky (M. Tracy) and Fluid Drive (J. Lordi) were released to the tune of the whistles, with Rocky notching a find on the starting hedgerow. Fluid Drive stood tall on a hen bird and, as he gained the front, backed for Rocky's second find. Both dogs worked the front and were rewarded with pheasant finds about 100 yards apart. They both handled and hunted the front end. Fluid Drive stood high on both ends, with Rocky backing on the right side of the ridge. At the bottom of the ridge, Fluid Drive was not seen, and the handler went back to gather up the dog and send him to the front. Both dogs continued to hunt the front; Rocky had a find on the sorghum patch with Fluid Drive backing. At the end of the outer loop, Fluid Drive was found standing, but with no marshals and time running out, the handler elected to take the dog on. Both dogs finished to the front.

Faithful (M. Tracy) and Suemac's Sashay (M. Tracy) started coming back on the outer loop. Faithful had three finds and two unfortunate unproductives; for the second unproductive, she made game on the location but could not pin the bird, and the rooster got up behind her for her second unproductive. Sashay finished the hour. She is stylish running and pointing; she had five finds and an unproductive with the scout calling flight of a pheasant out of our sight, but we could hear the cackling.

The 21st brace highlighted Hauser's Hard Line (M. Tracy) and Miller's Special Upgrade (M. Hughes). They were both released up the ridge. Both dogs were to the right, and something did not seem right, but they were taken on. Special Upgrade stood high and tight on the relocation, but the judge felt she took a few too many steps. At the top of the hill, Hard Line was a victim to the covey of chukars, which ended his bid.

Miller's Upgraded Design (M. Tracy) and Hillhavyn's Major Tom (M. Martino) were in the 22nd brace. Upgraded Design was picked up at 35 without birdwork. Tom handled with ease for handler Mike Martino and, after an early unproductive, scored three stylish finds, finishing the hour to the front.

Erin's Big Casino (M. Tracy) and Tian Butterbean (C. Mesnard) were released from the rock pile. Butterbean gave a strong effort with a rooster at 9 and a divided find at 12. At the end of Locust Grove, he pinned a hen with all in order

for the flush. He scored a divided find on the outer loop and finished the hour to the front. Big Casino had two divided finds and an unproductive to finish the hour.

Bittersweet War Cry (M. Tracy) and McFay's Dire Straits (M. Martino) were off from the outer loop. War Cry had one find and two unproductives. Dire Straits had a back and a lapse of manners, ending his hour early.

The 25th brace featured Miller's Extreme Heat (M. Tracy) and Bragabull (M. Hughes). Both gave a strong effort and covered the country. Extreme Heat had five stout finds but had a second unproductive at 54, ending her bid early. Bragabull notched three stylish finds and backed



Painting Presentation of 2022 Champion Waybetter Rocky (l-r): Mike Tracy (handler), Casey Foster (scout), Joyce and Carl Bishop (owners), and Muriel and Bill Primm (owners).

twice but suffered two unproductives to end her bid.

Hauser's Rollin Thunder was the first of three byes run by Mike Tracy. He gave a strong effort with six well-spaced finds and an unproductive at 14. He showed good style on point and was pleasing on the ground; he finished the hour to the front.

Miller's Little Duce Coupe (M. Tracy) was off like a shot but chased a bird at 4.

In the final brace, Miller's Record Heat (M. Tracy) scored a pretty find and suffered an unproductive; he ran a big race with the handler calling for the tracker at 32.

Bloomington, Ohio, September 25 – One Course

Judges: Ronnie Rogers and Chris Seller

NATIONAL OPEN PHEASANT SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]

– 49 Pointers and 4 Setters

Winner-JOLENE JOLENE, 1692447, pointer female, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Dominator's Heir Kate. Joe McHugh & Dave McKay, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Runner-Up-MILLER'S AUTOMATIC UPGRADE, 1696255, pointer male, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Allen Linder, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

NORTHWEST CHUKAR CHAMPIONSHIPS

B K Pablo Escobar Wins Open All-Age & Shooting Dog

By Jeremy Skousen | Payette, Idaho | September 29, 2023

Rain delay...what...in the high desert? This is not something we generally hear in this part of the world at the beginning of October. This series of trials used to be held a week earlier, and the weather was typically in the 90s with dry and dusty conditions. This year, many days were cool, overcast, and rainy, although the warm fall weather did show up for part of the trial. Wild and released birds were found and usually pointed, which adds to the excitement of every find since you don't always know what to expect. Prairie Wind Ranch sits about 20 miles outside Payette, Idaho, and the cover was particularly good this year.

The Boise Valley Pointing Dog Club would like to thank Keith and Bobbi Richardson for the use of the grounds and the many amenities and offer a thank you to all those involved for all the work before, during, and after the trial concluded. Especially Phil and Sharon Bowden for driving the dog truck and keeping water and refreshments available to all, Anita Robertson for the meals and hospitality, and Mark Kirkland for the dinner. An additional thank you to the multiple organizations and individuals who came together to put together the dog truck that proved to be just perfect for this venue. The BVPDC would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to Purina and SportDOG for the continued sponsorship of these trials.

The 2023 All-Age Champion was B K Pablo Escobar, owned and handled by Sergio Velez, with a forward and consistent



Northwest Chukar Open All-Age Championship Winners (back row, l-r): Terry Erickson, Jeremy Skousen (judge), Bill Owen (judge), Kristina Wall, and Jacquine Shippy. (Front): Sergio Velez, Jim Ledington (scout) with B K Pablo Escobar, and Alex Mauck with Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Jack.

all-age race staying "in the pocket" the entire hour and a strong finish high up on a hill still searching for birds. The runner-up was Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Jack, owned by Steve Croy and handled by Alex Mauck, with a strong start and the most exciting find on chukars for the trial, and he also finished high on the hill. The judges for the All-Age Championship were Bill Owen and Jeremy Skousen, and were in complete agreement on the winners.

Sergio Velez's dog clearly loves running at Prairie Wind Ranch as B K Pablo Escobar was also named the shooting dog champion for 2023. The runner-up was also handled by Sergio with BK Locked N' Loaded. The champion had six finds

throughout the hour with a consistent race. The runner-up had a couple of finds and an exciting race. The judges for this stake were Lori Steinshouer and Mike Wilkin.

The Larry McConnell Memorial Region 9 Amateur All-Age Championship was held over the weekend in combination with the Northwest Chukar Championships. The 2023 champion was Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee, owned and handled by Alex Mauck. Dallee had three finds and ended her exciting hour pointed on chukar below the infamous "suicide tree." The runner-up champion was S B Always Dreamin, owned and handled by Bill Owen. She ran a forward-pleasing race and had her find right before time was



Northwest Chukar Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (l-r): Kristina Wall, Alex Mauck, Sergio Velez with B K Pablo Escobar, and Jim Ledington (scout) with BK Locked N' Loaded. (Behind): Mike Wilkin (judge), Lori Steinshouer (judge), Bill Owen, Jacquine Shippy, and Phil Bowden.

called on the brace. The judges for the Amateur Championship were Sergio Velez and Rich Burgi.

The Larry Brech Memorial Open Derby was held first on a beautiful Friday morning. First place was Carbonado's Country Spectre, owned and handled by Austin Turley. Second place was Seranoa's Valley Below, owned and handled by Nick Shade. Third place was Far West Apollo, owned and handled by Mike Wilkin.

Jim Ledington chaired the trials, with a lot of help from others and even long-distance help from Bridget. The trials ran smoothly and efficiently like in previous years, and the effort is appreciated by all. The trial was well attended by field trialers from all around the western United States: California, Idaho, Montana,



Region 9 Amateur All-Age Championship Winners (l-r): Alex Mauck, Terry Erickson (scout) with Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee, Kristina Wall, Ed Mayhew, Jim Ledington (scout) with S B Always Dreamin, Bill Owen, and Sergio Velez (judge). (Behind): Rich Burgi (judge) and Phil Bowden.

Nevada, Oregon, and Canada.

Payette, Ida., September 29

Judges: Bill Owen and Jeremy Skousen

NORTHWEST CHUKAR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 11 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-B K PABLO ESCOBAR, 1681052, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Sergio Velez, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-MAUCK'S WYEAST OWYHEE JACK, 1676973, setter male, by Tekoa Mountain Patriot-San Jac's Gypsy. Steve Croy, owner; Alex Mauck, handler.

Judges: Lori Steinshouer and Mike Wilkin

NORTHWEST CHUKAR OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 8 Entries

Winner-B K PABLO ESCOBAR, 1681052, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Sergio Velez, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-BK LOCKED N' LOADED, 1699229, pointer female, by B K Bonafide Stallion-B K Hirollins Wild. Sergio Velez, owner and handler.



Larry Brech Memorial Open Derby Classic Winners (back row, l-r): Phil Bowden, Terry Erickson, Ed Mayhew, Jim Ledington (judge), Bill Owen (judge), Sergio Velez, and Rich Burgi, joined by two spectators. (Front row): Sharon Bowden, Austin Turley, Brian Gingrich, Nickolas Schade, Mike Wilkin, and Alex Mauck.

Judges: Rich Burgi and Sergio Velez

REGION 9 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] - 16 Entries

Winner-MAUCK'S WYEAST OWYHEE DALLEE, 1687695, setter female, by T's Gunslinger-Hidden Jasmine. Alex Mauck, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-S B ALWAYS DREAMIN, 1679868, pointer female, by Rivertons Funseek'n Scooter-Touch's J Class. William Owen, owner and handler.

Judges: Jim Ledington and Bill Owen

LARRY BRECH OPEN DERBY CLASSIC – 9 Entries

1st-CARBONADO'S COUNTRY SPECTRE, 1705811, pointer male, by Brush Country Spectre-Empire On Line. Austin Turley, owner and handler.

2d-SERANOVA'S VALLEY BELOW, 1700479, pointer male, by Touch's Malcolm Story-Seranoa's On Guard Annie. Nicholas Schade, owner and handler.

3d-FAR WEST APOLLO, 1702287, pointer male, by Skyfall-Phantom's Rebel Ransom. Mike Wilkin, owner and handler.

NATIONAL BRITTANY OPEN GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP ASSOCIATION

Grouse Hill Bullet Proof Wins Theda Langstaff Memorial Open Shooting Dog

By Kenny DeLong | Meredith, Michigan | October 5, 2023



Restricted Breed Championship Winners (l-r): Sarah Gomes (judge), Robert Ecker with IV Whiskey In A Teacup, Steve McKalko (stake manager), Kenny DeLong with K Del's Eagle Magnum Hotshot, and Douglas E. McMillen Jr. (judge).

The grouse and woodcock were in abundance at the Refuge the first full weekend of October, and a very nice entry of bird dogs took full advantage of the good numbers and the good weather. We thank the Lord for a great trial—plenty of feathers, food, fellowship, and fine



Open Puppy Winners (l-r): "Woody" (stake manager), Marc Forman with Twilight's Problem Child, Brent Peters (judge), Chris Wasserman with Creekside's Sunshine, Josie and Theo Wasserman (future trialers!), Deb Nihart with Neff's Catch Me Get Me, and Denise Peters (judge).

canines displaying excellent bird work. As always, we appreciate the entries of pros and amateurs alike, the time in the saddle of our talented and conscientious panel of judges, our wrangling Hollister family, the McKalko Master Chef team, all those who pitched in to help move vehicles, marshal,



Open Derby Winners (l-r): Rich Hollister with Grouse Feather Tilly, Mike Bandos (judge), Harold Holmes with Dunroven Hillbilly Hattie, Rob Ellis (judge), and Brent Peters with Baxter's Wild Bill.

get dogs to the line, and the many other folks who happily handled the myriad of tasks associated with running a smooth field event.

Forty-four dogs in the 2nd Annual Theda Langstaff Memorial Open Shooting Dog

challenged judges Travis Burnett and Tom Winters all day Thursday and Friday. In this stake, 42 grouse and 32 woodcock were moved over the two days, and judges had 12 squeaky clean dogs to sort out. When the dust settled, it was Scott Forman's setter male "Proof," running in the second brace on course 2, that judges named the winner. Proof ran strong and forward, pressing the limits and carding two stylish finds—one each on grouse and woodcock. The red ribbon fell to Kenny DeLong's veteran liver and white pointer male, "Justice," who ran around noon Friday in brace 18. Justice was also on course 2, staying well forward but handling kindly, scouring the cover, and scoring three times on woodcock with excellent manners and style. Sir Robert Ecker handled "Ike," a handsome setter male whose punching run and staunch bird work included a very nice grouse find, to the yellow ribbon.

Doug McMillen came from Pennsylvania, and Sarah Gomes from across our northern border to judge the Restricted Breed Open Grouse Championship. This was a competitive stake with Llewellins, Red setters, and Brittans represented in the field of entrants. Two Britts rose to the top to claim the titles. This year, Robert Ecker returned to the winners' circle with a different charge—IV's Whisky In A Teacup. This very nice running female crisscrossed coveted courses 9 and 10 Saturday morning, scoring on both grouse and woodcock and claiming the championship and the blue. Kenny DeLong's Brittany male "Shooter" earned a repeat runner-up title with a strong race, well connected with his handler, carding a nice find at 40 on the far edge of a cutting on course 12.

Puppies ran on Saturday late morning, watched by Denise and Brent Peters. There were nine entries, but it was a strong field. A new puppy course cut over the summer in thicker cover than our venue of the last decade or so saw several good ground performances and a few birds moved. Professional Marc Forman handled two of his three setters to the first and third placements based on strong races. Female "Joey" was the more forward of the two, with more consistent application—good for first place. "Gabe" was perhaps more moderate and slightly less in tune with Marc, earning a third-place nod from the judges. Sandwiched between the two setters was Chris Wasserman's young pointer female, "Sunny," who ran strong and tested her handler somewhat but



Theda Langstaff Open Memorial Shooting Dog Winners (l-r): Christy Forman, Scott Forman with Grouse Hill Bullet Proof, Travis Burnett (judge), Doc Holmes, Kenny DeLong with Faith's Maximum Justice, Chuck Langstaff, Robert Ecker with Dun Rovens Midnite Ike, Tom Winters (judge), and Bryan Wood (stake manager).

impressed the judges with a classy ground race enough to grab the red ribbon.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning provided plenty of chickens and doodles for 13 braces of Derby dogs. Rob Ellis and Mike Bandos presided over a great field of promising young ones. More than half a dozen grouse and 10 woodcock were moved, and in the end, all the placed dogs had pointed grouse! In this event, our local pro took the two top spots with a pair of setter females on his string. Tilly ran on course 9 Sunday morning and scored three times on grouse and timberdoodles. These quality finds, combined with her strong race, made it easy for judges to award her the Blue Ribbon. Hattie had run Saturday afternoon, carding a very nice grouse find, and was being carried in the top spot until Tilly's performance nudged her into second place. Brent Peters' setter male ran in the first brace Sunday morning on course 7. A couple of grouse and woodcock were moved wild during the half hour, and Billy was able to pin one to gain the third-place spot.

Bunches of birds and a lot of great dogs! It is nice to have big entries and eager participation in both the fun and the work of a successful trial. We thank the professionals for their patronage and willingness to pitch in and help when needed. We thank the amateurs for their hard work and willingness to duke it out with the pros. We thank Purina for their support and sponsorship. We give thanks to the Creator for His many blessings. We at NBOGCA hope y'all winter well and look forward to seeing all y'all in the spring. God Bless you, Theda, for being with us in Spirit.

Meredith, Mich., October 5

**Judges: Travis Burnett and Tom Winters
THEDA LANGSTAFF MEMORIAL OPEN
SHOOTING DOG – 16 Pointers and 28 Setters**

- 1st-GROUSE HILL BULLET PROOF, 1664897, setter male, by Waymaker Super Sam-Vitali Grouseringer Purdy. Giovanni Capocci, owner; Scott Forman, handler.
- 2d-FAITH'S MAXIMUM JUSTICE, 1660276, pointer male, by Nelson's Van Max-Wild Apple Faith. Kenric DeLong, owner and handler.
- 3d-DUN ROVENS MIDNITE IKE, 1685001, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Moonshine Cherry. Dr. Peter Millett, owner; R. J. Ecker, Jr., handler.

**Judges: Sarah Gomes and Douglas E. McMillen Jr.
RESTRICTED BREED OPEN GROUSE
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 11 Entries**

- Winner-IV'S WHISKEY IN AT TEACUP, 1695083, Brittany female, by Wilkie's Cowboy J Witten-I V. Samantha Adams, owner; R. J. Ecker, Jr., handler.
- Runner-Up-K DEL'S EAGLE MAGNUM HOTSHOT, 1685770, Brittany male, by Magnum High Velocity-K Del's Eagle's Chance To Soar. Kenric DeLong, owner and handler.

Judges: Brent Peters and Denise Peters

- OPEN PUPPY – 2 Pointers, 6 Setters, and 1 Brittany**
- 1st-TWILIGHT'S PROBLEM CHILD, 1706124, setter female, by Wayward Flyin Tomato-Twilight's Echoed Promise. Mark Deneka, owner; Marc L. Forman, handler.
- 2d-CREEKSIDE'S SUNSHINE, 1704976, pointer female, by Creekside's Riptide-Creekside's April Fools. Chris Wasserman, owner and handler.
- 3d-NEFF'S CATCH ME GET ME, 1705378, setter male, by Wayward Flyin Tomato-Twilight's Echoed Promise. Virginia S. Neff, owner; Marc L. Forman, handler.

**Judges: Michael Bandos and Robert Ellis
OPEN DERBY – 3 Pointers, 21 Setters,
and 1 Red Setter**

- 1st-GROUSE FEATHER TILLY, 1703250, setter female, by Grouse Feather Hawk-GF Southern Belle. Custis Coleman Jr., owner; Richard Hollister, handler.
- 2d-DUNROVEN HILLBILLY HATTIE, 1702221, setter female, by Dun Rovens Drifter-Back Creek Lucy. Richard Hollister, owner and handler.
- 3d-BAXTER'S WILD BILL, 1701012, setter male, by Thornapple Casey-Baxter's Mary Katherine. Brent & Denise Peters, owners; Brent Peters, handler.

MICHIGAN WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

Grouse Ridge Mags Wins 34th Running; Blue Ribbon's Harper Bella, Runner-Up

By Members of the Ruffed Grouse Field Trial Club | Gladwin, Michigan | October 10, 2023



Michigan Woodcock Championship Winners (l-r): Bryan Wood (field trial chairman), Christy Forman, Scott Forman with Grouse Ridge Mags, Bob Wheelock (judge), Brent Peters (judge), Robert Ecker with Blue Ribbon's Harper Bella, and Craig Merlington (club president).

It was a collaborative effort by the members of the Ruffed Grouse Field Trial Club. *“Four days, 23 braces, 51 grouse and 55 woodcock. Every course held multiple birds.”*

That was the 34th running of the Ruffed Grouse Field Trial Club's running of the Michigan Woodcock Championship in a nutshell. As with all wild bird trials, one of the biggest questions is always the same. Will the birds be there? Well, this year, there was no doubt that the answer was yes! Fifty-one grouse and 55 woodcock were witnessed during the 23 braces. Every course had multiple birds! This made for some tough judging, as 23 dogs finished their runs, all with clean birdwork. A quality Championship indeed!

Starting October 11 at the famed Gladwin Field Trial Grounds, 46 dogs were drawn to run under judgment from two well-known and respected judges, Bob Wheelock and Brent Peters. A staple of Gladwin field trials, Club Vice President Bryan Wood once again reigned over the trial as stakes manager.

This year's championship win was awarded to a beautiful tri-color female setter by the name of Grouse Ridge Mags. Mags was handled by the veteran trainer and handler Scott Forman. Runner-up champion went to another veteran trialer, Robert Ecker, with a black and white pointer named Blue Ribbon's Harper Bella. Both dogs put on a performance not to be forgotten!

As with every cover dog trial, it took many people to keep things running smoothly. Many thanks go to Rich and Jenny Hollister as the horse wranglers, whose steady steeds make the judges' duties much easier. These horses know the courses and are as steady as any you will ever find. Additionally, many hands were on deck to help with marshaling, moving vehicles, and providing lunches. The RGFTC has added a number of new directors and members in the past couple of years, and they really stepped up! Chris Wasserman, our new vice president, handled the Puppy stake. Club directors Rob Ellis, Lonnie Rademacher, and Marc Dozeman all marshaled, moved vehicles, and helped out in any and every way needed. Members Betsy Dozeman and Sami Libby provided snacks and yummy food for lunches. Club President Craig Merlington was there, marshaling, providing donut break refreshments, and generally keeping everything running smoothly. Club Secretary Tammy Chaffee handled the financial duties and helped out where needed. In addition, members Mike Rosario and Travis Burnett stepped up and judged the accompanying Derby and Puppy stakes. There were many more who pitched in, too numerous to remember, but we thank them all.

Once more, a huge shout-out must go to Purina for their continued support of the cover dog world. Purina provided certificates for bags of dog food for the championship winners and coupons for discounts on dog food for the Derby and

Puppy stake winners.

The Winners

This is a first-time championship win for Grouse Ridge Mags, a 3-year-old female setter owned by William (Billy) Ballin III of Norwich, New York, and handled by Scott Forman of Shady Hills Kennel. Billy raised this litter, sired by Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire out of Grouse Ridge Jaz, a dog from the famous Grouse Ridge Kennels. Whiskey himself is a previous Michigan Woodcock champion. Mags is a family dog, being raised in the house with the Ballin crew, among them Billy, his wife Rachel, and their three children, Fyn, Bryn, and Liam. You will often see this family at trials held at the Flanagan Farm.

Mags ran in brace No. 8 on courses 11-12, which is a mixture of covers starting with scrub oaks, a swamp ravine into an older poplar cut. Mags wasted no time in connecting with her first find, a proper relocation on a running grouse at the 8-minute mark. As a result of the relocation, the group got behind the braced mate, and Mags made for the front, with scout Christy Forman keeping contact with Mags until Scott could make the front. At the end of course 11, at the 55-minute mark, scout Christy and judge Wheelock found Mags on point with a pair of woodcock. Brought back to the course and heading to the crossover to course 12, Mags again locked up in the cut at the start of 12, and a covey of grouse was put to flight as time ran out. A fitting end to a championship performance.

This year's runner-up is Blue Ribbon's Harper Bella, a female pointer owned by Martin Festa and handled by Robert Ecker. Marty is a hands-on owner and has hunted, trialed, and plays a major role in her development. This is not Harper's first appearance in the winners' circle. She previously was named champion in the 2022 Northern New England Woodcock Championship in Fryeburg, Maine, with a nine-woodcock find hour. She also won the U. S. Complete Great Lakes Regional Championship last May at Highland, Michigan.

Harper ran in brace No. 13 on courses 5-6. Course 5 has plenty of open spaces for a dog to roam, while course 6 has multiple types of bird cover. Harper's race was wide and forward and required minimal handling while scouting out all

the available cover. At the last minute, in a young, thick poplar cut, Harper's bell went silent. Upon reaching her, a woodcock was flushed as time ran out, with Harper displaying perfect manners.

Brace by Brace

Day 1

Brace No. 1—Miller's Hopped Up Version (PF/M. Hughes) and Pine Straw's Cover Queen (ESF/Ellis) on courses 13-14. The weather was cool and cloudy, and the first brace of the championship was away at 8:15 a.m. At 20, both dogs' bells came to a stop some distance from the course. A divided grouse find was credited to both dogs, with Cover Queen, unfortunately, taking it for a ride. At the 45-minute mark, Version was lost, and Hughes asked for the tracker.

Brace No. 2—Pistol Patch Bullet (PM/S. Forman) and Flambeau River Meg (ESF/Colglazier) on courses 15-16. Pistol suffered an unproductive at 8 while Meg scored on a grouse at 31. Pistol and Meg went on point at the juncture of 15 and 16 at 35. Both dogs were released to relocate, and a woodcock was handled by Meg while a second also took flight from the area. Shortly thereafter, Forman elected to leash Bullet. At 45, Meg connected with a second grouse.

Brace No. 3—Westwind Big Jake (PM/M. Hughes) and Bo (PM/Ecker) on courses 1-2. At 45 Bo had a pair of woodcock. At 56, Bo pointed another woodcock. Hughes elected to pick up at the road crossing on course 2.

Brace No. 4—Braggabull (PF/M. Hughes) and Ponderosa's Copper Penny (ESF/Ellis) on courses 3-4. Penny pointed at 24 with Braggabull honoring, but no bird was flown. At 44, Penny stood again with no bird. At 46, Braggabull had a woodcock find, followed by a second find at 54. At 56, Penny pointed again with Bragabull backing. With a relocation after time, Penny scored on a woodcock.

Brace No. 5—Kalamity Cinder (IS/Sloan) and Timberdoodle Farms Sal (PF/M. Forman) on courses 5-6. Sal had a grouse find on course 6 before the tote road, and Cinder was lost to judgment.

Brace No. 6—Backwoods Wild Fire Blaze (PM/Hughes) and Grouse Hill Bullet Proof (ESM/S. Forman) on courses 7-8. Blaze was lost at the breakaway, and Forman called for the tracker for Proof shortly thereafter.

Day 2

Brace No. 7—Jarway Leroy (ESM/Hughes) and Mountain Top Ryn (ESF/M. Forman) on courses 9-10. Cool and clear

morning for the start of Day 2. Leroy scored a woodcock at 20, and Ryn had a woodcock at 30 and 35. Leroy scored again on another woodcock at 40, then was picked up. Ryn had a woodcock at 45.

Brace No. 8—Grouse Ridge Mags (ESF/S. Forman) and Peach (ESF/Holmes) on courses 11-12. Mags' performance as the champion was reported. Peach pointed a woodcock at 44 and a second at 57.

Brace No. 9—Full Breeze (ESF/D. Hughes) and Stan (ESM/Fruchey) on courses 13-14. Full Breeze ended his bid at the road crossing on 13. Stan was leashed at 50.

Brace No. 10—Roy (ESM/Mueller) and Parabellum (ESF/Ecker) on courses 15-16. Ecker elected to pick Parabellum at 12, and Roy was leashed at the end of course 15.

Brace No. 11—Wayward Flyin Tomato (ESM/M. Hughes) and Speck (ESF/Merlington) on courses 1-2. Speck had woodcock finds at 25 and 40 and was leashed. Tomato had a woodcock at 41.

Brace No. 12—Game Winner (ESF/D. Hughes) and Warrior's Mean Louie (PM/Kivikko) on courses 3-4. Louie produced a woodcock at 40 and then was lost to judgment. Game Winner was picked up at the half.

Day 3

Brace No. 13—Travel Alert (ESM/Holmes) and Blue Ribbon's Harper Bella (ESF/Ecker) on courses 5-6. Another cool and cloudy morning to begin the day. Harper's runner-up performance was reported. Alert ran to the edges but had no bird encounters.

Brace No. 14—Mojo's Remington Steal (ESF/Hughes) and Shady Hills Zeena (PF/M. Forman) on courses 7-8. Zeena scored a woodcock at 2, a grouse at 10, another grouse at 12, with a third at 15. Remington was up at 13. Zeena continued and had woodcock at 45 and at 48, then finished with a grouse at 59.

Brace No. 15—Double Deuce Zeke (PM/Hughes) and Dun Rovens Midnite Ike (ESM/Ecker) on courses 9-10. Zeke had a woodcock find at 7, with Ike scoring third at 38. Ike added another woodcock find at 55. Zeke had a final find at time.

Brace No. 16—Warrior Zeke (PM/Hughes) and Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire (ESM/S. Forman) on courses 11-12. Whiskey had a stop to flush on a triple of grouse at 12. Both dogs were picked up at the road crossing on 12.

Brace No. 17—Mulberry Fields Molly (ESF/Hughes) and Grouse Hill Pepper (PF/S. Forman) on courses 13-14. Both dogs were leashed by the half.

Brace No. 18—French's Grouseringer Woody (ESM/M. Forman) and Bundy's Buckeye Molly (ESF/Erne) on courses 15-16. Molly had a woodcock find at 4 and additionally had two more woodcock finds on course 16. A divided find on a grouse was credited for the pair on course 16.

Day 4

Brace No. 19—A Distant Spec (PF/Hughes) and Jack (ESM/Ecker) on courses 1-2. Point was called off the breakaway for Spec, with Jack honoring. Spec sent on to relocate, but no bird was seen. Spec was subsequently leashed at 31. Jack was picked up at 23.

Brace No. 20—Suemac's Sashay (PF/Hughes) and Rowling's Star (ESF/S. Forman) on courses 3-4. Star scored a woodcock at 43, with Sashay carding one at 46. Star pointed a second woodcock at 47 and was seen under a group of spooky woodcock at 52.

Brace No. 21—Flambeau River Annie (ESF/Colglazier) and Mac Daddy (ESM/Dozeman) on courses 5-6. Annie had a grouse at 50 and Mac stood a woodcock at time.

Brace No. 22—Miller's Special Upgrade (PF/Hughes) and Blast Off (ESM/M. Forman) on courses 7-8. Blast off handled a woodcock at 30. Upgrade was up at 25.

Brace No. 23—Deciding Point (ESF/D. Hughes) and Tea (PF/Ecker) on courses 9-10. Ecker elected to pick up on course 9. Point had two woodcock finds, then walked off point on the third.

Gladwin, Mich., October 10

Judges: Brent Peters and Bob Wheelock
MICHIGAN WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] - 16 Pointers, 29 Setters,
and 1 Irish Setter

Winner-GROUSE RIDGE MAGS, 1696739, setter female, by Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire-Grouse Ridge Jaz. William Ballin III, owner; Scott Forman, handler.
Runner-Up-BLUE RIBBON'S HARPER BELLA, 1682768, pointer female, by Bud of Piney Woods-Blue Ribbon Bella. Martin Festa, owner; R. J. Ecker, Jr., handler.

Bill Wendt Memorial Open Derby Stake

This stake was judged by Travis Burnett and Shane Haskins, who presided over a field of 25 young potentials. The winner was Grouse Feather Tilly, handled by Rich Hollister. Tilly ran a hard hunting race with multiple finds on both woodcock and grouse. Second was Liam's Little Wallace, handled by Marc Forman, who carded a grouse find on course 1, coupled with a hard-charging race. Third was Mac Sullivan, handled by Tammy Chaffee. Sully covered all the likely places and was rewarded with a woodcock find on course 10.



Bill Wendt Memorial Open Derby Winners (l-r): Bryan Wood (field trial chairman), Travis Burnett (judge), Rich Hollister with Grouse Feather Tilly, Shane Haskins (judge), Marc Forman with Liam's Little Wallace, and Tammy Chaffee with Mac Sullivan.

**Judges: Travis Burnett and Shane Haskin
BILL WENDT MEMORIAL OPEN DERBY
– 6 Pointers and 19 Setters**

1st-GROUSE FEATHER TILLY, 1703250, setter female, by Grouse Feather Hawk-GF Southern Belle. Custis Coleman Jr., owner; Richard Hollister, handler.

2d-LIAM'S LITTLE WALLACE, 1704025, pointer male, by Double Deuce Zeke-Shady Hills Zeena. Liam Patrick Ballin, owner; Marc Forman, handler.

3d-MAC SULLIVAN, 1703646, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Springpond's Autumn Adeline. Leeann Parnell, owner; Tammy Chaffee, handler.

**Kim Kinne Memorial
Open Puppy Stake**

The puppies were judged by Mike Singleton and Mike Rosario, utilizing the new puppy course. First place was Twilight's Flying Solo ("Jaxx"), handled by Marc Forman. Jaxx covered the course well with a hunting purpose. Jaxx's littermate, Twilight's Problem Child, also handled by Marc Forman, was a close second, showing the same potential. Third was Sutter's Little Red Vixen, with a quick-moving race to the appropriate cover.

**Judges: Mike Rosario and Mike Singleton
KIM KINNE MEMORIAL OPEN PUPPY
– 1 Pointers and 12 Setters**

1st-TWILIGHT'S FLYING SOLO, 1706123, setter male, by Wayward Flying Tomato-Twilight's Echoed Promise. Mark Deneka, owner; Marc Forman, handler.

2d-TWILIGHT'S PROBLEM CHILD, 1706124, setter female, by Wayward Flyin Tomato-Twilight's Echoed Promise. Marc Deneka, owner; Marc Forman, handler.

3d-SUTTER'S LITTLE RED VIXEN, 1706341, setter female, by Sutter's Backwoods Rumble-Dun Roven Briar. Paula Giulitto, owner; Richard Hollister, handler.



Kim Kinne Memorial Open Puppy Winners (l-r): Chris Wasserman (club vice president) and his son Theo, Marc Forman with Twilight's Flying Solo, Mike Rosario (judge), Deb Nihart with Twilight's Problem Child, Mike Singleton (judge), and Rich Hollister with Sutter's Little Red Vixen.

**ROCK SPRINGS FIELD TRIAL CLUB
ABHA Kansas Classic Followed By NBHA Trial
By Jim Corpening | Eskridge, Kansas | October 12, 2023**



ABHA Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (l-r): Fast Money with Bud Moore and Bitterark's Top Dollar with Frank Schoenborn joined by spectators. (Not pictured: Nickajack Doc Holliday).

The Rock Springs Field Trial Club held the fall ABHA, KFTCA horseback trial on their grounds just north of Eskridge, Kansas. The grounds are graciously provided by two landowners (Norma Jean and Sandy), for which we greatly appreciate for letting us traverse the beautiful Flint Hills located just north of Eskridge, Kansas. These are rolling hills that provide a landscape that is second to none. Prairie with wooded draws allows the dog to show its range and bird-finding abilities. Without the support of these landowners for nearly 20 years, we would not be able to have the trials. Thanks to them and several others helping, the trial



NBHA Open Derby Winners (l-r): Regal Rocket with Paul Roederer, Sweetness with Justin Crook, and Sovereign Rocket with Caroline Roederer, joined by participants.

was great for the participants and dogs.

The ABHA Open Shooting Dog Kansas Classic judges were Joshua Palmer and Tyler Buche. Dog wagon driver Bud Moore was greatly appreciated. Thanks to all the participants entering their dogs and helping throughout the trial.

We especially want to thank our ABHA sponsors, VALU-PAK and SportDOG. Without these sponsors, the trials would not be what they are. Rock Springs looks forward to working with them in the future.

**Eskridge, Kan., October 12
Judges: Tyler Buche and Joshua Palmer
ABHA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC
[One-Hour Heats] – 12 Pointers**

1st-FAST MONEY, 1681232, female, by Stash The Cash-Lester's Speed Queen. C. W. & Patty Moore, owners; Justin Crook, handler.

2d-NICKAJACK DOC HOLLIDAY, 1693508, male, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Cocklebur Stripper Candie. Mike Rost, owner and handler.

3d-BITTERARK'S TOP DOLLAR, 1685056, male, by Ninnescah Trumpeter-Bye Bye G. G. Frank Schoenborn, owner and handler.

NBHA Trial

The Rock Springs Field Trial Club held its fall NBHA trial October 14-15, 2023.

Scenting conditions were difficult throughout as it was extremely dry. There was plenty of water throughout from the ponds, but the underground springs were not running in the draws this fall. Cover was sparse in areas from grazing from the cattle. A few wild and planted birds were on the continuous courses available to the dogs and participants. There was not a brace without birdwork, as the club planted plenty for the entirety of the trial.

The Club would like to thank not only our landowners but also the sponsors of the event: NBHA, Purina, Gun Dog Supply, Garmin, OnX Hunt, Mule Brand Clothing,

and Gundog Central. Without these sponsors through the NBHA organization, it would be very difficult to provide the quality trials needed for everyone to enjoy what we all love to do. Thank you to our judges, Joshua Palmer of Auburn, Kansas, Barry Ward of Paola, Kansas, and Jim Corpening of Topeka, Kansas. Special thanks to Bud Moore for supplying and driving the dog wagon and Lauren Palmer for driving the truck for participants to get around the courses. All the participants' entries were greatly appreciated.

Eskridge, Kan., October 14

Judges: Jim Corpening and Barry Ward

**NBHA DAVE MERRITT & LARRY SAMUELSON
SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats]**

- 12 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-PINEVIEW SALLY, 1672798, pointer female, by Pineview Buck-Pineview Black Molly. Jay Hearnberger, owner; Jay Justin Crook, handler.

2d-BITTERARK'S TOP DOLLAR, 1685056, pointer male, by Ninnescah Trumpeter-Bye Bye G G. Frank Schoenborn, owner and handler.

3d-UNFINISHED BUSINESS, 1665852, pointer male, by Unbridged-Momo's Rock Solid. John Gaines, owner; Justin Crook, handler.



NBHA Dave Merritt & Larry Samuelson Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (front, l-r): Pineview Sally with Justin Crook, Bitterark's Top Dollar with Frank Schoenborn, and Unfinished Business with Bud Moore, joined by spectators.

