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UKC TEAM IN THE FIELD

— An update from Domenick Muoio



The dog days of summer are mostly behind us and we are starting to see the return of the first trials of the fall. Fast approaching is the exciting beginning of the Hall of Fame voting process. This will be the final reminder that in order for a nomination to be published in the September issue of The Field, the ad must be submitted no later than August 5th.

This is also a great time, ahead of the voting process, to remind everyone that The Field is available on the first of each month at www.americanfield.com. If you typically see delays in receiving your copy of the print issue, you may want to view it online to make sure there are no issues casting a vote in time when voting opens in September. Good luck to our first competitors of the season and safe travels to those of you heading home from your summer training grounds.

HALL OF FAME VOTING TIMELINE

- ◀ August 5: Nominations close
- ◀ September 1-30: Public online voting
— Voting instructions will appear in the September issue
- ◀ October 4: Ballots sent to Hall of Fame Committee
- ◀ December issue: Inductees announced

— Domenick Muoio
Field Trial & Hunt Test Program Manager

National Champion



TOUCH'S GALLATIN FIRE

Alex Rickert, Owner | Mark McLean, Handler | Keith A. Wright, Breeder

[Photo by Chris Mathan]

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GROUSE FEATHER WITCHER

Winner of the Region 13 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship
#F1688616 • Sire: T's Gunslinger • Dam: Wynona's Witchy Woman
Allen Dunbar, Owner & Handler

NATIONAL VIZSLA ASSOCIATION

National Amateur Championship, Derby Classic, and National Championship

By Chad Chadwell | Grovespring, Missouri | March 11, 2024



National Vizsla Amateur Championship (front, l-r): Mike Northwood with Ramblin Rivers Fire Woman and Brian Gingrich with S T's Locked N Loaded. (Back row): Justin Hess, Chad Chadwell, Todd Peterson, Bill Stapleton, Bob Burchett, Sean Anderson, Burton Wice, Rob Tomczak, Andrea Northwood, Forest McPherson, Todd Meyer, Dan Mayer, Josh McPherson, Allison Bell, and Jarrett Bell.

The 2024 National Vizsla Association (NVA) National Championship events were held again at the Sportsmen's Association Grounds near Grovespring, Missouri. These championship grounds boast a continuous three-hour course and are some of the best grounds in the country for showcasing a bird dog.

This year, the start was delayed from Monday, March 11 to Wednesday, March 13, due to the previous championship trial ending on Tuesday. The weather conditions started sunny and dry, although temperatures were quite warm for the dogs in the afternoon. After some brief announcements, the Amateur stake started shortly after 8 a.m.

A huge thank you to our Amateur stake judges, Bob Burchett and Burton Wice, for stepping in at the 11th hour and judging for us when delays at the start of our event meant our original judges were no longer available. As always, we appreciate Nestlé Purina and Garmin's continued support of this trial and the field trial community.

NVA National Amateur Championship

The 2024 National Amateur Championship placement was awarded to Ramblin Rivers Fire Woman ("Cinder"), owned and handled by Bill Stapleton. This year's National Amateur Runner-up Champion is S T's Locked N Loaded ("Remi"), handled by Bill Stapleton and owned by Julie and Jeff Zenas.

The Running

Brace 1: Sawney (Laura Miller) broke away at a good shooting dog pace well forward of his handler. At 12, he had a find with all in order. At approximately 25, Sawney had another point but unfortunately broke with the flushing bird, and his day's run was finished. Wyatt (Vince Tuttle) broke away with his brace mate in the open field on Course 1. At 32, Wyatt unfortunately broke when the bird was flushed, and his day ended.

Brace 2: Aly (Chad Chadwell) broke away at a very fast pace and disappeared for some time. She appeared to the front at the top of Horse Killer Hill near the fence row. However, at 47, she was seen under a bird, and her day was done. Nova (Bill Stapleton) broke away with Aly but at a slower pace. She handled kindly for her handler. At 13, Nova was not pleasing her handler, and she was picked up.

Brace 3: Shaka (Chad Chadwell) had a point at 5 at the fence row on the other side of the pond past the twin barns, with all in order. Later, she failed to hold on a stop-to-flush at the top of the hill behind the clubhouse camp, and her day ended. Flame's (Bill Stapleton) day ended quickly when, at 5, she had a breach of manners.

Brace 4: The judges were very pleased with Remi's (Bill Stapleton) run. She ran a good shooting dog pace, was primarily forward, and handled well for her handler. At 7, Remi had a find and exhibited great style and a staunch point through the

flush and shot. At 14, she was found on point near the double gates with all in order. Remi's final point was at 31. Remi impressed the judges with her application and style on point and was awarded runner-up champion. Eilidh (Laura Miller) unfortunately failed to back at 14, and her handler picked her up.

Brace 5: Wyatt (Jarrett Bell) hunted hard in the cover and successfully found birds, although his run was a bit erratic at times. Wyatt had an unproductive at 25 and a find at 30 and 44. He finished the hour. Bugatti (Christi Uhrig) had an unproductive at 20 and another unproductive at 45. His handler chose to pick him up, and Bugatti's day ended.

Brace 6: Cinder (Bill Stapleton) ran at an excellent pace. The judges liked her big casts and her style on point. At 25, Cinder was found staunchly on the left edge before the twin barns. Cinder had another find at 36 and her final point at 50. Cinder finished the hour well forward of her handler and was awarded the Amateur Championship. Oliver (Christi Uhrig) had an unproductive at 6 and a point at 40. He had a stop-to-flush on a relocation and was picked up.

Brace 7: Aspen (Dan Mayer) had a breach of manners at 20, and his day ended. Rudi (Justin Hess) was not pleasing to his handler this day and was picked up.

Brace 8: Sia (Sean Anderson) had a find at 12 at the tree line at Davis Bottom with all in order. At 28, Sia had another point and another at 31. At 40, Sean chose to pick Sia up. Bolt (Jarrett Bell) broke away at a good pace. He had an NP at 5 and a point at 13 and 20. He had a final find at 25 but unfortunately moved a few steps upon the flush, and his run was ended.

Brace 9: Hatch (Jeff Moody) handled kindly for his handler. He had a point at 5 and again at 12. At 15, Hatch had a breach of manners, and his run was ended. Imre (Sean Anderson) was not pleasing to his handler this day and was picked up at 12.

Brace 10: Willow (Dan Mayer) started with a good pace. However, he failed to show for an extended time, and his handler chose to pull the tracker. Koa (Chad Chadwell) handled kindly for her handler, lacking a bit of confidence in her application. Her handler was not pleased with her run and chose to pick Koa up at the double gates.

Brace 11: Jasper (Mike Northwood),

young dog, ran a good race and exhibited good potential for his handler going forward. He had a point at 5 but took some steps while on point, and his run ended. Cooper (Todd Meyer) started at a good shooting dog pace. He had a find at 2 at the edge of a pond and another at 15 with all in order. Cooper made a cast over a hill leading into the bull pasture and was gone for an extended period. His handler chose to pull the tracker, and Cooper's run ended.

Brace 12: Lefty (Mike Northwood) started with a purpose, but the warm temperatures seemed to affect her run. Her handler chose to pick Lefty up to avoid oversteering the dog in such warm temperatures.

Brace 13: Clyde (Mike Northwood) had a back at 12. The warm temperatures seemed to affect his run and his handler chose to end his run. Louie (Todd Meyer) cast off at a fast pace. He was found standing at 15 with all in order and he had an unproductive at 21. Louie moved forward and was lost after the second rock crossing. His handler pulled the tracker, and Louie was picked up after many people assisted Todd in searching for and locating his dog.

Grovespring, Mo., March 11

Judges: Bob Burchett and Burton Wice

NATIONAL VIZSLA NATIONAL AMATEUR

CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 25 Vizslas

Winner-RAMBLIN RIVERS FIRE WOMAN, 1665249, female, by Kick Em Up Bullet-Kick Em Up Kimber. Bill Stapleton, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-S T'S LOCKED N LOADED, 1686059, female, by C K Touchdown Guy-Midnight Run's Probable Cause. Jeff Zenas, owner; Bill Stapleton, handler.

National Vizsla Derby Classic

Friday morning saw the start of the National Derby Classic. A huge thank you to our judges, Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo, for their time in the saddle watching our young derby dogs and for judging our National Championship stake. We are deeply grateful they were able to fit us into their busy field trial calendar. Special thanks also go to Bonnie for reporting both stakes!

All of the placed dogs in this stake were highly commendable and showed the promise of becoming top national caliber dogs in the near future.

Jasper ran a great race for Mike Northwood; he was consistently forward and ran the edges like a mature dog. Jasper notched three impressive finds, showing intensity, style, and finished manners on all. He was an obvious choice for first.

Rebel, under the guidance of Jarrett Bell, was fast and attractive on the ground. She was braced with the winner, and it was an exciting brace to watch. Rebel carded



National Derby Classic (front, l-r): Justin Hess with N V Jasper, Allison Bell with L Boks Rebel Yell, and Todd Meyer with Wiley of Hawthorne Ridge. (Back row): Chad Chadwell, Mike Northwood, Sean Anderson, Bonnie Hidalgo, Todd Peterson, Jarrett Bell, Dennis Hidalgo, Vincent Tuttle, and Rob Tomczak.

three finds, showing high class on each, but lacking the finish of the winner. Her race was intelligent but somewhat shorter than her braced mate's. She was highly deserving of second place in this respectable Derby stake.

Wiley, handled by Rob Tomczak, was third; he appeared in the first brace of this stake. He put in a strong and forward effort and scored a good find at 26.

Judges: Bonnie Hidalgo and Dennis Hidalgo

NATIONAL VIZSLA DERBY CLASSIC – 12 Vizslas

1st-N V JASPER, 1703719, male, by C K Post Route Scout-C K Touchdown Sassy. Mike Northwood, owner and handler.

2d-L BOKS REBEL YELL, unreg., male, by C K Post Route Scout-Boks White Lightning. Jarrett Bell, owner and handler.

3d-WILEY OF HAWTHORNE RIDGE, 1710647, male, by Rudy of Hawthorne Ridge-P R Shilohs Put A Spell On. Dave Wanserski, owner; Rob Tomczak, handler.

NVA National Championship

With the Derby completed and fine weather holding out, the National Championship started immediately after an extended lunch break. B G K's Bolt Action ("Bolt"), owned by Jarrett and Allison Bell and handled by Jarrett Bell, added more initials to his name and was declared the NVA's 2024 National Champion. Last year, Bolt was named the NVA's National Amateur Champion! Testing The Limits ("Bugatti"), handled by Patrick Clark and owned by Christi Uhrig, was named runner-up champion. This was Patrick's and Christi's first time running at the NVA National Championship!

The Running

Remi (Gingrich) and Shaka (Chadwell) were turned loose on Friday afternoon, the first brace of this championship. Remi scored a nice find on the north edge of the Double Gates field at 14, with all in order. Shaka had been showing well forward from the breakaway, but both her handler and scout missed that she was pointed 100 yards further on the same line as Remi, and Shaka was not recovered under judgment. Remi handled her next find at 24, again

showing good manners. She suffered a barren stand at 44 but had a successful, mannerly find at 52. Remi showed good ground speed but was indecisive as to which edge to take.

Next, Roscoe (Tomczak) and Barney (Gingrich) were released in Little Vine loop. Roscoe ran an excellent race at desirable range. When point was called for him at 41, he appeared uncertain, but when his handler stepped in, and the birds ran, his intensity increased. His manners were very good. Barney started well, but later in the hour, he was not suiting his handler and was picked up.

Cinder (Stapleton) and Perrin (Clark) broke away in the last brace of the day. Cinder had her first find in the alley below the barns, all in order. She pointed again near the cemetery; when her braced mate came through the cover and pushed the bird out, Cinder stayed mannerly, but Perrin failed to stop and was taken up. A few minutes later, Cinder pointed birds just beyond the cemetery, again showing good manners. Cinder's fourth find was on the edge of Double Gates field at 54, and her fifth was at 57. She warmed into her race as time went on, getting stronger as she went, though she showed some indecision on her choice of edges early in the hour.

Lefty (Northwood) and Aly (Chadwell) ran first thing on Friday morning. They were both well-forward to the rocky creek crossing. A point was called for Lefty on the far right at 12, but Aly took the bird out and was picked up. Lefty continued forward to Davis Bottom, where her handler opted to pick up.

Next, Bugatti (Clark) and Wyatt (Bell) broke away into Davis Bottom. Bugatti notched his first find at 10, showing high intensity. His second find came at 17 in the Island field. Again, his intensity throughout the work was impressive. Bugatti's third find came just before Sycamore bottom at 51; his manners and intensity were excellent. He ran a good forward race and used the edges wisely. His performance earned him the title of runner-up champion. Wyatt was not suiting his handler and was up before the hour elapsed.

Driggs (Clark) and Hatch (Moody) were the final brace on Saturday morning. Hatch had a stop-to-flush early in the hour. Moving into the Bull pasture, he pointed, but no birds were produced. Then Hatch scored a find in Climer's second pasture and a second on the hill before the clubhouse. Both dogs were picked up at the clubhouse gate as they weren't pleasing their handlers.

Zinger (Clark) and Bolt (Bell) kicked off the afternoon braces. Zinger had good finds

at 22 and 27 in Davis Bottom, all in order. He ran a predominantly forward race. Bolt pointed a dead bird at 10, and then below the cemetery in Davis Bottom at 19, he scored a beautiful find. At 26, at the far end of Davis, he pointed again. He was class-personified; his manners were excellent.

Bolt's third find came at 50, just beyond Apple Tree Hill. Bolt pointed there with impressive style and decorum. Bolt was consistently forward in pattern; he used his edges well. The overall impression of his race was that it was smooth-flowing and at excellent range. He won this stake by a wide margin.

Oliver (Clark) and Dutch (Gingrich) were the eighth brace of the stake. Oliver pointed birds at 8 in Sycamore, showing an excellent nose. His manners were good. Dutch pointed at 20, on Daugherty Ridge with Oliver honoring. Both dogs showed good behavior on the flush. Oliver suffered an unproductive at 29 on the left line. Dutch was credited with a back. In the bull pasture, Dutch had a good stop-to-flush. Oliver scored a find at 40. Both dogs were well behaved on all bird work but did not have the races of the dogs being carried for placement. Both were picked up at 55.

In the next brace, Scorch (Clark) and Wyatt (Tuttle) broke away into the Clubhouse loop. Scorch carded a nice find at 11 on the hill. He pointed again at 17 with Wyatt backing nicely, but no



National Vizsla Open Championship (front, l-r): Allison Bell with B G K's Bolt Action and Todd Meyer with Testing The Limits. (Back row): Mike Northwood, Jarrett Bell, Dennis Hildago, Justin Hess, Bonnie Hildago, Chad Chadwell, Christi Uhrig Chadwell, Sean Anderson, Rob Tomczak, and Patrick Clark.

birds were produced. Near the end of the Clubhouse loop at 21, Scorch pointed a covey with high intensity. He was mannerly for flush and shot. At 36, with Wyatt honoring, Scorch suffered his second barren stand and was up. Wyatt was found on point below the cemetery at 49. He showed good style, intensity, and manners through flush and shot. Unfortunately, at 53, this young dog pushed out a covey to end his performance.

Jasper (Northwood) and Orvis (Clark) were next. Orvis was nicely forward in pattern. Just into Davis Bottom at 20, Orvis pointed but pushed the covey on relocation. Jasper was strong and forward in his race. He pointed in Davis Bottom at 22; relocation was needed, and he did so but then pushed the birds out to end this

brace.