Judges: Jim Corpening and Josh Palmer

NBHA OPEN DERBY - 4 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-REGAL ROCKET, 1705850, setter male, by Rhythm Rocket-Mountain Shamrock. Paul D. Roederer, owner and handler.

2d-SWEETNESS, unreg., pointer female, breeding not given. John Gaines, owner; Justin Crook, handler.

3d-SOVEREIGN ROCKET, 1705851, setter male, by Rhythm Rocket-Mountain Shamrock. Paul D. Roederer, owner and handler.

NBHA OPEN PUPPY - 5 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-DAKOTA, unreg., setter female, breeding not given. Amanda Boggs, owner and handler.

2d-MAGGIE, unreg., pointer female, breeding not given. Bud Moore, owner and handler.

3d-SHAY, unreg., setter male, breeding not given. Amanda Boggs, owner and handler.

DUPLIN COUNTY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

In Memory of William (Bill) Faust

By Carolyn Quinn & G. B. Hatcher | Warsaw, North Carolina | October 14, 2023

The Duplin County Field Trial Club held its annual fall trial on October 14-15, 2023. The thing that made this event different than previous years was the absence of Bill Faust, the club founder and years-long steward of the grounds. Bill passed on July 8, 2023, and the continuation of this trial was on his mind to the end. We held our usual club meeting in July, and the feeling was unanimous that the club should continue hosting this trial and the Atlantic Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship, which was also founded by Bill and Dr. W. C. Sanderson.

Bill was a friend to us all and a mentor to most of us. Everyone stepped up "big" to make sure the trial was a success to honor Bill's memory. The trial was held at the Boy Scout Lane grounds that Bill loved so well. It was the last place he went outside of his home just a few days before his passing. Bryan Kennedy, a true friend and lover of Boy Scout Lane, planted feed plots this year with direction on where to put each one from Bill, who continued to oversee the development of the grounds in his declining health. Bryan and the Faust estate gave us free and unfettered access to the property as

a gift in memory of Bill. We thank Bryan for his generosity for the use of his land, as it joins Bill's in various areas.

There are many details essential to conducting a field trial. David Huffine, club treasurer, took care of placing the ad and Carolyn Quinn, Bill's "Girl Friday," carried out the many duties of the club secretary, including conducting the drawing, printing the brace sheets, collecting entry fees, and dispensing winners' checks. She provided lunch on Sunday. Hoss Earley, who brought his tractor and bush hog onto the grounds, prepared the grounds the week before by mowing strips and cleaning up the camping and setup area for our visitors who came in on Friday. Hoss also took entry information, attended and assisted with the drawing, judged several stakes, and provided our lunch on Saturday. John Outlaw, also a contributor to the event, took entry information, assisted with the drawing, and judged the bulk of the trial. Sean Melvin also served as a judge, as did Sammy Giddens and Jerry Raynor, who served as judges for Open Puppy stakes. We drew 74 dogs, so they had to work hard to keep things moving. G. B. Hatcher secured

the birds and handled bird planting duties during both days of the trial; a special thank you to Kyle Whitfield for providing his ATV 5-seater, which made the event much more efficient in G. B.'s duties. This vehicle served not only as a bird planter but a dog wagon, and the vehicle was usually full of owners or visitors who wanted to be a part of but didn't ride horses. Sammy and Nida lent their organizational skills throughout the entire event, including their presence at the drawing, as it was appreciated. Reverend Andrew Brown provided refreshments for all to enjoy. We are thankful to all who attended, who ran their dogs, or just came to show their support. We want to thank Calvin Curnutte for bringing a nice string of dogs, and Brad Macke and Jason King, who rode in from Georgia, with their excellent string of contenders. Thank you to everyone for all the hard work they did and all of the participation in having this trial or being a part of it.

Cover was still heavy, and there was still much green, so scenting conditions were less than ideal, as is always the case this early in the season. Still, competitors were

able to demonstrate their progress and give their handlers an idea of where more work and training was needed.

In years past, there were numerous one-course horseback trials in eastern North Carolina. These trials offered the opportunity to test our dogs and get them qualified for bigger stakes. These were more affordable options and often a stepping stone to participation in bigger trials. Duplin County is the lone survivor because Bill Faust believed that to be an admirable objective, and he wanted this trial to be the vehicle that carried the owners/handlers and dogs to the next level. We believe that he would be proud that his trial is continuing in the good hands of capable friends and family who wish to carry on his vision.

RIP Bill Faust, a true friend and supporter of the Field Trial Arena.

Warsaw, N. C., October 14 – One Course
Judges: Hoss Earley and John Outlaw
OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers, 6 Setters,
and 3 German Shorthairs

1st-MONTANA DREAM, 1702082, pointer female, by Dominator's Ghost Rider-Lindleys Free Bird. Brad Macke & Anthony Grimaki, owners; Brad Macke, handler.

2d-LM'S BLU MOON BAYOU, 1705064, German Shorthair male, by Rudy's Sky High Ben-S P's Little Hurricane. Brad & Lauren Macke, owners; Brad Macke, handler.

3d-CHIMNEY CREEK BUD, 1704203, pointer male, by Hirollins Gone And Doneit-Santee River Iced Crush. Will Herring, owner and handler.

Judges: Sammy Giddens and Jerry Raynor

OPEN PUPPY – 6 Pointers and 2 German Shorthairs
1st-TEX, unreg., setter male, breeding not given. Calvin Curnutte, owner and handler.

2d-BRUTUS, unreg., German Shorthair male, breeding not given. Jason Kelly, owner and handler.

3d-LIL GIRL, unreg., setter female, breeding not given. Calvin Curnutte, owner and handler.

Judges: Hoss Earley and John Outlaw

OPEN DERBY – 11 Entries

1st-PEARL'S DYNASTY, 1702010, setter female, by Merritt's Bear-A Tarheel Pretty Penny. Kyle Whitfield, owner and handler.

2d-HEAFNER'S HI-TAILYN GUNNER, 1705757, German Shorthair male, by Patrick's Hi Tailyn Buck-Hi Tailyn Nakia. William Heafner, owner; Jason King, handler.

3d-BLUE BROWN'S CONTENDER, unreg., pointer male, breeding not given. Andrew Brown, owner; Calvin Curnutte, handler.

Judges: Sean Melvin and John Outlaw

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 11 Pointers, 2 Setters,
1 Irish Setter and 1 German Shorthair

1st-BOONE DOC SAINT, 1705431, German Shorthair male, by Jackson Son Black-Lisa's Supermodel Long Legged. Jason King, owner and handler.

2d-ERIN'S DEMOLITION MAN, 1699908, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Rebel Maiden. Paul Kelly, owner and handler.

3d-CHUNKY, unreg., pointer male, breeding not given. Tommy Bringman, owner and handler.

OPEN ALL-AGE – 4 Pointers, 3 Setters,
and 2 German Shorthairs

1st-I DREAM OF JEANNIE, 1699099, setter female, by Hot Blooded-Shamrock's Miss Grace. Kyle Whitfield, owner and handler.

2d-ARISTOTLE, 1689388, setter male, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-Quickmarksman's Z Z Top. John Fort, owner; Calvin Curnutte, handler.

3d-STONEY RUN'S ZEB, 1697446, pointer male, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Muddy Belle Kate. Will Herring, owner and handler.

AMATEUR DERBY – 2 Pointers, 1 Setter,
and 2 German Shorthairs

1st-LM'S BLU MOON BAYOU, 1705064, German Shorthair male, by Rudy's Sky High Ben-S P's Little Hurricane. Brad & Lauren Macke, owners; Brad Macke, handler.

2d-BRITA LOVES HAPPY DELMY, 1704275, German Shorthair female, by Wilson's Right Is Right Sawyer-Wilson's Lovely Lady Mae. Abigail Grace Smith, owner and handler.

Judges: Hoss Harley and John Outlaw
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 5 Pointers
and 2 Setters

1st-STONEY RUN'S ZEB, 1697446, pointer male, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Muddy Belle Kate. Will Herring, owner; Sammy Giddens, handler.

2d-I DREAM OF JEANNIE, 1699099, setter female, by Hot Blooded-Shamrock's Miss Grace. Kyle Whitfield, owner and handler.

3d-I'M PETER THE GREAT, 1698463, pointer male, by Hirollins Gone And Doneit-Hunter Run's Sky Too. Sammy & Nida Giddens, owners; Sammy Giddens, handler.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE – 2 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-I DREAM OF JEANNIE, 1699099, setter female, by Hot Blooded-Shamrock's Miss Grace. Kyle Whitfield, owner and handler.


2d-I'M PETER THE GREAT, 1698463, pointer male, by Hirollins Gone And Doneit-Hunter Run's Sky Too. Sammy & Nida Giddens, owners; Sammy Giddens, handler.


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REGION 1 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Great River Yellowstone Named Champion; Backcountry Missy, Runner-Up

By John Olfson | East Windsor, Connecticut | October 14, 2023

The Region 1 Amateur Horseback Shooting Dog Championship commenced Saturday, October 14, in East Windsor, Connecticut, at the Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Area with judges John Olfson of West Hartford, Connecticut, and Thor Kain of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, mounted and ready for action. John and Thor are experienced amateur pointing dog handlers and trainers, both with many championships under their belt. We are most appreciative that they accepted the assignment.

Under the joint effort of the Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Clubs Association and its devoted president Dick Frawley, as well as the State of Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Eastern District Wildlife Biologist Ann Kilpatrick, the grounds were in as good of condition as could be expected considering the record rainfall this year which is 15 inches above average for the year. We are thankful and appreciate this continued joint effort.

Pointer male Great River Yellowstone was named champion. Yellowstone, running in the second brace, set the tone early. He ran a hard-charging forward race with five perfect finds. He always turned up in the right place for his veteran handler, Brian Sanchez. Yellowstone has been knocking on the door with several placements and much promise. This is his first championship. I've had the pleasure of hunting one of his offspring, Monti, a 14-month-old male who proved to be a pheasant-finding machine. Shot three cock birds over him, his first and second time hunting!



Region 1 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): John Olfson (judge), Chris Catanzarite with Backcountry Missy (runner-up), Bill Bonnetti, and Thor Kain (judge).

Pointer female Backcountry Missy was named runner-up champion. She ran a strong race, taking edges, always hunting, gorgeous on point. Veteran handler Chris Catanzarite got her around with six finds. She has had many placements, including the Garden State Open Shooting Dog Championship in October of 2021 at the English Setter Club of America, where she bested a field of 37 dogs.

Many thanks to Greg Blair and Purina for their continued support. We are proud to award Pro Plan Sport to the winners. We all appreciate Purina's effort and support

of all sporting breeds; they are second to none! In fact, I know of no one in our New England group of field trailers who do not feed Pro Plan®.

East Windsor, Conn., October 14 – One Course

Judges: Thor Kain and John Olfson

REGION 1 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]

– 18 Pointers and 1 Setter

Winner-GREAT RIVER YELLOWSTONE, 1688796, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Great River Kennel, owner; Brian Sanchez, handler. Runner-Up-BACKCOUNTRY MISSY, 1672663, pointer female, by Erin's War Creek-Backcountry Tornado. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

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Great River Yellowstone, Winner of the Region 1 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

MIDDLE ATLANTIC OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Miller's Heat Seeker Named Champion; Faithful, Runner-Up

By Joe Lordi | Lacey Township, New Jersey | October 16, 2023



Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (l-r): Muriel Primm, Bill Primm, Mike Tracy with Miller's Heat Seeker, Gus Allimonos (judge), and Will Dunn with Faithful.

The Middle Atlantic Bird Dog Association, in conjunction with the English Setter Club of America, ran their annual events at the Dr. Hunter Wilcox Field Trial Ground in Greenwood Forest, Lacey Township, New Jersey. This included the Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship, the Bill Beyer Open Derby Classic, and the Bill & Muriel Primm Amateur Shooting Dog Classic. The grounds were in excellent shape. The birds were in abundance as the grounds were host to several trials prior to our running. The Middle Atlantic Bird Dog Association and the English Setter Club spared no expense to make sure there were numerous coveys on the grounds. The birds were fed throughout the month, making this and other events truly amazing.

We would like to thank Joe Cincotta for all his hard work. He did the lion's share of the pretrial work, from helping with judges to ordering awards and judges' gifts, planning bird releases, and working with other clubs that ran prior to this trial. There were no limits to the work he did to make these trials a huge success.

The Southern Bird Hunters Association has been a wonderful organization to work with; they definitely have the interest of supporting field trials as their core values. We cannot thank them enough for all their support. We must thank some key sponsors of the Southern Bird Hunters Association. SportDOG provided a track and train unit for the winner, a training collar for second place, and a bark collar for third place in the Bill & Muriel Primm Amateur

Shooting Dog Classic. This was very much appreciated by all the winners. Eukanuba provided sample dog food that was handed out to many of the participants, judges, and spectators.

Muriel Primm provided dinner on Saturday night during the amateur stake, and Karen Saniga made a delicious lunch for all on Saturday. Matt Basilone planted birds for the Amateur and Derby and made daily trips to pick up birds. Lloyd Miller helped feed the birds and was helpful in planting birds and being there for morning coffee.

Bob Brooks is absolutely an unsung hero of the trial. He ran the dog truck for these trials and others during our time at Greenwood. We cannot thank him enough for giving up his time to help make these trials a huge success. Dedicating over two weeks of his time to make sure the dogs were ready to go at the breakaway and were returned to their proper spot was no small ask. Not many people would be willing to do this. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all you do to help the field trials run smoothly at Greenwood.

The Bill Beyer Open Derby Classic judges were Dan Jolly of Chatsworth, New Jersey, and Ed McCay of Manasquan, New Jersey. We would like to thank them for their time in the saddle. This trial ran on Monday, October 16. Mike Tracy handled all three winners. First, with two finds and an outstanding race, was Pal's Prestigious Pete. Second was Jack Daniel's If You Please with four finds and a strong race,

and third was Hauser's Unhinged with three finds and a good race.

The Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship judges were Jeff Smith from Chase City, Virginia, and Gus Allimonos from Tabernacle, New Jersey. We cannot thank Jeff enough for jumping in and helping us out at the last minute. This year was extremely tough securing judges, and due to an injury while working on an excavator, John Malone had to cancel one week before the trial. We wish John a speedy recovery. We were extremely close to canceling the trial when Jeff agreed to come up and judge. Both Jeff and Gus rode hard and attentively watched all the dogs, only picking up dogs when they made a mistake. Their placements were well received.

We started the Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship on Tuesday. The weather was pleasant for the dogs and participants until Friday, when the weather was rainy and cool. Both dogs that were placed ran in the cold rain on Friday.

Champion Miller's Heat Seeker took top honors with a big race and 11 finds for handler Mike Tracy. Heat Seeker ran in the second to last brace with owners Bill and Muriel Primm riding in the gallery. Heat Seeker ("Woody") laid down a strong race with 11 stylish finds, two backs, and an unproductive. Woody is no stranger to the winners' circle, having won several championships and being a consistent top performer in every trial he runs. He is owned by the partnership of Dennis Hood, Jack and Fran Miller, and Bill and Muriel Primm, and his future is bright.

Faithful, a pointer female owned by Susan and Roger Duerksen, completed the sweep for Mike Tracy. Running in the last brace Friday morning, Faithful scored nine finds perfectly with excellent style. Faithful had a smooth, forward race that required little to no scouting. This earned Faithful the runner-up spot and a clean sweep for handler Mike Tracy. Both dogs were scouted by Will Dunn.

Closest to the Winners

In the 12th brace, Waybetter Rebel had a strong race and scored six finds, a back, and an unproductive. In the eighth brace, Bittersweet War Cry was the first contender to get the judges' attention; he had a smooth race and hunted well with five finds and a back. Jolene Jolene laid



Middle Atlantic Bill & Muriel Primm Amateur Shooting Dog Classic Winners (l-r): Melissa Basilone, Brian Sanchez, Marcus Ramseur (scout) with Great River Yellowstone, Sophia Ramseur, Muriel Primm, Alex and Brayden Smith with Calico's Country Strong, Tiffani Smith, Doug Ray (judge), Joe Lordi with Cheyenne Jack, and Joe Cincotta (judge).

down a torrid race, earning six classy finds and a back running in the first brace on the second day.

The Bill and Muriel Primm Amateur Shooting Dog Classic ran on the weekend following the Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship. We would like to thank Doug Ray and Joe Cincotta for judging. We drew 19 dogs, and again, there were numerous coveys on the grounds, giving all the dogs numerous opportunities to prove themselves. Brian Sanchez took the blue ribbon with Great

River Yellowstone fresh off his Region 1 Championship. Calico's Country Strong took second with Alex Smith handling. Cheyenne Jack completed the winners' circle for handler Joe Lordi and owner Sal Morelli. All three dogs had numerous covey finds and strong forward races.

**Lacey Township, N. J., October 16 – One Course
Judges: Gus Allimonos and Jeff Smith
MIDDLE ATLANTIC OPEN SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 49 Pointers and 7 Setters**

Winner-MILLER'S HEAT SEEKER, 1674886, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. William & Muriel Primm, Dennis Hood & Jack & Fran Miller, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.
Runner-Up-FAITHFUL, 1684597, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Steel City Karen. Susan & Roger Duerksen, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

**Judges: Joe Cincotta and Doug Ray
MIDDLE ATLANTIC BILL & MURIEL PRIMM
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC
[One-Hour Heats] – 18 Pointers and 1 Setter**

1st-GREAT RIVER YELLOWSTONE, 1688796, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Great River Kennel, owner; Brian Sanchez, handler.
2d-CALICO'S COUNTRY STRONG, 1679850, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Calico's Touch of Class. Calico Kennels, owner; Alex Smith, handler.
3d-CHEYENNE JACK, 1668503, pointer male, by Great River Ice-Blaze's Isis. Muriel & William Primm & Sal Morelli, owners; Joe Lordi, handler.



Bill Beyer Open Derby Winners (l-r): Will Dunn with Pal's Prestigious Pete, Mike Tracy with Jack Daniel's If U Please, and Joe Lordi with Hausers Unhinged.

**Judges: Dan Jolly and Ed McCay
BILL BEYER OPEN DERBY
– 12 Pointers and 2 Setters**

1st-PAL'S PRESTIGIOUS PETE, 1702741, pointer male, by Waybetter Jay-Clarendon's Black Eyed Sue. Lou Palazzolo, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.
2d-JACK DANIEL'S IF U PLEASE, 1705284, pointer male, by Miller's High Heat Index-Osceola's Seminole Wind. Jim & Theresa Morrell, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.
3d-HAUSERS UNHINGED, 1706301, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Hauser's Cotton Dots. Sean & Deb Hauser, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

INOLA OPEN ALL-AGE & OKLAHOMA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Texas Wild Rex Wins Inola Open All-Age; Westfall's Wheels Up Named Oklahoma Open Champion

By Mike Griffin | Inola, Oklahoma | October 21, 2023

The Inola Open started on Saturday morning, October 21, 2023. We had a short draw this year but had a quality draw. It was very dry with lots of cover. We put birds out every morning, but scenting conditions were very bad. Hot, dry conditions prevailed, but we had some very good dog races and a couple of dogs on birds.

First place in the Open All-Age went to Texas Wild Rex (Vincent), who ran a very big race, a true all-age race. He searched all the good hunting spots and had a great performance on the ground but couldn't come up with a bird.

Second place went to Westfall's Pioneer Pete (Daugherty). Pete ran in the same brace as the winner, putting on a great show—another true all-age performance. The judges had to talk about this one, as it was a great brace.

Third place went to Wynona's Nickleback Sugar (Vincent), who ran a consistent race, forward hunting in all the good spots and handling well. She responded well to the handler and was



Inola Open All-Age Winners (l-r): Tim Hidalgo (judge), Allen Vincent with Texas Wild Rex, Andy Daugherty with Westfall's Pioneer Pete, Matt Cochran with Wynona's Nickleback Sugar, and Adrian Jackson (judge).

rewarded with three finds on liberated birds, looking very good with great manners.

We had eight nice derbies who all tried very hard. First place was Shaws Money Mabel (Cochran). She ran early and put on a nice show. She was fast and snappy, responded well to the handler, used the ground well, hunted hard, and went to all the spots likely to hold birds.

Second place went to Wynona's All



Inola Open Derby Winners (kneeling, l-r): Matt Cochran with Shaws Money Mabel, a young trial participant with Wynona's All Business, and Austin Bryant with Wynona's Rebel. (Standing): Tim Hidalgo (judge), Mary Hidalgo, Sherri Michaletz, and Adrian Jackson.

Business (Vincent), who also ran a big searching race, using all the available cover in his search for birds. With a nice stride, he goes through the country well and uses the cover good. It looks like he has a bright future.

Third place went to Wynona's Rebel (Vincent), who also did a great job using the country in his search for birds. He did a good job covering all the spots in an all-age fashion. He, too, seems to have a bright future.

Inola, Okla., October 21

Judges: Tim Hidalgo and Adrian Jackson

INOLA OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]

- 18 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-TEXAS WILD REX, 1685409, pointer male, by Whippoorwill Forever Wild-Washita River Wild. Allen Bolli, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.

2d-WESTFALL'S PIONEER PETE, 1698838, pointer male, by Foster's Tall Cotton-Flush Em Feathers Queen. Ryan Westfall, owner; Andy Daugherty, handler.

3d-WYNONA'S NICKLEBACK SUGAR, 1690017, setter female, by T's Nickleback-Carpenter's Don't Ya. Bruce Sooter & Brad Tolson, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.

INOLA OPEN DERBY - 8 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-SHAW'S MONEY MABEL, 1701750, setter female, by Shamrock's Hidden Cash-Shamrock's Hidden Bristol. Gary Shaw, owner; Matt Cochran, handler.

2d-WYNONA'S ALL BUSINSES, 1704053, pointer male, by Miller's Unfinished Business-Phantom's Sangria. Robert Rankin, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.

3d-WYNONA'S REBEL, unreg., pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-White Smoke's Angel. Dennis Beauford & Bruce Sooter, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.



Oklahoma Open Championship Winners (front, l-r): Matt Cochran with Westfall's Wheels Up, and Allen Vincent with Mayfield Storm Charger. (Behind): Sherri Michaletz, Jim Michaletz (judge), Marie Daugherty, Andy Daugherty, and Harold Burbank (judge).

Oklahoma Open Championship

The Oklahoma Open Championship followed, still hot, dry, and windy. Birds were hard to come by; they were out there, but scenting conditions were terrible. We crowned the champion and runner-up on wild birds, which was nice to see.

The winner, Westfall's Wheels Up (Daugherty), ran a nice forward race in true all-age fashion and was found on point on a throw-down bird. He went on to hunt all the cover and was found buried in a thicket on point, on wild birds. His finish was strong to the front.

Mayfield Storm Charger (Vincent) ran a nice all-age race on course 1 and was rewarded with a nice wild covey. He always stayed to the front with a wide ground searching pace of a good all-age dog. He had a good rapport with the handler and made a nice all-age effort.

Judges: Harold Burbank and Jim Michaletz

OKLAHOMA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] - 15 Pointers and 1 Setter

Winner-WESTFALL'S WHEELS UP, 1680653, pointer male, by Westfall's Black Ace-Westfall's Quick Trick. Bill Westfall, owner; Andy Daugherty, handler.

Runner-Up-MAYFIELD STORM CHARGER, 1701588, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Scott Mason & Jake Davis, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.

LAKE STATES GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Bundy's Buckeye Molly Wins 79th Annual Running

By Denise Peters | Meredith, Michigan | October 24, 2023



79th Annual Lake States Grouse Dog Championship (l-r): Bryan Wood (stake manager), Harold Holmes, Reggie Durant (judge), Bundy's Buckeye Molly with Andy Erne, Tom Fruchey, Zach Erne (handler), and Dave Hawk (judge).

On Tuesday, October 24, 2023, the 79th renewal of the Lake States Grouse Championship began at the Gladwin Field Trial Grounds in Meredith, Michigan. Forty-eight dogs were drawn for this annual event. This Purina-sponsored event is recognized as a Purina Points trial and an Invitational Points trial.

On Monday evening, October 23, preceding the start of the Championship, our annual handlers' dinner was held at the Alibi Hall clubhouse. Club President Michael Brown, his wife Chris, and club

Secretary-Treasurer Denise Peters put on a walleye fish fry. This is the third year our fish fry was hosted by Mike and Chris, who donated the fish from their own stores. The evening's events included some special guests being recognized for their long membership and contributions to the Lake States Field Trial Club. George Ferguson, a long-time member and board member, along with his wife Marilyn, were recognized with a plaque of appreciation for all their help over the years, particularly the wonderful baked goods Marilyn made

fresh daily for every event. They also supplied coffee and hot cocoa as well. They will be greatly missed, and we wish them all the best. We thank them for their many contributions to the club.

On display for the inaugural running of the Roger Johnson Open Derby was the new "Roger Johnson Cup," along with a nice banner and picture of Roger and his dog, Grady. The evening was made more special as we were fortunate to have Roger and Norma Johnson in attendance. On behalf of so many, past and present, we recognize Roger for his many years and contributions to this sport. His friendship, stewardship, and leadership have inspired so many. Roger is the longest-serving director of the Lake States Field Trial Club. We thank him for everything he has done.

The trial began Tuesday morning soon after 8 a.m. as conditions were acceptable. Judges for this year's event were Reggie Durant of Marquette, Michigan, and Dave Hawk of Athens, Ohio. Both judges are experienced and have been part of our community for many years. Mike Brown sat in the saddle as reporter. The contribution of their time is appreciated by our club and all who have had the opportunity to wear those shoes.

The Winners

The 2023 Lake States Grouse Dog Champion went to Bundy's Buckeye Molly,

handled by Zach Erne of Rittman, Ohio, and owned by Chris Sellers of Remus, Michigan. Three-year-old Molly is a fine-looking white and chestnut ticked female Llewellyn setter. She is a treat to watch and has a fancy and stylish race. This is the first Llewellyn setter to have won the Lake States Grouse Dog Championship. From the information we have been able to gather, this is the first Llewellyn setter to win an American Field Championship since Tony O won the Pacific Coast Championship in 1943, owned and handled by H. A. Shaw. Zach and his brother Andy, new young professional handlers, are a welcome addition to our North Woods. We look forward to seeing them here again. Congratulations from all of us, here at the Lake States Field Trial Club. Molly's run is later reported in brace No. 23.

The Running

Day 1

With weather conditions favorable for our first morning, we kicked off the trial a little after 8 a.m., when lighting conditions were acceptable. In the first brace on courses 1 and 2, we saw Pine Straw Fatbottom Girl with owner/handler Dale Ash and E J Jonesy with Scott Chaffee. Both dogs left the start on a mission. Jonesy's first bird contact was a STF at 23 on a woodcock. Shortly after, Jonesy had another woodcock find at 27, where Pine Straw was picked up for failure to back. Scott chose to pick up Jonesy at 46.

The second brace was Flambeau River Meg, with owner/handler Joe Colglazier and Wild Apple Siri, with Bruce Minard on courses 3 and 4. Meg went into hunt mode, scoring woodcock finds at 13:30 on a relocation, at 45:10 and 52. Unfortunately, there were no big birds for her today. Siri worked the cover hard but was unable to come up with game. Bruce leashed her at 52.

After our coffee break, the third brace brought Rebellious Fearless Fred with owner/handler Mike Luebke and Sycamore Creek Cody, handled by Zach Erne on courses 5 and 6. Fred gave his effort but finished with no bird contact. Cody made his first attempt at 5:30 but was unable to produce a bird and ran a race, covering the edges to finish.

In the fourth brace on courses 7 and 8, we saw Snyder's Sadie, handled by Tammy Chaffee, and Back Creek Lucy with Richard Hollister come to the line. Just after the two-track crossing up on that left side hill, a grouse blew out, and Sadie carded a stop-to-flush at 17. Sadie stopped again at 36, with Tammy going in for the flush, relocating at 39 to no avail. Moving on, Sadie stopped again

before we got to the hardwoods. The flush produced a grouse at 43, all in order. Sadie scored again at 46 within proximity, another grouse to her credit. Lucy went on point in the first cut at 8. It took a long time to find her. A bird was called but not acknowledged under judgment. She worked forward and had a stop at 35 to no avail. Lucy stopped again, Rich going in for the flush to credit a grouse 54. Sadie worked the cover but did not have the range the judges were looking for. Both dogs finished.

After our lunch break at the Alibi, we headed to the tubes to courses 9 and 10. Mountain Top Ryn with Marc Forman met Grouse Ridge Mags with Scott Forman. In the first cut, Ryn carded a woodcock at 13 and another at 26. Mags stopped at 11 but had no bird contact. She stopped again at 20, and when no one was home, Scott chose to leash Mags. Ryn went on and stopped at 33. Marc flushed up a grouse. Unfortunately, Ryn moved and found herself also leashed.

The sixth and last brace of the day on courses 11 and 12 saw French's Grouseringer Woody with Marc Forman and Hifive's Ruff Runner with Bruce Minard. Woody made a stop at 39 with a grouse seen taking flight. He lost some of his composure on the stand, and while he made a valiant effort, he had no more bird contact. Both dogs struggled in the heat and humidity. Ruff ran fast and was a hard handle for the day and was leashed by handler at 51.

Day 2 - The day of heavy rain.

Anticipating some rain, brace No. 7 ran on courses 13 and 14. Meredith Grade Penny with Scott Chaffee and B K Rolling Dice with Bruce Minard. With both dogs making their effort for the day, both finished with no birdwork, while grouse were seen flushing wild by the gallery.

Our eighth brace on courses 15 and 16 showed Grouse Ridge Larry with Richard Hollister and Ghost Train Belle with owner/handler Tom Fruchey, coming to the line with anticipation. Larry stopped at 25, with Belle failing to back. The flush produced no game and both handlers chose to pick up before the half.

Moving to the bird field for brace No. 9, on courses 1 and 2, we had a coffee break and watched Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire with Scott Forman and Hifive's Power Line with Bruce Minard come to the line. The humidity was high, and the temperature was rising, making it difficult for the dogs. Power Line broke loose, hitting the cover like he does. He stopped at 28 and was able to nail a woodcock on an extensive limb find. He continued to hunt the cover

and hit the edges. He finished with no further birdwork. Whiskey hunted the cover with no bird contact. Scott chose to leash him at the half.

With the weather still high in humidity, the 10th brace saw Fireside Sally Forth with Tammy Chaffee and Timberdoodle Farms Sal with Marc Forman. On courses 3 and 4, we saw Sally stop at 24 but was unable to produce game. Moving on to course 4, Sal stopped with Marc, able to flush a woodcock at 37. Still, in that great cover, both dogs stopped at 43, producing the outcome of Sal carding another woodcock with Sally backing, all in order. Sal had a STF on a woodcock at 47, and another woodcock find at 53, all in order. The grouse eluded us, and both dogs finished.

The 11th brace, after a great grilled hamburger lunch at the Alibi, we went back out to courses 5 and 6 to see Baxter's Pale Rider with owner/handler Brent Peters, come to the line with Cates Rocket Girl with Zach Erne. Both dogs covered the ridges in the beginning to get to the hill. The humidity was creeping with both dogs feeling it. Rocket Girl was sticky in the pole timber before the half, and Zach called for the tracker. Preacher moved on to course 6, hitting the necessary cover in all the right places. At the end of course 6, with one minute to spare, Preacher stopped down by the pond. Both judges and handler went in, and a grouse went up. When Preacher was found, he knew the bird was gone, and when Brent saw that, he chose not to shoot. Time was up.

The 12th brace brought to the line Setter Ridge Flash Forward with Scott Chaffee and Hifive's Top Shelf with Bruce Minard. Courses 7 and 8 have been particularly plentiful with birds this fall, and everyone was in anticipation. The action started early with Flash stopping at 4, carding a woodcock, all in order. Moving forward, both dogs stopped at 11. Flushing attempts caused a grouse to blow out, and a divided find was determined. Top Shelf continued to work the cover but was later leashed after a couple of unsuccessful flushing attempts. Flash made another stop at 25 but to no avail. She continued on carding a grouse at 42. After another failed attempt at 47, the brace was over.

Day 3 - Mist and intermittent rain.

Courses 9 and 10 brought us our 13th brace. Grouse Hill Pepper with Scott Forman and Flambeau River Annie with owner/handler Joe Colglazier came to the line with hopes of grandeur. This brace ended at the half with both dogs not pleasing their handlers.

The 14th brace ran on courses 11 and 12.



Roger and Norman Johnson with the "Roger Johnson Cup."

Synder's Fireside Ed with Tammy Chaffee and Travel Alert with Harold Holmes. Both dogs ran with enthusiasm, each carding a nice woodcock find. Both dogs finished without garnering the attention of the big bird.

The 15th brace ran on courses 13 and 14 with Thornapple Cody with Bruce Minard and Blast Off with Marc Forman. Cody began his brace on a mission of his own. Bruce called for the tracker before the road crossing. Blast Off made his first attempt at 27 with no one home after the flushing attempt. At 30, Blast Off stopped again, this time carding a grouse with all in order. Another stop at 41 ended his bid with the flushing attempt ending with no game.

Our 16th brace on courses 15 and 16 brought together Dun Rovens Soozee with Richard Hollister and Pine Straw's Cover Queen with owner/handler Rob Ellis. Stopping at 17, Soozee's attempt was thwarted. She prevailed with a woodcock find at 30. Moving on, her day ended with poor manners on a pair of grouse, at 50. Queen proved to be a rough handle for her owner, and he picked her up at 44.

The 17th brace saw Shady Hills Zeena with Marc Forman come to the line with Centerfold Peach with owner/handler Harold Holmes on courses 1 and 2. Zeena suffered a failed attempt at 20 but recovered quickly when she scored on a divided find on a woodcock with Peach at 23. Peach continued, handling well in the humidity, finishing with no further bird work. Zeena stopped again at 41 but was unable to produce game, ending her day.

In the 18th brace on courses 3 and 4, we saw Northwoods Atlas with owner/handler Greg Johnson and Hifive's On The Rocks with Bruce Minard. At 20, Atlas scored on a nice woodcock find. But, after not pleasing his handler, was picked up at 47. Greg spent a lot of time walking braces this week, and we hated seeing him go. On The Rocks ran a nicely handled race carding at woodcock at 31 and 44, all in order to finish as he started with great energy. Again, the big bird eluded us.

Day 4

In the 19th brace, we saw Pistol Patch Bullet with Scott Forman and Ponderosa's Copper Penny with owner/handler Rob Ellis come to the line on courses 5 and 6. Bullet stopped at 20 but failed to produce game. Bullet backing Penny at 17. Later, at 47, he stopped again, carding a nice grouse find for Scott. Penny handled well for Rob, carding a grouse find at 19 and at 46. Her style on her points, keeping her from the podium.

We had Meridith Grade Corky with Tammy Chaffee and Sutter's Backwoods Rumble with Richard Hollister come to the line for our 20th brace on courses 7 and 8. Rumble made his first bid at 13, scoring on a grouse find. His handler chose to leash him at 35. Corky had a failed attempt at 13 and was also picked up by his handler at 41.

The 21st brace ran on courses 9 and 10 with Grouse Hill Bella with Marc Forman and Baxter's Indian Arrowhead with Brent Peters. Indy covered the first cut with fervor. At the end of the cut, we lost his bell, and the scout was sent in. Soon after, both judge and handler went in to look as well. When Indy couldn't be recovered in due time, the tracker was called for. Bella had an STF on a grouse at 38 and later scored on a woodcock find at 44. She finished with no further bird work.

Our 22nd brace started on courses 11 and 12 with Resin with Marc Forman and Grouse Hill Bullet Proof with Scott Forman. Resin stopped first at 20, unable to produce game. He was later picked up by his handler. Proof's bid was short as well, as Scott chose to pick him up as well before the half.

Brace No. 23 ran on courses 13 and 14 with Bundy's Buckeye Molly with Zach Erne and Kit's Whiskey Creek Patsy with Scott Chaffee. Both dogs headed into the scrub oaks at the beginning, with Molly making the first bid at 15. Zach flushed up a grouse, and Molly stood staunchly with good manners. All was in order. Patsy worked the cover but was picked up at 22 when she wasn't pleasing her handler. Molly continued with a woodcock find at 33. She handled well, was biddable, and continued a smooth and even forward race with no holes. She finished with no further bird work. Her style was great and very attractive.

The 24th and last brace of the day was on courses 15 and 16. We saw One Acre Wood Bandit with Trey Rector, braced with Rowling's Star, handled by Scott Forman. Bandit hunted the cover well, had a failed attempt at 18, and finished with no bird work. Rowling's Star made a



George and Marilyn Ferguson were presented with a plaque of appreciation for their many years of supporting our club by making baked goods and serving coffee and cocoa daily to all our contenders.

biddable attempt to win but was unable to come by that elusive grouse. She had three successful woodcock finds and finished strong.

After four days of running the championship, we concluded Friday afternoon. We headed to the Alibi for the announcements. The runner-up for this year's championship was withheld.

Meredith, Mich., October 24
Judges: Reggie Durant and Dave Hawk
79TH LAKE STATES GROUSE DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] - 11 Pointers,
36 Setters and 1 Llewelin Setter

Winner-BUNDY'S BUCKEYE MOLLY, 1694731, Llewelin setter female, by Chaseaway Bondhu-Earlywine's Bomber Lynds. Chris Sellers, owner; Zachary Erne, handler. Runner-Up-[Withheld].

Companion Stakes

The Open Puppy began Saturday morning with Ken Moss and Mike Lareau sitting in the saddle. We drew seven puppies, all eager to show their stuff on our new puppy course. Sutter's Little Red Vixen, an English setter female handled by Richard Hollister and owned by Paula Giulitto, took first on the podium. She really applied herself, going to the cover and handling with ease. Her hunting instincts standing out above her competitors. Second place was awarded to Neff's Catch Me Get Me, a setter male handled by Marc Forman and owned by Virginia Neff. This pup applied himself well with enthusiasm and handled throughout the 20-minute course. Twilight's Problem Child took third. This English setter male was also handled by Marc Forman and owned by Mark Deneka of Stewartsville, New Jersey. Again, his application and biddable handling brought him to the podium.

The first inaugural running of "The Roger Johnson Cup" Open Derby also began Saturday morning with an outstanding group of 27 young derbies. Eric Naus of Petrolia, Ontario, Canada, and Deb Sloan of North Monmouth, Maine, served as judges for this event. We had our work cut out for us to get all



Open Derby Winners (l-r): Bryan Wood (stake manager), Eric Naus (judge), Grouse Feather Tilly with Richard Hollister (handler), Roger and Norma Johnson, Miss Buttons with Scott Forman (handler), Deb Sloan (judge), and Mia Star with Steve McKalko (handler).

14 braces in, but we did it with the help of all the competitors. Roger and Norma Johnson were on hand, blessing us with their presence for this first of what will be many bids for the “Roger Johnson Cup.” We can easily say that everyone wanted the privilege of taking this cup home for the first time. This year’s winner was Grouse Feather Tilly, an English setter female, handled by Richard Hollister and owned by Custis Coleman of Henrico, Virginia. Tilly had a championship-caliber race, holding a blistering pace and handled well. She stayed independently forward on the edge of bell range with a grouse find. Second place went to Miss Buttons,

a pointer female, handled by Scott Forman and owned by Albert Gehm of Syracuse, New York. Buttons had a nice forward running race with a divided find on a woodcock and grouse. Her more mature race put her second on the podium. Mia Star, an English setter female, handled by Stephen McKalko and owned by George Najor, took third place honors. She also had a nice forward race with a divided find on a grouse and woodcock. She also had another independent woodcock find to her credit.

We would like to thank everyone who joined us. All club members who helped and all the participants who helped move cars, marshal braces, and keep the game rolling. Thank you to Purina for your support.

Judges: Eric Naus and Deb Sloan
THE ROGER JOHNSON OPEN DERBY
- 9 Pointers and 18 Setters

1st-GROUSE FEATHER TILLY, 1703250, setter female, by Grouse Feather Hawk-GF Southern Belle. Custis Coleman Jr., owner; Richard Hollister, handler.

2d-MISS BUTTONS, 1703415, pointer female, by Double Deuce Zeke-Shady Hills Zeena. Albert Gehm, owner; Scott Forman, handler.

3d-MIA STAR, 1702751, setter female, by Windstar-Hometown Queen. George Najor, owner; Stephen McKalko, handler.



Open Puppy Winners (l-r): Mike Lareau (judge), Sutter's Little Red Vixen with Richard Hollister (handler), Tom Fruchey, Nell's Catch Me Get Me with Marc Forman (handler), Ken Moss (judge), and Twilight's Problem Child with Deb Nihart.

Judges: Mike Lareau and Ken Moss

OPEN PUPPY – 1 Pointer, 5 Setters, and 1 Brittany
1st-SUTTER'S LITTLE RED VIXEN, 1706341, setter female, by Sutter's Backwoods Rumble-Dun Roven Briar. Paula Giulitto, owner; Richard Hollister, handler.
2d-NEFF'S CATCH ME GET ME, 1705378, setter male, by Wayward Flyin Tomato-Twilight's Echoed Promise. Virginia Neff, owner; Marc L. Forman, handler.
3d-TWILIGHT'S PROBLEM CHILD, 1706124, setter female, by Wayward Flyin Tomato-Twilight's Echoed Promise. Mark Deneka, owner; Marc L. Forman, handler.

INTERNATIONAL PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP & TOM HONECKER DERBY

Miller's Heat Advisory Named Champion; Touch's Shadow Rider, Runner-Up

By Tessa Hughes | Hoffman, North Carolina | October 26, 2023

On October 26, 2023, in unseasonably warm temperatures, Miller's Heat Advisory, white, orange, and ticked 5-year-old male English pointer, with Judd Carlton of Cairo, Georgia, as his handler, lived up to his name and seized the championship trophy of the International Pheasant Championship at the championship's new grounds at the Sandhills Wildlife Management Area in Hoffman, North Carolina. Heat Advisory is owned by John Mathys of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Carlton advised that this second first-place win of Heat Advisory in a National Championship qualifier was the necessary component to qualify the young dog as a competitor in the upcoming National Championship.

Touch's Shadow Rider, a white, orange, and ticked 3-year-old English pointer handled by Mark McLean of Doerun, Georgia, secured the runner-up honors. This beautiful dog is owned by Bruce and Karen Norton and Dr. Reuben Richardson, all of Doerun, Georgia.

The Championship began its running at the new venue at Hoffman on Thursday morning, October 26, with 38 pointers and setters competing for the title. Conditions were sunny and dry, with a temperature of 60 degrees for the morning breakaway. The temperature quickly climbed to the 70s by mid-morning and topped 80 by mid-day. It was fairly dry on the grounds due to the drought we were experiencing, as well, although there were still some creeks and ponds with water.

Dr. Fred Corder, the club secretary, and stake manager, made opening announcements, including that, given the new grounds, the decision had been made this year that the pointing of a pheasant was preferred but not required for the naming of a champion. Dr. Corder also mentioned that Purina was generously sponsoring a dinner to support the Carolina Jamboree on Friday night, to which all were invited. He also recognized Carl Owens for his generous contribution of \$5,000 to the purse. The \$5,000 goes to the handler whose dog garnered the highest overall

points in all four trials of the Jamboree. This author and her husband, Joe Hughes, of Moulton, Alabama, were honored to serve as judges of the Championship and the accompanying Open Derby.

We also wish to recognize all sponsors for the entire Jamboree. Course Sponsors were: Red Hills Kennels, In Memory of Bill McNamee; Ike and Marty Todd, 4M Fabrications, Trachaven Kennels, and Camp Hatteras, as well as Dog Wagon Sponsors: Robyn Branch Design, High Tailin' It Setters, Red Hills Kennels, Daniels Kennels, Chad Adams & Son Stables, Crosscountry Kennels, Quail Woods Farms, and The Company-White Dogs. Other contributing sponsors included Long Leaf Dry Mix Products, Carl Owens Contracting, Inc., and Hog Slat. In addition, we are especially grateful to Purina and Greg Blair for their sponsorship of the trial and, for the provision of Pro Plan dog feed, and to Mule City Feeds, which generously donated horse feed to all participants.



The line-up of competitors and participants at the morning breakaway (l-r): Lefty Henry, Earl Drew, Margaret Drew, William Smith, Rita Corder, Jerry Raynor, Dr. Fred Corder, Mark McLean, Claudia McNamee, Joe Hughes (judge), Tessa Hughes (judge), and Carl Owens. [Credit to Hayden Dobbins]

So many people worked hard to make this trial a success. Greg Robinson faithfully drove the dog wagon every day, ensuring the dogs were ready to go and on the wagon and providing water, coffee, and snacks to everyone at every brace. Lefty Henry, when not in the saddle, served as another road marshal. Dr. Corder, Bob Youngs, Ellen Clements Winall, John Ivester, Claudia McNamee, Jerry Raynor, and Carl Owens all served as marshals during the trial. In addition, Rita Corder served delicious lunches each day. There is also work that goes on behind the scenes, including a great deal of care of the grounds and the quail that are put out and then fed, much of that done by the North Carolina Game & Fish Department.

In addition, Bob Youngs, John Ivester, and Calvin Curnutte toiled hard, rising at 5:30 a.m. each day of the trial to put out pheasants.

One of the interesting things the Hoffman clubs do to ensure fairness in terms of birdwork is to switch how each championship is run during the Jamboree and for other sequential championships. For example, because they run six courses, if they start the morning courses on one three-course sequence, the next trial they will switch, and that three-course sequence will become the afternoon braces.

For our Championship, we began the morning courses across the road from the clubhouse. Hayden Dobbins, a freelance photographer, was kind enough to join us for much of the Jamboree, and he took a photograph of all handlers and judges on hand before we began.

Joe and I were also honored to be

included in the traditional Handlers' Dinner on Wednesday night at Beefeaters' Restaurant at Southern Pines. The event was attended by several, including Luke Eisenhart, Judd Carlton, Dr. Fred and Rita Corder, Toby Tobiason, William and Tommie Smith, Carl Owens, Claudia McNamee, Lefty Henry, Mike Hester, Jerry Raynor, Bob and Barbara Youngs, Randy Anderson, and Bridget Ledington. John Ivester recognized the many staunch contributors to both Hoffman's success and the trials composing the Carolina Jamboree. He also recognized Carl Owens for his generous contributions.

The Championship Brace

Miller's Heat Advisory, our champion, Carlton, and Touch's Breakaway Fred (PM/McLean) were our last brace of the first day. Conditions were hot and sunny, with temperatures at around 80. Both dogs broke away strong, running hard. Heat Advisory is a son of Bird Dog Hall of Fame inductee Just Irresistible, and he showed some of his sire's endurance and class in his championship brace. At 17, Carlton called point for his dog on a hill on the left. When this judge arrived, Heat Advisory was standing up tall. Several birds boiled out at the flush, but Heat Advisory stood strong for the flush and shot. Carlton took his dog on, and he immediately returned to his blistering pace to the front. Carlton then found him again at around 26, making a strong cast on the right, and then we saw him swing in to the left. It is a rare dog, in hot conditions like that, who still has a strong enough nose to zoom in on game in a field thick with brush, but Heat Advisory made it look easy. Carlton called point for

him at 27 as Heat Advisory zeroed in for his second find. This time, he again looked beautiful on his game, standing wing and shot.

We then had to canter to catch the front, and upon returning to the front, Heat Advisory quickly pointed again at 36. However, this time, no birds were flying for Heat Advisory, and he suffered an unproductive. At approximately this time, McLean made the decision to pick up Fred. Carlton then took his dog on, and Heat Advisory again headed aggressively to the front. He showed well in several fields, and Carlton found him again on point at 45. He looked staunch again, head and tail high, and stood well for wing and shot, with several quail boiling out around him. He was away strong again after this find and continued running strong until time was called.

The Runner-up Brace

Touch's Shadow Rider, our runner-up champion, McLean, and Supreme Confidence (PM/Eisenhart) were in the last brace of the championship. Conditions had cooled slightly, and birds appeared to be moving. Both dogs were away fast from the breakaway, setting an exciting pace. Shadow Rider's sire is Touch's Smooth Rider, a dog who garnered more than one championship and was aptly named for the way he flowed across the ground. His progeny, Shadow Rider, inherited that same way of also eating up the country and showed that ability to us during his brace. McLean called point for his dog at 34, with Shadow Rider standing with head and tail high, looking classy on his find. He held well for wing and shot, with many birds flushed. He continued on, running hard and always hunting an ambitious race to the front. Eisenhart called point for his dog at 52, with Confidence looking good on his find and holding well for wing and shot. Both dogs continued to the front, and Shadow Rider was then found to the front again at 59, looking beautiful on point. McLean produced birds again for his dog, and Shadow Rider handled this find in a perfect manner, too. Time was called, thus concluding the brace. Eisenhart was able to secure his dog, as well, thus concluding the championship.

The Running

Notorious Dominator's Heir, pointer male, with Judd Carlton in the irons, and Woodville's Yukon Cornelius (ESM/Mark McLean) started us off from the first breakaway. Both dogs were away fast, running hard and to the front. Cornelius then wheeled off to the right, and McLean called point for him at 5. We found the setter standing tall, head and tail head

high, in front of a thicket. McLean flushed for him, and upon relocation, we realized a dead pheasant hen was in close vicinity to Cornelius, and feathers were in front of him. McLean decided to take the dog on at that point, and Owens, marshaling for the morning, retrieved the bird from the course. Heir was not seen again after 14, and Carlton asked for his tracker at 33. Cornelius continued on, making excellent forward casts, running hard and to the front, hunting well. As the first hour course worked its way around, the course allowed the dog to naturally return to the general vicinity of where he had first pointed, although this time, he was on a different side of the thicket. McLean called point for him again at 48. Again, Cornelius looked excellent on his game, and McLean went into the thicket and, this time, produced a pheasant hen flying for the setter. Cornelius stood well for wing and shot. Cornelius went on and finished his hour strong.

Rester's Cajun Spirit (PM/Carlton) and Raw Law Sugar Trouble (PM/Hester) were in the next brace. Both dogs started away well, with Spirit setting a blazing pace. Sugar Trouble also showed well to the front. However, he was soon not seen again, and Hester had to request his tracker at 35. Spirit continued to make excellent forward casts throughout his brace, running hard and hunting well. However, no birds were flying in his hour. Not being seen at pickup, we waited until Carlton located him. Carlton then called point for him but waved it off by the time we arrived. This concluded the brace.

Painted Owyhee Toad (PM/Bridget Ledington) and Touch's Malcolm Story (PM/McLean) were in the next brace. Toad is a snappy, forward-running dog and showed nicely to the front at all times. At 30, Ledington called Toad toward a pond, and as she did so, Toad ran into quail, stopping, but they were all around him, hitting him in the face. It proved too much for him, mannerly as he is, and he was in the harness. Malcolm Story ran a hard race beautifully to the front but was not seen after 24, and McLean requested his tracker at 45.

The fourth brace was comprised of Papa Joe (PM/Hester) and Erin's Code of Honor (PM/Eisenhart). We started away well from the breakaway behind the barns with a temperature of approximately 84 degrees and sunny. The conditions were blistering hot and so dry, and although both dogs ran well and hunted hard despite the harsh weather, both handlers requested their trackers after neither dog encountered birds, with Honor up at 29 and Joe up at 44.

Night Moon (PM/Eisenhart) and

Touch's Midnight Rider (PM/McLean) were our fifth brace, with conditions still extremely hot and dry. Midnight Rider was away strong from the breakaway, but McLean picked him up at 28. Night Moon worked hard for Eisenhart, running well, and Eisenhart called point for his dog at 39. However, no birds were flying, and Eisenhart put him in the harness.

The last brace of the day was the Championship brace previously covered.

We started the second day of the trial in cool weather with Woodville's Saddle Tramp (ESM/McLean) and Rester's Johnny Ringo (PM/Carlton). Both dogs were away, running hard from the breakaway down the first hill and to the right. McLean called point for his dog at 5, and we arrived to find Ringo backing nicely, as well. McLean flushed a pheasant for Saddle Tramp, and he looked beautiful on his game. All was in order on the find, and both dogs continued on. Carlton called point for Ringo at 13, but no birds were located. We went forward, but Saddle Tramp was absent. At 39, upon his return, he was in the harness, his absence having been too long. Ringo finished the hour strong and to the front but did not encounter birds.

Next up were I'm Gallant (PM/Randy Anderson) and Game Surge (PM/Corder). Both dogs ran ambitious, beautiful races away from release. At 40, both dogs were found on point, almost facing each other, on a little hillside below the soldier camp, both looking elegant on point, heads, and tails high. Anderson declined to flush, and Corder went into the thicket, but no birds were produced. Both dogs went on, running hard to the front, with Corder calling point for his dog at 48 again, but again, no birds were flying, and he picked him up. Anderson made the decision to pick his dog up at 58.

Rester's Cajun Justice (PM/Eisenhart) and Touch's Gallatin Fire (PM/McLean) comprised our ninth brace. It was extremely hot by this time. Both dogs ran ambitious races to the front, with McLean calling point for Fire at 24. However, no birds were seen. At 37, Eisenhart called point for Justice, but after a breach of manners, he put his dog in the harness. McLean called point for his dog at 38, and he looked excellent on his birds. He held well for the find and the shot. However, at 46, McLean requested his tracker, thus ending Fire's brace, as well.

For brace No. 10, Touch's Fire Away (PM/Anderson) and Quickmarksman's Excalibur (Hester) were our competitors. Fire Away was found on point at 12, but no birds were flying. At 37, he was seen again on point, looking beautiful, and Anderson

produced birds. Fire Away held well for wing and shot. He went on to the front, running a good race. At approximately 47, having not been able to locate him, Anderson looked to the right with scout Ledington as we waited by a road crossing for the dog. Hester requested the tracker for Excalibur, having located him at the crossing. At that point, Fire Away showed up, and his owner, Dr. Adams, riding in the gallery, took over as handler for a short time until Ledington could be deputized as handler to run him until Anderson could return to the front. Fire Away traveled well under both and finished the hour to the front.

The next brace was comprised of Slick Water Frac (PM/Anderson) and Heisman (PM/Hester). Again, the heat was extreme, and it was very dry. Both dogs ran valiantly to the front but were up at approximately 20 due to the harsh conditions.

Rentz's Hijacked (PM/Eisenhart) and Lester's Storm Chaser (PM/Henry) made up our final brace of the day. By this time, it had begun to cool off some, and at least field "larks" had begun moving. Hester, Henry's scout, called point for Storm Chaser at 17, discovering him in a cool, shady spot, standing with his tail high, looking intense on his game. When Henry went into flush for Storm Chaser, who stood well for the flush, head, and tail high, birds flew in every direction, which the dog handled without fault. We continued back to the front to find Eisenhart calling point for his dog at 20, with Hijacked looking beautiful and Storm Chaser backing. A pheasant boiled out of heavy cover, which Hijacked handled well, along with the shot. Both dogs were then in a fast, hard race to the front. At 35, the handlers called point for both dogs, with both dogs standing with their heads and tails high. At the flush, both dogs stood well for birds flying. Both dogs finished the hour.

The next brace, brace No. 13, was made up of Miller's Wide Out (PM/Anderson) and Erin's High Note (PM/Carlton). Both dogs hunted hard and to the front, with Wide Out scoring an elegant find at 53. Carlton requested his tracker after his dog's absence at 51. At pickup, after not being able to locate Wide Out, Anderson discovered him on point. Wide Out handled his second find beautifully as well, thus concluding his brace.

Erin's Wild Atlantic Way (ESM/Eisenhart) and Southern Nation (PM/Henry) were in our next brace. Atlantic Way scored a beautiful find at 18, holding well for the flush and shot. At 30, Henry called point for his dog, with Atlantic Way backing. However, no birds were flying. At 41, with Southern Nation absent, Henry



International Pheasant Championship Winners (front row, l-r): Lefty Henry, Judd Carlton, Luke Eisenhart (scout) with Miller's Heat Advisory, Jerry Raynor (scout) with Touch's Shadow Rider, and Mark McLean. (Second row, l-r): Gary Winall, Joe Hughes (judge), Tessa Hughes (judge), and Carl Owens. (Third row, l-r): Claudia McNamee, Dr. Fred Corder, Rita Corder, and Stephanie Ivester, behind Carl Owens. (Fourth row, l-r): Earl Drew, Margaret Drew, Bob Youngs, William Smith, and John Ivester. (Top row, l-r): Ray Carter and Andy Cline.

requested his tracker. Atlantic Way finished his hour with no more bird contact.

Bonner's Bulletproof (PM/Anderson) and Aucilla Jim (PM/McLean) were in our next brace. McLean called point for Jim at 40, with Bulletproof backing. However, no birds were flying. Bulletproof was in the harness at 30. Having no birdwork, Aucilla Jim was in the harness at 50.

Haney's All In (PM/McLean), and Nighthawk's Rebel (PM/Eisenhart) were away hard in the next brace despite the harsh hot conditions. Both dogs ran aggressive races to the front. However, no birds were moved in their brace, and by 45, they were in the harness.

Erin's Perfect Storm (PM/Eisenhart) and Touch's Cocaine Blues (PM/Anderson) were in the next brace. Again, we were in the heat of the day, at approximately 84 degrees and sunny. No birds were moving, and both dogs were in the harness by approximately 23.

The next brace went similarly birdless, although both dogs, No Strings Attached (PM/Anderson) and Game Heir (PM/Corder), ran beautifully.

Hoffman, N. C., October 26

Judges: Joe Hughes and Tessa Hughes

**INTERNATIONAL PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 36 Pointers and 3 Setters**

Winner-MILLER'S HEAT ADVISORY, 1685672, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. John Mathys, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.

Runner-Up-TOUCH'S SHADOW RIDER, 1697543, pointer male, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Touch's Gold Dance. Bruce & Karen Norton & Dr. Reuben Richardson, owners; Mark McLean, handler.

Tom Honecker Memorial Open Derby

Moss Hill Conference Call, white, liver, and ticked pointer female, handled by McLean, ran an ambitious, fast race to the front in the hottest part of the day, at approximately 84 degrees, to secure her first place trophy in the Tom Honecker Open Derby. She fought hard to get her placement out of a field of 25 exceptional derbies. McLean called point for his dog at 17, and we found her standing with her head and tail high. After McLean flushed for her extensively in a thicket while she stood motionless, Dr. Corder pointed out that a pheasant was walking out of the back of the brush. Upon release, Conference Call set a fast pace to the front again, and at 29, McLean called point for her again. Conference Call stood up beautifully, even for the flush, and McLean shot over her with birds flying. This concluded her brace.

Woodville's Long Hard Ride, a white, black, and tan setter male, handled by McLean, was in the last brace of the derbies and ran a fast, snappy race to the front, always hunting hard. In the last minute of his brace, he was found on



Tom Honecker Memorial Open Derby Winners (front row, l-r): Carl Owens with Moss Hill Conference Call, Jerry Raynor with Woodville's Long Hard Ride, and Luke Eisenhart with Erin's Happy Hour. (Behind): Dr. Fred Corder, Lefty Henry, Mark McLean, Tessa Hughes (judge), Joe Hughes (judge), Claudia McNamee, Judd Carlton, Ray Carter, and Andy Cline.

point, looking outstanding. He held well on his birdwork, never wavering, and thus concluded his brace to secure his second-place trophy.

Erin's Happy Hour, a pointer male handled by Carlton, took third place in the Derby. Happy Hour ran a fast, beautiful race to the front in the hottest, driest part of the day, always looking good. At approximately the mid-point of his brace, Carlton called point for Happy Hour, and he, too, looked beautiful on point. However, despite extensive flushing, no birds were flying, but Carlton did locate a large pile of feathers. Happy Hour finished his brace ever to the front without losing strength or speed.

TOM HONECKER MEMORIAL DERBY

– 21 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st-MOSS HILL CONFERENCE CALL, 1702105, pointer female, by Dial Direct-Lady Lou. Brian & Emily Spear & Buck & Lynn Heard, owners; Mark McLean, handler.

2d-WOODVILLE'S LONG HARD RIDE, 1705218, setter male, by Woodville's Saddle Tramp-Yukon Gold Rush. Carl Owens, owner; Mark McLean, handler.

3d-ERIN'S HAPPY HOUR, 1703435, pointer male, by Erin's Southern Comfort-Erin's Country Nell. Mike Sweet, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.

OIL CAPITAL FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Trial Held At Famed Ingersoll Ranch

By Bob Barker | Inola, Oklahoma | October 27, 2023

The Oil Capital Field Trial Club held its fall trial on October 27 at the Ingersoll Ranch in Inola, Oklahoma. Getting entries seems challenging in today's environment, and we are no exception. Whatever the reason, we are going to take measures to try to correct this downward trend.

We would like to thank the Ingersoll family for their continued generosity in using their ranch to follow our passion.

We decided to schedule our one-day trial for Friday instead of Saturday because of

the rain that was forecasted for Saturday and Sunday. It was a good thing that we did because the weather was beautiful on Friday, and the weatherman was accurate in their forecast for the weekend.

Many thanks go to club members Mike Griffin for driving the dog wagon, Steven Burris for planting birds, Jon Humphrey for helping me open gates and marshaling, and Jesse Lambert for helping Mike with the dog wagon.

The All-Age stake was won by Rebel Country Spectre, owned and handled by

Lynn Oxendine of Joplin, Missouri. "Tex" had a find on a single at 15, right as you top the little hill on course 1. He went on to have a nice race. Second went to Bromance, owned and handled by Jon Humphrey of Claremore, Oklahoma. "John" had an unproductive at 5 in heavy cover. At 28 he had a find on a single with all in order. He continued to reach, finishing his hour. Third went to Open Range Adeline, owned and handled by your scribe. "Molly" started out making some huge casts and taking in a lot of country on course 2. At 30 she had a

covey find with all in order. At 35, she had another find on a pair of birds. She went on hunting at a shorter range in heavy cover.

For the Shooting Dog, all placements were placed on race. First went to Big Whiskey, owned and handled by Buck Neil of Fort Worth, Texas. Second went to Game Plan Unknown, owned by Larry Hedge of Sedgewick, Kansas, and your scribe. Third went to Rebel Country Spectre owned and handled by Lynn Oxendine of Joplin,

Missouri.

Inola, Okla., October 27

Judges: Jim Michaletz and Allen Vincent
AMATEUR ALL-AGE – 6 Pointers

1st-REBEL COUNTRY SPECTRE, 1701262, pointer male, by Frontline Shack Attack-Spectre's Brown Sugar. Lynn Oxendine, owner and handler.

2d-BROMANCE, 1668193, pointer male, by Tallokas Lane Change-Osceola Patty Cake. Jon Humphrey, owner and handler.

3d-OPEN RANGE ADELINE, 1681864, pointer female, by Whippoorwill Justified-Reed's Winter Spirit. Bob Barker, owner and handler.

Judges: Mindi Dardenne and Jon Humphrey
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG - 5 Pointers, 2 Setters, and 1 Vizsla

1st-BIG WHISKEY, 1701621, pointer male, by Texas Cool-Wiggins Super Sin. Buck Neil, owner and handler.

2d-GAME PLAN UNKNOWN, 1664876, setter male, by Shadow Oak Bo-Star's Last Chance. Larry Hedge & Robert Barker, owners; Robert Barker, handler.

3d-REBEL COUNTRY SPECTRE, 1701262, pointer male, by Frontline Shack Attack-Spectre's Brown Sugar. Lynn Oxendine, owner and handler.

CHICKAHOMINY FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

Fall U. S. Complete / AVFTC Trial

By Mert Jones | Jarrett, Virginia | October 28, 2023

The Chickahominy Field Trial Club ran its fall trial with a return to Hunt's Shooting Preserve near Jarrett, Virginia, the last weekend in October. The weather was clear and sunny with temperatures near highs for October here in southern Virginia. The temperatures at times were trying, as they say, "to both man and beast." Our entry numbers were low, but the quality was high. Our trial chairwoman, Sharon Townley, did a great job putting together a trial enjoyed by everyone who came and ran dogs and those who came as spectators to watch.

Dennis Kivikko brought Pat Brooks's gallery wagon, and Lewis Brothers, Dennis, and others used Mert Jones's pickup to pull it. Courses were set up that provided open edges and piney woods for handlers to show their dog at their best. Danny Gooch, our faithful bird planter, kept the course stocked with birds where a dog could show well.

Our chairwoman, Sharon, was joined by Phil Rutter to judge the puppies, and Grace Ann Lawson and Terry McCormick judged the Dave Pomfret Memorial Shooting Dog stake. On Sunday, Harold Schultz was joined by Jim Jones to evaluate the horseback shooting dogs. We appreciate these folks coming to be with us and



Dave Pomfret Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (front, l-r): Sorrows of Satan with Jameson Crandall, Mohawk Mill Charmer with Ashby Morgan, and Chippokes Fancy Lady with Lee Flanders. (Behind): Larry King, Sharon Townley, Mert Jones, Carolyn McCormick, Jim Jones, Terry McCormick (judge), Grace Ann Lawson (judge), and Phil Townley.

giving their time, and their horse's time, to evaluate the performance of the dogs.

Our Puppy stake consisted of three puppies, all of which were from the same high-bred litter. The top side shows Amos Mosley breeding, while the bottom side is from Shadow Oak Bo stock. Sharon and Phil named Steve Moore's female pup first, while Dennis Kivikko's male pups, Jed and Slim, finished second and third consecutively. Watch out for these three 7-month-old pups in the future!

Fifteen dogs were drawn for the Dave Pomfret Memorial Shooting Dog stake, and the heat had come to climb by the time the shooting dogs were called to the line. Judging the stake were Terry McCormick

and Grace Ann Lawson. Your reporter would like to thank Judge Grace Ann Lawson for her description of the winner's



Amateur Puppy Winners (front, l-r): Jade with Steve Moore, Jed with Dennis Kivikko, and Slim with Ashby Morgan. (Behind): Lewis Brothers, Sharon Townley (judge) with Tess, and Phil Rutter (judge).



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (front, l-r): Jeff Smith, George Doyle with Calico's Sugar 'N' Spice, Jim Jones (judge), Larry King with Alibi Girl, Howard Schultz (judge), Sharon Townley with Rutter's Ruger, and Phil Rutter, joined by spectators.

performances: “The winner of the Dave Pomfret Memorial Shooting Dog stake was Mavis, a female pointer handled by Jameson Crandall. Mavis ran in the heat of the day following the lunch break. She was forward and powerful, scouring two stylish finds and a divided find, finishing strong.

“Second went to Charmer, a female setter handled by Ashby Morgan. Charmer showed an attractive style of running, hunted hard, and scoured three nice finds.

“Molly, a pointer female handled by Lee Flanders, placed third. Molly stayed to the front and had two stylish finds.”

Sunday's Running

Thirteen dogs had been drawn for the AVFTC Horseback Shooting Dog stake. In the saddle were judges Jim Jones and Harold Schultz, who judged the dogs. The weather was sunny with rising temperatures. Thanks for Jim Jones's descriptions of the winners' performances:

“First place went to Spice, a pointer female owned and handled by Jeff Smith with a forward-searching race. Spice exhibited good manners on her finds and finished to the front.

“Second went to Josie, a pointer female with a find, a good back, and a strong finish. Josie is owned and handled by Larry King.

“Ruger, a setter male, owned by Sharon Townley and Phil Rutter and handled by Sharon Townley, took third with a couple of finds and a forward race. All dogs did a good job despite the warm temperatures and bright sun.”

Thanks to all who came, and we hope to see you in the spring.

**Jarrett, Va., October 28 – One Course
Judges: Phil Rutter and Sharon Townley
AMATEUR PUPPY – 3 Setters**

1st-JADE, unreg., female, by Blue Ridge Chance-She's A Jewel. Steve Moore, owner and handler.

**Judges: Grace Ann Lawson and Terry McCormick
DAVE POMFRET AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
– 12 Pointers and 3 Setters**

1st-SORROWS OF SATAN, 1681535, pointer female, by Mohawk Mill Pirate-Mohawk Mill Honey. James Crandall, owner and handler.

2d-MOHAWK MILL CHARMER, 1682716, setter female, by Mohawk Mill Lucky Charm-Fort River Jackie. Gary S. Winall, owner; Ashby Morgan, handler.

3d-CHIPPOKES FANCY LADY, 1689564, pointer female, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Hirollins Fancy Lady. Lee S. Flanders, owner and handler.

**Judges: Jim Jones and Harold Schultz
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 8 Pointers, 3 Setters,
1 Brittany, and 1 German Shorthair**

1st-CALICO'S SUGAR 'N' SPICE, 1700320, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Waybetter Rummy. Calico Kennels & Jeff Smith, owners; Jeff Smith, handler.

2d-ALIBI GIRL, 1667107, pointer female, by Southbound Ben-Shadow's Carolina Molly. L. J. & Casey King, owners; Larry King, handler.

3d-RUTTER'S RUGER, 1675027, setter male, by Rutter's Dusty Socks-Pinekone Whistling Dixie. Sharon Townley & Phil Rutter, owners; Sharon Townley, handler.

CENTRAL CAROLINA AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL

93rd Running Held At Robert Gordon Grounds

By Sammy & Nida Giddens | Hoffman, North Carolina | November 3, 2023

The Central Carolina Field Trial Club sponsored the 93rd Central Carolina Amateur field trial on November 3-5, 2023. The competitive trial hosted 30 all-age dogs and six derbies. It was a fun and successful three-day trial at the Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds at Hoffman, North Carolina. These grounds offer six continuous, one-hour courses filled with picturesque views of milo, pearl millet, switch grass, wire grass, and blackjacks throughout the long-leaf pines. Most of the courses have long edges and rolling hills, which gives the handlers the opportunity to sit in their saddles sideways at the top of the hills and show the judges their big running dogs. These grounds are considered the finest courses in the country.

Our field trial ground facilities provide electrical hook-ups for trailers and campers (a second electrical hook-up area was added in the last six months), a huge barn with 52 stalls, outdoor corrals, lots of dog kennels, new water lines and spigots to corrals and kennels, a large clubhouse equipped with bathrooms, full kitchen, and large dining fellowship room.

Our Club would like to thank the NC Wildfire Commission, the Sandhills Wildlife team led by Lee Criscoe and the NC Field Trial Association, President Johnny Atkinson, Vice President Grayson Francis, and Secretary/Treasurer John

Ivester, for all their work to provide the opportunity for all of us to enjoy these wonderful grounds and facilities.

In September and October, coveys of quail were pre-released throughout the six courses. Thank you to John Ivester and his team—Lefty Henry, Greg Robinson, Bob Youngs, Mike Hester, Steve Mills, and Gary Miller—for their hard work releasing these quail and keeping them fed throughout the season.

Thank you to those who helped sponsor our trial. With your support, we can continue to enjoy this great trial.

- Purina Pro Plan, led by Area Manager Greg Blair, provided dog food to winners.

- Surestay Plus/Best Western, Southern Pines, for their special rates and great staff.

- Gun Dog Supply, owned by Steve Snell, provided gift certificates to judges.

- Johnny O's Awards (Martha) always provides superb service, preparing winners' plaques and providing gifts for judges.

- Andi's Tack (Andy Neal, Newton Grove, North Carolina) graciously provides judges' gifts.

- Mule City Feeds (Paul Dunn and Lone Jones, Benson, North Carolina) provided judges with bags of Maximum Performance horse food.

We are especially thankful for Greg Robinson, our gallery dog wagon driver. He greets everyone with a smile and cheerful hello and makes sure the right dogs are on the line in a timely manner. No one goes hungry or thirsty; Greg has the best refreshments and even entertains us with his songs during breaks.

Daily lunches and Saturday night cocktail foods were prepared by Nida Giddens. Thank you to Fred Rose for graciously providing the cocktails each year. Lunches consisted of hot dogs with all the fixings, baked beans, freshly baked pork loin sandwiches, and homemade chili and beans. And added bonuses were homemade cookies and peach cobbler with ice cream which was enjoyed during this warm weather.

Thank you for all the kitchen assistance contributed by John and Gretchen Adsit, Barbara Youngs, Crissi Joyal, and Tommy Herring.

Louise Wilcox prepared a fabulous dinner on Saturday night in honor of her husband, the late Field Trial Hall of Famer Dr. A. Hunter Wilcox. Dr. Wilcox was a friend to many and was always willing to lend a helping hand to any field trialer, their dogs, and their horses while competing with his own dogs.

A feast consisting of grilled pork



Amateur All-Age Winners (front, l-r): Whitley Stephenson with Betty's Karma. (Second row): Johnny Atkinson, Nida Giddens, Barbara Youngs, and Tim Ruff (judge). (Third row): David Huffine, Louise Wilcox, Sammy Giddens, Bob Youngs (judge), and Crissi Joyal. (Fourth row): Gretchen Adsit, Greg Robinson, and John Adsit. (Not pictured): Image and Storm's End.

tenderloin, creamed potatoes with gravy, green beans, apple sauce, layered tossed salad, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, etc., was enjoyed by all. Thank you, Louise, for this delicious dinner.

Thank you to our past president, Dr. Claude Kidd, and his dear friend, Carol Burke, for providing us with the "Scout of the Year" plaque. We are honored to display it in the clubhouse.

Thank you to all who made this such an enjoyable trial. Good sportsmanship and friendship were displayed throughout the trial. A special thank you to Tommy, Sharon, Will, and Karen Herring for participating in our trial. This was their first trial as a family at Hoffman. We look forward to them joining us for many more. The Giddens/Herring family friendship goes back more than 100 years.