Willow (Mayer) and Flame (Gingrich) were next released in the center of Davis Bottom. Flame pointed nicely at 14 and stood the pressure of Willow taking her birds out. Willow was picked up. Flame was forward across Apple Tree Hill and through Little Vine loop. At the end of Little Vine, on the crest of the hill at 37, Flame scored a very nice find. Her third find came at 42, along the ditch; her intensity and manners were excellent. At 45, she was staunch on point again until the bird flushed into her face, and she caught it. Her performance had been highly pleasing until then.

Rudi (Hess) ran as a bye. Rudi was forward and handled well but was not suiting his handler and was up early.

Aspen (Mayer) and Cooper (Meyer) were the final brace of the trial. Cooper pointed at the end of Climer's, Aspen failed to back. Cooper was mannerly and continued into the Clubhouse loop. He was up before the hour for not besting the leaders.

**NATIONAL VIZSLA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 25 Vizslas**

Winner-B G K'S BOLT ACTION, 1687408, male, by Briar In My Boot-Huntin With A Lil Swagger. Jarrett Bell, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-TESTING THE LIMITS, 1704218, male, by S Wind Nothin Runs Like Deere-J B's Double Action Ruger. Christi Uhrig, owner; Patrick Clark, handler.

MICHAEL J. PERETTO
February 20, 1940-June 25, 2024

With a heavy heart, I write this notice of the passing of a dear friend and avid lover of bird dogs and golf. Mike Peretto of Export, Pennsylvania, passed away on June 25 at age 84 from heart failure. His loving spouse Cindy, daughter Amy, and granddaughter Katie survive him.

Mike was a highly successful businessman and became interested in the bird dog field trial sport starting in the early '70s and continuing until health issues sidetracked his ability to ride horses.

Mike didn't just participate but also contributed immensely to the field trial

sport. He was primarily responsible for the establishment of the Ohio-Pennsylvania Open Shooting Dog Championship and Amateur Classic that took place for 36 years over the Killdeer Plains and Tri-Valley grounds in Ohio. Mike served the AFTCA as a trustee and advanced through the ranks to serve a term as President. He also served as President of the Ohio-Pennsylvania Field Trial Association, which included about 14 clubs. He was a member of the Greensburg Pointer and Setter club, serving in various capacities, including President.

He teamed up with the late professional

trainer Gene Uhlman and amassed an impressive winning record, with Gene handling the open stakes and Mike in amateur stakes. His winners of note included Ch. Bygone, Ch. Hyreguard, Ch. Rollin Rebel, Redstone, Keystone Skeezi, Rebel's Rollin On, Warchest, Gunsmoke's Society, and several others. Mike also served as a judge for several National futurities and important championships.

Sincere condolences are extended to Mike's family. Rest in peace, my good friend.

— Mike Husenits
West Lebanon, Pennsylvania

REGION 13 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Grouse Feather Witcher Named Champion; Alliwood's Eleventh Hour, Runner-Up

By Jim Cipponeri | Ionia, Michigan | April 13, 2024

Region 13 members and officers came together in quick fashion to successfully complete the 2024 Shooting Dog Championship at the Ionia Recreation Area. Sponsoring club Farmer Sportsmen's president and trial chairman, Bill Branham, was unable to attend due to a medical emergency on the day of the drawing. Thankfully, Bill is home with his wife/nurse Julie.

The drawing was moved to Jim and Connie Cipponeri's home, and with the help of Jeff and Matt Haggis, brace sheets and judges' books were printed. Veteran field trialer and "correspondent" Paul Tutro picked up the quail and delivered them to the grounds, which avoided a last-minute catastrophe. Haggis Saddlery and Nestlé Purina provided prizes and gifts for the winners and judges.

Ron Williams, our gregarious dog wagon driver, doubled as Chef Ronaldo Williams and exercised his culinary skills with an Italian-themed dinner Saturday night. Tom Winters drove over to lend a helping hand as well. Purina representative Terry Trzcinski made the trek from Illinois to enjoy the day and also donated a crock pot lunch at the spur of the moment. Mark Johnson brought his usual assortment of snacks, energy drinks, and an array of adult beverages for impromptu happy hours after each day of running.

Bill Branham secured our two fine judges, Phil Daniels and Charley Fenech. Both men truly enjoy the sport of field trialing and give 100% attention to all the dogs competing. The decisions were well received, although there were several other admirable performances. This trial drew the top three Purina dogs in the point standings, as Region 13 is the last Championship points trial of the season. Dr. Pat McInteer and his son and grandson came from Nebraska, and Joe and Tessa Hughes made the trip from Alabama. Lane Hodges entered for the second year in a row and was a pleasure to have around. This was the first time at Ionia for the McInteer and Hughes families. They left impressed with the courses, associated facilities, and hospitality of the Region 13 members.

If anyone has experienced a final game of the Stanley Cup finals or perhaps a game 7 of the World Series, the drama and tension exceed definition. Maybe not "quite" the same level of intrigue and



Region 13 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Allen Dunbar, Joe Guzman, Albert Blake Rizzo with Grouse Feather Witcher, Phil Daniels (judge), Mark Johnson (scout) with Alliwood's Eleventh Hour, Charley Fenech (judge), Adam DeLude, Ron "Pirate" Williams, Kelsey Hajek, Lane Hodges, and Jeff Haggis (Region 13 Vice President). [Photo courtesy of Jim Cipp Photography]

complicity, but the showdown at Ionia did bring a sense of enthusiasm and intrigue.

After the dogs were put up, stalls cleaned, and rigs loaded, impromptu trial chairman Jim Cipponeri was handed over the winners list. The outcome was awarded to two dogs from Wisconsin—Allen Dunbar's 4-year-old English Setter male, Grouse Feather Witcher, and Adam DeLude's 3-year-old Pointer female, Alliwood's Eleventh Hour.

The winner had five evenly spaced finds, the first along Riverside Drive just entering the Old Apple orchard. This was a very tempting situation considering the inclement weather, which caused the birds to be less than enthusiastic to fly. The second was along the Christmas Tree fields just east of the Tibbets Creek crossing. Style and manners were exemplary. The handler showed confidence in his dog and



Alliwood's Eleventh Hour, Runner-up in the Region 13 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

let him hunt the birdy objectives but, at the same time, reach out and rumble in the cut hay fields off Tuttle Road. At this point, the conditions got very warm and humid, but the classy Setter continued his strong ground performance and completed his hour with three more contacts in the last 17 minutes without a bobble or any type of letdown: a true championship performance and well-earned.

The young runner-up has a bright future and put on display a performance that would normally be worthy of champion rather than runner-up honors. He ran a very independent, far-reaching race that exuded the maturity of an older dog combined with little need of scouting as he was in tune with the handler for the entire hour. His four finds were evenly spaced with sky-kissing style on all four encounters. The first was a single near the historic Hires property, followed by a small covey near the Dog Leg, just before Logans Lookout. Descending Cardiac Hill, his third encounter was near the snowmobile parking lot, followed by pick up in the Show Me Bottom near the Course 2 breakaway.

Ionia, Mich., April 13
Judges: Phil Daniels and Charley Fenech
REGION 13 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 18 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-GROUSE FEATHER WITCHER, 1688616, setter male, by T's Gunslinger-Wynona's Witchy Woman. Allen Dunbar, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-ALLIWOOD'S ELEVENTH HOUR, 1695563, pointer female, by Touch's Grey Street-Alliwood's Shady Shay. Adam DeLude, owner and handler.

GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE PUPPY CLASSIC

Still Meadows Little Sunray Wins 75th Running

By Denise Peters | Gladwin, Michigan | April 19, 2024



75th Grand National Grouse Puppy Classic (l-r): Still Meadows Little Sunray with Adam Dubriske (handler), Prairie Forged Jay with Robert Jones (owner/handler/breeder), Hatton Hills Luci with Shane Haskin (owner/handler), Twilight's Problem Child with Marc Forman (handler), Mike Flewelling (judge), and Denise Peters (judge).

On April 19, the 75th Annual Grand National Grouse Futurity Puppy Classic was held on the old puppy course on the northeast section of the Gladwin Field Trial Grounds. The stake began after the conclusion of the Grand National Grouse and Woodcock Invitational Championship.

Sitting in judgment was Mike Flewelling of Holden, Maine, who is no stranger to the grouse woods. I was blessed to be able to join him as a judge and benefit from his many years of experience. I live close to these grounds and have been a familiar face for over a decade. We were pleased to be chosen to look at 18 of the cover dogs' best up-and-coming competitors. This is a breeders' stake, with the breeders of these puppies having to nominate their litter and pay a nomination fee. Owners pay a forfeit to be eligible to run, along with entry fees. This event is proudly sponsored by Purina.

The day was clear, with temperatures in the 40s and windy. Wind gusts did challenge some of the braces throughout the stake. This puppy course has many objectives to its benefit. The course starts an uphill climb through some young scrub hardwood growth, heading up to some pole timber. At the pole timber, we turn to go across a hill section with a spring that held water this year. We then turn into some open field cover with a rye field

paralleling the course. We end up in some cover that often holds birds. We did have a grouse sighted on the course during the competition.

First place was awarded to Still Meadows Little Sunray, handled by Adam Dubriske from Troy, New Hampshire, owned by Kelly Hays, and bred by Kelly Shepherd. Sunray is a very nice-looking tri-colored female Setter who burned up the course. She began like a bullet, hitting the cover in all the right places. She showed when she should and was always forward. Sunray made some moves that showed some maturity, not always seen in puppy trials. She handled well and made a commanding run, handling the ridges without losing track of her handler. Sunray covered the course as if she was familiar with it, ending as she started with energy to burn.

Second place went to Prairie Forged Jay, handled by breeder/owner Robert Jones. Rob came from Sidney, Montana, to enter this event and spent much time walking other courses while he was here. Jay is a handsome tri-colored male Setter and a really big guy. He hit the course, always to the front and fast. Very biddable in his handling, he seemed to always show when needed. He made some impressive big casts, his bell always telling us where he was. He covered the rye field with ease,

showing confidence and never letting up.

Third place was awarded to Hatton Hills Luci, owned and handled by Shane Haskin, and was bred by Brian Camper. Luci is a sweet orange and white female Setter that has not disappointed Shane this spring here in Gladwin. She was fast and snappy from the beginning, always looking like she had a smile on her face and enjoying every minute of her run. She hit the cover with confidence and ran a mature race. Luci handled well and knew when to check in, being consistent throughout.

Fourth place went to Twilight's Problem Child, handled by Marc Forman of Prattsburgh, Pennsylvania. The owner/breeder is Mark Deneka from Stewartville, New Jersey. This sharp-looking tri-colored male Setter showed he had experience in the grouse woods. He ran a mature race and ranged well. Problem Child ("Joey") covered the ridges and returned to check in when needed. His race showed his strength and energy throughout.

After the running, we went back to the Alibi Hall for the announcements. Brian Ralph stepped in for Secretary Thor Kain, who could not attend, and announced the winners. The first-place winner will receive a very nice pin (which will be sent, as it wasn't received in time to get to Michigan). We thanked all involved, and the appropriate photos were taken. Mike shared with me that "it was one son-of-a-gun" batch of puppies. I agreed.

Thank you again to Purina, who sponsored this event, and all who helped get the job done. Congratulations to all!

Gladwin, Mich., April 19

Judges: Mike Flewelling and Denise Peters

75th GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE PUPPY CLASSIC
– 5 Pointers and 14 Setters

1st-STILL MEADOWS LITTLE SUNRAY, 1704573, setter female, by Long Gone Wallace-Chase's I'm Miss Smith. Kelly Hays, owner; Adam Dubriske, handler.

2d-PRAIRIE FORGED JAY, 1704524, setter male, by Jackson's Let Er Rip-Jones' Big Sky Lanius. Robert Jones, owner and handler.

3d-HATTON HILLS LUCI, 1706362, setter female, by Swift Rock Lawbreaker-Swift Rock Julie. Shane Haskin, owner and handler.

4th-TWILIGHT'S PROBLEM CHILD, 1706124, setter female, by Wayward Flyin Tomato-Twilight's Echoed Promise. Mark Deneka, owner; Marc L. Forman, handler.

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MIDWEST VIZSLA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hess Farms Pyromaniac Named Champion; C K Guy's Light My Fire, Runner-Up

By Justin Hess | Thayer, Iowa | April 19, 2024

This year's NVA Midwest Shooting Dog Championship and Gary Jagoda Derby were held at The Bird Dog Ranch in Thayer, Iowa. Due to weather and timing, the championship was postponed until the spring. The Thayer grounds were in excellent shape thanks to continual improvements by owner Linda Thomas. The volunteer crew at the grounds put in hundreds, if not thousands, of hours to keep the place a National-caliber site. These efforts are led by Ken Windom with help from the local Brittany clubs and Justin Hess of the National Vizsla Association.

The Shooting Dog Championship started on Friday, April 19. Moving forward, this weekend will be the new official date. The champion and runner-up both came from the sixth brace. Pyro (Justin Hess, O/H) and Flame (Cody Engebretson, O; Mike Northwood, H) broke away with a vengeance. Pyro carded four stylish and staunch finds over the hour. Flame was rewarded with three finds and slowed at the end, separating the two, with Pyro coming out on top.

Lisa Pollock and Dr. Brent Hoehns stepped up to judge this year's event; both were pleased with the quality of dog the NVA put forth. Other dogs the judges commented on were Jasper (Mike Northwood, O/H) and Louie (Billy Elliot, O; Todd Meyer, H).

The Gary Jagoda Derby was represented with four quality derbies. Winner Cinnamon is owned by Kim Kitchens and handled by Rob Tomczak. Cinnamon ran a huge race with two broke finds. In second place was Wiley, owned by Dave Wanserski and handled by Rob Tomczak. Wiley had a nice race and was rewarded with two finds. In third place was Jasper,



Midwest Vizsla Open Shooting Dog Championship (front, l-r): Cody Engebretson with C K Guy's Light My Fire and Todd Meyer with Hess Farms Pyromaniac. (Back row): Lisa Pollock, Mike Northwood, Justin Hess, and Brent Hoehns.

owned and handled by Mike Northwood. Jasper had a big race and was out of touch for a while, leaving him birdless. Wiley and Jasper placed in the NVA National Derby a month prior.

The NVA would like to thank Purina, Garmin, and Haggis Saddlery for their



Gary Jagoda Derby (front, l-r): Justin Hess with N V Jasper, Rob Tomczak with Wiley of Hawthorne Ridge, and Kim Kitchens with Shiloh's Cinnamon Girl. (Back row): Lisa Pollock, Mike Northwood, Ryan Martin, Brett Hoehns, and Brennan Kitchens.

continued support. Without great sponsors these events are not possible.

Thayer, Ia., April 19

Judges: Brent Hoehns and Lisa Pollock

MIDWEST VIZSLA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 12 Vizslas

Winner-HESS FARMS PYROMANIAC, 1680213, male, by Kick Em Up Bullet-Spreadin Like Wild Fire. Justin Hess, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-C K GUY'S LIGHT MY FIRE, 1686285, female, by C K Touchdown Guy-Ck Countryside Lizzy's On Fire. Cody Engebretson, owner; Mike Northwood, handler.

GARY JAGODA DERBY – 4 Vizslas

1st-SHILOH'S CINNAMON GIRL, 1704672, female, by FC Shilohs Roscoe-Shiloh's Vesta. Kim Kitchens, owner; Rob Tomczak, handler.

2d-WILEY OF HAWTHORNE RIDGE, 1710647, male, by Rudy of Hawthorne Ridge-P R Shilohs Put A Spell On. Dave Wanserski, owner; Rob Tomczak, handler.