Bob Youngs from Ellerbe, North Carolina, and Tim Ruff from Irmo, South Carolina, handled the judicial assignments.

Bob got his first bird dog, a Brittany, when he was 9 years old. He has been field trialing since 1970. Bob was very competitive in the Brittany trials. He won the Brittany United States Open Championship and the National Amateur Championship, along with many other successes. Bob has a Brittany in the Hall of Fame. Bob says one of his proudest parts of field trialing is the friendships his family has made through dogs. Thank you to Bob and his wife, Barbara, for always giving back so much to the sport and the trials and grounds at Hoffman.

Tim is a true Southern gentleman and is thoroughly versed in what a class bird dog is and what it takes to develop one. Tim started bird hunting in 1974 and field trialing in the 80s. He has served on

many committees, including president and secretary of the South Carolina Open Shooting Dog Association for years, president of the South Carolina Association for four years, and a Purina Field Trial Awards Committee member. Tim is an experienced judge, having judged the National Shooting Dog Championship for three years and many other championships. Tim said he tries to give back to the sport for what it has provided to him.

Both judges rode the perfect pace for this all-age field trial. They understood the type of performances it takes to win the all-age and derby stakes.

Sammy Giddens, stakes manager and president of the Central Carolina Field Trial Club, enjoyed riding every brace with these judges and announcing each dog's full name and the name of handlers at the start of each brace.

Just before breakaway each morning, Greg Robinson gave prayers for the safety of all participants and their dogs and horses and for Ray Joye, our past president Dr. Claude Kidd, Dr. Duerksen, and any others battling various health issues.

Amateur All-Age Winners

First place went to Betty's Karma, a pointer male owned by Johnny Atkinson and Darrell Miller, handled by Johnny Atkinson, and scouted by Grayson Francis. Karma is an animated female with a lot of eye-catching appeal. Her early development began with Darrell Miller. Karma was turned loose on course 1 at the 40-minute mark. Point was called at 10 by scout. She was standing next to a very thick plum thicket. Johnny relocated briefly and decided to carry her on to the front. After crossing the field trial road, Karma took the left edge. Scout called point at 40. Karma was standing at the edge of a plum thicket. A large covey exploded as Johnny flushed. At 50, the gallery saw the tip of her tail in a food plot. A covey was flushed and all in order with style. Karma finished with a strong forward race.

Second went to Imagine, a pointer male owned and handled by Jim Pendergest and scouted by Matt Pendergest. Imagine ran a very competitive race. Breakaway was on course 1 on a chilly, 24-degree morning. At 8, Imagine was found standing to the right side in a grassy area with great composure. Unfortunately, Jim could not provide birds. Imagine and Jim caught the front at the dirt road entering the Moon Field. At 50, both dogs were standing. Both handlers flushed hard in a large plum thicket. Suddenly, a pheasant came bursting out high into the sky. Both handlers shot with both dogs standing. Imagine finishing with a strong forward race.



Dr. A. Hunter Wilcox Amateur Derby Winners (front, l-r): David Huffine with Sweet Grass Scout, Karen Herring with Chimney Creek Bud, and Tommy Herring with Miss Lucille. (Second row): Bob Youngs (judge), Tim Ruff (judge), Will Herring, and Greg Robinson. (Third row): Sharon Herring, Crissi Joyal, Louise Wilcox, Barbara Youngs, Nida Giddens, and Sammy Giddens.

Third went to Storm's End, a pointer female owned by Matt Pendergest and Megan Henry, handled by Matt Pendergest, and scouted by Jim Pendergest. Storm's End showed strength, courage, and desire to find game while hunting through course six. At 10, Storm's End stopped to flush as one bird flushed and other quail were seen running through the plum thicket. All was in order. At 20, as Storm's End was running through a piney wood area on the left side, she pointed in a switch grass area beside a feed strip. A tremendous covey kept getting up. Storm's End stood with great composure. At the back of course 6, as the course swings, Storm made a long cast on the right side and connected out in front of Matt. As we came out of the piney woods area and headed back toward the clubhouse, the judges sat on top of the hill, watching as Matt pointed her out, making a long, strong cast on opposite hill. She finished the hour strong.

Hoffman, N. C., November 3 Judges: Tim Ruff and Robert Youngs AMATEUR ALL-AGE (One-Hour Heats)

- 27 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st-BETTY'S KARMA, 1696872, pointer female, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Steel Valley Wardance. Darrel L. Miller & Johnny Q. Atkinson, owners; Johnny Atkinson, handler.

2d-IMAGINE, 1693699, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Dialed In. Jim Pendergest, owner and handler.

3d-STORM'S END, 1687221, pointer female, by Dunn's Tried'n True-K F Prairie Storm. Matt Pendergest & Megan Henry, owners; Matt Pendergest, handler.

Dr. A. Hunter Wilcox Amateur Derby

First place went to Sweet Grass Scout, a setter female owned and handled by David Huffine and scouted by Dennis Snyder. Scout, an orange, ticked, and white setter, was released on course four on a sunny, 80+ degree afternoon. Even with these hot temperatures, Scout ran a forward race with a great gait and carried her head and tail high. Scout worked well for David and demonstrated strong all-age potential. After crossing the main road coming into the field trial grounds, the judges rode to the top of the hill to watch Scout make a

beautiful cast on the left side, going up the next hill to finish the brace and win first place.

Second went to Chimney Creek Bud, a pointer male owned and handled by Will Herring and scouted by Whitley Stephenson. Bud, an orange and white pointer, was braced with the first-place dog, Scout, in this 80+ degree weather. Bud ran with a stylish, animated, forward race displaying eye-catching appeal. He showed a special connection with his handler, Will. Very mature for a derby. He made great casts, hitting all the edges showing great

all-age potential.

Third went to Miss Lucille, a pointer female owned and handled by Gary Miller and scouted by Whitley Stephenson. Turned loose behind the horse barn as temperatures were 80+ degrees, Lucille ran a classy forward race, showing consistency to the front and all-age trials. Her run finished with high style and lots of class.

Thank you to everyone who supported our all-age trial with your time and entries. Our goal was to host a trial that gave everyone participating the opportunity

to enjoy good friendships and have fun running their dogs and watching others run their dogs. We look forward to 2024.

**DR. A. HUNTER WILCOX AMATEUR DERBY
- 5 Pointers and 1 Setter**

1st-SWEET GRASS SCOUT, 1700663, setter female, by Shag Time Bobo-Black Cloud's Angel. David Huffine, owner and handler.

2d-CHIMNEY CREEK BUD, 1704203, pointer male, by Hirollins Gone And Doneit-Santee River Iced Crush. Will Herring, owner and handler.

3d-MISS LUCILLE, 1704780, pointer female, by Quickmarksman's Excalibur-Hirollins Fancy Lady. Gary Miller, owner and handler.

REGION 13 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Phillips Linebacker Named Champion; Erin's Rebel Attraction, Runner-Up

By Jim Cipponeri | Ionia, Michigan | November 3, 2023



Region 13 Amateur All-Age Championship Winners (l-r): Mike Small with Phillips Linebacker, Blake Rizzo, Jeff Haggis, Jim Cipponeri, Brian Sheehan with Erin's Rebel Attraction, Joe Guzman, Phil Daniels, and Tom Vanecek.

The Region 13 Amateur All-Age Championship was once again held at the Ionia Field Trial Area, home to numerous national and local events, including all-breed and specific breed championships. The sponsoring club this year was the Grand Valley Bird Dog Club, which has been conducting trials here since 1974 and hopes to secure a future date for the National Amateur Pheasant Championship. The London Bird Dog Club initially hosted this trial near Clinton, Ontario, and has continued to support it since moving to Ionia.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the other clubs and members of our Association of Michigan Field Trial Clubs who attended and offered assistance in making this a successful event. The assemblage of these individuals is appreciated, and the success of this trial

could not be accomplished without them. The Kalamazoo/Southwest, Michigan Championship, and Farmers Sportsman's Clubs were major supporters.

Dick and Katherine Lipski were up before dawn every morning to seed the course and continued throughout the day managing the dog wagon and supplementing the bird release every brace. Tom Vanecek, Jeff and Mat Haggis, and Blake Rizzo assisted in barn and clubhouse duties. Connie Husinka helped conduct the drawing, and Dr. Allen Dunbar, Tim McClurg, and Kelsey Hajek assisted in marshaling the trial.

Two experienced and knowledgeable judges, Joe Guzman and Phil Daniels, were enjoyable to be around and attentive to evaluating talent. Phil's fiancée, Sharee, rode a few braces as she experienced her first championship. Joe and Phil got it

right in their decision-making as well. Tom Vanecek and Phil pitched in to help judge the Derby without a glitch. All these individuals are members of various Michigan clubs and support field trials in a positive way.

The champion, Phillips Linebacker, is a product of Orrin Ingram and Nathan Phillips's successful breeding program. Rex broke away at the Oak Tree along Riverside Drive on course 2 and ran a true all-age race. He had one immaculate find on a covey of Bobs near the Hires property at the 48-minute mark. He flowed effortlessly through the course with pleasing style and appeared in all the right places just at the correct time. He is a two-time champion along with a two-time runner-up champion at the young age of 3 years old.

Brian Sheehan's well-put-together male Erin's Rebel Attraction garnered runner-up honors for the second year in a row. He, too, is just 3 years old and is a three-time runner-up and one-time champion. The uniquely marked liver and white ticked pointer had a forward race that required very little scouting as the rapport with his owner/handler was evident throughout the strong hour he put down. Several other dogs had fine bird-finding performances, but they did not meet the judges' standards for this all-age stake.

The judges mentioned Erin's Southern Comfort was closest to the winners, and Wicked Quick had the best first 30 minutes until a mishap involving her braced mate ended Quick's day prematurely. Rizzo's Aria and Jack's Rockin Rocco finished the hour with multiple finds but did not equal the winners' ground performances.

The Amateur Derby was won by Jeff

and Mat Haggis's Glenmere's Silver Roo. Roo had a true all-age derby race and two stylish finds. Second was Small's White Rambler, owned by Mike Small, with a big race and finish manners on a small covey in front of the horse staging area. Third was Dr. Allen Dunbar's Grouse Feather Knighthawk, with a nice piece of birdwork and classy forward race.

Ionia, Mich., November 3

Judges: Phil Daniels and Joe Guzman

REGION 13 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 12 Pointers and 7 Setters

Winner-PHILLIPS LINEBACKER, 1695679, pointer male, by Phillips Off Line-Phillips Silver Lady. Orrin Ingram & Nathan Phillips, owners; Mike Small, handler.

Runner-Up-ERIN'S REBEL ATTRACTION, 1691807, pointer male, by Erin's Country Rebel-Erin's Fatal Attraction. Brian Sheehan, owner and handler.



Amateur Derby Winners (l-r): Jeff and Mat Haggis with Glenmere's Silver Roo, Blake Rizzo, Mike Small with Small's White Rambler, Phil Daniels (judge), Tom Vanecek (judge), and Jim Cipponeri (chairman).

Judges: Phil Daniels and Tom Vanecek
AMATEUR DERBY – 9 Pointers, 2 Setters, and 1 German Shorthair

1st-GLENMERE'S SILVER ROO, 1702832, pointer female, by Mac's Silver Chief-Mac's Silver Shadow. Jeff & Mat Haggis, owners; Jeff Haggis, handler.

2d-SMALL'S WHITE RAMBLER, 1702580, pointer male, by Small's White Charger-Blue Mound's Mainstreet. Mike Small, owner and handler.

3d-GROUSE FEATHER KNIGHTHAWK, 1703408, setter male, by Grouse Feather Hawk-GF Southern Belle. Allen Dunbar, owner and handler.

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DELAWARE POINTER & SETTER CLUB

SBHA Horseback Trial

By Glendora Dvorak | Medford, New Jersey | November 4, 2023

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone for coming out to show your support for our fall horseback trial on November 4, 2023. It means a lot to us to have you bring your dogs and yourselves out to compete and socialize with us.

A big shout out to our judges, Gus Allimonos and William Bruchey, for putting in the hours in the saddle and giving all our competitors your undivided attention. Thank you to the Southern Bird Hunters Association for your backing and support.

Now, without further preamble, here are the winners. In the Amateur Derby, first place went to Erin's Bad Company, a pointer male owned and handled by Kevin Stuart. Second place was Newfield Primus, a pointer male owned and handled by George (Bo) Mamounis. Last but not least, third place was Josie, a pointer female owned and handled by Bobby Verderosa.

In the Amateur Shooting Dog, first place went to Fluid Drive, a pointer male owned by Saverio Morelli and handled by Joseph Lordi Jr. Second place was All American Honky Rock, a setter male owned by Lenny Puchliakow and handled by George (Bo) Mamounis. Our third-place dog was Wayward, an Irish setter male, owned and



Amateur Derby (l-r): Kevin Stuart with Erin's Bad Company, George Mamounis with Newfield Primus, and Bobby Verderosa with Josie.

handled by Roger Boser.

Again, many thanks to all who supported us and volunteered your time and equipment to help us make this trial a success. We could not do this without our many friends and volunteers.

Medford, N. J., November 4 – One Course

Judges: Gus Allimonos and William Bruchey

SBHA AMATEUR DERBY – 4 Pointers,

1 Irish Setter and 1 German Shorthair

1st-ERIN'S BAD COMPANY, 1703998, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Bella Braveheart. Kevin Stuart, owner and handler.

2d-NEWFIELD PRIMUS, 1704494, pointer male, by Little Wing Inked Up-Prison Break Turk. George Mamounis, owner and handler.

3d-JOSIE, unreg., pointer female, by Miller's Speed Dial-Rocky Hollow Ginger Snap. Bobby Verderosa, owner and handler.



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (front, l-r): Joe Lordi with Fluid Drive, George Mamounis with All American Honky Rock, and Roger Boser with Wayward. (Behind): Piper Bish.

SBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 10 Pointers, 1 Setter and 1 Irish Setter

1st-FLUID DRIVE, 1659984, pointer male, by Great River

Ice-Blaze's Isis. Saverio Morelli, owner; Joe Lordi, handler.

2d-ALL AMERICAN HONKY ROCK, 1678475, setter

male, by All American Rockster-Minerva of Paradise.

Lenny Puchliakow, owner; George Mamounis, handler.

3d-WAYWARD, 1699503, Irish setter male, by Waycross-

Stilleto. Roger Boser, owner and handler.

Planning a Field Trial?

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THREE SUMMERS IN MANITOBA

By Mark Brown • Email: mundini1979@gmail.com

My dad, Bud Brown, and his wife, Celine, had seven kids (three boys, then four girls) in nine years, starting with me in 1958. When he was a Detroit, Michigan fireman, he got into the bird dog training business full-time, and we moved from Detroit to Lake City, Florida, in September of 1968. We made three trips to Manitoba, one year to Langruth and two years to Reston. It was a unique experience.

The whole traveling show was grand in its reach, requiring a summer trip to Manitoba, Canada, with 60 bird dogs, three horses, and the nine Brown family members, the youngest being two years old, in a blue station wagon and a “dog/horse truck” that Bud, my Uncle Jim and Grandpa, had built on a Chevy Cab and Chassis truck. It had a 3-speed stick on the floor, a clutch (no slip transmissions), and a throttle option that served as a forerunner to cruise control. Everybody wanted to ride in the big truck because it had an 8-track tape player that Bud had wired into the speakers.

The station wagon only had an AM/FM radio, and you’d constantly have to keep finding stations on the trip. Some places, especially the Dakotas and Manitoba, were desolate, and signals were hard to find. But, in the truck, the 5th Dimension, Jerry Reed, Herb Albert & the Tijuana Brass, Ray Stevens, and a couple of mix tapes blared the whole way, and seating had to be scheduled. The Interstate system had begun in 1956 and had built long stretches of highway by the late 1960s, but the section north of Atlanta to Chattanooga, Tennessee, was always under construction, forcing us onto U. S. Highway 41. We passed through every little town and up and down small mountains before finally clearing Chattanooga. We then headed through Nashville, Paducah, Kentucky, Indianapolis, Chicago, across Iowa, then the long haul from Omaha, Nebraska, to Fargo, North Dakota, on to Minot, North Dakota, then north into Reston, Manitoba, Canada. About 60 miles east of Minot was a little town called Rugby, North Dakota. They claimed to be the geographical center of the North American continent and had built a stone monument and made it a small little tourist site in the absolute middle of nowhere!

We made this trip for three summers (‘68-‘70), leaving Florida in early June for the five-day, roughly 1,950-mile journey, only to return in early September. We often left with ice on the water buckets of the dogs following an early freeze on the flat northern plains. I kept a detailed diary of every dollar spent, every time we stopped, mileage per day, fuel, motels, and everything for both

trips in a notebook. The Holiday Inn in Fargo was a destination going both ways. It had an indoor, heated pool!

Horses were another animal essential in the bird dog business, and Tennessee Walkers were the most popular breed among the handlers, scouts, and judges. Their high-stepping, smooth gait took the sting out of a normal horse’s trot. In Canada, we rented two or three horses from the locals, but these were mostly draft horses, Clydesdales, and Morgans. They were used to pull large sleds during the winter over snow and ice, bringing feed and water to the cattle, and running to Reston for groceries when the roads were impassable by anything but a bulldozer. The draft horses were huge, a good 6 inches taller than the Walkers, and had only two gears, trot and faster trot. They took 100 yards to get up to a gallop, which was a raggedy ride. The Canadian version of the southern plantation was called the prairie and was home to that local ground squirrel, the prairie dog, who dug 4–5-inch holes/tunnels into the soil. The Canadian horses and a quarter horse we had one year looked at the ground when they galloped, dodging the holes, sometimes abruptly if you weren’t paying attention. The Walkers were oblivious to the holes. You had to watch for them and steer appropriately.

I was 10 when we went to Langruth for our first summer in Canada. My mom cooked everything in or on a big black potbellied stove that was wood-fired, requiring a finesse with the temperature in the oven, and together, we baked cinnamon rolls, yeast bread, and regular bread from scratch. We all played a lot of Scrabble and Pinochle and spent the summer hauling water from five miles away in four 50-gallon drums on a sled dragged by a pickup truck from the community well on the paved road.

One time in Langruth, my mom was driving the big dog truck for Bud, keeping the dogs who weren’t working and moving around to meet up with Bud to bring him new dogs and pick up the ones who had just finished. For some reason, she had to cut across the prairie, and she drove right into a barely dry on-top piece of prairie called a slew. And sank 4 inches. The truck was at least 10 tons, with a set of dual wheels on the rear, and after just a few spins, we were buried to the axle. Now, a slew is mud that’s just wet enough and deep enough to create a suction that is damn near impossible to break. We stuck the pickup almost immediately, trying to pull out the truck. Now, we had NO vehicles, only horses. It was about two miles back to the kennels,

where Bud got another truck from a local farmer, and the farmer brought his big tractor along, where it got stuck trying to get the pickup out. It was nearly dark, and we had to give up and care for the animals. It was probably midnight before we got in. Bright and early, we headed back out with an even bigger tractor and a longer chain. And promptly, it got stuck trying to pull out the other tractor. So, now we have two tractors, a pickup truck, and the dog truck, all axle-deep within 30 yards of each other. Bud finally got a big bulldozer to come and drag all the vehicles out—two days in a Manitoba bog.

The two summers outside of Reston, Manitoba, were the most memorable. The house was a two-story number; you could walk right out onto the roof. An invaluable aid when the TV antennae needed to be turned incredibly small distances back and forth, listening to Bud holler, “Little more, little more, stop, back a little, a little more. No, back the other way,” until the picture was focused. I watched Neil Armstrong, then Buzz Aldrin back down the ladder on Apollo 11 on a 12-inch black and white TV in that house. This was the day after we were at a rodeo somewhere in Saskatchewan, and the announcer came over the loudspeaker and said, “The Eagle has landed.”

Neither house in Manitoba had interior plumbing; they didn’t have a septic tank. Or a toilet. We had an outhouse. We’d dig a couple of holes about 5 feet deep, then slide the wooden shack over them, and when the holes got full, we’d dig a couple more holes, slide the shack over them, and bury the waste. The one modern convenience was that each hole had a toilet seat. All the kids slept on army cots in one big room, and if Mother Nature called at night, you took a flashlight and moved quickly.

The washing machine was a round tub with an agitator in the middle and a set of rollers that served as the spin cycle, effectively squeezing the water out of the laundry, where it was then hung on several clotheslines. To get warm water, my mom ran a couple of 100 feet of garden hose from the well to the house, and the daytime sun would heat the only hot water that wasn’t boiled on the potbelly stove. The boiled water was used for washing dishes and then the daily “spit shower,” as Bud used to call it, a good wiping down with soap and water at night. Once a week, usually on Saturday, we’d drag an oversized wash tub into the kitchen and take a bath, my mom constantly adding hot water to the tub as nine Browns bathed one by one.

There was a big hog farm across the road,

about a quarter mile from the house, and the smell was lethal when the wind blew the wrong way. And everything was a dirt road. The closest pavement was several miles away in Reston, where, if the wind was blowing in the right direction, you could smell the fresh bread from the local bakeries, made from scratch and sold for five loaves to the dollar.

Since our location was the high plains, the soil was fertile, and the wheat, flax, and barley farms were measured in square miles. The land was incredibly flat, and the wind blew a lot. Every home had multiple windbreaks, trees, and brush planted in straight lines around the outer edges of the entire house property that served as barriers against the wind and blowing snow that would bury a house without them. The tree lines also served as the kennel. An 8-foot chain was nailed to each tree, with a snap lock connecting to the dog's collar. A water bucket was also nailed to the tree, and water was toted to each of the 60 dogs every day. Dog feed was a concoction. We didn't just whip out the Alpo or the Purina Dry. We used a cast iron pot that looked like you had split a peach in half and took out the pit. It was probably 10 feet wide and maybe 2 feet deep, weighed an absolute ton, and was positioned over a burning wood fire. Into this pot went something called tripe. It's the innards of a cow that has been butchered, some lard – yes, lard – and several 50-pound bags of F-R-M Meal, plus water. That was simmered and mixed with a boat oar, eventually turning out a sorta oatmeal-like grog that smelled god-awful. And the pot lasted for several days. Besides the feeding and watering, the worming consisted of taking a worm pill and cramming it down the dog's throat, forcing them to swallow the meds.

Some of the Hall of Fame handlers and pointers who were Bud's contemporaries included the Gates' (John S., John Rex, and a young Robin), Bill and his young son Freddie Rayl, Hoyle Eaton, Freddie Epp, Fred Arant Jr., and pointers Oklahoma Flush, Red Water Rex, Riggins White Knight, A Rambling Rebel, and Johnny Crockett.

Throughout three summers, we had many comical adventures. The following stories are some of them.

One year, the Canadian border crossing from North Dakota into Manitoba provided a problem. To get animals into Canada, they needed to have been to the vet, get the required shots, and have the paperwork to present to the border agents. It would take some time, but nothing too terrible. Except for one year, Bud brought some homing pigeons across the border to train the dogs with live game. I don't know if

the vet didn't do birds or if you could even inoculate a pigeon with a shot. Not to be deterred by some silly rules, he packed the 20 birds in a cage, put them in the back of the dog truck box, and covered them with all sorts of luggage, attempting to smuggle them into Canada. It didn't work. I don't remember how the Canadian agents discovered the birds (they probably were cooing like crazy), but they forced us to release them at the border. Most of them flew on top of the dog box and stayed, and we toted them right into Canada and onto the house in Reston.

The wildlife in Manitoba was wild, most having had little to no contact with humans except for the farmer on his tractor. Huge whitetail deer, Manitoba elk, badgers, skunks, and porcupines, and I even saw a large white owl once during the day (a rarity). Owls usually sit high on a limb, waiting for their prey, then "fall" off, swoop down with their talons extended, and snatch up their dinner. One day, I was out on the prairie with a dog, and he was probably 30 yards away when suddenly, this white owl appeared, diving for some mouse or prairie dog, and the dog spotted it. And lights out after it, finally catching up to it when it's about 18 inches off the ground and ready to pounce. The owl didn't see the dog (maybe why it was hunting during the day), and the dog started to "catch it." Bad idea. Suddenly, it was a mouse, owl, and dog all in the same spot, and the owl latched onto the dog's collar and neck. This wasn't turning out like he thought it would, and as the owl started to clench with his razor-like talons, it began to dawn on the mutt that this was not a fair fight, and he went to yelping and trying his darndest to get the damn owl to cut him loose. Fortunately, he was too heavy, and the owl did cut him loose, but he had a nasty gash on his neck and a couple of holes in his collar where the owl had grabbed on.

Another time, I had a dog go down a badger hole. Badgers are a nasty little killer, about 3 feet long, with short, powerful legs, a 5–6-inch furry tail, 34 teeth, and they hug the ground. They are much quicker than you think and must be avoided. Their burrows are 4–5 feet wide at the opening and can extend to 10 feet. The foolish dog had ventured into one even as I blew my whistle and yelled at him. Needless to say, Mama Badger was home, and out came Fido in a mad dash, the badger hot on his heels, before letting him get away. Dogs would find a skunk or porcupine and come back with a face full of porcupine needles, or they stunk so bad that you would gag when you got within 5 feet of them. The needles had to be pulled out one at a time with a set of pliers. The dogs usually didn't come back twice with stench or porcupine needles.

One time, Bud was out with a dog on the prairie by himself. This was not rare, but I was sitting at the dog wagon, waiting for him to get back. And I soon see his horse and the dog running back to the wagon without Bud! I thought this can't be good. I loaded the dog up, grabbed his horse, and headed back in the direction he had come from. The Canadian prairies are mostly flat, broken up by some oases of water and trees and the occasional scrub brush, so you can see a good distance. I didn't see Bud, and I'm not sure if the horse had come straight back or taken the scenic route, but I kept going in that direction. Sure enough, about 20 minutes later, I saw Bud... walking. Now, I was riding this horse who had just ditched Bud in the middle of the prairie, and after a good belt upside the horse's head, he got on, and we rode back together. Apparently, the dog had found a covey of prairie chicken and was standing there pointing, so Bud got off the horse to flush the covey and fire the blank pistol. The horse was not usually gun shy, but even Bud recognized that he was in the middle of nowhere, so he found a small scrub brush, tied the horse to it, flushed the covey, and fired the blank pistol. Bud said the horse leaped a foot into the air, yanked the brush out of the ground, and lit out for the wagon with the bird dog right behind him. We estimated that he was a couple of miles away.

I'm sure the primitive living conditions would seem odd to the reader, but there were large swaths of rural America and Canada where this was the norm at the time. The fact that we traveled the entire width of the United States six times, from Michigan and the pines of north Florida, over the mountains in Tennessee and Kentucky, across the Mississippi River, then over miles of stunningly flat plains into a whole different country, was a real-life geography lesson.

The third return trip from Manitoba was the final dagger to Bud Brown Kennels, although the trip had turned a profit for the first time. The engine blew on the dog truck on I-75 just north of Chattanooga. After getting towed in, the nine of us spent a day at the garage in the station wagon, getting a rebuilt engine put in, which lasted about 30 miles before it melted down. Out of options and money, Bud rented a Ryder truck and some towing device and pulled the dog truck home to Lake City. Soon after getting home, Bud borrowed the neighbor's tractor, dragged the box off the chassis, and sold the whole business.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BIRD DOG CLUB

Club Hosts Region 11 Amateur All-Age Championship & Classics

By Sean Kelly | Hornitos, California | November 10, 2023

Hornitos Ranch was home to a wonderful weekend of competition, fun, family, and friendships. Thanks to the continued generosity of the Ichord family, a newly renovated barn, and the hard work of the Kelly family, the event was a complete success!

The weekend was even more special due to the return of long-time field trial stalwarts Torben Hansen and Paul and Wanda Wells. Let's just say that the reminiscing and laughter were enjoyed by all who attended. With the backdrop of California's gorgeous foothills, the festivities began Friday morning with the Brock-Wells Shooting Dog stake. In the judges' saddle were two extremely knowledgeable and respected field trial veterans, Jarry Walton of Reno, Nevada, and Sean Kelly of Loomis, California. Fifteen starters came to the line, and in the end, the following three performers received the top honors.

Tom Griffin and his talented Battle Born Bette (ESF) took top honors with a classy shooting dog race and multiple pieces of top-notch birdwork. Second place saw longtime professional Sheldon Twer and his charge Windjammer's Gem (GSHF), owned by Terry Zygalinski of Watsonville, California, finish the half hour with a wide shooting dog race and a stylish find. The final placement went to the event's long-distance traveler, Corey Beadle of Henderson, Nevada, and his stylish black and white pointer, Augustus Elwood Beadle. Gus ran a solid shooting dog race with multiple finds.

At the conclusion of the Brock-Wells, the Mike Geenan Derby began with a nice 14-dog entry of youngsters. Tom Griffin of Esparto, California, and Jim Rose of Clayton, California, were in the saddle to judge. Marc Cuneo of Sonoma, California, took the top two spots with Boonville Rose (PF) and I. B. Diamond (PF). Both females ran true all-age races, with Rose grabbing top honors because she was a little more extreme and a touch classier on the ground. I'm sure the judges had to talk

out these two performances. Third place went to Sean Kelly's 10-month-old pointer male, Kelly's IB Purdy. Purdy handled the country with power and amazing grace but lacked the consistency needed to overtake the girls.

Hornitos, Cal., November 10

Judges: Sean Kelly and Jerry Walton

BROCK AND WELLS SHOOTING DOG – 9 Pointers, 3 Setters and 3 German Shorthairs

1st-BATTLE BORN BETTE, 1698151, setter female, by Sunrise's Final Chapter-Lying Eyes. Tom Griffin, owner and handler.

2d-WINDJAMMER'S GEM, 1677162, German Shorthair female, by Slicks Cuttin Wild-M S R's Opalescence. Terry Zygalinski, owner; Sheldon Twer, handler.

3d-AUGUSTUS ELWOOD BEADLE, 1697515, pointer male, by Gotta Little Project-Idaho Lucky Sweep. Corey R. Beadle, owner and handler.

Region 11 Amateur All-Age Championship & Derby Classic

This year's championship saw 14 entries compete for top honors. John Keel of Fresno, California, and Jim Wolthuis of Sacramento, California, were tasked with officiating the competition, and in the end, their decision was well received.

This year's champion is the ever-present multiple-time champion Kelly's Rebel Louie. At 9 years old, Louie shows no signs of slowing down; if anything, he is stronger than ever! Louie ran the hour to the absolute extreme that the ranch has to offer, yet worked with owner/handler Sean Kelly throughout. His birdwork was independent and intense, with incredible style. In the end, the overall power and speed on the ground with a huge finish left little doubt in the judges' minds that they had their winner.

Runner-up honors went to Rocking J's Amy and her owner/handler Jarry Walton. Amy took on the country with a fire and passion that only a true all-age dog possesses. Her performance consisted of multiple pieces of quality all-age birdwork and a powerful race that was only hindered by a minor difference in her finish from that of our champion. It should also be noted that Kelly's I B Butler and Brock

Force, both handled by Sean Kelly, had nice performances.

The Region 11 Amateur All-Age Derby Classic brought the weekend's performances to a close. Eight entries came to the line for judges Sheldon Twer and Jim Rose to sift through. When it was said and done, three 10-month-old littermates took top honors. Boonville Rose (Cuneo) took first place with a strong, forward, consistent ground race. Kelly's IB Purdy (Kelly) was an extremely close second with a similar performance to Rose, and Rocking J's Billy (Walton) took third place with a little less consistent performance than his siblings. Side note: This litter has four pups with field trial homes, and all four now have received 6 of the 9 All-Age Derby placements in Region 11 this year.

Judges: Tom Griffin and Jim Rose

WESTERN OPEN DERBY CLASSIC – 13 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-BOONVILLE ROSE, 1706384, pointer female, by Brock Force-Sleepless Money Maiden. Marc Cuneo, owner and handler.

2d-I. B. DIAMOND, 1702091, pointer female, by Kelly's Rebel Louie-Saddle Up Reba. Marc Cuneo, owner and handler.

3d-KELLY'S IB PURDY, 1705632, pointer male, by Brock Force-Sleepless Money Maiden. Sean Kelly, owner and handler.

Judges: John Keel and Jim Wolthuis

REGION 11 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 12 Pointers and 2 Setters

Winner-KELLY'S REBEL LOUIE, 1656988, pointer male, by I B Burnt-I B Pike Creek. Sean Kelly, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-ROCKING J'S AMY, 1676205, pointer female, by Smaks Lemon Express-Cache Creek's Most Wanted. Jarry Walton, owner and handler.

Judges: Jim Rose and Sheldon Twer

REGION 11 AMATEUR ALL-AGE DERBY CLASSIC – 7 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-BOONVILLE ROSE, 1706384, pointer female, by Brock Force-Sleepless Money Maiden. Marc Cuneo, owner and handler.

2d-KELLY'S IB PURDY, 1705621, pointer male, by Brock Force-Sleepless Money Maiden. Sean Kelly, owner and handler.

3d-ROCKING J'S BILLY, 1706154, pointer male, by Brock Force-Sleepless Money Maiden. Jarry Walton, owner and handler.

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STILLWATER OPEN ALL-AGE & OPEN DERBY

Dunn's True Reign Wins Open All-Age

By Bob Barker | Booneville, Arkansas | November 10, 2023

The Stillwater Open All-Age was held at the beautiful grounds at Booneville, Arkansas, on November 10-12. This time of the year, God blessed us with great weather, with temps in the low 40s and high in the 70s with sunny skies. The scenery is breathtaking, with Mt. Magazine in the background and the foliage beginning to change color.

Jon Humphrey did an outstanding job putting on this trial and has done this for many years. It takes more than one person to put on a trial, and this club wants to thank Mike Griffin for driving the dog wagon, Ronnie Miller for marshaling, and Austin Bryant for being the Wrangler.

Judges for this event were Jim Michaletz and your scribe, who had to step in the assignment after one judge's wife had a motorcycle accident, and then that fill-in judge had a horse wreck. Jim, formally from Goodman, Missouri, now resides with his wife, Sherry, in Montana. They are working their way down the southeast part of the United States, attending trials and enjoying warmer weather in their motor home. Jim has won numerous championships over the years, and it was a pleasure to judge with him.

I've always said what makes a good trial is birds, good food, fellowship, and good grounds. We had all four. Plenty of birds were pointed and, in a lot of instances, with large coveys. The grounds at Blue Mountain are some of the best in this part of the country for showcasing an all-age dog. The only downside this year was that the cover was higher than normal because of the rain they had this summer. I honestly was surprised that we did not lose a lot more dogs than we did. The club was generous by taking everybody out to dinner at Reid's Hometown Barbecue in Booneville on Friday night. It was enjoyed immensely by all. Lunches were provided by ladies from Booneville, which were much appreciated.

Handlers attending this trial were Bridget Ledington, Allen Vincent, Andy Daugherty, Randy Anderson, Matt Cochran, and Jon Humphrey.

The Derby was first on the agenda, and when it was all said and done, first place went to Westfall's High Cotton, owned



Open All-Age Winners (front row, l-r): Austin Bryant, Bridget Ledington, and Jon Humphrey. (Behind): Allen Vincent, Bob Barker, Mike Griffin, Randy Anderson, and Jim and Sherry Michaletz.

by Ryan Westfall and handled by Andy Daugherty; second went to Wild Covey Sundial, owned by Brad Calkins and handled by Andy Daugherty; and third went to Full Ride, owned by Kevin Dixon and handled by Randy Anderson. All three were placed on race.

The All-Age brought 28 dogs to the line, and when the smoke cleared, Dunn's True Reign, owned by Norris Sims and handled by Allen Vincent, came out on top. He was braced with Touch's Fire Away in the first brace on Sunday morning. Both dogs broke away with speed seeing them sparingly the first 15 minutes because the cover was so high. At 29, both dogs were covering the edge of the big bottom when Allen called point. We had to ride a long way because the dogs were way out there. When we arrived, Reign was pointing in a mowed strip with Fire Away with a nice back. Allen flushed the birds with all in order. Both finished the hour running to the limits. What was amazing to me and Jim Michaletz was that they had some of the heaviest cover, ran the limits with little scouting, and were always to the front.

Second went to Miller's Wide Out, owned by Don Stroble and handled by Randy Anderson. Wide Out ran late morning on Friday. He was running good, hitting the edges, and at 20, point was called on the other side of a hedge thicket with Wide Out standing like a picture high and tight. Randy went in and flushed a large covey with everything in order. Wide Out went on to make huge casts in the bottoms of course 3, finishing strong.