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NATIONAL WALKING SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY

Millers Dusty Version Wins 34th Running

By Allen Fazenbaker | Harrisville, Pennsylvania | April 20, 2024



National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity (l-r): Rich Warters, Mark Hughes with Millers Dusty Version, Mike Husenits, Brian Riggle, Tim McClurg with Mac's Slim Jim, Norm Meeder, Bob Smith, Joe Cammisa, Krysta Munden, Chris Catanzarite with Backcountry Champagnesupernova, Dave Park, Jon Ferdinand, Robert Ecker with Mia Star, Steve McKalko, and George Najor.

It is said that champions are tested in the fires of the Futurity. There is no question that coupling a solid breeding program with the goal of winning a Futurity is a “best practice” of the bird dog world. There are many high-quality Futurities in the American Field/UKC world; the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity ranks as one of the top Futurities, consistently producing champions and high-quality bird dogs for the walking enthusiast.

This year’s 34th running of the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity showed a litany of high-caliber bird dogs, and rising to the top was Miller’s Dusty Version, handled by Mark Hughes and owned by Mike Husenits. Running in the fourth brace of the Futurity, Dusty showed an exceptionally wide and forward race. He scored his first find at 17 in the far back of the grounds, turning to mark the bird but showing excellent manners. He scored again three minutes later, near the water hole on the wood line, again showing classy and superior manners. He finished strong and to the front, taking the edge around the rim of the finish and exuding the class of a future champion.

This year’s Futurity was pleasant and enjoyable. The weather was enjoyable, and we were able to get through the weekend with no rain after a heavy deluge earlier in the week. Everyone was excited to be together again and to share our common love of the sport. We had a very respectable showing of dogs this year, with a very

robust entry not only of Futurity derbies but also a large gathering of puppies and shooting dogs, boding well for the future of our sport. The National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity Secretary, Dave Park, did a yeoman’s job procuring judges, obtaining birds, organizing the paperwork, and covering all the details needed to run a national-caliber field trial.

This 34th reunion of the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity was contested at the Oak Ridge Pointing Dog Club grounds in Harrisville, Pennsylvania. Western Pennsylvania has been a bastion of walking Shooting Dog competitors for many years; its central location to many prime hunting areas, notably for grouse and woodcock, has fostered a long history of walking dogs. This was the ninth year hosting the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity for the Oak Ridge Pointing Dog Club; the grounds are a wide expanse of open fields interspersed by spotty wooded areas, notably in the bottoms. These grounds are rolling and open, resulting from strip mine reclamation many years prior. A dog can be seen for a ways on these grounds and must have good ground application and style to catch the eye of the judge. The half-hour course utilized for this event broke away at the heavy cable gate and traveled west along a wide expanse of open, gently rising grassy fields and feed strips, cresting at a small grove of woods and then dropping into the valley on the western boundary. The course then gently curved clockwise

into the open valley, following an edge, where the course crossed a drainage ditch, passing a small hummock, continuing north, and then looping slowly to the east marked by a large deer stand, following a wood line along the northern ridge of the reclaimed strip mine. After crossing a small creek flowing from the wooded section on the northeast portion of the property, the course entered an open field interspersed with small bushes and other objectives, then turned south at a small pond fondly referred to as the “Regis Pond,” and followed the southern edge of the field, to end at the observation deck. The National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity Association is so grateful to the Board of the Oak Ridge Pointing Dog Club for their willingness to host this prestigious event. The grounds were in excellent shape this year, thanks partly to warm weather conditions and plenty of rain the previous month that had permitted some flush of new growth, but not excessive. The National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity officers wish to thank all those who entered their dogs and for supporting this important walking breeders’ stake.

Judges

Futurity judges are especially critical to the success of this sport, as they must judge the promise of potential champions. Our Futurity judges were John Ferdinand of Hazel Twp., Pennsylvania, and Brian Riggle of Graysville, Pennsylvania. These two judges also assessed the Gene Uhlman Puppy Classic. Tim McClurg of Fowler, Ohio, and John Ferdinand rode the judicial saddles for the Open Shooting Dog. These judges spent many hours in the saddle in support of our sport, and their hard work was appreciated.

Sponsors

Our field trial sport would not be at such a high-quality level were it not for the support of several sponsors. Purina has been a stalwart supporter of the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity for many years. This year, as in past years, Purina donated Pro Plan food for the winners. Our thanks go out to Purina rep Greg Blair and the people of Purina for their outstanding support of our sport. Not only does Purina provide support for our trial, but they also produce high-quality food that supports your canine’s nutritional needs.

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Helping Hands

Continuing the tradition of offering a program booklet for the Futurity, a 34th National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity booklet was available to all participants and spectators. Such booklets don't just happen; they require substantial effort and behind-the-scenes work. We were fortunate to have a special lady who once again stepped up to the plate and provided the effort and work to produce a very nice program for our 34th annual celebration. Special thanks to Deborah Fazenbaker of Kingsville, Ohio, for gathering sponsors, designing, and producing this great memento of our Futurity. This booklet continues to be an annual part of our Futurity and is well received. For those of you who were unable to obtain a copy, an online version is available on the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity Facebook page. Be sure to visit our sponsors and thank them for supporting the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity with their purchase of a page in our program. These sponsors contribute significant income to the Futurity and help defray expenses.

We also wish to thank our professional handlers, who are essential to our sport and its success. Mark Hughes, Robert Ecker, Tony Bingham, and Justin Mason ran dogs during the weekend, and their support is much appreciated.

Last but certainly not least, a huge thank you to everyone who pitched in and worked so hard to make this Futurity a success. Our National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity Chair Dave Park, club members Chris Catanzarite, Futurity President Norm Meeder, Doug McMillen, Eric Munden, Futurity Treasurer Krysta Munden, Futurity Vice President Joe Cammisa, Justin Mason, Kara Thatcher, Hall of Famer Dave Hughes, Al Fazenbaker, Deb Fazenbaker, and others assisted in bird planting, line marshaling, supplying horses, and many other duties to keep things moving. The old expression "many hands make light work" was evident this weekend as we had many helpers, and in the course of events,



Gene Uhlman Puppy Classic (l-r): Jon Ferdinand, Krysta Munden with Wildland Heart Breaker, Eric Munden, Norm Meeder, Joe Cammisa, Tyler Bowser with Backcountry Mickey, Dave Park, Brian Riggle, and Reese Carroll with Backcountry Jacob.

we made many new friends in the field trial fraternity. My apologies if I missed anyone. And a big 'thank you' to all the participants who entered their derbies, puppies, and shooting dogs and supported the efforts of the weekend.

The Gene Uhlman Puppy Classic

The Gene Uhlman Puppy Classic is named after the iconic Gene Uhlman, a native of western Pennsylvania, where he began his love for field trial bird dogs while attending Charleroi High School, south of Pittsburgh. Gene was a high school teacher, but his love of bird dogs eventually changed his career, and he became a full-time dog trainer until his death in 1992. Gene developed numerous winning dogs, including Counterdrive, Countercharge, Keystone Skeezie, Elhew Link's Jewel, Rollin Rebel, and many others. The National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity is pleased to name this Puppy Classic in his honor.

The Winning Braces

Brace 1: Jake (PM/Carroll) and Clarks Flash Gordon (ESM/Ecker). Jake started the weekend with a bang, showing an exceptionally wide and forward race. He rocketed along the edges, taking in the vast lines and finishing strong and to the front to earn a yellow ribbon for his efforts. Gordon showed a nice pace but was relatively short in his range.

Brace 6: Nick (PM/K. Munden) and Mickey (PM/Bowser). Nick spent a few minutes checking out and making friends with the horses, then got down to business, moving to the front and showing a moderately wide ground race. He handled nicely for his handler Krysta and finished to the front. Mickey likewise showed a very biddable demeanor and moved quickly to the front and stayed there, hitting the edges and showing his class as he moved forward. His performance earned him the No. 2 placement.

Brace 8: Mugo (PF/McMillen) and Wildland Heart Breaker (PF/K. Munden).

Both puppies were strong out of the box, stretching out up the breakaway and showing wide and forward casts. Heart Breaker pushed forward but stayed in touch with her handler as she worked potential objectives. Her efforts were rewarded with first place for the stake.

Harrisville, Pa., April 20 – One Course
Judges: John Ferdinand and Brian Riggle
GENE UHLMAN PUPPY CLASSIC
– 15 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st-WILDLAND HEART BREAKER, 1705669, pointer female, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Wildland Warrior. Krysta Munden, owner and handler.

2d-BACKCOUNTRY MICKEY, 1705242, pointer male, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight. Tyler Bowser, owner and handler.

3d-BACKCOUNTRY JACOB, 1705244, pointer male, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight. Chris Catanzarite, owner; Reese Carroll, handler.

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The Winning Braces

Brace 2: Backcountry Champagnesupernova (PF/Catanzarite) and Blue Ribbon River PF (Ecker). Supernova, like his namesake, exploded onto the breakaway and reaching out to the far back of the course. River was close behind. Both dogs crossed the ditch, where Supernova scored his first find, showing broke manners. River scored a find on the backside of the course near the deer stand and then flushed the bird and gave a hearty chase. Supernova joined for a moment but then swung back and got to work, nailing a find at 21 and showing broke manners. River bumped a bird and gave a good chase again. Supernova finished strong and to the front to earn him a third-place finish in the Futurity.

Brace 4: Mac's Slim Jim (PM/McClurg) and Millers Dusty Version (PM/Hughes). This brace produced the top two placements in the Futurity. Dusty's performance was noted previously, taking the blue in this stake. Slim scored his first find at 13, handled with impeccable manners. He backed his bracemate at 20 near the water hole and finished the brace with a strong and forward finish, rimming the edge towards the observation deck to take second place in the Futurity.

Brace 5: Backcountry Snake Eyes (PF/Catanzarite) and Mia Star (ESF/Ecker). Both dogs in this brace showed a wide race. They scored their first find at 5, Snake Eyes pointing along the treeline to the right of the breakaway and Star pointing to the south near the road. Snake Eye dropped on the flush; she scored her second find at 21 near Regis Pond, showing good manners. Star worked the woods on the backside of the course and was rewarded with a woodcock find at 10; she scored again near

Regis Pond at 20, earning a fourth-place finish for the Futurity. Both dogs showed strong and forward races to finish.

NATIONAL SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY
- 9 Pointers, 6 Setters, and 1 Irish Setter

1st-MILLERS DUSTY VERSION, 1706290, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Mike Husenits, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.
 2d-MAC'S SLIM JIM, 1700897, pointer male, by Mac's Silver Chief-Mac's Silver Shadow. Tim McClurg, owner and handler.
 3d-BACKCOUNTRY CHAPAGNESUPERNOVA, 1701699, pointer female, by Dragonfly-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.
 4th-MIA STAR, 1702751, setter female, by Windstar-Hometown Queen. George Najor, owner; Robert Ecker, handler.

Remember, Futurities are the backbone of our sport. Support the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity by nominating your litters. Visit us next year for the 35th running of the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity.

Open Shooting Dog

As in previous years, the Open Shooting Dog stake has always been hotly contested; this year was no exception. A group of 40 highly competitive dogs showed for the stake, and the dogs did not disappoint the judges or the gallery. At the end of the day, Smoke Rise Jake, a Pointer male handled by Tony Bingham, took the blue. Running in the 17th brace, Jake scored his first of three finds, shared with his bracemate, at the top of the breakaway hill. He honored his bracemate at 6, then took the course around, showing the class and pattern of



Open Shooting Dog (l-r): Tony Bingham, Cliff Monroe with Smoke Rise Jake, Tim McClurg, Eric Munden with Wildland Warrior, and Jon Ferdinand.

a knowledgeable field trial competitor. He finished strong and to the front.

The Winning Braces

Brace 2: Bo of Piney Woods (PM/Ecker) and Lola (PF/E. Munden). Lola scored the first find of the brace in the back corner, with Bo honoring. Both dogs crossed the creek at 13, and Bo was found standing with Lolo backing. A bird was produced, and all was in order. Bo pointed again two minutes later with Lola backing, but no bird could be produced. At 20, Bo had a find but was on the leash after circling back and repointing the find. Lola reached forward and scored a nicely handled find near Regis Pond; she found an additional bird in the ditch at 28 along the ditch. She finished strong and forward, reaching beyond the observation deck to take the No. 2 spot in the stake.

Brace 6: Blue Ribbon's Harper Bella (PF/Ecker) and Warrior Zeke (PM/

Hughes). Both dogs scored multiple finds, with Zeke having the first bird contact at 3; Zeke took a step or two as the handler moved into flush. Harper scored three finds in rapid succession as she moved across the back of the course. Zeke suffered a nonproductive at 5 near the top of the breakaway, a find in the bottom near the road, and a second nonproductive in the corner near the road. Harper scored again at 22 near Regis Pond. Zeke suffered his third nonproductive in the field near Regis Pond and was on the leash. Harper finished to the front with a nice going race to earn the No. 3 spot in the stake.

Brace 17: Jake (PM/Bingham) and Bit (PF/Hughes). Jake, the first-place contender, was noted previously. Bit shared a divided find with Jake at 3; she suffered a nonproductive at 6 and then backed her bracemate at 23. Bit scored her final find of the brace at 29, a nice dug-in find in the woods to the east of Regis Pond, showing her class and style. She showed a strong and forward race.

Judges: John Ferdinand and Tim McClurg
OPEN SHOOTING DOG

- 30 Pointers, 9 Setters, 1 Brittany, and 1 Irish Setter
 1st-SMOKE RISE JAKE, 1684876, pointer male, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Smoke Rise Mariah. P. F. Rose, owner; Tony Bingham, handler.
 2d-WILDLAND WARRIOR, 1676947, pointer female, by Erin's War Creek-Suemac's Coventry. Eric Munden, owner and handler.
 3d-BLUE RIBBON'S HARPER BELLA, 1682768, pointer female, by Bud of Piney Woods-Blue Ribbon Bella. Martin Festa, owner; Robert Ecker, handler.

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NATIONAL AMATEUR CHUKAR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Jared Tappero | Reno, Nevada | April 20, 2024

The 2024 renewal of the Western Championships was again held at the BLM field trial grounds near Red Rock, 15 miles north of Reno, Nevada. The Western Championship stakes, hosted by the Bay Area Bird Dog Club, include the Pacific Coast Derby Championship, Western Shooting Dog and Western Championship, and the California Quail Championship; these stakes began this year at the conclusion of the AFTCA Amateur Chukar Shooting Dog Championship, which was co-hosted by AFTCA and the Bay Area Bird Dog Club. The five championship stakes ran over nine days under variable weather conditions, with handlers from five western states and one Canadian Province participating.

The Red Rock field trial grounds are located on the western edge of the Great Basin, the Sierra Nevada Mountain range rising ominously from the high-desert floor to the west. At 5,300 feet elevation, the grounds are located on a rolling sage and grass-covered landscape with deep cuts, steep hills, long ridges, rock outcrops, grassy basins, and large patches of western juniper.

National Amateur Chukar Shooting Dog Championship

The National Amateur Chukar Shooting Dog Championship was drawn by Piper Huffman, Secretary of the AFTCA, on the evening of Thursday, April 18, from her home in Michigan City, Mississippi. Twenty dogs were drawn in this one-hour Amateur Championship stake; the field of canine participants included (16) Pointers, (3) English Setters, and (1) German Shorthaired Pointer. All 20 canine athletes started. Advertised judges for this stake were Lori Steinshouer of Reno, Nevada, and Casten Pigman of Washoe Valley, Nevada. Casten suffered a foot injury Saturday after lunch while mounting his horse and was replaced as judge by Jarry Walton of Reno, Nevada. Many thanks to Piper for drawing this stake for us.