Third place went to Bromance, owned and handled by Jon Humphrey. Bromance



Open Derby Winners (front row, l-r): Matt Cochran, Andy Daugherty, and Bridget Ledington. (Behind): Austin Bryant, Bob Barker, Mike Griffin, Jim and Sherry Michaletz, Randy Anderson, and Jon Humphrey.

had course 2 on Saturday afternoon. Bromance was making some good moves when, at 25, he was missing in the heavy cover as you make your turn going east. At 30, scout calls point along the draw in the middle of this field. Jon went into flush and could not raise anything. He tapped his dog for a relocation. While working scent, a large covey got up a good distance from the dog. Dog stopped, and Jon shot. Everything in order. Bromance went on, and as you made your last turn on the road on course 2, the dog was working the edge on the right and slammed on point. Jon went on to flush another large covey that came up in waves. He went on to have a nice finish.

Other dogs in consideration were Bonner's Bulletproof and WF Power Trip.

Booneville, Ark., November 10

Judges: Bob Barker and Jim Michaletz

OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] – 27 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-DUNN'S TRUE REIGN, 1680537, pointer male, by Dunn's Tried'n True-Dunn's Get Out Sue. Norris Sims, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.

2d-MILLER'S WIDE OUT, 1696660, pointer male, by Miller's Speed Dial-Lester's Sundancer. Don Stroble, owner; Randy Anderson, handler.

3d-BROMANCE, 1668193, pointer male, by Tallokas Lane Change-Osceola Patty Cake. Jon Humphrey, owner and handler.

OPEN DERBY – 7 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-WESTFALL'S HIGH COTTON, 1705192, pointer male, by Foster's Tall Cotton-Flush Em Feathers Queen. Ryan Westfall, owner; Andy Daugherty, handler.

2d-WILD COVEY SUNDIAL, 1701529, pointer male, by Miller's Speed Dial-Wild Covey Jackie. Brad Calkins, owner; Andy Daugherty, handler.

3d-FULL RIDE, 1702143, pointer male, by Dixon's Rolling Stone-Dixon's Girl's Got Rhythm. Kevin Dixon, owner; Randy Anderson, handler.

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BEAR POND FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Robin Gates Memorial Open All-Age Quail Classic & The “Big” Derby

By Claudia McNamee | Leslie, Georgia | November 13, 2023



Robin Gates Memorial Open All-Age Classic Winners (l-r): Cliff Mesnard (judge), Luke Eisenhart, Judd Carlton with Erin's Wild Atlantic Way, Hailey Moreland, Christy Swearingen, Cody McLean, Jerry Raynor with Touch's Gallatin Fire, Mark McLean, Gary Futch, Jimmy Wallace (judge), and Debbie Hofer. (Not pictured): Miller's Blindsider.

The fourth annual Robin Gates Memorial Open All-Age Quail Classic and The “Big” Derby were held on the beautiful grounds of Round Pond Plantation in Leslie, Georgia. Under overcast skies and cool temperatures, the Open began on Monday, November 13, 2023, and continued through to mid-day on Wednesday, November 15, with 32 contenders vying for three top-dog placements. The Derby stake began after lunch on November 15 and concluded mid-day on Thursday, November 16, showcasing 18 newcomers to the field.

The judicial saddles were filled by two highly experienced dog men, Cliff Mesnard of Modesto, California, and Jimmy Wallace of Prospect, Ohio. These two judges watched all contenders with keen interest and an appreciation for the sport's nuances. They openly enjoyed the job they had undertaken, and we are grateful for their time and attention.

Heartfelt thank you to the Walker family for their hospitality and for allowing us to experience these impressive Round Pond grounds and amenities. There are few venues with the offerings that Round Pond has, and we are all fortunate to experience such a quality venue. Quail were plentiful throughout the trial, with coveys found on all courses throughout each day. An estimated 65-70 coveys were put into flight over the three and a half days of running. Thank you to Neil Walker, Tracy Swearingen, and Luke Eisenhart

for readying the property and taking care to reroute certain course legs for better flow and scouting. Thanks to Will Dunn and Tracy Swearingen for marshaling every brace and Clayton Cook for driving the dog wagon. Christy Swearingen and Debbie Hofer prepared daily hot lunches and prepared dinners for the judges; meals were delicious, and no one went hungry! And, of course, a boundless thank you to Purina for all they do to support this sport!

Before delving into this year's winning performances, this writer would like to acknowledge, as we all did throughout the stake, how great a trial this was because of the number of winner-worthy performances. The judges repeatedly commented on how many exceptional performances they were privileged to watch. So many demonstrated what Robin always strived for in his own dogs — a strong, forward race with consistent hunting and pushing to the edge of course limits. Style and intensity on game with knockout finishes were always a Robin Gates hallmark.

Open All-Age Winners

Erin's Wild Atlantic Way (“Cap”) claimed top honors with five finds and an exhilarating race. Owned by Sean Derrig and handled by Luke Eisenhart, Cap was one of only three setters in this stake. His performance was punctuated by covey finds at 6, 14 (divided), 16, 20 and 31. Cap exhibited singular hunting prowess, high style, and class on the ground. Always

hunting forward the entire hour, he finished with determination, pushing the course limits.

Touch's Gallatin Fire earned second place with five finds perfectly timed within the hour at 3, 15, 35, 43, and 56. Owned by Alex Rickert and handled by Mark McLean, Gallatin Fire hunted diligently and with great focus on the task at hand. He consistently pointed his birds with style and perfect manners, finishing with a strong, forward race. It should be noted that he won this prestigious trial in 2021 and continues to command attention whenever let loose...always a compelling contender on the all-age open circuit.

Miller's Blindsider requires little introduction as he earned his place in bird dog history when named National Champion this year. Owned by Nick Berrong and handled by Jamie Daniels, Blindsider, in typical fashion, effortlessly covered the course he drew with confidence and skilled intention. He also hunted up five coveys in his hour at 5, 10 (with a nice relocation), 23, 34, 38, and 54 and finished out front with another hour in him if allowed. Great job!

Honorable Mentions

As noted earlier, this stake showcased a number of worthy performances in addition to the three named winners. Six other contenders equally impressed the judges and deserve mention here in order of their running: Touch's Shadow Rider (Owner: Karen Norton; Handler: Mark McLean), Rester's Johnny Ringo (Owner: Cecil Rester; Handler: Luke Eisenhart), Nighthawk's Rebel (Owners: Rick Leverich and Sheree Lucero; Handler: Tracy Swearingen), Johnny Come Lately (Owner: Nonami Plantation; Handler: Ray Pearce), Haney's All In (Owners: Stacey and Steve Cory; Handler: Mark McLean), and Erin's Perfect Storm (Owner: Brad Woodie; Handler: Luke Eisenhart). In total, nine dogs vied for top honors, and combined with robust birdwork, this presented us with one of the best all-age stakes in recent memory. Robin would be so very proud!

Leslie, Ga., November 13

Judges: Cliff Mesnard and Jimmy Wallace
ROBIN GATES MEMORIAL OPEN ALL-AGE
CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 28 Pointers
and 4 Setters

1st-ERIN'S WILD ATLANTIC WAY, 1684809, setter male, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-T T's Southern Miss. Sean Derrig, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

2d-TOUCH'S GALLATIN FIRE, 1675102, pointer male, by House's Ring of Fire-Touch's Sandy. Alex Rickert, owner; Marc McLean, handler.

3d-MILLER'S BLINDSIDER, 1674983, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Nick Berrong, owner; Jamie Daniels, handler.

Open "Big" Derby

Eighteen young contenders were brought to the line for the "Big" Open Derby on Wednesday, November 15. Thank you again to judges Cliff Mesnard and Jimmy Wallace for their time and experience in watching these young hopefuls and placing the three who they thought had the most enthusiasm and future potential. This portion of the event was run in continuous



The Big Derby Winners (l-r): Jerry Raynor, Cody McLean, Will Dunn, Mark McLean with Nonami's Smokin Joe, Hailey Moreland, Cliff Mesnard (judge), Judd Carlton with Erin's Happy Hour, Gary Futch, Jimmy Wallace (judge), Luke Eisenhart with Comanche, Christy Swearingen, and Claudia McNamee (reporter).

30-minute heats, starting immediately following the last all-age brace.

Nonami's Smokin Joe, owned by Ted Turner and Nonami Plantation and handled by Cody McLean, was named the top derby. There was no contention

surrounding this decision because Joe clearly earned it with two finds and a strong forward race!

Erin's Happy Hour, owned by Mike Sweet and handled by Judd Carlton, snagged second place with two clean finds and an all-age worthy race and finish... lots of potential here!

In third place came Comanche, owned by S. Tucker Johnson and handled by Luke Eisenhart, with three dug-up finds and a great big race!

THE BIG DERBY - 17 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-NONAMI'S SMOKIN JOE, 1703258, pointer male, by Touch's Malcolm Story-Beane's Sky Liner. R. E. Turner, owner; Cody McLean, handler.

2d-ERIN'S HAPPY HOUR, 1703435, pointer male, by Erin's Southern Comfort-Erin's Country Nell. Mike Sweet, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.

3d-COMANCHE, 1705324, pointer male, by Touch's Red Rider-Southpoint's Dixie Chick. S. Tucker Johnson, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

CARROLL COUNTY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Amateur Trial

By Jim Atchison | Huntingdon, Tennessee | November 15, 2023



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (front, l-r): Brian Peterson with Southern Shadows T Rex, Lance Servais with Southern Shadows Wave, and Bubba Spencer with Cocklebur Breaking Bad. (Behind): Mike Small (judge) and Kent Walker.

The Carroll County Field Trial Club sponsored and hosted the running of their annual amateur stakes at the club headquarters owned by David Williams near Huntingdon, Tennessee, November 15-19. The five days of running contested the skills of 22 shooting dogs, 21 all-age entries, and 18 derbies.

Southern Shadows T Rex, owned by Lance Servais and handled by Brian Peterson (both of Cecil, Alabama), won the Shooting Dog stake, which was run November 15 and 16. Phillips Linebacker, owned by Orrin Ingram from Franklin, Tennessee, and Nathan Phillips from Oakland City, Indiana, won the All-Age stake. He was handled by Mike Small from Evansville, Indiana. Haney's Last



Amateur All-Age Winners (front, l-r): Mike Small with Phillips Linebacker and Amy Pendergest with Storm's End. (Behind): Brian Peterson (judge), Jim Pendergest, and Lance Servais (judge).

Call, owned and handled by Chris Cagle from Woodlawn, Tennessee, won the Derby competition.

The weather was almost too nice part of the time for field trialing, meaning that weather that is perfect for people can be rather hot for the competing dogs. Yet, in spite of some warm periods and one short-lived little sprinkle, the weather was great.

Even better than the weather was the condition of the three courses over which the dogs hunted. As usual, David Williams had the condition of the grounds in outstanding order. Birds were abundant on each of the courses, and dry weather in the weeks preceding the field trial enabled the grounds to be easily traversed.



Amateur Derby Winners (front, l-r): Chris Cagle Jr. with Haney's Last Call, Mike Small with Small's White Rambler, and Brian Peterson with Southern Shadows T-Bird. (Behind): David Williams (judge), Rose Marie Daniels, Chris Cagle, Angie Williams (judge), and Lance Servais.

Sportsman's Pride was the sponsor of the stakes, and their continuing generous support was acknowledged and much appreciated.

Shooting Dog Winners

Mike Small from Evansville, Indiana, and Mason Ashburn from Trenton, Tennessee, served as judges and carefully watched the 22 shooting dog entries. Their placements were as follows:

Southern Shadows T Rex won first place under the whistle of Brian Peterson. Both Rex and the second-place winner of this stake were owned by Lance Servais. Rex won as he hunted the first hour course on Thursday morning in an excellent manner appropriate for a shooting dog and scored two finds for his handler. He was strong and

stylish throughout his hour of competition.

Southern Shadows Wave won second for Servais, also on the first hour course, as he competed in the first brace on the first morning. Part of the first quarter hour of his running was a bit ragged, but then he got it together and smoothly produced three excellent finds to earn his well-deserved placement.

Cocklebur Breaking Bad, handled by Bubba Spencer and scouted by Amy Spencer, won third. He hunted the second hour course, handled the flush, and shot well while producing birds one time on the first afternoon of running.

Huntingdon, Tenn., November 15

**Judges: T. Mason Ashburn and Mike Small
CARROLL COUNTY AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
[One-Hour Heats] – 17 Pointers and 5 Setters**

1st-SOUTHERN SHADOWS T REX, 1682853, pointer male, by Skyfall-Miller's White Wall. Lance Servais, owner; Brian Peterson, handler.

2d-SOUTHERN SHADOWS WAVE, 1700850, pointer male, by Lester's Shockwave-Beane's Doll House. Lance Servais, owner and handler.

3d-COCKLEBUR BREAKING BAD, 1689927, pointer male, by Cocklebur King Tut-Cocklebur Regent Runaway. Bubba, Amy & Colt Spencer, owners; Bubba Spencer, handler.

All-Age Winners

Brian Peterson and Lance Servais judged the 21 all-age contenders. The competition started late Thursday afternoon and continued into Saturday afternoon. Phillips Linebacker won first place with his impressive four finds during the seventh brace, which was run over the third hour course located on Williams' property called the Vickers Farm. He continued his outstanding winning ways as he performed beautifully for Mike Small, with a strong and forward race, complemented by great style, energetic lick, and impressive tail throughout the hour.

David Russell handled Como Thunder to win second place. David, from Como, Mississippi, co-owns this winner with Doug Arthur, Billy Blackwell, and his wife, Rachel. The 4-year-old pointer had two independent finds plus a divided find during his effort. He covered the course with great all-age savvy and looked excellent on his game each time he stood.

Third place was won by Storm's End, handled by Jim Pendergest from Lexington, Kentucky, and owned by Matt Pendergest and Megan Henry. Storm's End sported a good tail and looked pretty running as she produced two excellent finds for her handler.

**Judges: Brian Peterson and Lance Servais
CARROLL COUNTY AMATEUR ALL-AGE
[One-Hour Heats] – 18 Pointers and 3 Setters**

1st-PHILLIPS LINEBACKER, 1695679, pointer male, by Phillips Off Line-Phillips Silver Lady. Orrin Ingram & Nathan Phillips, owners; Mike Small, handler.

2d-COMO THUNDER, 1687714, pointer male, by Skyfall-Catch Me Dot. B. K. & Rachel Blackwell, Doug Arthur & David Russell, owners; David Russell, handler.

3d-STORM'S END, 1687221, pointer female, by Dunn's Tried'n True-K F Prairie Storm. Matt Pendergest & Megan Henry, owners; Jim Pendergest, handler.

Derby Winners

David and Angie Williams judged the 18 derbies and appreciated that all three of the winners, plus several of the other derbies, found birds.

Haney's Last Call, owned and handled by Chris Cagle, won with his strong and forward race, wherein he found birds twice and looked great during each flush and shot. Small's White Rambler won second for his owner, Mike Small, from Evansville, Indiana. He had two finds during his excellent half-hour effort. Third was won by Southern Shadows T-Bird, handled by Brian Peterson, and owned by Lance Servais. T-Bird ran a good race and

had birds once. Incidentally, he is a son of Southern Shadows T Rex, who won the Shooting Dog stake here a few days earlier.

**Judges: Angela Williams and David Williams
CARROLL COUNTY AMATEUR DERBY
– 16 Pointers and 2 Setters**

1st-HANEY'S LAST CALL, 1702601, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner and handler.

2d-SMALL'S WHITE RAMBLER, 1702580, pointer male, by Small's White Charger-Blue Mound's Mainstreet. Mike Small, owner and handler.

3d-SOUTHERN SHADOWS T-BIRD, 1705877, pointer male, by Southern Shadows T Rex-Southern Ritz Lane. Lance Servais, owner; Brian Peterson, handler.

The Carroll County Team

While it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a team to put on a great field trial. This was a great field trial, thanks to the efforts of the Carroll County Team. First and foremost, David Williams worked year-round to make sure his grounds were outstanding. Next came Gary McKibben, who kept all the paperwork and money in good order, plus helped with birds and everything else that came up. During these stakes, Danny Stanfill, Phillip Barnett, and John Burrow manned the dog wagon and provided security at road crossings. Lisa and Scott Little worked early and cleaned the clubhouse and houses used by the judges and others. Jim and Charlotte Atchison shopped, stocked the clubhouse and prepared lunch and some evening meals, assisted by Michelle Clark and Angie Williams as their schedules permitted. The team not only got the work done, but they genuinely enjoyed each other's company and had a good time, as well. So, as they departed on Sunday, November 19, the team felt they had once again put on another successful amateur field trial on Smyrna Road in Carroll County.

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EAST KENTUCKY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Annual ABHA Fall Trial

By Adam Thomas | Berea, Kentucky | November 18, 2023

The East Kentucky Field Trial Club hosted its annual fall trial at Miller Welch Central Kentucky WMA near Berea, Kentucky, on November 18-19. We were blessed with wonderful weather for this event, with temperatures rising to the mid-50s on both days. That said, dry conditions across the region proved to be tough scent conditions for the dogs.

Judging duties were allocated to Kelly Shepherd of Waverly, Ohio, and Daryl Thomas Jr. of Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Kelly has been a prominent figure predominantly in the cover dog world for several decades, breeding and developing some top-notch setters. Daryl Thomas Jr. is also no stranger to the world of field trialing, having grown up and participated in field trials across the South before recently relocating to Kentucky. We were very fortunate to have two judges with such diverse backgrounds come and look at our dogs, and we appreciate it.

The Open Shooting Dog stake was first out Saturday morning. Cliff Monroe of Mooresboro, North Carolina, took home both first and second place with a pair of hard driving pointers. First was Twiggy, reigning ABHA Free-for-All Champion and 22-23 ABHA Open Shooting Dog of the Year. In second was The Treasure Chest, who has made it to the podium three times already this season on these grounds, most recently being named ABHA Central Region Champion. In third was Jonathan Dunn's first year shooting dog Island Dancer. "Millie" had a promising derby season last year, even landing a few shooting dog placements. It's great to see this young dog continue her winning ways.

Besting the field of 13 amateur shooting dogs was Tenacee Shelby, owned and handled by Greg Isenberg. Shelby took home runner-up honors on these grounds this time last year in the NBHA National Amateur Championship. Second was Coal Camp's Annie, owned by Jim Humphrey and handled by his nephew Adam Thomas. Rounding out the placements was a well-built pointer male Shaboom, owned and handled by Bryan Rathbone of North Carolina.

In the Open Derby stake, Kevin Rogers of Bowling Green, Kentucky, took home first and third place with well-mannered Brittans, Waylon and Merle. Second was Boatrights Iron Eagle, owned by Terry Boatright and handled by Outcast Kennels



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (l-r): Daryl Thomas Jr. (judge), Greg Isenberg with Tenacee Shelby, Adam Thomas with Coal Camp's Annie, Bryan Rathbone with Shaboom, Kelly Shepherd (judge), and Cliff Monroe.

pro James Kleve. "Chappy" has been having a stellar derby season and is well on his way to garnering numerous Dog of the Year accolades if he can keep the momentum going.

James Kleve returned to the winners' circle again in the Open Puppy stake, this time with Boatright's Audubon Outcast, also owned by Terry Boatright. Second and third place went to two Elhew-bred female pointers of different origins. In second was Heidi, owned and handled by Michael Edwards. Third place went to Lady Elhew Godiva, owned and handled by Jenni Shepherd.

The Open Gun Dog stake brought six dogs to the line with four different handlers. After two days of planting birds in addition to previously released coveys, the gundogs had ample opportunity to show their bird-finding abilities. Field trial newcomer Donnie Abernethy Jr. took home first place with his male setter, Tim's Creek Jim. Second place went to Michael Edwards and his pointer, Pinehill Elhew Top Gun. Third place went to Mark Smith and his well-mannered setter, Blue Ridge Journey.

This trial went off without a hitch. It was promising to see several newcomers to the sport at this trial, and we hope to see them



Island Dancer, Third in the Open Shooting Dog Stake

again in the future. Big thanks to Terry and Donna Boatright for bringing horses, and Donna helped with lunch. Scott Luther brought a dog wagon, which was greatly appreciated. As always, the ABHA and its clubs are greatly appreciative of our long-time sponsors Valu-Pak and SportDOG.

Berea, Ky., November 18 – One Course

Judges: Kelly Shepherd and Daryl Thomas Jr.

ABHA OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers,

4 Setters, and 4 Brittans

1st-TWIGGY, 1690766, pointer female, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Sinbad's Little Lady. Cliff Monroe, owner and handler.

2d-THE TREASURE CHEST, 1692516, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Legacy's Pride-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Cliff Monroe, owner and handler.

3d-ISLAND DANCER, 1699150, setter female, by Islander-Island Girl. Jonathan Dunn, owner and handler.

ABHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 7 Pointers and 6 Setters

1st-TENACEE SHELBY, 1683044, pointer female, by Elhew Money-maker-Cantor's Coco. Greg Isenberg, owner and handler.

2d-COAL CAMP'S ANNIE, 1687566, setter female, by Full Blast-Herbie's Asta La Vista. Jim Humphrey, owner; Adam Thomas, handler.

3d-SHABOOM, 1674969, pointer male, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Hirollins Fancy Lady. Bryan Rathbone, owner and handler.

ABHA OPEN DERBY – 4 Pointers and 4 Brittans

1st-WAYLON, unreg., Brittany male, breeding not given. Kevin Rogers, owner and handler.

2d-BOATRIGTHS IRON EAGLE, 1700325, setter male, by Woodville's Yukon Cornelius-Outcast Starbreeze. Terry Boatright, owner; James Kleve, handler.

3d-MERLE, unreg., Brittany male, breeding not given. Kevin Rogers, owner and handler.

ABHA OPEN PUPPY – 2 Pointers, 3 Setters, and 3 Brittans

1st-BOATRIGTH'S AUDUBON OUTCAST, 1705038, setter female, by Audubon Americus-Circle B Burning Stardust. Terry W. Boatright, owner; James Kleve, handler.

2d-HEIDI, unreg., pointer female, breeding not given. Michael Edwards, owner and handler.

3d-LADY ELHEW GODIVA, 1705738, pointer female, by Rhododendron Elhew Chief-Autumn Elhew Encore. Jennie Lynn Shepherd, owner and handler.

ABHA OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 1 Pointer and 5 Setters

1st-TIM'S CREEK JIM, 1683170, setter male, by Tim's Creek Pete-Tim's Creek Mae. Donnie Abernethy, owner and handler.

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

3d-BLUE RIDGE JOURNEY, 1690000, setter female, by North Creek Scooter-Blue Ridge Molly. Mark L. Smith, owner and handler.

PARK CITIES QUAIL COALITION

NBHA Hosts Fundraiser To Benefit PCQC

By Ken Sauer | Alvord, Texas | November 18, 2023



NBHA Amateur Shooting Dog (JC@F) Winners (l-r): Ken Sauer, Jason Super (judge), Conrad and Harper Jett with Beau, Sammy Davison with Cruz, Mike Rogers, David Strickland with Panzer, Sean Anderson (judge), and Trey Baer.

We at the National Bird Hunters Association (NBHA), Valley View Field Trial Association (VVFTA), and Region 7 AFTCA, in appreciation of the years of sponsorship to the NBHA, were compelled to do something to show our support for Park Cities Quail Coalition (PCQC) and all their research and habitat restoration; not to mention their support of the NBHA over the years introducing walking field trials to like-minded upland dog enthusiasts. A sizable group of people are also owed many thanks for their participation. It takes people to pull this off, and we're thankful for those who lent a hand. Also, to my wife Melissa Sauer, who has helped, supported, and been my scout over many years, I owe many thanks. She's always been a trooper, but on some days with poor weather, she has a hard time getting excited about it.

I have to say mission accomplished for introducing new folks to field trials and raising money to donate to PCQC. By

no means were we able to compete with the PCQC Banquet's fundraising, but we didn't have Kevin Costner showing up. A huge thanks to all the raffle supporters: Jay Stine, our judges Jason Super and Sean Anderson, Heath Autry, and Trey Baer. This year's event raised \$4,448 to benefit PCQC!

The weather on Saturday was cool in the morning but did warm up to the mid-60s. Saturday's activities started with an introduction day of working dogs in a field trial environment to help out the new folks interested in our sport of field trialing. We had 17 dogs enter this venue. The goal was to show them a field trial course and how it works. There were plenty of birds on course for lots of dog opportunities with bird contact. Lots of experienced trialers were on hand lending positive support. As a consensus, the day and experience went well. There were lots of positive comments, happy faces, and many thanks of gratitude. Lunches were served with

smoked pulled pork tacos, refried beans, and Spanish rice sides. The day was topped off with the raffle. We had Conrad Jett's daughter, Harper, and Sammy Davison's grandson, Rhyder, draw all the winners. Lots of happy faces from the winners.

Sunday, the weather forecast had cooler weather and possible mixed precipitation. What rain we had wasn't heavy but off and on until after lunch. There were a lot of birds on the course from the Saturday event, not to mention even more put out on the course. I'm excited to see some of the newer folks over the past two years starting to run in some broke dog stakes. Entries for the JC@F stake are what I would consider low, but as long as there are enough to hold a stake, there will be one. The NBHA Amateur Shooting Dog stakes followed the JC@F event. There was a lot of really nice dog work and ground races. Placements are listed below.

NBHA Amateur Shooting Dog — JC@F (6 Dogs)

1st—Beau, Llewelin setter male. Conrad Jett, owner & handler.

2d—Grandslams Gunslingin Cruz, setter male. Sammy Davison, owner & handler.

3d—Panzer, German Shorthair male. David Strickland, owner & handler.

NBHA Amateur Shooting Dog (12 Dogs)

1st—Fortius Make Someday Today, Vizsla female. Sean & Jacklyn Anderson, owners; Sean Anderson, handler.

2d—Banjo, pointer male. Matthew Puckett, owner & handler.

3d—K C's Guitar Man, pointer male. Ken Sauer, owner & handler.

Our sponsors are many and need to be recognized: Purina Pro Plan, Park Cities Quail Coalition, Garmin, Mule Brand Clothing, Gun Dog Supply, Indian Creek Kennels, Ken Sauer, American Field/UKC, and OnX Hunt.



Sammy Davison and grandson Rhyder flushing.



Chief Scout Melissa Sauer and Tex.



Our raffle drawing (Harper Jett and Rhyder Davison)

CLARKSVILLE POINTER & SETTER CLUB

Haney's Hurricane Seeker Wins American Quail Classic Open All-Age

By Lisa C. Little | Huntingdon, Tennessee | November 19, 2023

The Clarksville Pointer and Setter Club hosted the American Quail Classic Open All-Age and Open Derby Field Trial on November 19-21, 2023. Due to the generosity of David Williams, his family, and the Carroll County Field Trial members, we have been able to run this trial successfully for the last several years in Huntingdon, Tennessee. Not only do we have use of the grounds and facilities, but club members have filled in so many necessary roles. David Williams and his family make sure the grounds are impeccably maintained, along with a quail program that provides each competitor with as many bird-finding opportunities as possible. David, along with Gary McKibben, Michelle Williams Clark, and Scott Little, were on hand each day to help with scouting and marshaling when not competing.

We would also like to recognize dog wagon drivers Phillip Barnes, John Burrow, and Lebob Stanfill. They were at each road crossing to watch for the safety of the participants, ready to hand out drinks and snacks at the breaks between braces, and always willing to help handlers with their canine competitors. We were blessed to have Brian Peterson and Lance Servais, both from Cecil, Alabama, as our judges for the field trial. They agreed to stay on after competing in the Carroll County Amateur Field Trial and fill the judicial saddle. These two bring a wealth of experience and knowledge, having reached great success in the amateur field trial arena winning a multitude of placements and trials. They not only work as a team of judges but also as competitors.

We had a field of 24 competitors in the Open All-Age stake and 13 competitors in the Open Derby stake. Professional and amateur handlers included Scott Beeler, Weldon Bennett, Billy Blackwell, Marion Brown, Brody Byrd, Fred Corder, Chris Cagle, Jamie Daniels, Mark Haynes, Larry Huffman, Gary Lester, Nathan Phillips, Korry Rinehart, David Russell, Bubba Spencer, and David Williams. Each handler bringing the best in the field to the line. We were grateful to see handler Gary Lester back in the saddle after a long battle with health issues this past summer. We continue to keep Gary in our prayers as he still has a few more hurdles to tackle on his road to recovery.

We would like to thank each of the handlers and the owners for entering their dogs in this trial that occurs in the days leading up to Thanksgiving Day. We have

developed a wealth of friendships over the years hosting this trial and spending this short period of time with the handlers, owners, and their families.

Due to the many duties of putting on a trial, the author of this report was unable to ride each brace and missed seeing many of the winners' braces. The remainder of this report is written from the judges' notes.

The Open All-Age stake began Sunday afternoon and finished on Tuesday morning. During the stake, we had a total of 31 bird contacts. Taking top honors and earning first place was Haney's Hurricane Seeker for amateur owner/handler David Russell. The 2-year-old male pointer's sire is Ransom, and dame is Haney's North Star. The young and talented Haney's Hurricane Seeker had an outstanding forward race with four finds and one stand to flush during his brace on the third hour course Monday afternoon. We would like to congratulate David and his family on this win as it qualifies Haney's Hurricane Seeker for the National Championship!

Garnering a second placement was Coldwater War Cry, a white and orange pointer male handled by professional trainer Weldon Bennett. The up-and-coming 2-year-old ran in the third brace on Sunday afternoon on the third hour course. Coldwater War Cry had four finds and an unproductive; his impressive ground race secured his second place on the winners' table. Coldwater War Cry is by Valiant and Coldwater Belle and is owned by Paul Melton of Sylvester, Texas.

Rounding out the winners' circle for amateur owner/handler Chris Cagle was Haney's Storm Warning. The 3-year-old, white, with liver-ticking pointer male ran in the 6th brace Monday morning. He also ran on the third hour course, which seemed to be the magical course for the All-Age stake. Haney's Storm Warning had three finds with a ground race that proved worthy of a placement. Haney's Storm Warning is 3 years old; his sire is Valiant, and dame is Haney's North Star.

The Open Derby ran Tuesday afternoon; everyone ate a quick lunch and got dogs on the line in a timely manner to get the seven braces completed. Each of the young competitors bring hope and promise for the future to their handlers and owners. Ranking at the top of the youngsters for this trial was Haney's Last Call. The white and liver male pointer turns 2 in January. During the fourth

brace of the stake, he had one find and one divided find and impressed the judges with his ground race. Haney's Last Call is owned and handled by amateur Chris Cagle. Haney's Last Call's sire is Dominator's Rebel Heir. Of note, he is a half-brother to Haney's Hurricane Seeker and Haney's Storm Warning, having the same dame in Haney's North Star. This dame is owned by Chris Cagle and his son, Chris Cagle Jr.

Garnering second placement in the Derby stake was Lester's War Bird. The up-and-coming orange and white male pointer worked for his handler, proving his worth with two finds. War Bird is out of Lester's Storm Surge and R W Susie Q; this breeding has produced many winning dogs.

Rounding out the winners' circle was Miss Arkansas, the only female in the trial to earn a placement. The white and orange pointer is owned by amateur field trialer Mike Lemons. Due to a horse accident, Mike has been unable to compete. Fellow amateur handler and friend Dr. Fred Corder handled Miss Arkansas against Haney's Last Call in the fourth brace of the stake. Miss Arkansas had a divided find with her bracemate and one back. Miss Arkansas is also sired by Lester's Storm Surge; her dame is Game Snow.

We would like to again extend our gratitude to the Williams family for the use of the grounds and facilities, the owners and handlers for their participation, and the club members for their contributions in putting on this trial.

Huntingdon, Tenn., November 19

Judges: Brian Peterson and Lance Servais

AMERICAN QUAIL CLASSIC OPEN ALL-AGE

[One-Hour Heats] – 23 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-HANEY'S HURRICANE SEEKER, 1698759, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. David Russell, owner and handler.

2d-COLDWATER WAR CRY, 1699004, pointer male, by Valiant-Coldwater Belle. Paul Melton, owner; Weldon Bennett, handler.

3d-HANEY'S STORM WARNING, 1691416, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner and handler.

AMERICAN QUAIL CLASSIC OPEN DERBY

– 10 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st-HANEY'S LAST CALL, 1702601, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner and handler.

2d-LESTER'S WAR BIRD, 1705485, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Gary Lester, owner and handler.

3d-MISS ARKANSAS, 1705667, pointer female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Snow. Mike Lemons, owner; Fred Corder, handler.

HIDDEN VALLEY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Thunder's Wild Agin Wins Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic

By Diane Vater | Conway, Arkansas | November 19, 2023



Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (l-r): Shawn Kinkelaar with Thunder's Wild Agin, Henry Brewster (judge), Robby Robinson with Chelsea's Mae West, John Van Horn, Virgil Moore with Resolution, and Diane Vater (judge).

The Razorback Shooting Dog Classic was held at the Camp Robinson field trial grounds November 19-23, 2023. Other than a one-day postponement due to rain and storms, the weather was near perfect, and the birds were plentiful.

We thank our sponsors, Purina and SportDOG; they contribute so much to our sport.

Others who deserve a thank you are Treissa Robinson and Jill Smith for getting lunch set out every day, Robby Robinson and John Van Horn for marshaling, Ronnie Miller for making coffee every morning, Roger Martin for driving the dog wagon, and Johnny and Rita Ornsby for hosting the trial.

Judges Diane Vater and Henry Brewster rode hard and watched each and every charge with a keen eye.

The Winners

In first place was Thunder's Wild Agin, a pointer female owned by Doug Swingley and handled by Shawn Kinkelaar, who ran in the sixth brace. Wild Agin was on a mission to find birds. She had a wide and mostly forward race and was rewarded with a find at 14. She stood proudly as a covey was produced. Her second find came at 42; she was standing in a small patch of grass, no birds were produced on the first attempt, but after a relocation, a nice covey was put to flight. She would have one more find on a big covey at 49.

Second place, Chelsea's Mae West, a pointer female owned by Ron Prewitt

and Brad Sadler and handled by Shawn Kinkelaar, ran in the fourth brace. Mae hunted hard throughout the hour. She was pointed at 10; handler made an effort to flush, but no birds lifted. After good relocation, birds were produced. Scout called point at 42, Mae was found standing in heavy cover, and another covey was produced.

Third place Resolution, a pointer male owned by Chuck Forsyth and handled by Virgil Moore, ran in the 16th brace. Resolution had a smooth, pleasing race and handled kindly. He had a good covey find at 42 by the nurse pound.

The Running

Brace No. 1: Gray Ghost (ESM/Basilone) and Upfront's Southern Star (PF/Kinkelaar). Ghost was animated in his effort but went birdless for the hour. Star ran a forward race, always showing at the right times and places. However, she was seen little after the mountain crossing. The tracker was pulled at 47.

Brace No. 2: Wind Ridge Sugar Plum (PF/Taylor) and Thunder Bolt's Storm (PF/Kinkelaar). Sugar was moving well but made a wrong turn early in the brace, and the tracker was pulled at the mountain crossing at 18. Storm had a nice forward race, with no birds for her effort.

Brace No. 3: Hale's Smooth Touch (PF/Kinkelaar) and Smoke'N'Mirrors (PF/Basilone). Touch hadn't been seen in a while, and handler decided to pull the tracker at 22. Smoke's handler elected to

pick up at 20.

Brace No. 4: Rob's Big Jake (ESM/Moore) and Chelsea's Mae West (PF/Kinkelaar). Jake was seen at the breakaway, but not for long; handler took the tracker at 14. Mae West already reported.

Brace No. 5: Hale's High Flyer (PF/Taylor) and Limbsmoke Urban Lullaby (PF/Basilone). Flyer moved around well, point was called twice, once by the handler and once by the scout, but both were waved off. She finished without bird contact. Lullaby disappeared at 10. Tracker was pulled at 27.

Brace No. 6: Thunder's Wild Agin (PF/Kinkelaar) and Valrio (PF/Taylor). Wild Agin already reported. Valrio covered a lot of ground, but birds would elude her. She was seen at time, point was called some 20 seconds after time, unfortunately a little too late.

Brace No. 7: Island Fantasy (ESM/Basilone) and Big N Wild (PM/Cochran). Birds were seen in the air at 7. Fantasy was stopped, handler fired and moved on. Fantasy turned right at the mountain crossing, and after an effort to get the dog turned, handler elected to pick up. The scout called point for Wild at 10, and birds were produced. Sent on, Wild continued making some good casts and handling well. He pointed again at 53; a flushing attempt, relocation, and a second attempt were made, but no birds were produced. He was gone at time but found within the allotted time.

Brace No. 8: Game Street (PM/Moore) and Big Man On Campus (PM/Kinkelaar). This started out good, both dogs were hunting the country. Street had a nice stop-to-flush on a big covey at 25. He continued his race as he had started, fast, snappy, and with a good handle, but he would have no further bird contact. Big had a find at 22. He got a little wider after the mountain crossing, eventually losing contact with his handler.

Brace No. 9: Hirollins Bad Boy (PM/Basilone) and Levi Express Visa (ESM/Moore). Bad Boy broke away like he was ready to roll. Point called at 4, a lengthy flushing attempt proved to be an NP. Shortly after catching the front, he disappeared, and the tracker pulled at 21. Levi made some nice casts. He had his first find at 15 with all in order. Scout called point at 58; Levi was found standing on the

other side of some gnarly cover. He was way off his birds and had to be relocated a couple of times; eventually, the birds were produced, and time was called.

Brace No. 10: Reed's Yellowstone (PM/Cochran) and Kool Hand Luke (PM/Taylor). Stone had a good find at 22. Handler picked up at 40. Luke was standing off the side of the road at 17. Handler attempted to flush, but no birds could be produced, and handler elected to pick up.

Brace No. 11: J N Bolt Action (PM/Kinkelaar) and Business Man (PM/Taylor). This was a really fun brace at the start, but Bolt got bigger and bigger, and tracker called for at 21. Man was all business. He was covering the country with a fast and snappy gait and going to all the right places while staying in contact with his handler. He had a find at 29 on a single—his second find at 46 on a large covey. At the flush, the birds flew right in his face, and over his shoulders, he moved a little too much, thus ending a bid that surely would have shaken things up.

Brace No. 12: Tug O'War (PM/Kinkelaar) and LMP's Can't Touch This (ESM/Moore). Tug had an NP at 8. He hunted well but no bird work; handler picked him up at 50. Touch is a fast-moving young setter and lost touch

with his handler; tracker called for at 38.

Brace No. 13: Harbor City Sure Shot (PF/Basilone) and Hunt's Full Moon Rising (PM/Kinkelaar). Shot was erratic in her pattern and out of pocket a couple of times and needed to be rounded up. Handler elected to pick up at 40. Moon was found standing at 11 with great style. However, no birds could be produced. He suffered his second NP at 30 to end his day.

Brace No. 14: Brighter Days (PF/Moore) and Silver W Jill Z (PF/Kinkelaar). Days started strong but slowed in bird alley. Handler checked her and picked up due to knocked pads. Jill was MIA from the breakaway; tracker was requested at 11.

Brace No. 15: Lester's Another Shockwave (PM/Kinkelaar) and Red Alert Lane (PM/Basilone). Wave had an exciting start. After a powerful move along the base of the mountain, scout called point; however, no birds could be produced. Once he caught the front, his pattern became erratic, and handler elected to pick up. Lane failed to make the turn with us, and handler called for the tracker.

Brace No. 16: Erin's Thunder Backus (PM/Kinkelaar) and Resolution (PM/Moore). Backus's handler requested the tracker at 11. Resolution has already been reported.

Brace No. 17: LMP's True Grit (ESM/

Moore) and Fort River's Lucky Charm (ESM/Basilone). Point was called for Grit at 25. A nice covey was produced, but Grit was overzealous and gave chase. Charm had a find at 20. He moved well around the course, covering a lot of ground and handling well.

Brace No. 18: Touch's Steely Dan (PM/Moore) and Upfront's McQuade (PM/Kinkelaar). Dan finished the hour with no bird contacts. The tracker was requested at 12 for McQuade.

Brace No. 19: Southern Shadows Rick (PM/Basilone) and Thunderbolt's Boom (PF/Kinkelaar). Rick and his handler were not on the same page today; worried about the road, his handler elected to take the tracker. Boom had finds at 7 and 15. Her pattern was not as forward as some of the others before her, and handler elected to pick up at 45.

Conway, Ark., November 19

Judges: Henry Brewster and Diane Vater

RAZORBACK OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

[One-Hour Heats] – 34 Pointers and 8 Setters

1st-THUNDER'S WILD AGIN, 1691314, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Double Wild. Doug Swingley & Brett Bruggeman, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

2d-CHELSEA'S MAE WEST, 1686810, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Chelsea's Southern Chic. Ron Prewitt & Brad Sadler, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

3d-RESOLUTION, 1692608, pointer male, by Rocky Ridge's White Smoke-Wiggins Sin On Line. Charles Forsyth, owner; Virgil Moore, handler.

UKC ELECTRONIC RECOVERY, TRACKING, AND COMMUNICATION DEVICE RULES (As published 9/2023)

The UKC rules, as adopted by the AFTCA for the use of a dog recovery unit in all recognized stakes, are as follows:

1. The collar and receiver are to be used as received from the manufacturer, and the collar may not have any capacity to receive any communication or commands from the receiver other than its sole intended purpose to locate the dog. No modifications are to be made to the collar other than a name identification plate affixed. The collar must have a flat surface against the dog's neck. All components, including the collar, are not to exceed nine (9) ounces.

2. Neither the handler nor the scout may have a receiver in their possession while their dog is under judgment. All of their receivers are to be given to the judges or a person designated by the host club.

3. A receiver is any unit capable of receiving any signal from the collar, including but not limited to handheld devices, watches, and smartphones. The receiving unit must not have any capacity to shock, tone, vibrate, or deliver other behavioral commands to the collar. ALL receivers in the gallery, including those in the possession of the host club's designee, are to be

turned OFF. (No one in the gallery shall "track" a dog while under judgment).

4. No Outside communication — No one shall communicate in any manner with the handler, scout, judges, or gallery members with any information obtained through the use of a recovery device while dogs are under judgment.

5. A receiver may only be activated once judgment has concluded. If a dog is gone at time, that dog is still under judgment until such time as the judges indicate otherwise or the handler requests the receiver unit. Once a handler requests the receiver, the dog is no longer in judgment.

6. If a dog is lost from a previous brace, the handler or designee may use the receiving unit during the succeeding brace solely for the purpose of locating the lost dog. Once the dog is recovered, the receiver is to be turned off.

7. The use of a recovery device is at the discretion of the host club. It is the handler's responsibility if they choose to use one, to furnish the device. The running of the stake shall not be held up due to the lack of a recovery device.

8. While competing, a dog shall wear no more than two collars. If a handler elects to use a recovery unit, the collar shall remain on during the entire time the dog is under judgment. Removal of a recovery collar

during the competition will result in the disqualification of that dog.

9. Companion collar shall be no more than 2 inches in width and not more than 5oz in weight, used as received from the manufacturer without alteration. The only addition is that of an identification nameplate.

10. It is the responsibility of the handler to give the judge or club designee the receiver unit in the OFF position. A violation shall be the disqualification of the offending handler from the stake (the handler's remaining dogs in that stake may be run by a handler of their choosing should they elect to do so, but the violating handler cannot participate in any way in the remainder of that stake and the dog in that brace cannot be considered for placement in that stake).

11. Any person using a receiver to locate a dog currently under judgment must be reported to the stake manager immediately, and the handler and dog are immediately disqualified from the stake. It is the responsibility of the host club to report in writing all violations of these rules to the UKC no more than seven days from the date of claimed occurrence. Failure to report violations can result in the suspension of the club's ability to host *Field Dog Stud Book*-recognized events.

GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Ralphy's Chasehill Rip Wins 81st Running; Over The Hill Merry, Runner-Up

By Denise & Brent Peters | Gladwin, Michigan | November 20, 2023



Grand National Grouse Championship Winners (l-r): Tammy Chaffee, Jennifer Hollister, Mary Moss, Bryan Wood (stake manager), Chad Wheeler (judge), Shane Haskin, Ralphy's Chasehill Rip with Brian Ralph (owner), Tom Fruchey (president), Bruce Mueller (judge), Rob Ellis, Mark Hughes, Over The Hill Merry with Rod Lein (owner/handler), Brent and Denise Peters (reporters), Scott Chaffee, Roger Johnson, Richard Hollister, Kevin Stewart, and Mark Fernandez.

This year's Grand National Grouse Championship was held at the famed Gladwin Field Trial Area in Meredith, Michigan. One of the oldest and best venues in America for field trials is here in our own backyard. In existence since 1916 and encompassing 4,750 acres, this grouse and woodcock habitat haven is the pride of the five northern Michigan clubs that host events in the spring, summer, and fall. These grounds have 16 thirty-minute courses groomed and rerouted annually as the cuts mature. This work takes a lot of time and effort. The five clubs (Lakes States Field Trial Club, Ruffed Grouse Field Trial Club, Beaverton Grouse Dog Club, Michigan Amateur Field Trial Club, and the National Brittany Open Grouse Championship Association) all formed a Grounds Committee to oversee the changes and supply the needed equipment to get the job done. This year's annual work detail day was a great success, and many thanks to all who helped us prep for this "grand" event. This year's event was held November 7-12, and we saw clear, cold, and rainy days with the cover down and the grouse working towards their winter covers. Some woodcock came through to add to our bird counts, but most had headed south already. Many thanks to this year's sponsors: Purina, Lion Country Supply, and Garmin. Lion Country Supply donated gift cards to the winners, Garmin donated a collar to the winner, and Purina donated dog food as they do each year.

The 2023 Grand National Grouse

Championship began its annual event with the Purina Awards Banquet held at the River Walk Place in Gladwin, Michigan, on Monday, November 6. The evening began with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail hour, with dinner to follow. The awards part of the evening commenced after dinner. Other events to follow will include the annual membership meeting on Tuesday evening and the Directors' meeting on Wednesday evening, all to be held at the Alibi Hall. The Alibi Hall has morphed into a mini museum of the past and present.

Our first speaker for the evening was DNR wildlife biologist Bruce Barlow. Bruce talked about his responsibilities, our Gladwin Field Trial area, his relationship with our field trial clubs, and his vision for our future. His loyalty to this area has been a godsend to keeping our refuge safely in place. He works with our clubs to help maintain the grounds with the rest of his DNR crew.

Todd Kellam, Vice President of UKC, was introduced and shed some light on UKC's vision for the trialing world. He shared information on their programs and the joining of UKC to The American Field. He also talked about future enhancements to the website, all for our benefit. He also talked about the upcoming online "store" that should be up and running shortly. He encouraged any questions or concerns to be directed his way. Todd also brought gift bags for Futurity judges Bruce Minard

and Craig Merlington. Championship judges Chad Wheeler and Bruce Mueller were introduced and presented with gift bags from UKC. Up next were the awards presentations.

The 2022-2023 Cover Dog Derby of the Year was awarded to Meredith Grade Penny. This setter female is out of the legendary cover dog, Ponderosa Mac, and her dam, Eldridge's Beauty and Beast. Ronnie Eldridge had high hopes for this cross, and it did not disappoint, with six field trial winners coming out of it. Penny is owned by Dennis Keysor. Dennis hunted Penny her first fall and fell in love with her bird-finding ability, running style, and overall temperament. He handed over her training to Michigan pro Scott Chaffee. Scott has had a long and successful career in grouse trials, and having lots of experience developing and winning big with her sire, he knew just what to do to have her ready to win her derby season. She pointed a wild bird in almost every stake she ran in, and that helped her to the winners' circle often and earned her this award. She was also the 2022-2023 Thomas Flanagan Award winner for the top Setter Cover Dog Derby. Congratulations to Dennis Keysor and Scott Chaffee on winning this award with Penny.

The 2022-2023 Cover Dog of the Year was awarded to Spring Brook Maximus. This pointer male is owned and handled by Walden, Maine amateur, Russell Oglivie. Max is out of the famous champion, 19x CH/19x R-U CH Chasehill Little Bud, and has certainly carried on the legacy of Bud dogs. Max is a hard-driving, above average bird finder. Whether in a field trial or training and hunting in the classic Maine grouse cover, Max always seems to find birds and, in fact, has never gone birdless at the famed Kilkenny grounds. Russell can be credited with Max's development, and he has also spent time under the tutelage and whistle of pro John Stolgitis. A multiple-time champion, the crown jewel of Max's career was winning the 2022 Grand National Grouse Championship, which catapulted him into the lead to win this award. Congratulations to Russell Oglivie and Spring Brook Maximus.

The 2022-2023 Cover Dog Handler of the Year award is sponsored by Purina. This prestigious award was won by Ashaway, Rhode Island pro, John Stolgitis. A former lobster fisherman by trade, John has taken the hard work and long-day approach that made his boat successful and incorporated



Brian Ralph presenting the Cover Dog Handler of the Year Award to John Stolgitis.



Brian Ralph presenting the Michael Seminatore Award to Harold Holmes.



Brian Ralph presenting Spring Brook Maximus's Cover Dog of the Year Award to John Stolgitis, who accepted in Russell Ogilvie's absence.

it into his passion for breeding, developing, and running the Chasehill line of dogs. He spends summers in the Northwoods of New Hampshire honing the skills of his string of dogs on wild birds. The time put into them and the talent in the line of dogs make John one of the strongest competitors on the grouse dog trial circuit. He has won this and other cover dog awards several times before. During the 2022-2023 grouse trial season, John racked up a whopping 2,032 points to win the 2022-2023 Cover Dog Handler of the Year. Congratulations to John Stolgitis.

The 2022-2023 Michael Seminatore English Setter Cover Dog award went to Travel Alert. This English setter male is owned by none other than Harold "Doc" Holmes. Harold is a perennial competitor on the grouse trial circuit. Often only campaigning one or two dogs at a time, he has done a lot of winning over the years and has owned and handled some truly great grouse trial dogs that have ever run. Travel Alert is sired by another legendary grouse trial dog, Moss Meadow Traveler owned by Ken Moss. His dam, Wild Katrun, also contributed many attributes to his winning ways. Travel Alert is always a threat to win every time he goes to the line. When his name was called as winner of a championship, it was just a formality as all who had watched his performance already knew he had won. This is the second time he has won this prestigious award. Congratulations to Harold Holmes and Travel Alert on once again being the top English Setter Cover Dog winner on the grouse trial circuit.

Ponderosa Mac, an English setter male owned by Steve Snyder of Ellendale, Minnesota, trained and handled by Scott Chaffee of Clare, Michigan, has left an indelible mark on Grouse Trials. He has won Grouse Championships in all three of the Grand National Grouse Championship Regions at five different venues. He has won eight Open Cover Dog Championships, the most by any Cover Dog in the history of the sport. He is a three-time National Cover Dog Championship winner and two-time runner-up. From the fall of

2017 to the spring of 2019, he placed consecutively in all four of the National Cover Dog Championships. Ponderosa Mac's sire Jetwood, a son of Jetsetter, and his dam, Cooper Mountain Pepsi, a daughter of Shady Hills Billy, at the time of the mating that produced Ponderosa Mac, were both at Pioneer Kennels being trained and campaigned by Scott Chaffee. Both were exceptional Grouse dogs, and the mating was made. Mac is also proving to be a very good sire with over 50 winners to his credit, and those winners have accumulated over 200 wins. Every so often in the field trial sport, a dog proves his greatness, and Ponderosa Mac is one of them and a worthy candidate for the title "Legends of the Cover Dog World."

The Grouse Woods has always been the favorite place for Flint, Michigan dentist Dr. Harold Holmes to compete his notable Grouse Dogs. In doing so, he not only won events in remarkable fashion but also displayed his love of the sport, his remarkable training abilities, and the dogs he competed with won repeatedly over a 50-year span. His sessions with Grouse Dogs started in 1967 after a stint in the U. S. Air Force when he met Chuck Hoffman and began with a setter named Hightone Star, Derby of the Year in Michigan, and eight Derby and Puppy placements plus 19 as a senior competitor. From that point on, Harold began a whole career of training, handling, and placing a remarkable number of dogs in the Grouse Woods, and he is still at it, as this is penned, in 2023. A setter man and persistent trainer, here are some of his winners: McClellan, two titles; Centerfold Rose, five titles (three-time Invitational Champion); Centerfold Nell, two titles (Grand National Grouse Championship); Northern Star, 1st place National Grouse Futurity, 50 dogs; Centerfold Bette, four titles; and in recent years, Travel Alert, two titles and two-time Seminatore Award winner. Doc Holmes did most of his own training but did reach out each year to Dave Hughes and, on occasion, also consulted the Formans and Rich Hollister.

Bryan Wood has given hugely of his

time and energy to Michigan Grouse Trials for nearly 30 years. His sizeable trailer parked at the Gladwin Field Trial Area has often served as accommodation for trialers. Bryan's main role all these years has been stake manager, and he excels at his job, transporting the judges, reporter, and the gallery to the appropriate courses and announcing the dogs and handlers at each breakaway. And there are a lot more facets to that role. There is much more that Bryan gives to the Grouse trial fraternity. Over the years he has been director or vice president of every Bird Dog Club staging trials in the Michigan Grouse Woods. He has served the Grand National Grouse Championship as stake manager for a dozen years, the Grouse and Woodcock Invitational Championship, and the National Amateur Grouse Championship eight and six years, respectively, and overall, a total of 80 major championship stakes. As a breeder of Field Trial Grouse dogs, Bryan's Grouse River Kennels has produced many pointer and setter champions as well as Puppy Classic and Futurity winners. He has produced pointer and setter winners in the same Futurity. On one occasion, in the National Amateur Grouse Championship, brothers he produced, Ch. Guy Begone and R-U Ch. Grouse River Rock, took titles. Bryan surely fits the role of "Legends of the Cover Dog World."

This year, we were in the very capable hands of two outstanding judges, Dr. Bruce Mueller of Bedford, Pennsylvania, and Chad Wheeler of Riner, Virginia. Bryan Wood of Pinckney, Michigan, served as stake manager.

Bruce, after graduating from high school, became an elementary school teacher, along with being a football and track coach. After seven years, he was looking for a change and went back to school to complete the additional math and science classes needed to apply to veterinary schools. He was accepted at the University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine. After graduation, he returned to Bedford, working in a 5-doctor mixed animal practice, where half of the day focused on dairy production and the other half working with small



Harold Holmes receives the Legend of the Woods Award from Joe Cammisa.

animals. He went on to take additional class time in orthopedics and soft tissue surgery, along with canine reproduction. After 25 years of practicing in this manner, he gave up the large animal side and focused solely on small animals. Bruce likes to train and trial English setters and has been fortunate to have a dog earn a championship, along with a runner-up championship, and be invited to compete at the Invitational. Bruce has been a go-to doctor and friend to many in our field. Little did he know that his expertise would be called to duty during this trial.

Chad grew up in southwest Virginia in the 80s and 90s, where there were lots of birds! He was fortunate that his father always had a pointing dog or two to hunt behind! He bounced around a bit in his younger years and played with a few hounds but regained his senses and came back to pointing dogs. Bird numbers in Virginia do not reciprocate having a good bird dog anymore, so he spends the month of October up north. Always trying to create the next best bird dog, Chad has bred some nice females into top-trial dogs. He once had bred a female to one of Dr. Tim Perschke and Tim Tufts's males. Dr. Perschke invited him to Marienville, Pennsylvania, to a Grouse Trial, and that is where his field trial addiction began. Having judged many championships, as well as the Grand National Grouse Championship in Michigan in 2020, he can honestly say that he truly enjoys judging dogs! Chad considers it an honor to judge this year's Grand National. Every dog brought to the line had an opportunity to point birds, as they were seen on every course!

Bryan Wood has been a staple here in the North Woods and has served as stake manager for many years for many different field trial clubs. He has been dutiful and reliable for decades. He has been a successful breeder and handler throughout his career. We are lucky to still have him stake manage our trials and offer his expertise.

Denise and Brent Peters worked in tandem with the reporting of this trial. Both

are familiar faces here at the Gladwin Field Trial Grounds. Denise has been reporting for over a decade, and Brent's help made the journey easier.

There were 82 dogs drawn for this event on November 2 at the home of Brian Ralph, secretary. We ended up with 81 dogs coming to the line to compete. Six days were committed to getting the job done. The Beaverton Grouse Dog Club hosted this event, along with the help from all the other Gladwin clubs. It takes a village! Our horse wranglers, Richard and Jennifer Hollister, were here with their incomparable string of horses. If you have never been here before, these horses are the best to be had. They are biddable and know these courses better than we do. We always tell the new judges that if they get lost or turned around, just let the horses take the lead; they will take you where you need to go. Every day, at lunch, we were served hot meals at the Alibi Hall. Thank you to Dave Fletcher for making all our plaques, as is his expertise. Thank you to all those who walked braces, marshaled braces, helped move cars, served our lunches, and did all the other things necessary to make the trial successful. Many GNC members from all over came to help. A young man, Owen Comeau, came from Massachusetts and walked nearly all the braces. Names, too many to mention, we thank you for all your help in making this a most successful event.

The 2023 Grand National Grouse Championship winner is Ralph's Chasehill Rip. This striking liver and white male pointer is not quite 3 years old and is owned by Brian Ralph of Grove City, Pennsylvania, and handled by John Stolgitis of Ashaway, Rhode Island. Brian wanted to get back into pointers in the spring of 2021 and purchased two pups (Rip being one) from John Stolgitis from a repeat breeding that had produced some great dogs in the prior mating. Most notable is Chasehill Poison Ivy. Rip developed very early; in fact, Brian couldn't believe it when, at 10 months old, John wanted to start breaking him. Never having successfully broke a dog that early himself, Brian left that up to John, and a week later, he was receiving videos of broke bird work. Rip finished 4th in last year's Grouse Futurity with a broke woodcock find right at time, and he qualified as runner-up in the Venango the week before the Grand National. At only 2 years old, he has been the easiest dog Brian has ever raised. Brian is super proud that Rip is his first champion. Congratulations to Brian and Rip. Rip's running is captured in brace 15 of the running.

The 2023 Grand National Runner-up Champion is Over The Hill Merry. Merry is a beautiful orange and white pointer



Owner Steve Snyder and Handler Scott Chaffee received the Legend of the Woods Award for Ponderosa Mac from Joe Cammisa.

female, bred, owned, and handled by Rod Lein of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Merry is out of Diva Dot and sired by Grouse Trails Cracker Jack. Merry has been run in three championships this fall. She won the NBHA Sharptail Championship, culminating her year as runner-up in the Grand. Rod has been a part of our dog trial community for many years and has come to Michigan to judge for us many times. Congratulations to Rod and Merry on a job well done. Merry's running can be found in brace 5 of the running.

The Running

Day 1 – The temperatures started off in the 30s and never reached past the low 40s. Medium cloud cover and some gusting winds throughout the day.

Brace 1 – Courses 1 & 2 – Distant Spec (PF/Mark Hughes) and Bad Habits Lucy (PF/Ben Mergens). Both dogs were anxious, with the weather in their favor. Covering the ridges, Lucy's bell was not available. As we came down the big hill towards Joy Road, Ben sent his scout off to the right through the pole timber. Very soon after, her bell was heard. She was working the corner, going in and out of bell range. Meanwhile, Spec was also dangling out on the edges. At 22, Lucy was proving to be more of a challenge than wanted, and Ben called for his tracker. At the end of course 1, along the railroad grade, Spec stopped at 35. Mark went in, observing the situation, and quickly relocated Spec. She continued to course 2 to reach the first road crossing. Just after she crossed, she stopped in that likely grouse cover on the left. Mark went in again with no success and moved her on. Mark chose to pick her up at that point.

Brace 2 – Courses 3 & 4 – Meridith Grady Corky (ESM/Tammy Chaffee) and Hifive's Ruff Runner (PM/Bruce Minard). Course 3 had no action, both dogs rolling through the tubes, each reaching out to the edges. Corky stopped at 38 in the aspens to the left of the course. Tammy went in to flush, producing a woodcock quickly, with Corky having a bit of movement, marking the bird. Shortly after, at 39, Ruff

also stopped in on the left. When Bruce moved in, he decided quickly to move the dog on. Ruff taking a few steps, a pair of woodcock burst out, and Ruff found himself on the leash at 42. Apparently, a small flight of woodcock had come in because Corky immediately stopped again, also on the left in the aspen cut. With judges in tow and after a flushing attempt, Tammy tapped the dog on, and he only took a few steps and stopped again. Tammy flushed again for a couple of minutes when the gallery shouted grouse. After some confusion, Tammy shot her gun, but there ended up being no official acknowledgment for the grouse. Corky moved forward, scouring the cover, and at 51, where the blowdowns are on the right and new aspen cut on the left, Corky went on point. Tammy went in, and after a short flushing attempt, a woodcock blew out. Corky finished the brace, working hard. It was noted that at least six wild grouse flushes were sighted.

Brace 3 – Courses 5 & 6 – Stan The Man (ESM/Tom Fruchey) and Panola Bacon (PM/John Stolgitis). At 19, Stan went on point to our right on the slope of a hill. The judge and handler went in, and Tom flushed wide to no avail. He tapped Stan on at 21, and Stan continued his effort to search for game. Panola was in and out of bell range, moving forward. As we crossed over onto course 6, we lost Stan's bell again. At 37, Tom went in and said he'd yell if he found him. Everyone else moved forward; after a bit, we saw Stan on point to our right in a blow-down. We yelled for Tom, and he quickly came in. The judge met him at the dog on point. A grouse blew out at 42, and all was in order. Panola continued running on the edge of bell range and challenging John. At 49, John had had enough and called for his tracker. Stan continued to the end of the course but was MIA at time. Two wild grouse flushes were noted, and another that blew out at the start after the brace broke away.

Brace 4 – Courses 7 & 8 – Grouse Hill Bullet Proof (ESM/Scott Forman) and Chasehill Snoop Dog (PM/John Stolgitis). Snoop Dog scratched, leaving Proof to run the brace alone. Proof worked to the front throughout both courses, hitting the cover in all the right places. Unfortunately, no birds were to be found, and he finished as strong as he had started.

Brace 5 – Courses 9 & 10 – Suemac's Sashay (PF/Mark Hughes) and Over The Hill Merry (PF/Rod Lein). Merry dug deep and was hunting the cut in the beginning. At 8, Sashay came to a stop in one of the swails to the right. After the flush, two grouse went up, and all was in order. At 15, Merry's bell went silent, and the scout was dispatched. It took a while to locate

her. Judge and handler went in to where she was found on point. After an unsuccessful flushing attempt, Rod took her back to the course and moved on. Meanwhile, Mark moved forward, and both handlers were separated. Sashay went forward, going on point again, but was unsuccessful. Shortly after, at 19, Sashay went on point again, this time carding a woodcock find, all in order. Merry regained the front, still digging deep. It took a while for Rod to catch up, and when he did, he was directed to where the gallery had last had her bell. Judge and handler again went in to search. They had to go quite a ways in when Rod saw Merry and called point. As they approached, two grouse lifted. Merry stood for the flush, and after the shot, all was in order. Sashay continued forward, and between courses, she stopped again, but no bird was produced. Still behind the forward handler, Merry continued to hit the cover and again went on point deep to the left. Judge and handler went in, flushing a woodcock. Again, Merry stood staunch, and all was in order again. Merry was released and moved forward. At the road crossing, they caught up to the front. Merry continued to dig into the cover fast and forward. She finished the brace with no further birdwork. Sashay also continued to work the cover, finishing with no further bird work.

Brace 6 – Courses 11 & 12 – Meredith Grade Penny (ESF/Scott Chaffee) and Cedar Creek Speck (ESF/Craig Merlington). They broke away and headed out, hunting hard. At 20, there were two wild flushed grouse. When we got across the clear cut, Penny stopped in the woods to the right at 22 in the young cut. Scott quickly tapped her on, and she moved forward. At 25, another grouse was flushed wild. In the crossover, both dogs stopped at around 36. Scouts went in but to no avail. Soon after, both dogs' bells were heard moving. Both dogs finished with no bird contact.

Brace 7 – Courses 13 & 14 – Wayward Flyin Tomato (ESF/Mark Hughes) and Over The Hill Patty (PF/Rod Lein). Patty was wide and forward running. Cooper had his own agenda. Patty crossed the road at the orange gate. She hunted hard, and near the half, she had a stop on the right at 25 with no one home. Both dogs finished with no bird work. However, it is noted that 4-5 grouse were wild flushed near the cherry orchard.

Day 2 – This day was cold and rainy all day. The most miserable day of the week for everyone.

Brace 8 – Courses 15 & 16 – Hifive's Top Shelf (PF/Bruce Minard) and Snyder's Sadie (ESF/Tammy Chaffee). This brace, at least, did not suffer the rain. Both dogs hit the edges with high endurance. At 9, before

the road cross on the left side hill, Top Shelf stopped on point, looking majestic with head high and tail poker straight. Bruce went in, and immediately, a grouse took flight, all in order. With both dogs doing a nice job keeping out front, we were at the end of course 15. At the crossover, Top Shelf went on point at 28 on the left, where many-a-grouse have been pointed this year. Bruce had a lengthy flushing attempt, deciding to just take the dog out of there and move on to course 16. Meanwhile, Sadie also went on point, just up around the corner in the same vicinity. Her flushing attempt was to no avail as well, and moved on to course 16, all at 31. After the orange gate and we got into that aspen cut, Sadie went on point at 41, and Top Shelf's bell had stopped as well. Tammy and Chad went in and soon yelled for Bruce, as Top Shelf was also found on point. With both handlers working hard to get something up, no game was produced, and both dogs were up at 45.

Brace 9 – Courses 1 & 2 – Mojo's Remington Steal (ESF/Mark Hughes) and Grouse Hill Bella (PF/Marc Forman). The rains began with course 1, starting and ending with no bird activity. The rain hampering the scenting conditions. Bella was doing a nice job staying out front, hitting the proper covers. Remington also handling well but not quite as big running as Bella. At 38, just before the first road crossing, we lost Remington's bell on the left, so the judge and handler went in to look. After a long walk, they discovered Remington was moving, so they moved on to cross the road. Then, in that last long cut, we lost Remington's bell, soon to hear it moving again further up front. Just before we got to the pole timber at the end of course 2, Bella stopped in a staunch point. A woodcock was produced, all in order. Both dogs finished.

Brace 10 – Courses 3 & 4 – Setter Ridge Flash Forward (ESF/Scott Chaffee) and Wildland Sweet Caroline (PF/Eric Munden). After a short coffee break, the rain continued coming down, sometimes in buckets. Both dogs broke away with energy to burn, hitting the bottoms along the right through the beginning of course 3. Both dogs moved through the pines, hunting well. We hit the end of the course, where we cross the wood bridge, both dogs going on point on the left. Caroline was backing Flash with Scott going in to flush. When no game was produced, Eric got Caroline out of there and moved on up through the tubes. Scott tapped Flash on, and she headed for the tubes as well. Both dogs hunted well through the cover on course 4 despite the pouring rain. Both dogs finished with no bird work.

Brace 11 – Courses 5 & 6 – Shady Hills

Zeena (PF/Marc Forman) and Tupelo Honey (ESF/Bob Wheelock). No activity on course 5, both dogs moving on to course 6. At 32, Zeena went on point in some scrub oaks to the left. After a short flushing attempt, Marc just moved her on. After we hit the skid road, both dogs hit the cut to our left. When Marc didn't have Zeena's bell at 41, he and Bruce went in to take a look. They found Zeena and attempted to flush. Tupelo had doubled back to them and then moved back forward. No game was produced; after a relocation attempt with Zeena, she also moved forward. When the judge came back out, he advised that Tupelo had failed to back and would be leashed. We soon found ourselves at the end of course 6 with no further bird work.

Brace 12 – Courses 7 & 8 – Chasehill Wicked Wilma (PF/John Stolgitis) and Wild Apple Siri (PF/Bruce Minard). Nothing happened through course 7 due to miserable rainy conditions. We got to the deer pen area, and Siri's bell started up on our right in the cedars. We hadn't had her bell for a short time. Once we got onto course 8, moving up into the cut, a couple of grouse got up wild out of a tree. Moving forward, John worked Wilma into the likely cover, and she came out under a grouse. Her bid over. Siri finished with no bird contact. There were a couple of other grouse flushed wild, but no dogs involved.

Brace 13 – Courses 9 & 10 – Mulberry Fields Molly (ESF/Mark Hughes) and Fireside Sally (ESF/Tammy Chaffee). Weather conditions were horrible and deteriorating. Molly had a nice run going, and before the turn up on the hill on course 9, she went on point. During the flushing attempt, she self-relocated, and her day ended. Sally was on an agenda of her own, and Tammy chose to pick up at the half.

Due to the weather conditions, we decided to call it a day after six braces.

Day 3 – Crisp and cold all day. The sun came out, and we felt high winds come up just before lunch — a welcome reprieve from our conditions yesterday.

Brace 14 – Courses 11 & 12 – Duck Hook (PM/Mike Flewelling) and Resin (ESM/Marc Forman). The dogs, liking the cover, moved through the scrub oak and beyond without incident to the creek crossing. Duck Hook handling well and hitting the likely cover. At 26, Resin went on point down on left in likely cover. After a short flushing attempt, Marc tapped him on at 27. Resin was acting birdy but chose to move on to the front. Just before the road crossing on course 12, Resin's bell went silent off to the left. Judge and handler went in to look while everyone else moved forward. Shortly after, the front judge yelled that the dog was on point up

by the road. They found him very close to where the EW Connector crosses the North Boundary Road. After finding Resin, Marc went in to flush with a grouse bursting out at 47, all in order. A nice piece of birdwork. Everyone moved across the road, with Duck Hook working hard for Mike up ahead. Resin no sooner crossed the road, then went on point again just off the trail. Judge and handler again went in to flush. Resin started to look a bit loose, and Marc tapped him on at 50. Resin kept going. Duck Hook finished with no birdwork.

Brace 15 – Courses 13 & 14 – French's Grouseringer Woody (ESM/Marc Forman) and Ralph's Chasehill Rip (PM/John Stolgitis). Rip stopped at 13, but before judge and handler got to him, he moved on. At 16, both dogs went on point off to our left in likely cover. Woody was out front with Rip backing. When Marc went in to flush, John asked permission to pull his dog out and did so. Marc continued his flushing attempt to tap Woody on at 18. Woody headed to the front. Heading north into the pole timber, both dogs worked to get to good cover. At 42, where we get to that marshy spot with all the blackberry briars, Rip's bell goes silent. Judge and handler went in to the briar thicket to locate Rip. Rip was found in a staunch position with an 11 o'clock tail, all stretched out and looked gorgeous. The flushing attempt produced at grouse at 43. The dog never let up, standing from flush through the shot to the release, all in order. As we caught up, Woody was on a leash at 47. Apparently, he was naughty and found himself under a grouse. Rip finished, listening to his handler, with no further bird work.

Brace 16 – Courses 15 & 16 – Full Breeze (ESF/Dave Hughes and Springpond Rockin Sidney (ESF/Tammy Chaffee). After a coffee/donut break, we broke away brace 16. After the road crossing, at 18, just after we cleared the hardwoods in a thick spot of cover, Sidney's bell went silent off to the left. Judge and handler went in to locate her. After a long search attempt, they finally found her at 22. Tammy's flushing produced a grouse at 23, all in order, with Sidney looking good on her point. We moved out of the cut onto the tote road, and Sidney went on point off to our right at 32. A short flushing attempt produced a woodcock at 33—all in order as well. We moved on to the end of 15, and Breeze went into the left corner and stopped. Dave went in and decided to just move her on to course 16. Both dogs cleared the hardwoods, Breeze got a bit sticky for Dave by the orange gate, and Tammy moved forward with Sidney, working at a closer range. Sidney moved through that cut with no bird activity. Breeze also cleared that cut where grouse have been plentiful all fall with no

bird contact. Must be yesterday's weather that moved the birds to a different cover. Both dogs finished with no further activity.

Brace 17 – Courses 1 & 2 – Game Winner (ESM/Mark Hughes) and Hifive's Power Line (PM/Bruce Minard). The weather being more conducive today, the dogs moved through course 1 with no bird contact. Heading down the big hill, Power Line working out on the edge of bell range and showing just often enough. Game Winner worked the cover extensively, making some nice casts but in closer range. Both dogs in tow at the cross-over to course 2. Game Winner continued to work the cover all the way through, he finished with no bird contact. Power Line was out of bell range, and Bruce grabbed the tracker at 57.

Brace 18 – Courses 3 & 4 – Paucek's Little Tommy Tucker (ESM/Kelly Short) and Blast Off (ESM/Marc Forman). After an awesome lasagna luncheon, we headed out to course 3. Both dogs broke away, working the bottom on the right as usual. At 14, Marc had lost Blast Off's bell and went in to take a look, soon after calling the judge down to look. As the wind picked up, Kelly thought her dog stopped. As the judge went in with her, they found Blast Off and realized Tucker's bell was moving. Blast Off's point was to no avail, and all moved on. On to course 4, both dogs worked the cover, up the hill, and into the cut. At 43, both dogs stopped on the left side hill. Tucker on point with Blast Off backing. A woodcock came up, a shot at 46, all in order. Both dogs were on the move, and at 49, both dogs stopped again, Tucker backing Blast Off. After a flushing attempt, Marc moved Blast Off on, and Kelly pulled Tucker off to move on. Marc securing an STF on a grouse at 49. Both dogs moved forward, and Tucker stopped quickly at 59, carding another woodcock find at time with all manners appropriate.