The Winners

Declared champion was S B Always Dreamin, a 7-year-old white and orange Pointer bitch owned and handled by Bill Owen of Santa Barbara, California. Miller's Newest Version, a 4-year-old, white and orange Pointer bitch, also owned and handled by Bill Owen, was named runner-up.



National Amateur Chukar Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Brad LaVerne, Sergio Velez, Jim Ledington, Bridget Ledington with S B Always Dreamin, Jarry Walton (judge), Lori Steinshouer (judge), Mike Wilkin with Miller's Newest Version, Bill Owen, and Bruce Hale.

Reno, Nev., April 20

Judges: Lori Steinshouer and Jarry Walton NATIONAL AMATEUR CHUKAR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]

- 16 Pointers, 3 Setters, and 1 German Shorthair
Winner-S B ALWAYS DREAMIN, 1679868, pointer female, by Rivertons Funseek'n Scooter-Touch's J Class. William Owen, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-MILLER'S NEWEST VERSION, 1696284, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. William Owen, owner and handler.

Western Championships

The stakes annually run as part of the Western Championships, including the Pacific Coast Derby Championship, Western Shooting Dog Championship, Western Championship, and California Quail Championship. All stakes were drawn Sunday evening, April 21, by Jarry Walton and Jared Tappero, in an open forum at the field trial grounds; pizza, wings, and cold beverages were provided for all who attended.



Pacific Coast Derby Championship (l-r): Kara Kelly, Julie Kelly, Sean Kelly, Kay Kelly, Alex Mauck, Jarry Walton with Kelly's I.B. Ruby, Jim Ledington, Bridget Ledington with Valor's Lace and Grace, Brad LaVerne, Ray Carter, Sergio Velez, Marty Middleton (judge), Chris Perkins (judge), and Bill Owen.

Pacific Coast Derby Championship

The Pacific Coast Derby Championship began shortly after 8 a.m., Monday, April 22, and concluded that day. Ten canine athletes, (7) Pointers and (3) English Setters, were drawn and started in this National Championship qualifier, Purina Open Derby and Handler of the Year Points stake. Judges for this stake were Marty Middleton of Herriman, Utah, and Chris Perkins of American Falls, Idaho.

The Winners

Declared champion was Kelly's I.B. Ruby, a 2-year-old white, liver, and ticked Pointer bitch owned and handled by Sean Kelly of Loomis, California. Valor's Lace and Grace, a 2-year-old white, orange, and ticked English Setter bitch, owned and handled by Ray Carter of Payson, Utah, was named runner-up.

Judges: Chris Perkins and Marty Middleton PACIFIC COAST DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] - 7 Pointers and 3 Setters

Winner-KELLY'S I.B. RUBY, 1700810, pointer female, by Kelly's Rebel Louie-Saddle Up Reba. Sean Kelly, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-VALOR'S LACE AND GRACE, 1703474, setter female, by T's Nickleback-T's Hidden Grace. Ray Carter, owner and handler.

Western Shooting Dog Championship

The Western Shooting Dog Championship began Tuesday, April 23, and concluded the following day, Wednesday, April 24. This Purina Top Shooting Dog and Shooting Dog Handler of the Year points stake drew 17 canine



Western Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Chris Perkins, Jared Tappero (judge), Jason Staley with Touch's Jimi Thing, Jim Ledington, Torben Hansen, Austin Turley (judge), Bill Owen with S T's Locked N Loaded, Sean Kelly, Brian Gingrich, Brad LaVerne, and Bridget Ledington.



Western All-Age Championship (l-r): Hunter Grundmeyer, Chris Perkins, Alex Mauck, Austin Turley, Jason Staley (judge), Jim Ledington, Jarry Walton with Kelly's I.B. Ruby, Sean Kelly, Bill Owen, Sergio Velez with Miller's Newest Version, Steve Auxier, Bridget Ledington, Brian Gingrich, Marty Middleton (judge), and Brad LaVerne.



California Quail Championship (l-r): Brian Gingrich, Steve Auxier (judge), Jim Wolthuis (judge), Bridget Ledington with Ramblin Rivers Unplugged, Jarry Walton, Kay Kelly, Kara Kelly, Sean Kelly, Julie Kelly, Jim Ledington with Circle B Wanted Ryder, Sergio Velez, and Brad LaVerne.

entrants: (14) Pointers, (1) English Setter, (1) German Shorthaired Pointer, and (1) Vizsla, all of which started. This year, we were fortunate to have three professional handlers competing in this stake: Sheldon Twer, Brian Gingrich, and Sergio Velez. Judges for the stake were Austin Turley of Molt, Montana, and Jared Tappero of Burns, Oregon.

The Winners

Named champion was Touch's Jimi Thing, a 4-year-old white, liver, and ticked Pointer owned and handled by Chris Perkins of American Falls, Idaho. S T's Locked N Loaded, a 6-year-old GLN rust Vizsla bitch, owned by Jeff Zenas of Williamsburg, Michigan, and handled by Brian Gingrich of Prewitt, New Mexico, was named runner-up.

Judges: Jared Tappero and Austin Turley WESTERN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]

- 14 Pointers, 1 Setter, 1 German Shorthair, and 1 Vizsla
Winner-TOUCH'S JIMI THING, 1692245, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Hainline's Silver Star. Christopher Perkins, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-S T'S LOCKED N LOADED, 1686059, Vizsla female, by C K Touchdown Guy-Midnight Run's Probable Cause. Jeff Zenas, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.

Western All-Age Championship

The Western Open All-Age Championship began Wednesday, April 24, at the conclusion of the Western Shooting Dog and concluded Friday, April 26. This National Championship qualifier, Purina Dog of the Year and Handler of the Year points stake drew 30 canine athletes, 29 of which started; dogs drawn included (24) Pointers and (6) English Setters.

The Winners

Named champion was Kelly's I.B. Ruby, owned and handled by Sean Kelly of Loomis, California. Miller's Newest Version, a 4-year-old white and orange Pointer bitch, owned and handled by Bill Owen of Santa Barbara, California, was named runner-up. Judges for the championship were Marty Middleton

of Herriman, Utah, and Jason Staley of Kimberly, Idaho.

Judges: Marty Middleton and Jason Staley WESTERN OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] - 24 Pointers and 6 Setters

Winner-KELLY'S I.B. RUBY, 1700810, pointer female, by Kelly's Rebel Louie-Saddle Up Reba. Sean Kelly, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-MILLER'S NEWEST VERSION, 1696284, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. William Owen, owner and handler.

California Quail Championship

The California Quail Championship began Saturday, April 27, and concluded the following day, Sunday, April 28. This National Championship qualifier, Purina Dog of the Year, and Handler of the Year points stake drew 23 canine athletes, 20 of which started; the dogs drawn included (18) Pointers and (5) English Setters.

The Winners

Named Champion was Ramblin Rivers Unplugged, a 3-year-old white and liver Pointer bitch owned by Bill Stapleton of Franksville, Wisconsin, and handled by Brian Gingrich of Prewitt, New Mexico. Circle B Wanted Ryder, a 4-year-old white, orange, and ticked English Setter dog, owned by Circle B Setters of Payette, Idaho, and handled by Sergio Velez of Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada, was named runner-up. Judges for the championship were Steven Auxier of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Jim Wolthuis of Sacramento, California; Jim Wolthuis replaced advertised judge Jared Tappero of Burns, Oregon.

Judges: Steve Auxier and Jim Wolthuis CALIFORNIA QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] - 18 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-RAMBLIN RIVERS UNPLUGGED, 1698585, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-Wells Southern Charm. Bill Stapleton, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.

Runner-Up-CIRCLE B WANTED RYDER, 1702409, setter male, by T's American Gunfighter-Circle B Burning Stardust. Circle B Setters, owner; Sergio Velez, handler.

Acknowledgments

Members of the Bay Area Bird Dog

Club would like to thank our cadre of judges, each of which put a number of days in the saddle watching a good selection of class bird dogs. A big thank you to Casten Pigman, Jarry Walton, Lori Steinshouer, Chris Perkins, Marty Middleton, Austin Turley, Jason Staley, Steve Auxier, and Jim Wolthuis, all of whom have a number of years behind them sorting out field trial bird dogs. The judges were attentive, gave our dogs the fullest attention and their decisions were well received. We would also like to thank Nestlé Purina and Garmin for sponsoring the AFTCA National Amateur Chukar Shooting Dog Championship and Purina and SportDOG for their contributions and continued support of the Western Championships. Purina provided bags of Pro Plan dog feed for the winners of all five stakes and co-hosted the Wednesday night barbeque banquet.

This year, 30 folks attended the mid-week banquet, which was again prepared by Andy's BBQ & Beans and served by Mel Belding. All who attended enjoyed a meal that included barbeque-smoked beef tri-tip accompanied by chili beans, a tossed green salad, fresh sourdough bread, soft drinks, and other refreshments. Continued support by SportDOG, which generously provided training collars as prizes for the winners, is much appreciated. The support provided by Purina and SportDOG representatives Greg Blair and Jim Morehouse is unsurpassed.

Thanks again this year to the Western Village Inn & Casino folks for offering field trialers such generous rates and excellent accommodations. Clear Creek Outfitters of Chico, California, provided us with lively chukar again this year, and Irwin Family Farm of Fernley, Nevada, provided us with some lively Bobwhite quail. Lori Steinshouer graciously allowed us to utilize her facilities again this year for dog and horse water throughout the week. Thanks again to our go-to man, Bradley LaVerne, who manned the dog truck, kept bird bags full, and set up the

lunch fixings daily this year. Bradley was informed at this year's banquet that he will receive a Life Patron Plaque presented by the National Bird Dog Foundation. We couldn't do it without Bradley! And thanks to Sean Kelly for additional help around camp and on the courses. In addition, many thanks go out to all the participants who this year traveled from five western states and one Canadian Province to make the Western Championships. We were blessed to have such a well-attended event. Thank you!



Bradley A. LaVerne, receiver of Life Patron Plaque presented by the National Bird Dog Foundation.

[Reporter's Note: I apologize for the brevity of this report. I spent a good portion of my time on horseback this renewal at the back of the field planting birds. For some dogs, I had adequate information; for others, I had little to none. I was not present for the last stake of the trial, so I had no information other than what was provided on the essential data form. Finding judges for five stakes is a big effort, but finding multiple reporters is nearly impossible. Thanks for your understanding.]



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INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

Moss Meadow Seeker Named Champion; Bang Bang's Longshot, Runner-Up

By Sigmund Degitz | Moose Junction, Wisconsin | April 26, 2024



International Amateur Woodcock Championship (l-r): Brett Edstrom (judge), Scott Luther with Bang Bang's Longshot, Ken Moss with Moss Meadow Seeker, and Paul Cook (judge).

The Moose River Grouse Dog Club held the 2024 International Amateur Woodcock Championship on April 26-28. The trial was held on Douglas County forestry land in far northwestern Wisconsin. These grounds were initially developed in 2008 and have continually been reworked and improved to provide ample opportunity for dogs to find birds and show well on the ground. We want to thank Purina for their continued support of the Cover Dog trials. Their donation of dog food to the winners is very much appreciated. Lunches were provided on the grounds by the owners of the Moose Junction Lounge. They put on a delicious spread for us all Friday and Saturday. Every trial requires a dedicated group of club members to clear courses, marshal braces, and assist with trial details. We want to thank Bill Frahm, Sig Degitz, Ed Graddy, Greg Johnson, and Tim Kaufman for their hard work.

Championship

We were fortunate to secure two very qualified judges with considerable experience handling dogs and judging in high-level competition. Judges for the event were Paul Cook of Danbury, Wisconsin, and Brett Edstrom, Hudson, Wisconsin. They were attentive, always on their toes, and had a keen eye for the attributes necessary in a champion and runner-up.

English Setter male Moss Meadow Seeker, owned and handled by Ken Moss, was named champion. Seeker

had a hardworking ground application, mostly forward, hitting the likely cover and staying in touch with Ken. He had a grouse find around 20 minutes with the bird well located. He scored again at 35, a woodcock, with the bird right off his nose. At 45, his bell stopped yet again; forward and to the left, he was found pointing on a swamp edge. The bird could not be produced after a brief but thorough flushing attempt and Ken asked Seeker to relocate. Seeker went down the swamp edge about 40 yards and pinned the bird with the grouse directly in front. A nice piece of work by a seasoned grouse dog! Seeker finished strong and going forward.

The judges named Bang Bang's Longshot runner-up for owner and handler Scott Luther. Longshot had an attractive forward race and hit all the likely objectives. Longshot had an excellent forward grouse find around 40 with great style, all in order. The only detractor was an unproductive at 55 in a likely location.



Open Derby (l-r): Jordan Pharris with Big Big Energy, Hannah Peterson with Mud Lake's Money Maven, and Mitch Anderson with Northwoods Homer.

The dog finished strong.

Moose Junction, Wis., April 26
Judges: Brett Edstrom and Paul Cook
INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR WOODCOCK
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 4 Pointers and 14 Setters

Winner-MOSS MEADOW SEEKER, 1676726, setter male, by Moss Meadow Rambler-Moss Meadow Maggie. Ken Moss, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-BANG BANG'S LONGSHOT, 1696304, setter male, by North Creek Scooter-Blue Ridge Molly. Scott Luther, owner and handler.

Open Derby

The Open Derby started midday on Saturday and finished up late Sunday morning. The skies were overcast, the air was damp, and the temperatures were ideal for cutting loose these young competitors. We want to thank our judges, Scott Anderson and Ben Brettingen. First place went to English Setter male Big Big Energy for handler Jordan Pharris. He ran a very strong forward, searching race to the edge of the bell. The bell was lost to the front midway through the brace, and after some searching, the dog was found proudly pointing a grouse. Second place went to English Setter female Mud Lake's Money Maven for owner and handler Hannah Peterson. Maven had two good finds on grouse with the first being a scouted find to the front. Third place went to Northwoods Homer, owned and handled by newcomer Mitch Anderson. Homer made some good moves and had a good derby find on a grouse and another flash point on a grouse.

Judges: Scott Anderson and Ben Brettingen
OPEN DERBY

– 7 Pointer, 14 Setters, and 2 German Shorthairs

1st-BIG BIG ENERGY, 1705733, setter male, by Northwoods Atlas-Clover Valley's Millie. Jordan Pharris, owner and handler.

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

3d-NORTHWOODS HOMER, 1701801, setter male, by Snyder's Pioneer Scout-Northwoods Cedar. Mitchell Anderson, owner and handler.

Judges: Tim Kaufman and Jeff Marek
OPEN SHOOTING DOG
– 4 Pointers and 7 Setters

1st-BERG BROTHERS HATCHET, 1691718, setter male, by Berg Brothers Easy Glide-Berg Brothers Rory. Colin Peterson, owner and handler.

2d-BERG BROTHERS DOC HOLLIDAY, 1698544, pointer male, by Elhew Sinbad-Numark Surefire Peg. Ben Brettingen, owner and handler.

3d-HACKBERRY'S AMOS MOSES, 1695788, pointer male, by Elhew Sinbad-Numark Surefire Peg. Ben Brettingen, owner and handler.

MINNESOTA/WISCONSIN PURINA COVER DOG OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2023-24 Winners

By Ryan Hough

On behalf of the Minnesota Grouse Dog Association, Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association, and the Moose River Grouse Dog Club, thank you to Purina for sponsoring this prestigious annual award.