Brace 19 – Courses 5 & 6 – Deciding Point (ESF/Mark Hughes) and Sunkhaze Vera Masardis (PF/Mike Flewelling). Both dogs were putting down a nice forward race. Point ran more forward and to the front, where Vera had a more quartering and appropriately wider running brace. Mike picked up at the half and called for tracker as his dog was well out of bell range and gone. Deciding Point moved on, continuing to stay forward. In the valley, before we hit the tote road, Point was under a grouse and his bid over.

Brace 20 – Courses 7 & 8 – Dun Rovens Soozee (ESF/Richard Hollister) and Braggabull (PF/Mark Hughes). Both dogs broke away forward. At the two-track crossing, both dogs were hunting medium to large and forward. So far, so good. On course 7 in the pole timber after the big

hill, both got bigger and continued to stay forward. Soozee went on point at 30 near the deer pen and, after a flushing attempt, was relocated. She stopped again and nothing was produced and was moved on. At the beginning of course 8, not far off the course, Braggabull went on point. A grouse was flushed, and all was in order. Soozee had another stop at 57 between the river and the beaver pond. After the relocation, no game was produced. Braggabull continued to hunt hard and finished with no further bird work. Time was up.

Day 4 – Colder this morning. Sun for a while, then colder.

Brace 21 – Courses 9 & 10 – Northwoods Atlas (ESM/Greg Johnson) and Timberdoodle Farms Sal (PF/Marc Forman). Both dogs worked the ridges in the first cut. We lost Sal's bell just after the ditch on the left in the pines. The judge and handler went in to find Sal. After an extensive search effort, she was located further right at 20. During the flush, she decided to self-relocate and was done for the day. Catching back up to Atlas, at 27, handler and judge were out in the thick young aspen cut on the left searching. Her bell started up at 31, with no bird contact. We continued to move on to the end of course 9, just before the road. Atlas went up on the side hill on the right. We heard his bell tinkling, and they finally located him at 44. After an unsuccessful relocation attempt, his day was over. We did observe two wild grouse flushes on course 9.

Brace 22 – Courses 11 & 12 – Miller's Hopped Up Version (PF/Mark Hughes) and Stokely B Annie (ESF/Brian Ralph). At 10, Version stopped to the left before the creek crossing. Manners not appropriate, Version was up at 31. Annie's bell was gone at 31, and Brian sent his scout in to take a look before the end of course 11 in the direction of course 12. At 33, Brian also decided to go in to look with both judges in tow. At 46, judges and handler were moving forward again, we still had not made it through the crossover. Judges came out to the course, and again, Annie's bell was lost. Brian chose to grab the tracker.

Brace 23 – Courses 13 & 14 – Chasehill Poison Ivy (PF/John Stolgitis) and Hifives Rolling Stone (PM/Bruce Minard). Ivy and Stone rolled through the scrub oaks, both on the hunt. We got to the road crossing, and Ivy's bell was missing. John sent his scout up the road to take a look. Stone moved forward, still working the cover. We all moved forward, and at 14, John also decided to take a look to the right towards the road. They searched for 13 minutes, and the word was that the scout walked up a grouse while looking for the dog. When they found the dog, she was still standing.

Unfortunately, her bid was over for the day. Stone continued to the half, and Bruce felt she was letting down a bit and decided to leash her.

Brace 24 – Courses 15 & 16 – Wildland Warrior (PF/Eric Munden) and Kalamity Cinder (RSF/Deb Sloan). Cinder took off like a rocket, and it was a challenge to keep her in bell range. Warrior had a much closer range and hunted with effort. At the road crossing, Deb was able to get Cinder back with her, and again at 21, Cinder shot to the front and was off on her own agenda. Deb chose to pick up at the half. When we hit the tote road at the end of course 15, Warrior went in the aspen cover on the right and stopped at 29. After a flushing attempt, no game was produced. Warrior moved on to course 16, through the orange gate and into the thick aspen cut. A grouse flushed wild as Warrior worked forward. She stopped again at 48, still in the aspen cut, and after another flushing attempt, Eric tapped her on at 51, and was unable to produce game and was done for the day.

Brace 25 – Courses 1 & 2 – Rowling's Star (ESF/Scott Forman) and Miller's Special Upgrade (PF/Mark Hughes). Both dogs made a valiant effort through both courses 1 and 2. Each making some fine casts, moving in and out of bell range. Both dogs finished with no bird work. A wild flush on a grouse and woodcock just before the hardwoods at the end were reported. No dogs involved.

Brace 26 – Courses 3 & 4 – Grouse Hill Pepper (PF/Scott Forman) and Coal Camp's Annie (ESF/Adam Thomas). Both dogs broke away over the berm and into the cover. Pepper was running nicely with good effort, and Annie was off and away. Annie was working out front but did not show. Thomas called for his tracker at 11. Pepper was not consistent, and Scott called for his tracker as well at 23.

Brace 27 – Courses 5 & 6 - Grouse Ridge Larry (ESM/Richard Hollister) and Boomer Blackwater (PM/John Stolgitis). Boomer had a nice forward race. He stopped at 1:30, but the bird had already flown, so all moved on. Both dogs working forward and staying in contact with their handlers. Larry, not pleasing his handler, was picked up at the half. A wild grouse flush was observed at 35. Boomer finished with no bird work.

Brace 28 – Courses 7 & 8 - Over The Hill Morgan (PF/Rod Lein) and Kit's Whiskey Creek Patsy (ESF/Scott Chaffee). Patsy stopped, Morgan failed to back and was up. Patsy moved on but was picked up at the half when not pleasing her handler.

Day 5 – Cold with partly cloudy skies. High in the mid-40s.

Brace 29 – Courses 9 & 10 – Moss

Meadow Seeker (ESM/Ken Moss) and Rebellious Fearless Fred (ESM/Mike Luebke). Breaking away into the cut, Seeker scoured the side hill. Fred ran with more range up ahead. At 10, when we didn't have Fred's bell and Seeker's bell stopped just before the ditch in the pines on the right. Both handlers and judges went in at 14 to take a look. They found Seeker backing Fred. After a flushing attempt, at 17, Fred was relocated but was unable to connect with game. Seeker was released, and both dogs moved forward. At 31, Seeker stopped on the right in the aspen cut. After a flushing attempt, he was tapped on at 33, and Seeker went hunting again, moving to the front. The handlers got separated, with Fred running up front and Seeker not caught up yet. A shot fired at 40, followed by some bell movement. It was reported that Seeker went on point going down that last hill at the end of 9. A grouse went up, but movement on the stand was more than the judge was looking for. Seeker was up at the half. Fred continued across the road, working well in the forward cover until time was up. He finished with no birdwork to his credit. One wild grouse flush was observed.

Brace 30 – Courses 11 & 12 – Backwoods Wild Fire Blaze (PM/Mark Hughes) and Baxter's Pale Rider (ESM/Brent Peters). The scrub oaks in the beginning sucked both dogs in. They covered it well, with no game to be found. At 26, Blaze stopped off to the right with judge and handler moving in. At 28, we heard his bell start back up and move on towards the creek. Both dogs took advantage of the water and kept moving forward. At 30, we lost Blaze's bell again near the crossover. No bird was scored after the flushing attempt and relocation—Blaze's bid over for this day. Pale Rider continued, working the cover well, reaching in and out of bell range. By the road crossing, Brent chose to call it a day.

Brace 31 – Courses 13 & 14 – B K Rolling Dice (PF/Bruce Minard) and Pine Straw Fatbottom Girl (ESF/Scott Forman). After coffee and donuts, Dice and Pine Straw burned the brush, looking for prey to the road crossing. Both dogs continued working the cover diligently through the half. Dice made a couple of great casts, causing Bruce to stay on his toes. Pine Straw also was reaching for the edges. At 38 and 59, we had grouse flush wild off the trail with no dogs involved. Both dogs finished strong with no bird work.

Brace 32 – Courses 15 & 16 – War Paint (ESF/Paul Cook) and Centerfold Peach (ESF/Harold Holmes). The dogs both worked the cover through the road crossing onto the tote road. As soon as we hit the tote road, we lost Blaze's bell. Paul sent

his scout in, and he and the judge moved several yards down the road and went in, hoping to get her cornered. While they were searching, Peach also went into the vicinity and stopped. Our suspicions were correct, as Peach stopped to back Blaze, and both were found. Paul relocated Blaze at 30, to no avail. Both dogs moved to the end of the course. As soon as the orange gate was in sight, both dogs went in right at the corner. Blaze's bell stopped at 35 and Peach immediately after. Peach backing Blaze. Paul's flushing attempt produced a woodcock, all in order. Both dogs moved onto course 16. Both dogs managed to get all the way through the thick cut past the orange gate without moving anything. At the end of the cut, Blaze headed north, her bell fading away. When we couldn't get her back, Paul had his tracker. Peach finished with no bird work.

Brace 33 – Courses 1 & 2 – Warrior Zeke (PM/Mark Hughes) and Snyder's Fireside Ed (ESM/Tammy Chaffee). Zeke and Ed both gave their effort up front. Ed a bit ahead of Zeke. Ed lost his edge, and Tammy picked him up at the bottom of the hill on course 1. Zeke got more consistent but shortened up, and Mark chose to pick up at the half.

Brace 34 – Courses 3 & 4 – Bang Bang's Longshot (ESM/Adam Thomas) and Thornapple Casey (ESM/Bob Leet). Moving down the tote road on course 3, both dogs moving forward with speed. Both dogs were up at the half.

Brace 35 – Courses 5 & 6 – Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire (ESM/Scott Forman) and Backwoods Rumble (ESM/Richard Hollister). Just before heart attack hill, Rumble and Whiskey were moving hard through the cover, with Whiskey staying more to the front. At the half, both dogs were picked up, not pleasing their handlers.

Day 6 – This day turned out cold, clear, and partly cloudy. All in all, a good morning to compete.

Brace 36 – Courses 7 & 8 – Grouse Ridge Mags (ESF/Scott Forman) and Redrum Rosie (PF/Dave Hughes). The dogs hit the cover down that first cut both hunting well. Hopes were high as these courses were very productive this fall. We hit the two-track crossing with no action. We were heading up the hill, past that first cut on your left, when we heard Mags scream. Not just once but several blood-curdling yelps. Something was undoubtedly very wrong. This wasn't just a porky or deer encounter. Scott yelled a couple more times, and her bell went silent. Scott grabbed his tracker, along with Christy and Brian Ralph as marshal with a walkie in hand, along with a couple of others. They hustled through the woods to find Mags. Our blessing for

the day was that one of our judges, Bruce Mueller, is a veterinarian. He told them to call him if they needed him. Rosie continued forward, working the cover with Dave. Moments later, we could hear voices through the woods that they had found Mags. My walkie came back with "Send Bruce." Bruce heard the call, turned his horse around, and made fast tracks back. The rest of us continued forward, the mood changing drastically. Rosie worked through to the half with her mind still in the game. Dave picked her up at the half when he felt she wasn't ahead of what they already had in their pocket. We all moved back to the beginning of course 7 to wait until Mags was stable enough to be transported to the hospital and Bruce was able to continue. Mags was found with a 1½-inch round limb, several feet long, puncturing her chest and coming out her left side, luckily outside her rib cage. They were able to saw the limb off and get her to their truck, where Bruce's vet bag had been secured and needful medical tools were available. This was an example of great teamwork by everyone. Mags spent the night in the hospital, surviving the removal of the limb. At this writing, Mags is doing well and is one tough girl. Her vet is pleased with how well she is doing. We hope to see her in the woods again. It would be great to always have a vet on hand. The radios we use for communication have come to be a very valuable asset.

Brace 37 – Courses 9 & 10 – Double Deuce Zeke (PM/Mark Hughes) and Thornapple Cody (ESM/Bruce Minard). As per usual, the dogs hit the ridge on our right, both hunting hard. Cody moved out front while Zeke worked alongside us for the first few minutes. At 10, we lost Cody's bell, and Bruce sent his scout in to take a look. We were just past the ditch, and as the last of us walked through, a grouse lifted off to our right. The scout was moving forward, and soon after, Cody's bell started up behind us. Somehow, we had missed him in the cover and angle of the hill. A lost opportunity. At 21, Cody stopped again off to the right of the path. A grouse got up off to our left and shot fired. Cody, carding a grouse in his favor. Zeke had some short stops and starts but was not able to connect. He finished with no birds. Cody finished with no further bird work.

Brace 38 – Courses 11 & 12 – Asper Hill Bandit (ESF/John Cullen) and Ghost Train Bella (ESF/Tom Fruchey). At 15, Bandit stopped on the right in some aspen and white pine. Bandit looked positive at first but then loosened up a bit. The flushing attempt went deep, and at 17, the shot was fired, a grouse taking flight. At 26, just at the second creek crossing, where the big blowdown goes over the top of the path, we had a grouse wild flush out above us. At

47, Bella stopped in the aspen slashings to the left of the grassy area. Tom decided to relocate at 48, and Bella went forward, stopping again at 49. Bella's attempt was thwarted, and she found herself leashed. Bandit had stopped up ahead again, but his attempt was also unsuccessful. Both dogs were up at the road crossing.

Brace 39 – Courses 13 & 14 – Travel Alert (ESM/Harold Holmes) and Baxter's Indian Arrowhead (ESM/Brent Peters). Indy chose to be the wild child and left on a mission of his own. Brent grabbed the tracker at the road crossing. Buster continued, out hitting the cover. At 18, Buster stopped right near the path, Doc taking a wide flush and relocating at 19. Buster made a wide circle cast in the vicinity but was unable to connect with game. Alone on the course, he stopped in the pines at 32, just at the half. After a flushing attempt, Doc relocated him and again was eluded. His bid also over for this day.

Brace 40 – Courses 15 & 16 – Pistol Patch Bullet (ESM/Pat Smith/Brian Ralph) and Titanium's Hammer (PM/Neal Minard). Pat Smith broke Bullet away and soon after gave the handling over to scout Brian Ralph. Bullet worked the cover stealthily but was unable to find game and have a race to best his competitors. Hammer, giving a valiant effort also was not able to best what had come before. Both were leashed at the half.

Brace 41 – Courses 1 & 2 – Back Creek Lucy (ESF/Richard Hollister) and Kasida (ESF/Paul Cook). Being that last brace of the day, the bar has been set—a challenge to these two contenders. Lucy took off and hit the edges, giving Rich a challenge to keep her in check. Kasida, at closer range, was handling well but did not have the race to beat what was ahead of her. At 23, Lucy's bell couldn't be found, and after searching at length, it was heard. Both succumbed to not enough to beat what came before and pulled the plug at the end of course 1. All proceeded to the Alibi for the judges' declaration.

Gladwin, Mich., November 20

Judges: Bruce Mueller and Chad Wheeler
GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 33 Pointers, 48 Setters,
and 1 Irish Setter

Winner-RALPHY'S CHASEHILL RIP, 1697746, pointer male, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Lizzy Izzy. Brian Ralph, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

Runner-Up-OVER THE HILL MERRY, 1678045, pointer female, by Grouse Trails Cracker Jack-Diva Dot. Rod Lein, owner and handler.

ASSOCIATED FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF FLORIDA

Char-Lee Trial

By Mike Tiberii | Punta Gorda, Florida | November 25, 2023



Open Shooting Dog Winners (l-r): Cross Country Ryan with Tom Hennes, Cottonwood Bud with Katie Lyon, and Myakka Rebel with Petie Brown.



Open Derby Winners (l-r). Holopaws Big Bad John with Justin Muzynski, Higby Mattiel with Judith Hamilton, and Myakka Abby Road with Petie Brown, joined by spectators.



Open All-Age Winners (front, l-r): Myakka Time Shifter with Beth Brown, Myakka Lucy Diamond with Petie Brown, and Cross Country Ryan with Katie Lyon. (Standing): Tiffany Bass (judge), Tom Hennes, and Tom Bass (judge).

The Char-Lee Field Trial of the Associated Field Trial Clubs of Florida was held at the Cecil B. Webb field trial grounds in Punta Gorda, Florida, on November 25-26, 2023. Entries were slim until the night of the drawing, Friday the 24th, and then magically appeared. We drew 36 dogs for three stakes, and all started! Unlike many other venues, we run a continuous course, with a maximum capacity of 24 dogs a day, limited by daylight and available dog boxes on the dog wagons.

Saturday, with afternoon temperatures in the mid-80s, atypical of late November, was a full day. We ran the Shooting Dog stake of 16 dogs: 12 in the morning, four in the afternoon, followed by eight derby dogs in the afternoon. Derby dogs, being a bit unpredictable, led to concerns about finishing in daylight, and this held true, as we had a renegade in the last brace that took 45 minutes to chase down. The dog was finally caught and returned to camp under headlights.

Sunday's running of the All-Age went without incident, and we picked up the last brace at noon as anticipated.

The judges had a lot of thinking to do about their placements, as the birds seemed to have vacated the premises; unlike training sessions earlier in the week when bird contact was adequate, the trial days

proved otherwise. There is always lots of discussion about scenting conditions, overworking the birds, etc., yet Sunday afternoon after the trial, some training was done, and voila, birds appeared. It's a strange game we play, indeed.

An interesting feature of this, and all our trials, is the presentation of rotating trophies. In this trial, they are the Harry Spratley trophy for the amateur all-age winner and the Super Cells trophy for the shooting dog winner.

Beth Brown and her dog Jack once again captured the Harry Spratley trophy. This being her third time, the trophy is retired. Congratulations to Jack and Beth.

The Super Cells trophy went to Molly and Tom Hennes. Congratulations to both!

Our judges had their work cut out for them. High temperatures and a scarcity of birds meant a lot of deliberation. Their decisions were well received. Dr. Tom Bass and Tiffany Bass for the All-Age, Vince Feltner and Justin Muzynski for the Open Shooting Dog, and Dave Vernasco and Roger Shelswell for the Open Derby. A big thank you to all of you.

Our Saturday night cookout, with an awards presentation for the completed stakes, was a success. A comfortably warm evening contributed.

Thank you to all our entrants, judges,

and club members for a successful and fun trial. We hope to see you again soon.

Punta Gorda, Fla., November 25

Judges: Vince Feltner and Justin Muzynski

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 13 Pointers, 2 Setters, and 1 Brittany

1st-CROSS COUNTRY RYAN, 1697550, pointer female, by Bluebar Clay-Pinehill Elhew Daisy. Tom Hennes, owner and handler.

2d-COTTONWOOD BUD, 1700637, pointer male, by Sandhill Stud-Cross Country Lexus. Tom Hennes, owner and handler.

3d-MYAKKA REBEL, 1669365, pointer female, by Elhew G Force-Myakka Hey Jude. Petie Brown, owner and handler.

Judges: Roger Shelswell and Dave Vernasco

OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-HOLOPAWS BIG BAD JOHN, 1703930, pointer male, by Myakka Freddie Freeloader-Myakka Rebel. Kayleigh & Justin Muzynski, owners; Justin Muzynski, handler.

2d-HIGBY MATTIEL, 1699678, pointer female, by Panola Bacon-Higby Bon Hiver. Judith Hamilton, owner and handler.

3d-MYAKKA ABBY ROAD, 1702966, pointer female, by Myakka Freddie Freeloader-Myakka Rebel. Petie Brown, handler.

Judges: Tiffany Bass and Tom Bass

OPEN ALL-AGE – 11 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-MYAKKA TIME SHIFTER, 1670324, pointer male, by Guard Rail-Myakka T Marie. Beth Brown, owner and handler.

2d-MYAKKA LUCY DIAMOND, 1665013, pointer female, by Elhew G Force-Myakka Hey Jude. Petie Brown, owner and handler.

3d-CROSS COUNTRY RYAN, 1697550, pointer female, by Bluebar Clay-Pinehill Elhew Daisy. Tom Hennes, owner and handler.



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Annual Fall Trial

By Brad Hargis | Orchardville, Illinois | November 25, 2023

November 25 is a little later than the Mid-South Bird Hunters Club usually runs its fall trial, but we had a beautiful sunny day to compete on. We were back at our grounds on the Ted Ellis family farm and want to thank Ted and Bill Ellis for having the grounds available and in great shape for us once again. There were 38 dogs entered throughout the four stakes, but with plenty of help, we were able to take advantage of both our north and south course. Thank you to our judges Frank Christie, Declan Wheat, Brad Hire, Danny Davis, Travis Patterson, and Kenny DeLong; without their help, we would not have been able to run all the entries we had. This was Declan Wheat's first time judging along with his grandfather, Frank Christie; Declan said he enjoyed it and will help anytime, something this sport always needs. Lunch was provided by my lovely wife, Sherry Hargis, who also helped move dogs around. Dan Crunk was on hand as always but was limited to staying at camp. But made sure the next brace was on the line and ready to go to keep things moving.

The Amateur Shooting Dog saw 14 entries, with Foxy Lady Sadie taking first place with a nice four-find front-going race. Sadie is a red setter female owned and handled by Mike Fox. German shorthair female, No Limits Little Slick, took second with a nice race and three finds. She was handled by her owner, John Landolina. Cutter's Ignited Hustler, a female German shorthair, gave her owner/handler Billy Creason his first-ever NBHA placement, taking third place with two nice finds.

PB Texas Tornado won the Derby for her owner, Brian Stockrahm. "Mattie" is a big running, stylish pointer female. Warner's Utah Jack, an English setter, was second for Rob "Rock n Roll" Warner, and third was English setter Woodsway's Stingin' Rain, handled by Erin Pearson. These two setters are very classy running dogs and have bright futures in the sport. The winning derbies all had nice bird work.

According to Gun Dog judges Danny Davis and Brad Hire, the Gun Dog stake was loaded, and they had to make some tough choices. Billy Creason ended his day with another placement with his male German shorthair, Cutter's Ignited Winning Bid, taking first in the Gun Dog stake. Second place went to Sky Hawk's Little Rascal, a setter male owned by Rob "Rock n Roll" Warner. Taking third for first-time handler Myah Landolina was

her dog No Limits Little Slick. This young lady was very nervous but, at the same time, completely ready to run her dog. She said she loved every minute of her brace. When not running her dog, she was following along watching and learning.

Don Heisner is back in the winners' circle with his young English setter female Beaucoup Creek Abby, taking first in the Puppy. Don is very proud of this young setter, sired by one of his "boys," Buck. Second place went to PB Copper Strike, a pointer male owned and handled by Brian Stockrahm. Erin's Pancho Villa, a pointer male owned by Chuck Leonard and handled by Travis Patterson, took third place honors. Three nice-looking pups here that we should see around for a while.

Dan Crunk, Rick Stanford, and myself (Brad Hargis) want to thank everyone for attending our trial. We know that several of you drove long distances to support our trials, and that is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you in the spring. We also wish to thank Purina, the NBHA, and all their sponsors.

Orchardville, Ill., November 25

Judges: Brad Hargis and Travis Patterson

NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers, 3 Setters, 1 Brittany, 3 Irish Setters, and 3 German Shorthairs

1st-*FOXY LADY SADIE*, 1691626, Irish setter female, by Zansett Simply Red-Foxy's Lil Red Missy. Mike Fox, owner and handler.

2d-*NO LIMITS LITTLE SLICK*, 1702850, German Shorthair female, by Right Stuff's Rock N Roll-Outbak's Attitude. John & Myah Landolina, owners; John Landolina, handler.

3d-*CUTTER'S IGNITED HUSTLER*, unreg., German Shorthair female, by Cutter's Ignited Winning Bid-D H Burr Oaks Annie. William Creason, owner and handler.

Judges: Brad Hargis and Rick Stanford

NBHA AMATEUR DERBY – 4 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-*PB TEXAS TORNADO*, 1705951, pointer female, by Shorty Gotta Skeet-Peregrine's Jersey Girl. Brian Stockrahm, owner and handler.

2d-*WARNER'S UTAH JACK*, 1701466, setter male, by T's American Gunfighter-T's Whistling Dixie. Robert Warner III, owner and handler.

3d-*WOODSWAY'S STINGIN' RAIN*, 1706022, setter male, by Woodsway's Dark Knight-Toccoa River Sugarfoot. Eryn Pearson & Colleen Pearson, owners; Eryn Pearson, handler.

Judges: Dan Davis and Brad Hire

NBHA JOHN ELLIS MEMORIAL AMATEUR

SHOOTING DOG – 3 Pointers, 4 Setters, 2 Irish Setters, and 2 German Shorthairs

1st-*CUTTER'S IGNITED WINNING BID*, unreg., German Shorthair male, by H's Hedge Rise Ignited-Miss Lady Tulip. William Creason, owner and handler.

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

3d-*NO LIMITS LITTLE SLICK*, 1702850, German Shorthair female, by Right Stuff's Rock N Roll-Outbak's Attitude. John & Myah Landolina, owners; Myah Landolina, handler.

Judges: Frank Christie and Declan Wheat

NBHA AMATEUR PUPPY – 7 Entries

1st-*BEAUCOUP CREEK ABBY*, 1704369, setter female, by Beaucoup Creek Buck-Glover's Pepper Shaker. Don Heisner, owner and handler.

2d-*PB COPPER STRIKE*, 1705727, pointer male, by Erin's Southern Comfort-Three Stripes Bullseye. Brian Stockrahm, owner and handler.

3d-*ERIN'S PANCHO VILLA*, 1705859, pointer male, by Erin's Grey Justice-Erin's Miss Daisy. Charles F. Leonard, owner; Travis Patterson, handler.

NOTES

The ad for the Sandlapper Field Trial Club appeared in the December issue on page 65. Since publishing, the trial dates have changed. The trial will now be held January 25-28, with the drawing on Monday, January 22, 6 p.m., at the home of Tim Ruff. An updated ad may be found on the American Field website calendar.

CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

An incorrect phone number was listed for John Beauchamp in the ad for the Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship on page 76 of the December issue. The correct number is (480) 235-1570. The trial is scheduled to follow the Wally Wallace Derby, but not before Wednesday, January 10, in California City, CA.

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Field Trials



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JANUARY 6, 2024 • STARTS 7:30 A.M.

Grounds: Slate River Farm, 2016 Slate River Mill Rd., Buckingham, VA 23921 (hook-ups and camping available for \$20.00). Lunch available on grounds. Drawing: Thursday, January 4, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Dennis Kivikko.

— Continental Breeds Welcome —

AMATEUR PUPPY.....	\$30.00
AMATEUR DERBY.....	\$45.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG.....	\$50.00

Judges: To be announced



Entries to: DENNIS KIVIKKO

Call or Text: (804) 218-4581 • Email: dtmnine@gmail.com

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January 13-14, 2024 • Booneville, AR

Grounds: From intersection Hwy. 10 and Hwy. 23 in Booneville, AR, go 3 blocks south, turn left on Hwy. 217, go 7.3 miles. Turn left between graveyard and church house, go 1/4 mile to clubhouse. Drawing: Thursday, January 11, 6:00 p.m.

AMATEUR HORSEBACK SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....	\$65.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG.....	\$45.00
OPEN DERBY.....	\$35.00
OPEN PUPPY.....	\$35.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG.....	\$45.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Judgment ceases at flush.....	\$40.00
AMATEUR DERBY.....	\$35.00
AMATEUR PUPPY.....	\$35.00

Judges: Ronnie Miller, Van Buren, AR, and Jerry Oswalt, Booneville, AR



Entries to: GLENN CUMBIE • Phone: (479) 461-5509



**NORTH MISSOURI
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January 27-28, 2024 • Starts at 8:00 a.m.

White Oak Ranch, Edina, MO

Directions to Grounds: At junction of Hwy. 6 & 15 south of Edina, go south 1.2 miles on Hwy. 15 to Redwood St. Go east on gravel road and follow signs for 3.2 miles to grounds. Drawing: Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 p.m., at the home of trial chair Tim Penn—(660) 341-1165. Accommodations: T&T Motel, Edina, MO—(660) 397-2215.

*OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Awards.....	Entry Fee \$40.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Awards.....	Entry Fee \$50.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Awards.....	Entry Fee \$50.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Awards.....	Entry Fee \$50.00
*AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Awards; JC@F.....	Entry Fee \$50.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Awards.....	Entry Fee \$50.00

**Run at club's discretion*

Judges: Tony King, Thompson, MO; Dan Draffen, Bunceton, MO; and others to be announced



Entries to: TIM PENN—(660) 341-1165 -or- KEVIN WESTERN—(660) 341-3522

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JANUARY 12-14, 2024 • STARTS 8:00 A.M. EACH DAY

CAMP ROBINSON FIELD TRIAL GROUNDS

MAYFLOWER, AR

REGION 6 & NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL

Drawing: Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING

OPEN DERBY—Shooting Dog Standards..... Entry Fee: \$40.00*

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$45.00*

Dave Kellums Revolving Trophy

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)..... Entry Fee: \$40.00*

*Plus \$35 Bird Fee

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: MARTY MOORE—Cell: (870) 240-6612

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OHIO VALLEY FIELD TRIAL CIRCUIT

HOSTED BY COALFIELD BIRD DOG CLUB

JANUARY 26-28 (entries warrant) • STARTS 7:30 A.M.



**POINTS TRIAL FOR OVFTC, AMATEUR ALL-AGE
& AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONALS**

Grounds: West Kentucky WMA, 10535 Ogden Landing Rd., Kevil, KY 42053. Drawing: Tuesday, January 23, 6:00 p.m. (CST), at the home of Mary Sue Schalk—(270) 625-0196.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour)..... \$60.00

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)..... \$40.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)..... \$60.00

Blank pistols and ammo only!

Judges: Terry Boatright, James Kleve, Cora Clary, Alan Benson, and Vincent Major

Entries to: MARY SUE SCHALK—(270) 625-0196

-or- M.D. CROUSE—(270) 213-0893

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JANUARY 4-7, 2024



POINTS TRIAL FOR NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE & SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

REGION 6 & MIDSOUTH AFTA DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL
PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL

Grounds: Currie Farms, Miller Rd. and Blalock Dr., Dancyville, TN. Lunch will be served on the grounds. Fish Fry on Saturday night, January 6. **Drawing:** Monday, January 1, 7:00 p.m. (cutoff), at Currie Farms (Bill Currie)—(731) 780-3683. You must be an individual member of AFTCA to enter your dog. **For Motel Reservations, call:** Comfort Inn—(731) 772-4082; or Days Inn—(731) 772-3297. Both located at I-40 and Hwy. 76, Exit 56.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....\$80.00
AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour)\$80.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Minutes)\$40.00

Judges: Tom Waite, Burlington, WI,
 and Andrea Ward, Burlington, WI

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-or- J.P. HATHCOCK—(731) 443-0050

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Mid-South Amateur Field Trial Association
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January 11-14, 2024
Hell Creek WMA, Blue Mountain, MS



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POINTS TRIAL FOR THE NATIONAL INVITATIONALS,
U.S. DERBY INVITATIONAL, REGION 6 (AFTCA),
MID-SOUTH ASSOCIATION & PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD



Drawing: Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 P.M., at the home of the secretary. AFTCA membership number must accompany entry.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour)\$70.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Minutes)\$35.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 hour)\$70.00

Judges: Hunter Clark, Ethel, MS,
 and Elton Bray, Holly Springs, MS

Reporter: Elton Bray, Holly Springs, MS

Entries to: JONATHAN BURCH, President
Phone: (662) 544-3124




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

January 11-14, 2024 (depending on entries)
Horseback Trial • Starts 8:00 a.m. each day



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



Grounds: Pat O'Neill Field Trial Grounds, located 2.5 miles south of Hatchechubbee, AL, on CR 65 (Zion Hill Rd.). Signs will be posted. Single course. **Drawing:** Sunday, January 7, 6:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Lavon King, Rockmart, GA. Phone: (678) 918-6124. For drawing and information, visit www.dixietrace.org. AFTCA member number required for the Classic. **Social event:** To be held by club after the day's running on Saturday.

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Shooting Dog\$ 60.00
PAT LaBREE AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour)\$125.00

Judges: OD—Alan Atkins, Crawford, AL, and Roger Key, Opelika, AL;
 OSD—Marty Robinson, Carrollton, GA, and David Lovern, Powder Springs, GA.

Entries to: LAVON KING • Phone: (678) 918-6124
Email: jlking@co.douglas.ga.us

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ROUND POND SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC
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STARTS JANUARY 17, 2024 • LESLIE, GA
STARTS 8:00 A.M. DAILY



AN AMATEUR INVITATIONAL, DIXIE TRACE,
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Grounds: Round Pond & Pretty Pond Farms. Directions: From Leslie, GA, approx. 7 miles south on State Hwy. 195 and east on Batts Rd. (dirt). From Leesburg, GA, approximately 10 miles north on Hwy. 195 and east on Batts Rd. Follow signs. Lunches available on grounds daily. **Entries Close:** Monday, January 15, 6:00 p.m. **Drawing:** Monday, January 15, 8:00 p.m., on grounds at the new clubhouse. **Lodging:** Hampton Inn—(229) 924-3890; Days Inn—(229) 924-2726. Both are in Americus, GA. Motels also in Albany, GA (20 miles). Ask for field trial rate!

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....\$125.00
(Sun., Jan. 21) *YOUTH STAKE—Horseback\$ 20.00
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Reporter: Cayla Key

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 — Dinner served each night after running —

For information, contact:
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Email: ramblinnash3@aol.com

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PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG POINTS TRIAL
SOUTHERN CIRCUIT AND REGION 6 POINTS TRIAL



AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Prizes awarded.....\$50.00
VIRGIL BEASLEY SR. MEMORIAL

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour).....\$80.00

Prizes: 1st—ORCA Cooler • 2nd—\$100 Gift Certificate • 3rd—\$50 Gift Certificate

Judges: Justin Howard, Selma, AL, and Bucky Street, Notasulga, AL

Reporter: Jeff Blackwell, Shelbyville, TN

Grounds: Percy Priest WMA, 381 Old Jones Mill Rd., LaVergne, TN 36086. Directions: From I-24, approx. 10 miles south of Nashville, take Exit 64 (Waldron Rd.) and go east approx. 3 miles to Hwy. 41. Turn right and go south approx. 4 miles and turn left on Fergus Rd. Go approx. 2 miles and turn right on Jones Mill Rd. Go approx. 1.8 miles and turn left onto Old Jones Mill Rd. (dead ends into clubhouse). Lunch: Will be served daily including Friday courtesy of Pro Pet and Saturday and Sunday courtesy of the club. Drawing: Monday, January 15, 8:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Derek Bonner. Must enter all dogs with registered names. Motel: Comfort Inn—(615) 793-3600. Ask for Jerry for field trial rate.

Phone or email entries to: DEREK BONNER

Phone: (828) 289-2300 • Email: bonnerderek@bellsouth.net

Entries accepted with the understanding that OHFTC, its officers or directors are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs, or equipment.

NORTH CAROLINA FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

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FEBRUARY 2-4, 2024 • STARTS 8:00 A.M.
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NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL & PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD POINTS TRIAL
Pre-Drawing: Tuesday, January 30, 5:00 p.m., at the chairman's home. Hotel Accommodations: Microtel Motel, Southern Pines, NC—(877) 693-3738.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) \$120.00

*AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)\$ 60.00

*Time permitting

Judges: Grayson Francis, Brookneal, VA, and Steve Mills, Mayodan, NC

All entries to: GRAYSON FRANCIS, Chairman

Cell: (434) 610-8601

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GEORGIA AMATEUR CELEBRATION

Sponsored by: Georgia Field Trial Association

February 9-11, 2024 • Starts 8:00 A.M.

Di-Lane Plantation, Herndon Rd., Waynesboro, Georgia



Released birds daily. Pre-Drawing: Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m., at home of Nell Mobley. AFTCA number needs to be called in with entry. Lodging: Quality Inn—Phone: (706) 437-0500.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)..... \$100.00

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour).....\$100.00

*AMATEUR DERBY (30 Minutes).....\$ 50.00

*Time permitting; Continuous Course

POINTS GIVEN TOWARD ALL-AGE AND SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONALS
PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG & ALL-AGE DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS

Judges: Steve Mills, Mayodan, NC, and Chad Adams, Goldsboro, NC

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



— HORSEBACK TRIAL —

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour)\$ 85.00

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.).....\$ 60.00

*AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....\$125.00

*Usable prizes to winners

Grounds: Hinton Family's Sedgefields Plantation, Alberta, AL. Lunch and dinner will be served daily on the grounds. Drawing: Monday, February 5, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Teresa Justice, 7990 Alabama Hwy. 41, Sardis, AL 36775.

Judges: Michael Kennedy, Opelika, AL, and Schley Rutherford, Mobile, AL

Entries to: TERESA JUSTICE • Call: (334) 419-4125
7990 Alabama Hwy. 41, Sardis, AL 36775



OKLAHOMA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

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Directors: Jon Humphrey and Betty Crow

STARTS JANUARY 2, 2024

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Entry Fee: \$200.00 + \$25.00 Grounds Fee • Purse: 50% of Entry Fees

— Hosted by Purina —



If a Runner-Up is named, purse to be divided two-thirds to Champion, one-third to Runner-Up.