Open & Amateur Shooting Dog of the Year

2x R-U Ch. Northwoods Atlas

(Northwoods Grits x Northwoods Nickel)

“Jet,” a male Setter owned and handled by Greg Johnson, finished with 340 points on three wins: 1st, Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association’s Open Shooting Dog with 29 starters; Runner-up, Region 19 Amateur Championship with 21 starters; and 1st, Moose River Grouse Dog Club’s Open Shooting Dog Classic with 23 starters.

Ch. Moss Meadow Seeker, a male Setter owned and handled by Ken Moss, was last year’s winner.

Open Derby of the Year

Big Big Energy

(2x R-U Ch. Northwoods Atlas x Clover Valley’s Millie)

“Lotto,” a male Setter owned and handled by Jordan Pharris, finished with 162 points on two wins: 1st, North Country



Open Derby of the Year: Jordan Pharris, owner and handler of Big Big Energy



Open & Amateur Shooting Dog of the Year: Greg Johnson, owner and handler of 2x R-U Ch. Northwoods Atlas

Bird Dog Club’s Open Derby with 24 entries and 1st, Moose River Grouse Dog Club’s Open Derby with 23 starters.

Little Hawk, a female Setter owned and handled by Paul Cook, was last year’s winner.

Amateur Derby of the Year

Northwoods Cedar Edge

(Ch. Synder’s Pioneer Scout x Northwoods Cedar)

“Enni,” a female Setter owned and handled by Eric and Lindsey Saetre, finished with 43 points on two wins: 3rd, North Country Bird Dog Club’s Open Derby with 24 starters and 3rd, Minnesota Grouse Dog Association’s Open Derby with 23 starters.

Hackberry’s Amos Moses, a male Pointer owned and handled by Ben Brettingen, was last year’s winner.



Amateur Derby of the Year: Eric and Lindsey Saetre, owners and handlers of Northwoods Cedar Edge

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NATIONAL BRITTANY OPEN GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP ASSOCIATION

Spring Trial At Historic Venue

By Kenny DeLong | Meredith, Michigan | April 26, 2024



Jack Plyler Open Derby Classic (l-r): Rich Hollister with Grouse Feather Tilly, Rob Ellis (judge), Marc Forman with Town Creek Rambler, Jeff Keller (judge), Bruce Minard with Hackberry's Wild One, and Neil Minard.

A fine turnout for a long weekend of quality bird dogs and plenty of wild birds at this historic venue was welcomed by the host Club. We had good weather, good judges, good food (thank you, Steve and Shelley), and great cooperation and help from pros and amateurs alike. We thank Greg Blair and Purina for their sponsorship, the Hollister family for horses and wrangling, and a shout out to Jenny H., particularly for creating judges' gifts and providing an ever-expanding traveling store of outdoor/field trial clothing and accessories.

The 38-entry Open Shooting Dog began Friday with judges Eric Naus and Frank Illijanic watching 13 braces. The stake finished up with the six remaining braces on Saturday morning, and while birds were flown and pointed both days, they were more active in the half dozen braces the second day. The first and second-place dogs came from the seventh brace on Friday, running on Course 7 in the late morning. Kenny DeLong's "Shooter" was the first to score, with an exemplary piece of birdwork, pinning and holding a huge grey grouse deep in the cutting off the left side of the trail shortly before crossing the tote road. To both handler and judge's delight, the chicken waited until Kenny and Frank were within 15 yards until it exploded noisily in full view. There was a split second of mesmerized silence as the handler, judge, and an intensely frozen Brittany watched before the shot was fired, all in order. Several minutes later, Shooter stopped on the low right side of the trail,

crossing the ridge as Bruce Minard's "Ruff Runner" was working up top. Both bells were silent as Bruce shouted, "Grouse!" The Woods King escaped, making quite a ruckus, and both handlers fired. The Pointer had been standing staunchly and high tail stylishly as the handler flushed.

On Saturday morning, 18th Brace, Course 2, Tammy Chaffee handled Leann Parnell's classy Setter female, "Sidney," to a picturesque woodcock find in the cuttings. These three dogs ran forward and hard, searching all the likely cover and handling well. Judges had some sorting out to discuss for sure. In the end, judges agreed to award the blue ribbon to the Pointer, a close second place red to the Brittany, and third place to the Setter.

Rich Hollister and Ron Badley presided over a small but strong Puppy stake late Saturday morning, where professionals captured all three placements. The smart, consistently forward race put down by Hifive's Sweet Basil earned the Pointer first place. Bruce Minard also handled the second-place Pointer, Wilhites Michigan Honey, with a pleasing, forward effort. Setters were represented by "Joey," handled to a strong, even, yellow ribbon finish by the always capable Marc Forman.

A strong Jack Plyler Derby Classic entry of 28 dogs began after a late lunch on Saturday when six braces were run to finish out the day. Michigander Rob Ellis and "Keystone" (Jeff) Keller from Pennsylvania saw some good performances that afternoon and quite a few more when

the stake resumed on Sunday morning, right on through to the last brace in the early afternoon, that produced the eventual winner. Strong, far-reaching races, even in the warm weather, separated several dogs from the pack, but each of the winners added the icing of quality grouse finds to earn their place on the podium. Here again, it was an all-pro finish. Rich Hollister ran "Tilly," the eventual winner of the Flanagan Cover Dog Derby of the Year Award, on Course 16. She covered this course extremely well and stayed forward, scoring a sweet chicken find with great style and fine manners. Running in the last brace of the stake, this Setter's performance altered the rankings, and Tilly was named the winner.

Marc Forman's male Setter, "Schuster," did a nice job on Course 13 (which has produced birds and more than a couple placing dogs this spring), pinning a grouse to earn the scarlet rosette.

Mr. Minard (again!) handled Hackberry's Wild One Saturday afternoon on Course 6 to a more moderate, but still forward and handling, race (in the heat), also scoring nicely on a fat Bonasa, making it easy for the judges to place him third.

This Club has worked hard over the last couple of years to boost our Restricted/Continental Breed stakes entries. We were pleased to have a dozen entries in our Open Shooting Dog stake that ran late Sunday morning under the seasoned scrutiny of the High Five father and son team of Bruce and Neil Minard. There was a lot of bird contact (grouse and woodcock) in this event—5 of each. Shane Baxter's veteran German Shorthaired Pointer male, "Doc," ran strong on Course 4 and nailed a perfect timberdoodle find at the 6-minute mark. The dog was found standing far forward, buried in the cutting on the right side, the woodcock pinned directly in front of his nose. Somewhat noisy for a mud bat, the bird got up in plain view directly in front of Doc, leaving the area. The German Shorthaired Pointer stood like a statue and watched as Shane fired. Judges agreed this was the winning performance.

Two Brittany dogs rounded out the placements, both having flaw-free contact but without the opportunity to get a bird successfully pointed. Steve McKalko's "Leo" and Josh Bambach's "JoJo" ran forward races and finished strong—good



Open Puppy (front, l-r): Bruce Minard with Hifive's Sweet Basil, Nathan Wilhite with Wilhites Michigan Honey, and Marc Forman with Twilight's Problem Child. (Behind): Ron Badley (judge), Scott Chaffee, Rob Ellis, and Rich Hollister (judge).



Open Shooting Dog (front, l-r): Bruce Minard with Hifive's Ruff Runner, Kenny DeLong with K Del's Eagle Magnum Hotshot, and Leeann Parnell with Springpond Rockin Sidney. (Behind): Frank Illijanic (judge), Scott Chaffee, Rob Ellis, Eric Naus (judge), and Tammy Chaffee.



Open Restricted Shooting Dog (l-r): Shane Baxter with Bax Star's Doc Holiday, Neil Minard (judge), Josh Bambach with Windancer's Smok'n Joe, Steve McKalko with Haywood Leo McKalko, and Bruce Minard (judge).

for second and third place, respectively.

All in all, it was a great trial. Placements were well received, folks were fed well and enjoyed fine fellowship, and we were graced with good weather and good performances. We thank the Lord for all our blessings and look forward to seeing folks again on August 24-25 and in the fall, October 4-6.

Meredith, Mich., April 26

Judges: Frank Illijanic and Eric Naus
OPEN SHOOTING DOG

- 13 Pointers, 24 Setters, and 1 Brittany

1st-HIFIVE'S RUFF RUNNER, 1692129, pointer male, by Titanium's Hammer-Hifive's Allisin. Bob Leet, owner; Bruce Minard, handler.

2d-K DEL'S EAGLE MAGNUM HOTSHOT, 1685770, Brittany male, by Magnum High Velocity-K Del's Eagle's Chance To Soar. Kenric J. DeLong, owner and handler.

3d-SPRINGPOND ROCKIN SIDNEY, 1689212, setter female, by Springpond Rockin Autumn-Tailsup Olive. Leeann Parnell, owner; Tammy Chaffee, handler.

Judges: Ron Badley and Richard Hollister
OPEN PUPPY

- 2 Pointers and 5 Setters

1st-HIFIVE'S SWEET BASIL, 1705357, pointer female, by Hifive's Ruff Runner-Wild Apple Siri. Eric Rizza, owner; Bruce Minard, handler.

2d-WILHITES MICHIGAN HONEY, 1706758, pointer female, by Titanium's Hammer-B K Rolling Dice. Nathan Wilhite, owner; Bruce Minard, handler.

3d-TWILIGHT'S PROBLEM CHILD, 1706124, setter female, by Wayward Flyin Tomato-Twilight's Echoed Promise. Mark Deneka, owner; Marc Forman, handler.

Judges: Robert Ellis and Jeff Keller
JACK PLYLER OPEN DERBY

- 9 Pointers, 18 Setters, and 1 Brittany

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

2d-TOWN CREEK RAMBLER, 1702962, setter male, by Doodle Ridge Elroy-Gretna Crest Flashback. R. L. Frame, owner; Marc Forman, handler.

3d-HACKBERRY'S WILD ONE, 1710263, pointer male, by Hackberry's Elhew Chief-Deep Creek Katydid. Mike Francus, owner; Bruce Minard, handler.

Judges: Bruce Minard and Neal Minard
OPEN RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG

- 7 Brittans and 5 German Shorthairs

1st-BAX STAR'S DOC HOLIDAY, 1688064, German Shorthair male, by Friedelsheim Freight Train-Baxsar's Stolen Heart. Shane & Christine Baxter, owners; Shane Baxter, handler.

2d-WINDANCER'S SMOK'N JOE, 1711428, Brittany male, by Windancer Hammerin Red Rebel-Windancer's Renegade Sweet Tea. Josh & Max Bambach, owners; Josh Bombach, handler.

3d-HAYWOOD LEO McKALKO, 1697402, Brittany male, by Dogwood's Speeding Comet-Majestic Scout Boersen. Stephen McKalko, owner and handler.

Don't forget to submit your Hall of Fame nominations by August 5!

MARITIME BIRD DOG CLUB

First Spring Trial

By Donald Henderson | Cross Creek, New Brunswick | May 18, 2024

On May 18 and 19, the Maritime Bird Dog Club held its first spring trial in recent memory. It was a great turnout, with handlers traveling from New Brunswick, Canada, and the U. S. The trial was a success, and everyone seemed to enjoy it. The dogs ran one single course on liberated chukar, which made for lots of good dog work, and the Club looks forward to making this trial an annual event.

Cross Creek, N. B., May 18 - One Course

Judges: Ian Corbitt and Dale Hackett

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

- 6 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-CAIRDS LITTLE MACY MAE, 1656016, pointer female, by Chasehill Little Bud-Richfield Stella. Robert Little, owner and handler.

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

3d-KELLY'S BLITZ'N WHEEL HANK, 1699523, pointer male, by Daddy's Little Boy Butch-White River Pepper. Doug Forgrave, owner and handler.

OPEN DERBY

- 5 Pointers, 1 Setter, and 3 German Shorthairs

1st-ELMER'S WALTZING MATILDA, 1702510, pointer female, by Bo of Piney Woods-Jones Modern Day Gypsy. Donald Henderson, owner and handler.

2d-PAUCEK'S RUTHLESS PURSUIT, 1709906, setter female, by Paucek's Little Tommy Tucker-Paucek's Black Pearl. Matt Tunney, owner and handler.

3d-WOODCOCK HAVEN JAKE, 1712226, pointer male, by Woodcock Haven War Paint-Woodcock Haven Fire Sky. Kirk Small III, owner and handler.

Judges: Donald Henderson and Robert Little

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

- 3 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st-KELLY'S BLITZ'N WHEEL HANK, 1699523, pointer male, by Daddy's Little Boy Butch-White River Pepper. Doug Forgrave, owner and handler.

Judges: Doug Forgrave and Jonathan Wilkins

OPEN DERBY

- 5 Pointers, 2 Setters, and 3 German Shorthairs

1st-CAIRDS CO-DEFENDANT, 1704798, pointer male, by B K Armoured Tank-Valkyrie Widomaker. Robert Little, owner and handler.

2d-PAUCEK'S RUTHLESS PURSUIT, 1709906, setter female, by Paucek's Little Tommy Tucker-Paucek's Black Pearl. Matt Tunney, owner and handler.

3d-ELMER'S WALTZING MATILDA, 1702510, pointer female, by Bo of Piney Woods-Jones Modern Day Gypsy. Donald Henderson, owner and handler.

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HOW MUCH WATER SHOULD YOUR DOG DRINK?

Most sporting dog owners and handlers know how to calculate daily amounts of food, but is there a way to determine how much water your dog should drink? According to Eukanuba’s Manager of Professional and Veterinary Engagement, Dr. Jill Cline, there is. “In a 2005 summary of working dogs, it was stated that while dogs can recover from the loss of most of their fat and half of their muscle, a loss of more than 10% of a dog’s body water stores can result in death¹,” Dr. Cline said. That statement alone should have handlers asking, “how much water does my dog require?” Dr. Cline continues with, “daily water losses for a 44 lb. dog can range from 0.5–1.5 US gallons depending upon activity and environmental setting².”

DAILY WATER INTAKE



Dr. Cline says, “there is another way to determine a dog’s recommended daily water intake. This reliable method calculates minimum water intake through food consumption. Simply multiply the number of cups of dry food offered daily by 3 cups. So, two cups of food mean the dog should drink 6 cups of water, and so on. Keep in mind that this target is the minimum amount of water

¹ <https://workingdogmagazine.com/fueling-performance-keep-your-dog-hydrated/#:~:text=in%20a%202005%20summary%20of,stores%20can%20result%20in%20death.&text=thus%2c%20while%20it%20is%20important,the%20working%20dog%20is%20critical!>

² Reynolds, AJ, K Snedden, GA Reinhart, KW Hinchcliff, and RA Swenson. 1998. Hydration Strategies in Exercising Dogs. in: GA Reinhart and DP Carey Eds. Recent Advancements in Canine and Feline Nutrition, Vol. 2, Iams Nutritional Symposium Proceedings. Orange Frazer Press, OH, Pp 259-267



your dog should be drinking daily when working under adverse conditions. That amount or more will help reduce the risk of dehydration but may not prevent it.”

A dog’s fitness level plays an important role in proper hydration. “I can’t over emphasize the importance of regular, pre-season conditioning,” Cline said. “To avoid injury, exercise programs for sedentary dogs should always begin slowly and increase as the dog becomes more fit. Second, proper feeding creates healthy dogs, and healthy dogs have an easier time working in the heat. Feeding dogs a healthy diet gives them strong muscles, healthy joints, and energy to run hard. Dogs that are more fit are more resistant to dehydration and heat stroke than those that are not in shape.”

When running in hot, humid conditions, pre-hunt hydration is an option. “A strategy is to pre-hydrate your dog prior to a hunt,” Cline said. “Instead of feeding your dog dry kibble for his morning meal, add water to the food.

Measure out water in a 1:1 ratio and feed immediately so the kibble doesn’t soak up the water. Pre-hydration by adding water to dry food can significantly help improve your dog’s water intake, and likely performance.

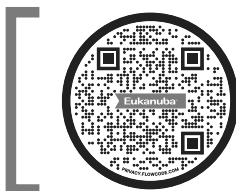
“Another pre-hydration strategy is ‘water baiting.’ Water baiting is a simple process where a highly palatable material is added to water to promote drinking. One of the most effective methods is to place a small clump (1-2 tablespoons) of a high-fat canned food in the bottom of a bowl or bucket, fill with water, and offer. Most dogs will gladly consume the water to reach the offered food. If you’re hunting in a hot climate then begin pre-hydration feeding three-to-five days before your first hunt.”

WATER BAITING



While hunting or training, pack plenty of water in bottles or a hydration pack. Collapsible bowls are lightweight and work well or train your dog to drink directly from a bottle or spout. If working in the heat, take frequent breaks to let your dog rest in the shade and hydrate. If you notice a pasty saliva along his gums and tongue, be sure to rinse out his mouth as he could be showing early signs of a heat related illness (HRI) like heat stress. To learn more about HRI, visit www.eukanubasportingdog.com/hri.

Staying hydrated is really important for hard-working sporting dogs, so make sure yours are getting enough.



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FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME

Nominations For Candidates Readers Deem Deserving

Larry Smith

◀After reading the history and review described in Chapter 26, entitled “Field Trial Hall of Fame” in Bill Brown’s book, “*Field Trials – History, Management, and Judging Standards*,” one starts to ponder on the many criteria that lay the foundation for eligibility into the hallowed halls of the Field Trial Hall of Fame. For Persons, such criteria are club official, judge, owner, handler, and breeder. After considering the defined conditions, it was glaringly obvious that Larry Smith far exceeded the basic criteria. I believe the overwhelming testimonials circulating on social media and published in the UKC® Field present a clear picture of how deserving Larry Smith is of this honor and how well respected he was throughout the field trial community.

◀Larry Smith was the true embodiment of what we should all strive for when committing ourselves to this sport we love so dearly. I will remember Larry as a friend, a mentor, a dedicated family man, a person of vision, a great dog man, and one so truly devoted to the sport of field trialing that his vision has left a lasting imprint that provides an opportunity for field trailers to enjoy for many generations to come.

— Tony King

◀The Boise Valley Pointing Dog Club endorses Larry Smith. He was the ultimate gentleman when he attended our trials. He traveled all across the country spreading his knowledge and good with everyone. He was a great handler and judge. Larry developed a great field trial venue. We wish that we could emulate him!

— Jim Ledington, President BVPDC

◀Having learned of the call for nominations for this year’s Field Trial Hall of Fame, I am writing to endorse a highly suitable individual, Larry Smith. In many ways, exceeding the challenging requirements and expectations for the award, Larry’s ambitions, intelligence, and accomplishments complement precisely the stellar field trial community of past recipients and make him highly deserving of the honor and opportunity bestowed by the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

I personally observed his extraordinary performance and contributions to our field trial community, and he always exceeded the standard for excellence. Larry’s focus

and daily efforts to improve our field trial community were foremost in everything he did. Those around him, handlers, owners, and participants alike, sensed this unique connection, and he was an inspiration to them.

This is why I strongly urge the Field Trial Hall of Fame voters to recognize Larry Smith’s unprecedented dedication and lasting effect on the field trial community by deservedly inducting him into the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

— Jay MacKenzie

◀I first met Larry when he called me and said someone told him to get me to scout his derbies at the National Derby Championship at Hell Creek. Whoever told him must have known Larry had good derbies, so they handicapped him with me as a scout. This resulted in a great friendship. We talked on the phone all the time. Larry asked me to judge the first Heartland Open All-Age with Will Dunn, which resulted in another great friendship. The following spring, I was at Smith Farms turkey hunting when Larry showed up with a pup. We went and put this puppy on birds. S F Bandwagon had an amazing nose. Larry was a top competitor not only with his dogs but also as a scout and judge. His field trial grounds are his greatest legacy, though. Hopefully, we will be able to compete there for many years to come. Please, let’s vote Larry into the Hall of Fame; he more than deserves it.

— Bill Mason

◀I first met Larry at Mortlach some years ago. At the first meeting, I realized that this was a special person. After our first meeting, we stayed in touch, often just visiting on the telephone talking about dogs, kennels, and another passion of his cryptocurrency. Our paths would cross often through field trials.

I wasn’t aware of his many accomplishments as a breeder, owner, and handler, as others have well stated. I did notice he was full of superhuman energy. He came out to Idaho a few years back; he judged, handled, and scouted the whole trial. His riding was impressive, for not many flatlanders can navigate our terrain on a horse. In fact, many have refused, but not Larry. When the trial was over after several days, he ate dinner and off he went, headed home, unbelievable. He always offered his farm as a layover for us to stop at on our cross-country travels. Having a conversation with Larry was always an

uplifting moment. Larry has surpassed all the requirements to be elected to the Hall of Fame, offering his farm for field trials, breeder, judge, scout, handler, and overall, just an uplifting person. Please join us in electing Larry to the Hall of Fame.

— Alex Mauck

◀Larry Smith deserves to be in the Field Trial Hall of Fame. He contributed to trials by attending and entering trials throughout the country. Larry attended trials from Canada to Florida and California to Connecticut, sometimes in the same week. He won the Purina Amateur All-Age Award two times and was successful in many venues. Larry contributed by judging when it fit his busy schedule at work and play. Larry put together a large, beautiful set of field trial grounds in North Central Missouri, where he hosted National qualifying trials, club trials, amateur championships, and the German Shorthair Invitational. He insisted on a quality trial with ample birdwork, fairness, and equal opportunity for all. Larry was well thought of in the field trial world.

— Dr. Pat McInteer

◀Larry Smith’s dedication to the sport of field trialing goes beyond personal win records. A true pointer enthusiast, he recognized talent and passion in dogs and people. He championed a female Vizsla handler, providing invaluable support, training opportunities, and mentorship, as well as an appointment to director of the Pony Express Club—a testament to his commitment to fostering a welcoming environment for all participants. I’ll never forget Larry’s genuine excitement when my Vizsla secured a National Quail qualification. His enthusiasm for the sport and his joy in celebrating the success of others, even if he did not place that day, perfectly exemplifies his true sportsmanship. He has demonstrably impacted the sport as a whole, fostering inclusivity and leaving a lasting mark not just on me but on the Vizsla breed and its history within field trials.

Larry embodies the very qualities the UKC/American Field Hall of Fame seeks to honor. His unwavering dedication, unwavering support for all participants, and commitment to the betterment of the sport make him a truly deserving nominee.

— Laura Miller

◀I’d like to support Larry Smith’s

LARRY SMITH

for Field Trial Hall of Fame

Larry Smith Devoted His Life To The Sport Of Field Trialing Through His Generosity And Kindness! He Was A Sportsman That Approached The Game With The Mindset Of **"What's Best For Field Trialing"**! Larry Traveled The Country Supporting Local Amateur Clubs From Canada To Connecticut To California To Tennessee And Was Not Afraid To Put In The Miles!

Larry Would Go Out Of His Way To Help Others Through His Mentorship, Scouting, Judging Prestigious Field Trials And Supporting Pro's On The Open Circuit!

Larry's Success As A Breeder And Trainer With His Derbies Has Been None The Less Incredible! Larry Competed In Open Derby And Quail Invitationals And Placing With SF Trademark In The Quail Futurity! He Also Successfully Won The Purina Amateur All Age Award Two Consecutive Years With Different Dogs (SF Bandwagon -SF Maple Leaf) And Qualified Three Dogs (SF Accelerator, SF Bandwagon, SF Stetson)For The National Championship In His Career!

Larry's Vision To Create A Top Level Field Trial Venue Came True With His Wife Linda At Smith Farms! Larry Did Not Skip Any Area Of Hospitality On Their 2500+ Acre Field Trial Haven!

Larry Was Known By Everyone As A Gentleman In The Highest Regard!

Steve Auxier



Please Join Us In Honoring Larry's 25+ Years Of Dedication To Field Trials With Your Vote!

induction into the Field Trial Hall of Fame. His passing will be a big loss to the field trial community. Others have detailed his many contributions to our sport better than I can. To me, his most endearing attribute was that he offered friendship to everyone who asked for it.

— *Bill Owen*

◀Larry Smith was the ultimate gentleman. Larry Smith exemplified the highest qualities that define a fraternity of like-minded people who love and enjoy the sport of field trialing. Anyone who has ever run at their farm near Gentry knows how Larry and Linda supported the sport of field trialing by providing a top-notch venue. Even with their gracious and generous support of this amazing venue, Larry and Linda supported small clubs like ours. Even with this desire to be successful, he always conducted himself with the highest ethical values and always conducted himself accordingly. For more reasons than we can ever convey, the North Missouri Field Trial Association and its members support Larry Smith for The Field Trial Hall of Fame.

— *Tim Penn, Charlie Beeler & Kevin Western*

◀Larry Smith certainly deserves recognition for his contributions to field trials. He made significant contributions that have positively impacted our sport.

Larry Smith's success with his dogs and his generosity towards the sport of field trials are indeed commendable qualities.

His contributions have left a lasting impact on the field trial community.

— *Nathan Phillips*

◀Larry Smith is deserving of the HOF. He was the person you always enjoyed seeing at a field trial. Never a negative word from him about any field trial, and full of laughter. A great host at his Smith Farm in Missouri. He always welcomed everyone and endless hours of preparation to get his grounds ready for a great trial. Let's all vote to get him elected.

— *Rich Robertson*

◀My dad introduced Larry Smith as "the nicest guy in field trials," and that was true from the time I met him until his passing. I don't think anyone could argue that. I always looked forward to seeing his trailer at Hendrix Farms and riding with him at the National Championship. He was a great

bird dog man and an even better sportsman. He referred to us as "Team Blackwell," and even though he loved to win, he celebrated other's successes as well. He participated in many avenues pertaining to field trials, as he handled and scouted, supported other clubs and regions, and also put his own field trials on at his farm. He was the whole picture with a heart of gold that is surely missed! On behalf of myself, my husband, David Russell, and my father, Billy K. Blackwell, we support the induction of Larry Smith to the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

— *Rachel Russell, David Russell & Billy Blackwell*

◀The first time I met Larry Smith was at a field trial in Reno, Nevada, in 2017. He'd driven all night across the country. What I didn't know then was that this was normal for Larry and nothing out of the ordinary. He gave his all for his dogs, the sport, and people. I remember riding back to camp with Larry in a championship after my brace. I was sure my dog had put down a championship performance, and Larry agreed it should be hard to beat. When winners were announced, and my dog didn't get a piece of anything, to say I was upset

is an understatement. Larry calmly took me aside, and after listening to all the ways the judges screwed up the decision, he told me it didn't do any good to make a big deal about it to the judges or anyone else.

Providing grounds, attending and putting on trials, successful breeding programs, fulfilling judging assignments, and giving all you can to the sport are all important. I can't think of anyone more qualified to be in the Field Trial Hall of Fame than Larry Smith. Truly a man for the ages.

— *Kim Sampson*

◀Mr. Larry Smith was a fierce competitor and a dedicated patron of a fine bird dog. His attributes as a fine sportsman and contributions to the sport of field trialing are, in many ways, immeasurable. Larry Smith supported the Quail Championship Invitational and supported trials all over the country as evident on the odometer on his truck. His easy smile and genuine conversation about life, family, and dogs made him approachable to those new to the sport. His consistent participation, creation of Smith Farms for trials, and positive attitude made him a welcome guest at any venue. We are proud to cast our votes for the Field Trial Hall of Fame for Mr. Larry Smith.

— *Mary Sue Schalk & M D Crouse*

◀Larry Smith was certainly a giver to the sport and a very humble man. When asked about field trials and his thoughts, he would state, "We should always keep in mind what's best for field trials." Larry was a successful amateur handler. I believe the Hall of Fame was created for individuals like Larry. I strongly recommend Larry Smith for the Hall of Fame.

— *Mike Small*

◀Larry was a man driven not only to participate in field trials but to make the sport better. Larry was very successful as an amateur trainer and handler. He also supported the pro ranks by sending dogs to the northern prairies most summers. He finally realized his dream—a field trial venue developed at his farm in Gentry, Missouri, into a premier location. He spared no expense to provide an enjoyable experience for everyone who came to Smith Farm. No one has given more to field trials than Larry Smith. His influence over the sport is enough alone to warrant his installment. He deserves to be remembered as one of the most innovative, positive-minded, and respected people who has ever been associated in any way with field trials.

— *William Smith*

◀Larry has contributed to our sport for over 25 years by being a positive and fierce

competitor, supporting local clubs, and putting together premier field grounds in Gentry, Missouri. Larry wanted everyone to have equal opportunity for fairness and birdwork. Larry and his wife Linda were gracious hosts, providing dogs' kennels, horse corrals, and meals to all handlers. Please join us in voting for Mr. Larry Smith for the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

— *Bubba and Amy Spencer*

◀It's been said many times: "A picture is worth a thousand words."

There is a picture taken after the first field trial held at Smith Farms that hangs in the clubhouse, which I believe speaks volumes. Everyone's face is a glow. Smith Farms has 2,500 acres of edges and diversity to challenge the best and sort out the rest, with what some would consider more than enough birds to show a bird dog's finest qualities. A clubhouse to feed the trial experience with great food and an atmosphere to share the stories of the day and, more so, the memories of the past. Facilities for horses and dogs second to none would soon be on the horizon. Larry knew well field trials are won to the front and on the edge; he lived his life that way and graciously invited us to join him there. Larry received the Purina Amateur All-Age Dog of the Year with S F Bandwagon and S F Mapleleaf. I truly believe one of the greatest lessons Larry left us was: Work hard, so in the end, you know you did it well.

— *Kirk Swanson*

◀I met Larry several years ago when he stopped on his travels at Ferrell Miller's to work what I believe was his first highly competitive all-age dog, S F Accelerateher. His passion for the sport then was palpable, and to my knowledge, it never waned. Larry checked all the boxes for election to The Field Trial Hall of Fame during his time here: successful breeder, handler, owner, and field trial landowner. He gave his all in everything he did. Larry's humility in victory or defeat was just one of his numerous admirable qualities. Please join me in supporting Larry Smith for election to the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

— *Ike Todd*

Sandy Walker

◀I met Mr. Sandy Walker several years ago at Robin Gates' camp in Broomhill, Manitoba. He had his own living accommodation, a far cry from his home in the South. He was a supporter of bird dog field trials to pro trainers and amateurs alike. He provided grounds for us to enjoy. That alone is enough to be nominated, but Mr. Sandy meets or exceeds every facet to be elected. On a side note, when I visited

the small Canadian community of Melita, Manitoba, locals would ask, "What are you up here for?" I would say the bird dog trials. The first thing they would ask was if I knew Sandy Walker. He was a fixture and an ambassador to our way of life—this lifelong contribution was all because of his love of the sport of bird dogs and field trials.