Dog must have a prior placement in a recognized Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake to qualify. REGISTERED NAMES ONLY!

OPEN DERBY—To follow the Championship—Entry Fee: \$85.00 (\$25.00 Grounds Fee)

Grounds: McFarlin-Ingersoll Ranch, eight miles south of Claremore, OK, on Hwy. 88. East on Rd. 560.

Note! Early Drawing: Friday, December 29.

Lodging: Will Rogers Motel, Claremore, OK. Phone: (918) 341-4410 or (800) 644-9455. Mention you are a field trialer.

Judges: Greg Gibson, Wichita, KS, and Frank Schoenborn, Wichita, KS

- There will be a charge of \$10.00 a day for RV hook-ups
- Lunches served daily in the clubhouse
- Ample horse stalls and pens
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Starting Friday, January 5, at 8:00 A.M. on Continuous Courses

Lake Murray Field Trial Grounds, Lake Murray State Park, Ardmore, OK



**A PURINA AMATEUR TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS TRIAL,
NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL QUALIFIER & REGION 7 POINTS TRIAL**

REGION 7 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (One Hour).....\$165.00
SHOOTING DOG DERBY (30 Minutes)—Time permitting\$ 75.00

Judges: Tim Hidalgo, Hooker, OK, and TJ Hidalgo, Hooker, OK

- **Grounds:** I-35 to Exit 29 (Rt. 70 East). At four-way stop, right onto Rt. 77 South. First left (across from ranger station) into Group Camp/Trial Grounds. Stay left to the grounds. There is a clubhouse at the grounds as well as restrooms/showers. Campsites are available for \$35/night with power and water; \$30/night with power only; or \$25/night with no services. NO cell phone use during the running of braces. NO smoking is allowed on the grounds.
- **Lunches & Dinner:** Lunches will be available each day at a nominal cost. We're planning a cook-out on the grounds for Saturday evening.
- **Drawing:** Tuesday, January 2, 7:00 p.m., at the Gustafson residence, 8305 Elroy Rd., Del Valle, TX 78617.
- **Motels in Ardmore:** Best Western Plus Ardmore Inn & Suites—(580) 223-3200; Comfort Inn & Suites—(580) 798-3200; Days Inn by Wyndham Ardmore—(580) 226-1761.

- **Qualification:** It is a condition of acceptance for the Championship that each entry furnishes an AFTCA Win Certificate number for a Derby or Shooting Dog placement (1st, 2nd, 3rd) for both dog and handler per AFTCA Bylaws Article III, Section 8, and dogs must be entered by their registered name. Entry fee is expected if dog is drawn. Owners and handlers must be members of the AFTCA. Please include your individual AFTCA membership number with your entries.
- **Prizes:** Purina dog food to champion and runner-up. Christie saddle to champion; Silver belt buckle to runner-up. Awards to all placed dogs in the Derby.
- **Field Marshal:** Tyson Traw
- **Dog Wagon Driver:** To be announced
- **Reporter:** To be announced

Trial Chairperson: Jason Super—(817) 403-0668

Shawn Rowan, President • Charlie Collier, Vice President • Mary Ann Gustafson, Secretary/Treasurer

Entries to: MARY ANN GUSTAFSON • Phone: (512) 560-9196 • Email: redset@utexas.edu

Email entries welcome and encouraged. Please include win certificate number in the email or attach win certificate to email. Confirmation will be sent when entry is received. If you do not receive confirmation within 24 hours of emailing the entry, please phone to confirm email was received.

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Member ABHA, Region 6, KFTA, AFTCA & Southern Circuit FTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

ABHA NATIONAL FREE-FOR-ALL CHAMPIONSHIP

January 11-14, 2024 • LaVergne, TN



Grounds: Percy Priest Wildlife Management Area, Pooles Knob Recreation Area, La Vergne, TN. Lunches served. **Drawing:** Monday, January 8, 8:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Ronnie Rogers. **Motel:** Econo Lodge (on I-24), La Vergne, TN. Phone: (615) 793-3600.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

(45 Min. Heats or Course; One-Hour Callback)—50% of entries split 60-40	\$170.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min. Heats)—50% of entries split 50-30-20.....	\$ 80.00
OPEN PUPPY (20 Min. or Course)—50% of entries split 50-30-20.....	\$ 40.00
*OPEN HORSEBACK SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—50% of entries split 50-30-20	\$ 80.00
*OPEN HORSEBACK DERBY (30 Min.)— 50% of entries split 50-30-20.....	\$ 80.00

**Time permitting*

Judges: Tim & Kris Hammons, Berea, KY

All entries to: RONNIE ROGERS • Phone: (865) 712-9229 -or- (865) 475-3459

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REGION 7 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & NBHA COMPANION STAKES

Starting January 12-14, 2024 (depending on entries) • A Region 7 Points Trial
Hosted by Valley View Field Trial Association

Grounds: Valley View Field Trial Association Grounds at LBJ Grasslands, located 14 miles from Decatur, TX. The main gate to the camp and trial grounds are on CR 2777 near the intersection of CR2675 and CR2777. The VVFTA pavilion is on CR2777 (blacktop road). There is a vehicle/family usage fee and is not included in your entry fee (\$10.00 per day). Lunches served on grounds daily (\$10.00). **Drawing:** Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m., at Ken Sauer's home. **Hotels:** Hampton Inn, La Quinta Inn, and Holiday Inn Express (all in Decatur, TX). Campsites are available. Please take your trash back out with you (no dumpster on site). **Qualifications (Region 7 Championship):** A recognized placement in an AFTCA or American Field Amateur Shooting Dog or Derby stake plus an AFTCA membership number required at entry. **Events:** Some companion stakes may not be held due to time and number of entries, and is at the discretion of the hosting club. The championship is the main event with supporting NBHA companion stakes.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

REGION 7 WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP—Trophies to Champion and Runner-up by Shelia Uva	\$165.00
NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Judgment ceases at flush; Walking; Prizes	\$ 60.00
NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Walking; Prizes	\$ 60.00
NBHA OPEN DERBY—Walking; Prizes	\$ 50.00
NBHA AMATEUR PUPPY—Walking; Prizes	\$ 45.00



Judges: Adrian Jackson, Amarillo, TX, and Matthew Rafferty, Joaquin, TX

Contact: KEN SAUER • (281) 960-2508 • Email: kfsauer@sbcglobal.net

Entries accepted and attendance of this event are with the understanding that NBHA, VVFTA, PCQC, UKC, USFS, 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 or participating in the trial, their animals, or equipment.

We would like to thank our gracious sponsors:

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REGION 11 OFFICERS & WEST VALLEY BIRD DOG CLUB PRESENT THE

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REGION 11 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG DERBY

January 13, 2024 to Conclusion • Starts 8:00 A.M.

Stinson's Moonlight Ranch, Valley Springs, CA



Grounds generously donated by Lynn & Teresa Stinson in support of field trialing, bird dogs, and the sportsmen and sportswomen of Region 11.

STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:

REGION 11 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour).....\$125.00

— A NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS QUALIFIER —

Judges: Jarry Walton, Reno, NV, and Sean Kelly, Auburn, CA

REGION 11 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG DERBY (30 min.).....\$ 50.00

Judges: Gina Bosio, Modesto, CA, and Don Pool, Madera, CA

Directions to Grounds: Hwy. 99 (North or South) to Hwy. 26. Go east approx. 26 miles to Silver Rapids Road. Go right to Hogan Dam Road. Turn right across river and continue approx. 7 miles to "T". Go left on gravel road to the gate. Signs will be posted. **GATE COMBINATION:** 0000 (2nd lock from right). Trial run on liberated Bobwhite quail and native valley quail. **Drawing:** Friday, January 12, 6:30 p.m., at Ranch Headquarters. **Ranch Accommodations:** Bunkhouse; bring your bag/towels. **Meals:** Three served daily. **Social Hour:** Held Friday and Saturday evenings at Ranch House.

All entries to: JAN CORBITT, Secretary • (209) 613-5327

Email: Ladymarten@aol.com (Please put WVBCD in subject line)

WVBCD, Moonlight Ranch owners, and Region 11 shall not be responsible for any injuries or damages to persons or property during the running of this field trial. No Live Ammunition!



NATIONAL WALKING OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

January 16, 2024 (pending entries) • Pamplico, SC • Starts 7:30 A.M.



Grounds: Rodney Poston's Farm, 364 East Shirley Rd. (GPS Coordinates: 33.976362, -79.556747).

Early Drawing: Monday, January 8, 8:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Brian Casey—(618) 638-2996.

Lodging: Available in Lake City, SC (20 minutes) and Florence, SC (35 minutes).

OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour).....\$175.00

1st Place: \$2,000; 2nd Place: \$1,000; 3rd Place: \$500

Judges: Buck & Lynn Heard, Moultrie, GA

Entries to: BRIAN CASEY

5164 Staton Ridge Rd., Belknap, IL 62908 • Cell: (618) 638-2996

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Secretary/Treasurer

REGION 4 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



January 18*-21, 2024 • Kevil, KY

**May start Friday, January 19, if entries warrant*

Hosted by West Kentucky Field Trial Club

AN AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL

Entry Fee: \$125.00 • Prizes will be awarded to the Champion and Runner-Up

Judges: James Kleve, Paris, KY, and Justin Crook, Jasper, MO

Reporter: Mary Sue Schalk, Princeton, KY

Grounds: West Kentucky WMA, 10535 Ogden Landing Rd., Kevil, KY 42053.

Drawing: Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Mary Sue Schalk.

Thank you to our sponsors, Purina and Greg Blair.

To enter, please contact: MARY SUE SCHALK • Phone: (270) 625-0196

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The Duplin County Field Trial Club
presents the

2024 ATLANTIC COAST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

—Dedicated to the Memory of Bill Faust—

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Grounds, Hoffman, NC

**Wednesday, January 24
through January 27, 2024**



Starts 8:00 A.M.
(Subject to Judges' directives)

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



**Drawing will be held at 6:00 p.m., on Friday, January 19
at the residence of David Huffine, Wilmington, NC.**



2023 Champion: Miller's High Heat Index | Owned by Stanton Harrell and Casey Hollander, and Handled by Mike Tracy

ATLANTIC COAST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP.....Entry Fee: \$300.00

60% of entry fees (less grounds, dog wagon, and bird fees) divided 70% to Winner and 30% to Runner-Up.

To be run on continuous courses. Entry fees payable prior to running.

Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog placement required for qualification.

ATLANTIC COAST OPEN DERBY—Time permitting.....Entry Fee: \$150.00

60% of entry fees (less grounds, dog wagon, and bird fees) divided 50% to first place, 30% to second place and 20% to third place.

Judges: Tim McClurg, Fowler, OH, and Whitley Stephenson, Smithfield, NC

ONLY MANUFACTURED SOLID BLANK GUNS AND AMMO ALLOWED!

Handler's Dinner Wednesday night, courtesy of last year's champion • Horses must have a current Coggins test • GPS collars permitted

Entries to: DAVID HUFFINE • Phone: (910) 620-2970 • Email: dhuffine1951@gmail.com

[Text or email preferred]

Entries accepted with the understanding that the NCFTA, their officers, directors, and members are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs, or equipment.



NBHA SOUTHERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by AG Preserve Field Trial Club

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



Starts Friday, January 26, 2024 (pending entries) • Glenwood, GA

Grounds: 191 Still Rd., Glenwood, GA. Lunches and dinners available on the grounds. **Drawing:** Monday, January 22, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Ray Brown. Entries must include handler's name, phone number and dog's registered name and callname. **Lodging:** Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge, McRae-Helena, GA 31037; Phone: (229) 868-7474.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)— Purse, Purina Dog Food, and Garmin Products\$165.00
Single course with liberated and pre-released birds • Purse calculated less dog taxes, association and grounds fees.

Qualification: An American Field/UKC recognized placement in an Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby stake.

OPEN WALKING DERBY (30 Min.)—Prizes and Purina Dog Food.....\$ 75.00

OPEN WALKING PUPPY (20 Min.)—Prizes and Purina Dog Food\$ 50.00

YOUTH WALKING STAKE (15 Min.)—If time allows; Prizes F R E E

Judges: Will Dunn, Eufaula, AL, and Sean Hauser, Manchester, IA

Entries to: SHARON GUNBY • Phone: (404) 392-4666 • Email: sagunby@gunbyco.com

The NBHA would like to thank our gracious sponsors:

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U.S. COMPLETE NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



Glassilaun War Paint
2023 Champion
Jamie Nee, Owner



Starts Thursday, February 8, 2024
Robert Gordon Field Trial Area, Hoffman, NC

Entry Fee: \$225.00 • Purse: 50% (less bird and land fees) plus additional \$500, divided 70-30

Winner will receive an oil painting, 12 bags of Purina, and a Garmin 550 Pro E-Collar;

Runner-up will receive 6 bags of Purina and a bark collar by Garmin.

Judges: Derek Bonner, Forest City, NC, and Jeff Haggis, Glencoe, ON

Field Trial Chairman: Tony Bingham • **Reporter:** Margaret Drew

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (45 Min.)—Time Permitting

Entry Fee: \$100.00 • Purse: 50% (less bird and land fees) divided 70-30

Qualifications: Entrants must have an Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog placement. All participants should have their state hunting license. **Accommodations:** Best Western—(910) 692-0640, Southern Pines, NC. **Meals:** A Handlers' Dinner will be hosted by Jamie Nee, owner of last year's winner, Ch. Glassilaun War Paint, on Friday, February 9; A Purina sponsored dinner will be held Saturday, February 10. **Drawing/Entries Close:** Monday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.

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

U.S. Complete Shooting Dog Assn. handicap rule applies. Horseback scouting permitted. Gallery wagon will be provided. All entries accepted as a waiver of any claim for loss or damage from the sponsoring club, officers or state.



SBHA NATIONAL OPEN HORSEBACK SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

Member SBHA & Alabama Field Trial Association



Eukanuba Sporting Dog



Starts February 13, 2024* • SBHA Points Trial
Tony & Becky Gibson's Conecuh Station, Union Springs, AL
*(*Or 24 hours after completion of National Open Shooting Dog Championship)*

A Qualifying Trial for the National Open Shooting Dog Championship

— \$10,000 GUARANTEED PURSE —

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour) \$275.00

1st Place: \$6,000; 2nd Place: \$2,500; 3rd Place: \$1,500 • Trophies to 3 placements

Directions to Grounds: Take Hwy. 29 South from Union Springs, AL. Travel approximately 8 miles, turn right on South Gate Rd., just mile marker 136. Look for Conecuh Station field trial sign. **Drawing:** Thursday, February 8, 8:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Marty Robinson. **Accommodations:** Master Rack Lodge—(334) 474-3600; ask for field trial rates. Barn, lots, and camper set-up available at field trial site with handlers and owners having priority. **Meals:** Provided daily. **Qualification:** Placement in a recognized Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby stake. **Special Note: Shotguns with blank ammo only. No pistols.**

Judges: Alan Atkins, Phenix City, AL, and Roger Key, Opelika, AL

Contact: MARTY ROBINSON • Phone: (770) 862-6568

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NBHA NATIONAL INVITATIONAL BREEDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by: NBHA Futurity

Member NBHA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



Wednesday, February 14, if entries warrant • Grovespring, MO • Breakaway 8:00 A.M.
One-Hour • Entry Fee: \$190.00

Purse: 40% (less \$30 grounds fee) divided 70-30 to Winner and Runner-Up.

Winner will receive cash purse, Garmin E-collar, Purina Pro Plan, OnX Hunt certificates and Trophy;

Runner-Up will receive cash purse, Purina Pro Plan and Trophy.

— BONUS CASH PRIZE—

If the Champion was a past Futurity participant, the owner will receive an additional \$2,000 cash prize.

Judges: Greg Gibson, Goddard, KS, and Frank Schoenborn, Wichita, KS

Grounds: Located at 10321 Parks Creek Rd., Grovespring, MO 65662 (Clubhouse is one mile north). **Early Drawing:** Tuesday, February 6, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Futurity Director Christian Ogle. **Qualification:** Any dog with an Open NBHA Shooting Dog or Derby placement from the previous trial season, Fall 2022—Spring 2023; Or any Shooting Dog or Derby that is from an NBHA Futurity Nominated litter that has a current American Field recognized Open trial placement. **Lodging:** Available in Lebanon, MO, and limited bunks in the clubhouse. Electrical hook-ups for an additional \$10/day available at the grounds. Horse corrals and dog kennels available on a first come basis.

JIM OGLE, Futurity Director
17430 Thorn Rd., Jasper, MO 64755
Phone: (417) 388-0734
Email: jojosenglishsetters@gmail.com

TIM PENN, NBHA Secretary
50578 State Hwy. 6, Edina, MO 63537
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38TH ANNUAL NBHA FUTURITY & JERRY D. KILGORE PUPPY CLASSIC



February 16-18, 2024, following the NBHA Breeders' Invitational • Grovespring, MO

Grounds: Located at 10321 Parks Creek Rd., Grovespring, MO 65662 (Clubhouse is one mile north). **Early Drawing:** Tuesday, February 6, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Futurity Director Christian Ogle. **Lodging:** Available in Lebanon, MO, and limited bunks in the clubhouse. Electrical hook-ups for an additional \$10/day available at the grounds. Horse corrals and dog kennels available on a first come basis.

37th ANNUAL NBHA FUTURITY (30 Min. Qualifier; One-Hour Final)..... \$155.00*
JERRY D. KILGORE PUPPY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—To be run following the initial series of Futurity..... \$ 90.00*

Judges: *Futurity & Puppy Classic*—Andy Neria, Savonburg, KS, and Jay Lewis, Ashland, MO

Awards: 50% payback to be split between Winners and Breeders. Futurity winner will receive an oil painting, Garmin E-Collar, Purina Pro Plan and plaque. Jerry Kilgore Classic winner will receive a print, Garmin E-Collar, Purina Pro Plan and plaque. **Qualifications:** All Futurity and Jerry Kilgore Classic participants must be from an NBHA nominated litter. **Handlers' Dinner & Auction:** Friday night, February 16.

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SOUTHEASTERN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

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

February 22 to Conclusion • Starts 8:00 a.m. (EST)
The Farm, 157 SE Endless Ct., Lake City, FL 32024



**A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD, HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD
& DIXIE TRACE FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION POINTS TRIAL
NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**



Qualification: Placement in an American Field recognized 30-minute or longer Open Shooting Dog or Derby stake. In the event more than 60 dogs are entered at the time of the drawing, the stake will revert to a 30-minute qualifying series with the judges selecting up to 12 dogs to run in a one-hour call-back. **Directions to Grounds:** Take Hwy. 247 South out of Lake City for 8 miles; The Farm will be on the left. Signs will be posted. To be run on continuous courses with wild and pre-released birds. **Drawing:** Sunday, February 18, 2:00 p.m. (EST), at The Farm.

SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (One-Hour Heats) Entry Fee: \$250.00 + \$25.00 Grounds Fee
Purse: 60% of entry fees divided 70-30

Judges: Chris Sellers, Selmer, TN, and Keith St. John, South Fulton, TN • **Reporter:** Joel Norman, Suwannee, FL

Thank you to Mr. Chester Stokes for the promotion of the sport and for providing a great place for the Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship to be held.

Entries to: JOEL NORMAN, President • P.O. Box 87, Suwannee, FL 32692

Phone: (352) 356-3561 • Email: joelnorman1959@gmail.com • Entries must be confirmed

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NGSPA REGION 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS

January 31, 2024 to Conclusion
Mormon Mountain • Mesquite, Nevada
Open to German Shorthaired Pointers only!

(NGSPA Region 11 Championships to Follow)

— A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL —

Bitches in season are allowed in all stakes.



OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour).....Entry Fee: \$165.00

Starts Monday, January 31

Judges: Mick Cheshire, Highlands Ranch, CO, and Steve Cosgrove, Turlock, CA
Plaque and Rosettes to Champion and Runner-up

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)Entry Fee: \$165.00

To follow Open All-Age

Judges: Brandon Blum, Berthoud, CO, and Gary Fromme, Aurora, CO
Plaque and Rosettes to Champion and Runner-up
PLUS Robert H. Deitering Memorial Trophy Presentation to Winner

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Time permitting.....Entry Fee: \$ 70.00

Judges: Terry Zygalinski, Watsonville, CA, and Jeff Rhine, Encinitas, CA
Plaque and Rosettes to Champion and Runner-up.

Directions to Grounds: From Las Vegas (via I-15)—Take Exit 100 (Carp Elgin Rd.), turn north (left) and follow access road NE approx. 3.7 miles. Turn north (left) on Rainbow Pass Rd., and travel approx. 12 miles to field trial site. (Note: Will enter Hills at approx. 7.5 miles on Rainbow Pass Rd.). From Mesquite, NV—Take Exit 100, off I-15, then turn right onto access road (Carp Elgin Rd.). Potable water will be available. **Closing & Drawings:** To take place ON THE GROUNDS at 6:00 p.m. (PST), the night before running.

Advance entries must be in writing and pre-paid. NO PHONE ENTRIES.

Advance entries to be received by January 25, 2024

LARRY METTER • Email: larrymatter@gmail.com

31918 N 144th St., Scottsdale, AZ

Provide Name and address of owner(s), handler's and dog's registered name. The dog's DNA certificate number and FDSB registration must be provided before the close of entries or the dog will not be allowed to compete!

Approved tracking collars are permitted. Only bank ammo permitted. Running is according to NGSPA and American Field Rules. Entries accepted with the understanding that the NGSPA Region12, its members, and the State of Nevada are not responsible and cannot be held liable for an accident, injury or loss/damage to any/all individual property during the conduct of this Field Trial. All Participants and spectators do so at their own risk!

THE NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP ASSOCIATION

Announces the 63rd Renewal of

THE NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

— \$25,000 Purse —

Starting Monday, February 5, 2024, 8:00 A.M.

Sedgefields Plantation, Union Springs, AL

Entry Fee: \$650.00 • 1½-Hour-Heats • 4 Braces Per Day

Judges: Johnny Atkinson, Marion, SC; Grayson Francis, Brookneal, VA; and Mike Jackson, Battle Ground, IN.

Reporter: Elton Bray, Holly Springs, MS

- Engraved Browning 20-gauge shotgun to Owner donated by the Champion Family in memory of Dr. Jerry Champion
- Custom Oil Painting of Champion by Ross B. Young to Owner
- Name on the Hawfield Trophy on display in Grand Junction, TN
- Tom & Gladys Weidman Rotating Trophy
- Owner and Handler will receive a unique scrimshaw knife and leather sheath with a bird dog scene with matching pewter belt buckle, designed specifically for the National Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Custom saddle by The Saddle Guy to Owner
- Saddle pads to Handler and Scout donated by 5 Star Equine Products
- One-year supply of Purina ProPlan® Dog Food to Handler
- Garmin Pro 550 donated by Garmin to Handler
- Jackets to the Handler and Scout by Purina
- Gift from Dan's Hunting Gear



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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, February 4 —

Qualifications: A placement in a *Qualifying trial between January 31, 2022 and February 1, 2024.

The Winner is automatically qualified for the next three runnings. Blank shotguns only.

Limited trailer hook-ups available only by prior arrangement; contact Bill Lee. Lodging available at Dreamfield Farms—(334) 534-6976; Greenway Sportsman Club—(334) 473-9322; and Tourism Council of Bullock County (334) 738-8687.

Drawing: At Union Springs Country Club, **Thursday, February 1, 7:00 p.m.**

Entries close at 4:00 p.m. (CST), day of drawing.

Entries: HEATHER KLINCK, Secretary/Treasurer • (334) 207-9422 • hsklinck@gmail.com

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Pertinent information can be found on our website:

www.nationalopenshootingdog.com

*Qualifying trials listed on our website and published in the September issue of UKC® Field

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United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity

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Recognized Field Trials

Ames Amateur Joe G. Walker Memorial Field Trial

January 1 / Grand Junction, TN
Contact: Kent Walker
Phone: (901) 277-1527

Prairie Open All-Age

January 1 / Mayflower, AR
Contact: Dr. Fred Corder
Phone: (662) 415-5244

United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity

January 1 / Hoffman, NC
Contact: Margaret C. Drew
Phone: (910) 281-5259 or (910) 206-0079
Email: bmdrew@windstream.net

Georgia Derby & Quail Championships

January 2 / Waynesboro, GA
Contact: Nell Mobley
Phone: (706) 554-2991 or (706) 466-2991

Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Championship

January 2 / Claremore, OK
Contact: Mike Griffin
Phone: (918) 797-5807

Pelican Open All-Age

January 2 / Mayflower, AR
Contact: Dr. Fred Corder
Phone: (662) 415-5244

Cahaba Bend Field Trial Club

January 4 / Greensboro, AL
Contact: Wayne Pope
Phone: (334) 216-2126

NGSPA Open All-Age

Invitational Championship
January 4 / Blue Mountain, MS
Contact: Keith Richardson
Phone: (307) 630-9907
Email: gspkeith@gmail.com

West Tennessee Field Trial Club

January 4 / Dancyville, TN
Contact: J. P. Hathcock
Phone: (731) 443-0050

Pinehurst Field Trial Club

January 5 / Hoffman, NC
Contact: Paul Gadd
Phone: (828) 322-9223 or (828) 310-6688

Region 7 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

January 5 / Ardmore, OK
Contact: Mary Ann Gustafson
Phone: (512) 560-9196
Email: redset@utexas.edu

South Carolina

Amateur Shooting Dog Classic

January 5 / Cheraw, SC
Contact: Roger McPherson
Phone: (843) 623-2186 or (814) 657-0712
Email: rjmcperson46@gmail.com

Bando Field Trial Club

January 8 / Tone River Field
Contact: Jyunji Ishiguro
Phone: (048) 978-8908

California Bird Dog Championship & Wally Wallace Derby

January 8 / California City, CA
Contact: Terry Erickson
Phone: (562) 208-2334

Georgia Shooting Dog Derby Classic & Open Shooting Dog Championship

January 9 / Waynesboro, GA
Contact: Nell Mobley
Phone: (706) 554-2991 or (706) 466-2991

NGSPA Quail Championships

January 9 / Ardmore, OK
Contact: Kevin Temple
Phone: (214) 695-3257
Email: gsp4me@att.net

Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship

January 10 / California City, CA
Contact: John Beauchamp
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Cedar Hill Field Trial Club

January 11 / Blue Mountain, MS
Contact: Jonathan Burch
Phone: (662) 544-3124

Region 16 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

January 11 / Union Springs, AL
Contact: Darron Hendley
Phone: (334) 300-5836

Recognized Field Trials

Northeast Arkansas

Pointer & Setter Club
January 12 / Mayflower, AR
Contact: Marty Moore
Phone: (870) 240-6612

Region 7 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship

January 12 / Decatur, TX
Contact: Ken Sauer
Phone: (281) 960-2508
Email: kfsauer@sbcglobal.net

Associated Field Trial Clubs of Florida (Piney Woods Trial)

January 13 / Punta Gorda, FL
Contact: Beth Brown
Phone: (941) 737-3660

Region 11 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

January 13 / Valley Springs, CA
Contact: Jan Corbitt
Phone: (209) 613-5327
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Chestnut Bird Dog Club

January 14 / Bando Tone Field
Contact: Kouzou Sakanashi

Continental Open Championships

January 15 / Greenville, FL
Contact: Randy Floyd
Phone: (850) 997-1957
Email: livingstonplace@talltimbers.org

Round Pond Shooting Dog Classic & Youth Stake

January 17 / Leslie, GA
Contact: Neil Walker
Phone: (229) 942-8153 or (229) 894-7498
Email: ramblinnash3@aol.com

Region 4 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

January 18 / Kevil, KY
Contact: Mary Sue Schalk
Phone: (270) 625-0196

Virgil Beasley Sr. Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog Classic

January 19 / LaVergne, TN
Contact: Derek Bonner
Phone: (828) 289-2300
Email: bonnerderek@bellsouth.net

Region 15 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship

January 21 / Kanna River Field
Contact: Tatsuo Ishino
Phone: (053) 925-3029

Atlantic Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship

January 24 / Hoffman, NC
Contact: David Huffine
Phone: (910) 620-2970
Email: dhuffine1951@gmail.com

Mac McClung Amateur Shooting Dog Classic

January 25 / Hatchechubbee, AL
Contact: Roger Key
Phone: (334) 750-3705

Region 6 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

January 25 / Huntingdon, TN
Contact: Lisa Little
Phone: (931) 980-0452
Email: doubletroublestables@yahoo.com

Sandlapper Field Trial Club

January 25 / McBee, SC
Contact: Tim Ruff
Phone: (803) 479-0880

Coalfield Bird Dog Club

January 26 / Kevil, KY
Contact: Mary Sue Schalk
Phone: (270) 625-0196

National Derby Championship

January 26 / Greensboro, AL
Contact: Ruthann Epp
Phone: (334) 412-7426

National Free-For-All Championship

January 28 / Greensboro, AL
Contact: Ruthann Epp
Phone: (334) 412-7426

Region 12 (NGSPA) Championships

January 31 / Mesquite, NV
Contact: Larry Metter
Email: larrymetter@ymail.com

North Carolina Field Trial Association

February 2 / Hoffman, NC
Contact: Grayson Francis
Phone: (434) 610-8601

National Open Shooting Dog Championship

February 5 / Union Springs, AL
Contact: Heather Klinck
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Email: hsklinck@gmail.com

Georgia Amateur Celebration

February 9 / Waynesboro, GA
Contact: Nell Mobley
Phone: (706) 554-2991 or (706) 466-2991

Fuji Field Trial Club

February 12 / Bando Tone River Field
Contact: Satoshi Kobayashi

The National Championship

February 12 / Grand Junction, TN
Contact: R. J. Carlisle
Phone: (901) 878-1067
Email: rcarlisle@amesplantation.org

Gulf Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship

February 15 / Union Springs, AL
Contact: Robert Moorer
Phone: (334) 558-7080
Email: Robertm7080@gmail.com

West Tennessee Field Trial Club

February 15 / Dancyville, TN
Contact: J. P. Hathcock
Phone: (731) 443-0050

Region 15 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

February 18 / Tone River Field
Contact: Tatsuo Ishino
Phone: (053) 925-3029

Carolina Amateur Field Trial Club

February 22 / Hoffman, NC
Contact: Calvin Curnutte
Phone: (910) 995-7902
Email: drowningcreekgundogs@yahoo.com

Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship

February 22 / Lake City, FL
Contact: Joel Norman
Phone: (352) 356-3561
Email: joelnorman1959@gmail.com

Eastern Kanto Field Trial Club

February 25 / Chiba-Ken, Japan
Contact: Toshiji Yoshioka

Derby Field Trial Club

February 26 / Hoffman, NC
Contact: Calvin Curnutte
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Email: drowningcreekgundogs@yahoo.com

Delaware Valley Bird Dog Club

March 2 / Bernville, PA
Contact: James Humes Jr.
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Email: jphjr1215@gmail.com

Region 3 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

March 7 / Ridgeland, SC
Contact: R. L. Duerksen
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Email: rlduerksen@gmail.com

Willie "Byrd" Owens Derby Classic

March 7 / Union Springs, AL
Contact: Robert Moorer
Phone: (334) 558-7080
Email: Robertm7080@gmail.com

Conecuh Station

Amateur Shooting Dog Classic

March 9 / Union Springs, AL
Contact: Robert Moorer
Phone: (334) 558-7080
Email: Robertm7080@gmail.com

Chickahominy Field Trial Association

March 24 / Jarrett, VA
Contact: Mert Jones
Phone: (804) 512-7567
Email: fewpointers@gmail.com

Kanto Pointing Dog Club

March 24 / Kanna River, Japan
Contact: Nobumasa Takeishi

The Virginia Classics

April 4 / Scottsville, VA
Contact: Tommy Stargell
Phone: (434) 960-2651

CanAm Open Shooting Dog Classic

April 12 / Payette, ID
Contact: Bill Owen
Phone: (805) 886-7339

ABHA TRIALS

ABHA National Free-For-All Championship

January 11 / LaVergne, TN
Contact: Ronnie Rogers
Phone: (865) 712-9229 or (865) 475-3459

Rolling Fork Bird Dog Club

January 26 / Berea, KY
Contact: Magda Lear
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NBHA TRIALS

Valley View Field Trial Association

January 12 / Decatur, TX
Contact: Ken Sauer
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Email: kfsauer@sbcglobal.net

Westark Field Trial Club

January 13 / Booneville, AR
Contact: Glenn Cumbie
Phone: (479) 461-5509

NBHA Southern Regional Championship

January 26 / Glenwood, GA
Contact: Sharon Gunby
Phone: (404) 392-4666
Email: sagunby@gunbyco.com

North Missouri Field Trial Association, Inc.

January 27 / Edina, MO
Contact: Tim Penn
Phone: (660) 341-1165

NBHA National Invitational Breeders' Championship

February 14 / Grovespring, MO
Contact: Jim Ogle
Phone: (417) 388-0734
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Recognized Field Trials

NBHA Futurity & Jerry D. Kilgore Puppy Classic
 February 16 / Grovespring, MO
 Contact: Christian Ogle
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SBHA TRIALS

Flint River Field Trial Club
 January 11 / Hatchechubbee, AL
 Contact: Lavon King
 Phone: (678) 918-6124
 Email: jlking@co.douglas.ga.us

SBHA National Open Walking Shooting Dog Classic
 January 16 / Pamplico, SC
 Contact: Brian Casey
 Phone: (618) 638-2996

AG Preserve Classic
 January 21 / Glenwood, GA
 Contact: Payton Gunby
 Phone: (404) 392-3511

Rocky Creek Field Trial Club
 February 2 / Campbellton, FL
 Contact: Robby Thomas
 Phone: (205) 317-9552

Central Alabama Shooting Dog Association
 February 8 / Alberta, AL
 Contact: Teresa Justice
 Phone: (334) 419-4125

South Carolina Amateur Classic Celebration
 February 9 / Pamplico, SC
 Contact: Rodney Poston
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SBHA National Open Horseback Shooting Dog Classic
 February 13 / Union Springs, AL
 Contact: Marty Robinson
 Phone: (770) 862-6568

Cedar Valley Classic
 March 25 / Hoffman, NC
 Contact: Calvin Curnutte
 Phone: (910) 995-7902
 Email: drowningcreekgundogs@yahoo.com

USCSDA TRIALS

Powhatan Field Trial Club
 January 6 / Buckingham, VA
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Lancaster County Field Trial Association
 January 13 / Regina, VA
 Contact: Jimmy Crandall
 Phone: (804) 761-1517

Derby Field Trial Club
 January 16 / Jackson Springs, NC
 Contact: Calvin Curnutte
 Phone: (910) 995-7902
 Email: drowningcreekgundogs@yahoo.com

North Carolina Pointing Dog Association
 January 19 / Marston, NC
 Contact: Lynne Leitch
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USCSDA Futurity & Classics
 January 29 / Camden, SC
 Contact: Verlene Stephenson
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 Email: verlene_stephenson@ncsu.edu

USCSDA National Open Championship
 February 8 / Hoffman, NC
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North Carolina Pointing Dog Association
 February 16 / Marston, NC
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USCSDA Southeast Regional Championship
 March 1 / Hoffman, NC
 Contact: David Huffine
 Phone: (910) 620-2970

Chickahominy Field Trial Association
 March 23 / Jarrett, VA
 Contact: Mert Jones
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Upgrades Available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3, 4 and 5-Gen Pedigrees with or without wins 	Upgrades Available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade Registration Package to include a 4-Gen Pedigree with Wins Additional 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7-Gen Display Pedigrees Upgrade any selection to include Enhanced Metallic Details Purple Ribbon Bred dogs with 3 consecutive generations of registered ancestry will automatically be given Purple Ribbon Status and be designated as such on any Pedigree selection Levels of shipping upgrades available to receive paperwork with tracking information (including Next Day mailing) Registration Products Available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UKC Pedigree Binder and inserts for easy organization of paperwork
Litters	Litters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter Fee plus a Per Pup Fee (\$25 plus \$2/pup) Breeder receives the Litter Enrollment with the Stud Book Number. Each New Owner completes the Application for Registration with a signature from Breeder to complete the Pup's registration and receive their FDSB Registration Number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter Fee and no Per Pup Fee (\$34) Breeder receives a Puppy Registration number pre-printed on a Puppy Kit that includes a Puppy Application inside for the new owner to complete. The Puppy Registration number turns into the FDSB Registration Number once the application is submitted to FDSB/UKC Breeder has the option to Permanently Register any amount of Pups at the time of Litter Registration (finalize Pup Registration and receive the selected Registration Certificate with Pedigree)
DNA	DNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fee was \$65 with a Certificate of DNA Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fee is now \$55 with a Certificate of DNA Analysis



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