Join us in electing Mr. Sandy to the Field Trial Hall of Fame

— *Randy Anderson*

◀In the 15 years we've been involved in the field trial game, Larry Smith's dedication and passion for the sport have, without a doubt, made him worthy of this HOF induction. His drive and determination went far beyond the countless hours getting his high-class dogs competition-ready and then hauling coast to coast to turn them loose. The opportunities he and Linda have provided the rest of us by hosting numerous trials on superb grounds is remarkable. Many of us from outside the Pointer and Setter world have reaped the rewards of Larry's tireless work and hospitality Smith Farms offers. You would often witness Larry working late into the evening, making certain the grounds were in order so that individuals he hadn't yet met had the best experience possible. This was at the expense of his own canine athletes not getting turned loose at a trial or worked. He selflessly gave countless days to judging trials all over the country, drifting in late at night, judging in the daylight hours, and then hustling out to the next stop. He also mentored newcomers to keep the game going, as well as setting that example of sportsmanship.

— *Ray and Tami Larrondo*

◀I first met Sandy Walker when he traveled to the prairies of Kansas to compete in the Amateur Shooting Dog Championships in the 1990s. In those days, the ranches of the Flint Hills of Kansas and the prairie draw country of Oklahoma and West Texas were open prairie laden with native prairie chickens and quail populations. The trials were run on wild birds, and field trailers came from throughout the country.

Accompanied by his son, Neil, he brought his string of Pointers and was very successful. He loved field trials and supported and promoted the sport, traveling throughout the country. He was a gracious host to Margaret and me when we traveled to Georgia to train and trial at his Round Pond Plantation, where he hosted trials of the finest caliber as well as allowing both professionals and amateurs the use of Round Pond for training and trials in the southeast for a long time and his family has continued that tradition thanks to Sandy's

CHELSEA'S THUNDER BOLT



for Field Trial Hall of Fame

Dr. Tom Jackson & George Hickox, *Owners* / Shawn Kinkelaar, *Handler*

Bolt's Accomplishments

23x Open Shooting Dog Champion
(most wins in history)

**4x Purina Open Shooting
Dog of the Year**
(unmatched to date)

**3x Open Shooting Dog Invitational
Champion Winner**
(tied for most of all-time)

"Bolt's" versatility was demonstrated by winning placements in 13 different states from the prairies of North Dakota, to the piney woods of South Georgia, and throughout the country. He won pointing 5 different species of wild birds and he also won in planted bird trials.

We respectfully submit that "Bolt" is a worthy candidate for consideration for the Hall of Fame and kindly ask for your support of this magnificent animal that we were blessed to campaign.

— Dr. Tom Jackson, George Hickox
and Shawn Kinkelaar

planning and guidance. He deserves to be elected to the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

— *Dr. Pat McInteer*

◀I want to endorse Mr. Sandy Walker for the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Mr. Sandy and his family have campaigned dogs for many years, open and amateur. His greatest contribution to our sport was and is the use of beautiful grounds. After Mr. Sandy's death, the family continues to let us use these grounds on many occasions. He is a true representation of what a Hall of Famer should be. Please consider supporting Mr. Sandy in your voting.

— *Mark McLean*

◀I would like to endorse Mr. Sandy Walker for the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Mr. Sandy has won with and campaigned numerous field trial dogs. Most importantly, he has provided his groomed grounds to host numerous trials and was a gracious host for years. He is a deserving candidate. Please consider him during your vote.

— *Bubba Moreland*

◀For a person to be considered for Hall of Fame honors, contributions to the sport are paramount. Club official, breeder, owner, handler, correspondent, patron of the sport and usually a combination of these facets over a large span of time.

Mr. Sandy, by far, surpasses the requirements. He purchased, manicured, and maintained his beautiful Round Pond/Pretty Pond Plantation for the field trial community to use to compete with our dogs. Anyone who has been to a trial at Round Pond knows! The hospitality that every person receives is first class. Sandy would greet everyone with a smile and handshake. A trial that truly spoils you. Beautiful grounds, abundance of birds and every guest was fed three meals a day.

Mr. Sandy had a big impact on my life that he probably never knew. By Sandy opening his place to everyone (even us Yankees!), it allowed me to meet some of my best friends, who I now consider family. Thank you for that, Mr. Sandy.

When it comes time to cast your vote, let's all help the Walker family get this very worthy and deserving candidate into the Hall of Fame where he belongs!

— *Brian Sanchez (Great River Kennels)*

◀I would ask all interested parties to consider Sandy Walker for the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Sandy had a love for this sport and the people that participated in it. He had many fine dogs and won with them. Championships and weekend trials alike, he supported all of them. He had the means to do anything in the world, and he spent time with many of us. He was always encouraging and glad to see you.

His Round Pond and Pretty Pond Plantations offered world-class grounds for trials. Those grounds today host five different trials—Amateur Shooting Dog and Open All-Age events—that offer the kind of setting to measure a dog. He allowed numerous trainers to use these grounds to work dogs. What a gift! Robin Gates was a near neighbor and worked there often.

The significant question one needs to ask themselves when considering a candidate for induction to the Field Trial Hall of Fame is, "Did this Person make an important and lasting contribution to the sport?"

Sandy Walker did that fully! Please cast your vote for Sandy Walker for Field Trial Hall of Fame.

— *Steve Standley*

◀Mr. Sandy Walker had been involved in field trials for over 30 years. As a handler, Mr. Sandy won multiple championships which included the Free-For-All Championship with Round Pond Silver Spur. He also had multiple runner-up champions and numerous placements. Mr. Sandy also owned dogs such as Calicos Time Piece, Class Act Solution, and RJ Hardcopy, which all had multiple placements. He was always the person who sat back quietly as he gave back to his field trial community.

Around 20 years ago, the Round Pond Amateur Shooting Dog Classic was formed

and remains one of the top amateur field trials in the region. There are multiple trials that have been hosted on his grounds and continue to this day. The National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Championship has been held here for almost 10 years and remains along with the Robin Gates Memorial Classic and The "Big" Derby.

We lost Mr. Sandy Walker in 2022, and Mrs. Walker, along with their son Neil, still carry on the tradition to this day.

Please join the Committee to elect Mr. Sandy Walker to the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

— *Christy Swearingen*

Rivertons Funseek'n Scooter

◀On a hunt with Richie in Idaho, Scooter was released behind the kennel and, in the next three-plus hours, found and flawlessly handled chukars, Huns, Valley quail, and pheasants. When Richie would come to Chickasaw in winter, Scooter, just out of a crate on day one, was a vacuum cleaner on quail. The dog was one of the best bird finders I have ever seen and had an uncanny ability to adapt to different game birds and geographies. Most notably, the dog was able to transmit these qualities to his offspring.

Funseeker's Rebel got into the HOF based on his record as a performer and producer. That stated, much of his production record passed through his son, Rivertons Funseek'n Scooter. In a similar manner, Just Irresistible, a son of Scooter, was elected to the HOF due in large part to his production record. Rivertons Funseek'n Scooter is the key link in this impressive production chain and deserves recognition for it.

Rivertons Funseek'n Scooter was a threat from the piney woods to the prairies and amassed an impressive performance record. A 200-word limit does not allow amplification. The dog deserves consideration for the HOF.

— *Dr. Ron Deal*

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THE SEASON IN REVIEW

Winners of Major Circuit Stakes — 2023-2024

MAJOR CIRCUIT ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

ALABAMA OPEN ALL-AGE

Blue Mountain, Miss., February 3

Judges: Mark Haynes and Jeremy Taylor

20 Pointers

Winner-NOSAM'S SWEET WATER, 1682042, pointer male, by Whippoorwill Mayhem-House's House Fly. Dale Bush, owner; Larry Huffman, handler.

Runner-Up-WHIPPOORWILL VETTE, 1682323, pointer male, by Whippoorwill Justified-S J Kentucky Sue. Dale Bush, owner; Larry Huffman, handler.

ALL-AMERICA DERBY

Cutler, Ill., March 8

Judges: Greg Blair and Dave Capstick

15 Pointers and 1 Setter

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

Runner-Up-BANDIT'S HILL AVENGER, 1702642, pointer male, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Bandit's Hill Daisy. Ann Forrester, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

ALL-AMERICA QUAIL

Cutler, Ill., March 9

Judges: Greg Blair and Dave Capstick

24 Pointers

Winner-LESTER'S STORM SURGE, 1681624, pointer male, by Ransom-Beane's Line Dancer. Tommy & Bonnie Hamilton, owners; Korry Rinehart, handler.

Runner-Up-LESTER'S SHOCKWAVE, 1681623, pointer male, by Ransom-Beane's Line Dancer. Tommy & Bonnie Hamilton, owners; Korry Rinehart, handler.

AMERICAN DERBY INVITATIONAL

Grovespring, Mo., March 28

Judges: Kipp Linard and Keith Wright

12 Pointers

Winner-BANDIT'S HILL AVENGER, 1702642, pointer male, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Bandit's Hill Daisy. Ann Forrester, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

Runner-Up-GAME STAR, 1704929, pointer female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Belle. Fred Corder, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

CALIFORNIA BIRD DOG

California City, Cal., January 8

Judges: Gregg Knight and Jeff Shrine

22 Entries

Winner-LIVEACTIONS CAPT GUS MCCRAE, 1703704, German Shorthair male, by JHC's Snooperstar-Sheeza-za Hightailin Sassafrass. Ben Spinks, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.

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

CALIFORNIA QUAIL

Reno, Nev., April 27

Judges: Steve Auxier and Jim Wolthuis

18 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-RAMBLIN RIVERS UNPLUGGED, 1698585, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-Wells Southern Charm. Bill Stapleton, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.

Runner-Up-CIRCLE B WANTED RYDER, 1702409, setter male, by T's American Gunfighter-Circle B Burning Stardust. Circle B Setters, owner; Sergio Velez, handler.

CASCADE

Payette, Ida., March 3

Judges: Rich Burgi and Matt Huston

12 Pointers, 10 Setters, and 1 German Shorthair

Winner-TOUCH'S AMAZING GREYCE, 1693629, pointer female, by Touch's Grey Street-Intentional. Austin Turley, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-CIRCLE B WANTED RYDER, 1702409, setter male, by T's American Gunfighter-Circle B Burning Stardust. Circle B Setters, owner; Sergio Velez, handler.

CONTINENTAL DERBY

Greenville, Fla., January 15

Judges: Larron Copeland and Jeff Gibbons

18 Pointers and 1 Setter

Winner-RAMPAGE, 1705323, pointer male, by Touch's Red Rider-Southpoint's Dixie Chick. S. Tucker Johnson, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

Runner-Up-T S COAL TRAIN, 1704657, pointer male, by Touch's Mega Mike-T S Dial Again. Dr. Ron Deal, owner; Lee Phillips, handler.

CONTINENTAL

Greenville, Fla., January 17

Judges: Lamar Childers and Mike Jackson

33 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-HANEY'S ALL IN, 1698756, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. Steve Croy, owner; Mark McLean, handler.

Runner-Up-GAME SURGE, 1700091, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Maggie. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

GEORGIA DERBY

Waynesboro, Ga., January 2

Judges: Gary Futch and Mike Jackson

16 Pointers and 1 Setter

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

Runner-Up-GAME STAR, 1704929, pointer female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Belle. Dr. Fred Corder, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

GEORGIA QUAIL

Waynesboro, Ga., January 3

Judges: Johnny Atkinson and Mike Jackson

16 Pointers and 3 Setters

Winner-TOUCH'S MALCOLM STORY, 1675103, pointer male, by Touch's Knight Rider-Blackhawk's Sunflower. Alex Rickert, owner; Mark McLean, handler.

Runner-Up-HANEY'S ALL IN, 1698756, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. Steve Croy, owner; Mark McLean, handler.

INTERNATIONAL PHEASANT

Hoffman, N. C., October 26

Judges: Joe Hughes and Tessa Hughes

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.

MASTERS OPEN QUAIL (Southern Club)

Albany, Ga., March 6

Judges: Steve Hurdle and Gary McKibben

27 Pointers and 2 Setters

Winner-ERIN'S PERFECT STORM, 1692323, pointer male, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Erin's Bet On Me. Brad Woodie, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

Runner-Up-TOUCH'S BREAKAWAY FRED, 1680750, pointer male, by Touch's Mega Mike-Touch's American Baby. Bruce & Karen Norton, Gary & Becky Futch, owners; Mark McLean, handler.

MISSOURI

Grovespring, Mo., March 22

Judges: Mike Jackson and Keith Wright

36 Pointers and 2 Setters

Winner-HANEY'S STORM WARNING, 1691416, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

Runner-Up-RESTER'S CAJUN SPIRIT, 1695796, pointer male, by Miller's Blindsider-Rester's Amazing Grace. Allen Linder, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Grand Junction, Tenn., February 12

Judges: Jadie Rayfield, Tom Shenker,

and Dr. Stan Wint

27 Pointers and 4 Setters

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

NATIONAL DERBY

Greensboro, Ala., January 28

Judges: Kirk Law and Tom Shenker

15 Pointers and 1 Setter

Winner-RAMPAGE, 1705323, pointer male, by Touch's Red Rider-Southpoint's Dixie Chick. S. Tucker Johnson, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

Runner-Up-HANEY'S LAST CALL, 1702601, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle Sr., owner and handler.

NATIONAL FREE-FOR-ALL

Greensboro, Ala., January 30

Judges: Rich Heaton and Quinton Wiseman

22 Pointers and 4 Setters

Winner-HANEY'S ALL IN, 1698756, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. Steve Croy, owner; Mark McLean, handler.

NATIONAL PHEASANT**Hoffman, N. C., October 30****Judges: Michel Shears and William Smith
32 Pointers and 4 Setters***Winner-GAME SURGE, 1700091, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Maggie. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.**Runner-Up-ERIN'S PERFECT STORM, 1692323, pointer male, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Erin's Bet On Me. Brad Woodie, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.***NORTH CAROLINA QUAIL****Hoffman, N. C., March 17****Judges: Mack Hilliard and Whitley Stephenson
15 Pointers and 5 Setters***Winner-TOUCH'S MALCOLM STORY, 1675103, pointer male, by Touch's Knight Rider-Blackhawk's Sunflower. Alex Rickert, owner; Mark McLean, handler.**Runner-Up-ROCKY RIVER HALO, 1703164, pointer male, by Southpoint's Speedy G-Lone Tree Last Snow. Carl Lefter & Phil Stevenson, owners; Phil Stevenson, handler.***NORTHWEST CHUKAR****Payette, Ida., September 29****Judges: Bill Owen and Jeremy Skousen
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.***OKLAHOMA****Inola, Okla., October 23****Judges: Harold Burbach and Jim Michaletz
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.***PACIFIC COAST DERBY****Reno, Nev., April 22****Judges: Chris Perkins and Marty Middleton
7 Pointers and 3 Setters***Winner-KELLY'S I.B. RUBY, 1700810, pointer female, by Kelly's Rebel Louie-Saddle Up Reba. Sean Kelly, owner and handler.**Runner-Up-VALOR'S LACE AND GRACE, 1703474, setter female, by T's Nickleback-T's Hidden Grace. Ray Carter, owner and handler.***QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONAL****Kevil, Ky., November 25****Judges: Mike Crouse, Michael Kennedy,
and Dr. Stan Wient
11 Pointers and 1 Setter***Winner-ERIN'S CODE OF HONOR, 1696057, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Miss Maggie. Allen Linder, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.**Runner-Up-BONNER'S BULLETPROOF, 1683585, pointer male, by Miller's Speed Dial-Miller's Martha White. Chris Cornman, owner; Randy Anderson, handler.***SOUTHEASTERN****Sasser, Ga., March 1****Judges: Mike Jackson and Kirk Law
23 Pointers and 2 Setters***Winner-MILLER'S BLINDSIDER, 1674983, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Nick Berrong, owner; Jamie Daniels, handler.**Runner-Up-ERIN'S WILD ATLANTIC WAY, 1684809, setter male, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-T T's Southern Miss. Sean Derrig, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.***SOUTHWESTERN****Trail City, S.D., August 31****Judges: Shawn Kinkelaar and Jason Williams
30 Pointers and 3 Setters***Winner-ERIN'S CODE OF HONOR, 1696057, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Miss Maggie. Allen Linder, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.**Runner-Up-MILLER'S HEAT ADVISORY, 1685672, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. John Mathys, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.***TAR HEEL OPEN****Hoffman, N. C., October 18****Judges: William Smith and Whitley Stephenson
40 Pointers and 3 Setters***Winner-HANEY'S ALL IN, 1698756, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. Steve Croy, owner; Mark McLean, handler.**Runner-Up-SHADOW'S LORD MAGIC, 1668301, pointer male, by In the Shadow-Hello Kitty. Carl Bowman, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.***UNITED STATES OPEN****Greensboro, Ala., December 1****Judges: Alex Mauck and Jim Michaletz
29 Pointers and 3 Setters***Winner-HANEY'S ALL IN, 1698756, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. Steve Croy, owner; Mark McLean, handler.**Runner-Up-MILLER'S HEAT ADVISORY, 1685672, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. John Mathys, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.***WESTERN (Bay Area Bird Dog Club)****Reno, Nev., April 25****Judges: Marty Middleton and Jason Staley
24 Pointers and 6 Setters***Winner-KELLY'S I.B. RUBY, 1700810, pointer female, by Kelly's Rebel Louie-Saddle Up Reba. Sean Kelly, owner and handler.**Runner-Up-MILLER'S NEWEST VERSION, 1696284, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Bill Owen, owner and handler.***LEADING AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIPS****NATIONAL AMATEUR CHUKAR****ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP****Maupin, Ore., March 23****Judges: Dan Hoke and Derrick Olsen
11 Pointers, 6 Setters, and 4 German Shorthairs***Winner-LOVE TRAIN, 1686322, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-Lyons Platinum. Tom Griffin, owner and handler.**Runner-Up-ROCKING J'S PEARL, 1702191, pointer female, by Kelly's Rebel Louie-Saddle Up Reba. Jarry Walton, owner and handler.***NATIONAL AMATEUR DERBY****CHAMPIONSHIP****Greenville, Fla., March 30****Judges: Mike Moses and Woody Watson
14 Pointers***Winner-COLDWATER CRACKERJACK, 1702009, pointer male, by Coldwater Odyssey-Coldwater Fancy Like. Gary McKibben, owner and handler.**Runner-Up-GAME NATION, 1704928, pointer female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Belle. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.***NATIONAL AMATEUR FREE-FOR-ALL
CHAMPIONSHIP****Union Springs, Ala., February 22****Judges: Jeff Gibbons and Brian Spear
51 Pointers and 7 Setters***Winner-ONE DAY QUEEN BEE, 1684579, pointer female, by Heard Hill's Memory Lane-Dubose's Snow White. Lane & Darcy Hodges, owners; Lane Hodges, handler.**Runner-Up-REYNOLDS PARTY STARTER, 1695316, pointer male, by L V's Western Express-L V's Silver Lining. Will Wilson, owner; Hunter McDuffie, handler.***NATIONAL AMATEUR PHEASANT****Gentry, Mo., March 20****Judges: Mark Johnson and Frank LaNasa
21 Pointers***Winner-HANEY'S SILVER DOLLAR, 1698758, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner; Chris Cagle Jr., handler.**Runner-Up-GAME HEIR, 1691409, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Game Snow. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.***NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE
INVITATIONAL****Grand Junction, Tenn., December 5****Judges: Derek Bonner and Scott Griffin
12 Pointers***Winner-GAME HEIR, 1691409, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Game Snow. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.**Runner-Up-REBEL SURVIVOR, 1680246, pointer male, by Rebel Pride-In Swami's Shadow. David Williams, owner and handler.***NATIONAL AMATEUR QUAIL****Greenville, Fla., February 26****Judges: George Kimbrell and Buck Neil
31 Pointers***Winner-IMAGINE, 1693699, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Dialed In. Jim Pendergest, owner and handler.**Runner-Up-RESTER'S CAJUN JUSTICE, 1691667, pointer male, by Whippoorwill Justified-Rester's Katie Lee. Cecil Rester, owner and handler.***MAJOR CIRCUIT SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS****ALABAMA****Union Springs, Ala., October 30****Judges: Chris Sellers and Keith St. John
43 Pointers and 5 Setters***Winner-CALICO'S SKY'S THE LIMIT, 1692352, pointer female, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Calico's Country Strong. Allen Linder, William & Muriel Primm, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.**No Runner-Up*

ALL-AMERICA

McLaughlin, S. D., September 6

Judges: Judd Carlton and Jamie Daniels
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.

ARIZONA

California City, Cal., January 11

Judges: Gregg Knight and Brian Smith
16 Entries

Winner-RAMBLIN RIVERS NATURAL, 1688693,
pointer male, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Upfront's
Southern Star. William Stapleton, owner and
handler.

Runner-Up-C V REDHEADED FLYING
DUTCHMAN, 1680729, Vizsla male, by C K
Touchdown Guy-Twenty Gauge Over N Under.
Matthew Roesner, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.

ARKANSAS

Conway, Ark., November 30

Judges: Jon Davis and Steve Messick
37 Pointers and 4 Setters

Winner-LESTER'S ANOTHER SHOCKWAVE,
1691812, pointer male, by Lester's Shockwave-
Miller's Stitch In Time. Prairie To Pines Kennel,
owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, 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.

ATLANTIC COAST

Hoffman, N. C., January 24

Judges: Tim McClurg and Whitley Stephenson
56 Pointers and 8 Setters

Winner-CS FOUR SEASON'S GUNNER, 1701374,
pointer male, by Dominator's Ghost Rider-Piney
Woods Gal. Tony Gibson & Harold Ray, owners;
Doug Ray, handler.

Runner-Up-BITTERSWEET WAR CRY, 1674743,
pointer male, by Sugarknoll War Paint-Mohawk.
Joe Lordi & Ralph Gillota, owners; Mike Tracy,
handler.

BIG SKY

Hankinson, N. D., May 3 – One Course

Judges: James Juergens and Boyd Sutfin
26 Entries

Winner-RAMBLIN RIVERS NATURAL, 1688693,
pointer male, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Upfront's
Southern Star. William Stapleton, owner and
handler.

Runner-Up-S T'S LOCKED N LOADED, 1686059,
Vizsla female, by C K Touchdown Guy-Midnight
Run's Probable Cause. Jeff Zenas, owner; Brian
Gingrich, handler.

EGYPTIAN

Pinckneyville, Ill., April 1

Judges: Mark Haynes and Keith St. John
36 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-GROUSE FEATHER WITCHER, 1688616,
setter male, by T's Gunslinger-Wynona's Witchy
Woman. Allen Dunbar, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-A BUCCANEER, 1690411, pointer
male, by Zip Tye-Cedar Ridge Shopper. Jett
Ferebee, owner; Doug Ray, handler.

GARDEN STATE

Lacey Township, N. J., October 23 – One Course

Judges: Dan Jolly and Josh Ruitter
26 Pointers and 6 Setters

Winner-HARBOR CITY SURE SHOT, 1668549,
pointer female, by R J's Long Shot-Harbor City
Sugar. Richard Gillis & Karen Lordi, owners; Matt
Basilone, handler.

Runner-Up-RAVENWOOD THROWING SMOKE,
1675094, pointer male, by Erin's Stone Cutter-
Erin's Annie. Joseph Cincotta, owner; Matt
Basilone, handler.

GEORGIA

Waynesboro, Ga., January 11

Judges: Joe Rentz and Tricia Rentz
50 Pointers and 3 Setters

Winner-SILVER W JILL Z, 1682062, pointer female,
by Ransom-Double Wild. Debbie Ozner, owner;
Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

Runner-Up-TRIPLE NICKEL CARBON COPY,
1692617, pointer male, by Miller's Hennessey-
Jamback's Amazing Grace. Robert & Linda Bergen,
owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

GULF COAST

Union Springs, Ala., November 27

Judges: Tim Moore and Harold Johnson
32 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-NONAMI'S JOHNNY COME LATELY,
1694190, pointer male, by Ransom-Pinewood's
Jenny Bell. R. E. Turner, owner; Ray Pearce,
handler.

Runner-Up-ERIN'S PRIMETIME, 1690313,
pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Erin's
Quickmarksman's Mae. Great River Kennel, owner;
Tracy Swearingen, handler.

IDAHO

American Falls, Ida., September 25

Judges: Marty Middleton and Jarry Walton
27 Entries

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

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

ILLINOIS

Chandlerville, Ill., February 26

Judges: Steve Auxier and Jim Corpening
25 Pointers

Winner-LAWLESS GEORGIE GIRL, 1676697,
pointer female, by Oak Grove Pacemaker-
Homestead Georgia. Jim Lawless, owner and
handler.

Runner-Up-ALLIWOOD'S NEVER SAY NEVER,
1695564, pointer female, by Touch's Grey Street-
Alliwood's Shady Shay. Adam DeLude, owner and
handler.

KEYSTONE

Petersburg, Pa., April 14 – One Course

Judges: Luke Eisenhart and Dayna Rusciano
36 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-THE SECRET, 1686192, pointer male,
by Waybetter Rocky-Ladywood's Keepsake. Lisa
Pollock, owner; Jeanette 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.

MASTERS (Southern Club)

Albany, Ga., March 1

Judges: Greg Shepherd and Jason Williams
49 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-WAYBETTER REBEL, 1689139, pointer
male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Calico's Country
Strong. Bill & Muriel Primm & Allen Linder,
owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Runner-Up-PANTHER CREEK ROSIE, 1691574,
pointer female, by Panther Creek Merlin-
Pineywood's Belle Aire. Frank Rutland, owner;
Tommy Rice III, handler.

MICHIGAN

Ionia, Mich., April 15 – One Course

Judges: Joe Guzman and Mark Johnson
30 Entries

Winner-THUNDER BOLT'S STORM, 1684304,
pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-
Lacey Underall. Thomas Jackson, owner; Shawn
Kinkelaar, handler.

Runner-Up-THUNDER'S WILD AGIN, 1691314,
pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Double
Wild. Doug Swingley & Brett Bruggeman, owners;
Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

Lacey Township, N. J., October 16 – One Course

Judges: Gus Allimonos and Jeff Smith
49 Pointers and 7 Setters

Winner-MILLER'S HEAT SEEKER, 1674886,
pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The
Heat. Bill & 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.

MIDWEST

Elk City, Kan., March 14

Judges: Dr. Robert Rankin and Dr. Stan Wint
35 Pointers and 4 Setters

Winner-UPFRONT'S SOUTHERN STAR, 1662579,
pointer female, by Ransom-Double Wild. Lance
Schulz, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

Runner-Up-GAME SPORT, 1673797, pointer male,
by Coal Train-Game Bee. Bart Hicklin, owner;
Harold Gearhart, handler.

MISSOURI

Grovespring, Mo., March 4

Judges: Frank Vicari and Mike Vicari
55 Pointers, 6 Setters, 5 German Shorthairs,
and 4 Vizslas

Winner-SMOKE'N'MIRRORS, 1679185, pointer
female, by Just Irresistible-A Whiskey Lullaby.
Richard Gillis & Stacey Goodie, owners; Matt
Basilone, handler.

Runner-Up-SILVER W JILL Z, 1682062, pointer
female, by Ransom-Double Wild. Debbie Ozner,
owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

NATIONAL PHEASANT

Bloomington, Ohio, September 25 – One Course

Judges: Ronnie Rogers and Chris Sellers
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.

NATIONAL PRAIRIE CHICKEN
Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., September 24
Judges: Joe Hughes and Scott Little
42 Entries

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

Runner-Up-CONFIDENT NATION, 1684546, pointer male, by True Confidence-Southern Songbird. Scott Jordan, owner; Scott Forman, handler.

NATIONAL SHOOTING DOG
Union Springs, Ala., February 5

Judges: Johnny Atkinson, Grayson Francis, and Mike Jackson
53 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-GRAND PRAIRIE THRILL, 1676501, pointer female, by Seekin A Thrill-York's Hollywood. Mac Stidham, owner; Tommy Rice III, handler.

NEW ENGLAND

East Windsor, Conn., April 22 – One Course
Judges: Ronnie Rogers and Tom Tracy
39 Pointers and 7 Setters

Winner-WAYBETTER REBEL, 1689139, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Calico's Country Strong. Bill & Muriel Primm & Allen Linder, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Runner-Up-MILLER'S HEAT SEEKER, 1674886, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Bill & Muriel Primm, Dennis Hood, Fran & Jack Miller, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

NORTH CAROLINA

Hoffman, N. C., December 18
Judges: Chris Catanzarite and Chad Wheeler
42 Pointers and 12 Setters

Winner-HARD TRUTH, 1685784, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Pearl Again. Bob Canada, owner; Doug Ray, handler.

Runner-Up-CHELSEA'S MAE WEST, 1686810, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Chelsea's Southern Chic. Ron Prewitt & Brad Sadler, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

NORTHEASTERN

East Windsor, Conn., October 9 – One Course
Judges: Chris Catanzarite and Kevin Stuart
28 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-HIROLLINS BAD BOY, 1689634, pointer male, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Hirollins Fancy Lady. Ed & Megan McKay, owners; Matt Basilone, handler.

Runner-Up-WAYBETTER REBEL, 1689139, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Calico's Country Strong. Allen Linder, Bill & Muriel Primm, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

NORTHWEST CHUKAR
Payette, Ida., October 2

Judges: Lori Steinshouer and Mike Wilkin
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.

OKLAHOMA

Inola, Okla., January 2

Judges: Greg Gibson and Frank Schoenborn
29 Pointers and 3 Setters

Winner-HALE'S HIGH FLYER, 1676691, pointer female, by Hale's Kickstarter-Hale's Mae Do. Dr. Jeffrey Hale, owner; Eddy Taylor, handler.

Runner-Up-TOUCH'S STEELY DAN, 1694320, pointer male, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Touch's White Assault. John Van Horn Jr., owner; Virgil Moore, handler.

OSARK

Conway, Ark., November 30

Judges: Steve Messick and Jim Martin
56 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-STYLISH MISS BELL, 1691586, pointer female, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Tom Curtsinger, owner and handler.

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

PACIFIC COAST

Maupin, Ore., March 25

Judges: Cliff Mesnard and James Wallace
26 Entries

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

Runner-Up-BK BULLETPROOF, 1696564, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Phil Bowden, owner; Sergio Velez, handler.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Patrick, S. C., December 4 – One Course

Judges: George Hickox and Dr. Debbie Ozner
47 Pointers and 6 Setters

Winner-FAITHFUL, 1684597, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Steel City Karen. Susan & Roger Duerksen, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Runner-Up-MILLER'S HEAT SEEKER, 1674886, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Bill & Muriel Primm, Dennis Hood, Fran & Jack Miller, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

SOUTHEASTERN

Lake City, Fla., February 22

Judges: Joel Norman and Keith St. John
44 Pointers and 7 Setters

Winner-BITTERSWEET WAR CRY, 1674743, pointer male, by Sugarknoll War Paint-Mohawk. Joe Lordi & Ralph Gillota, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Runner-Up-PANTHER CREEK ROSIE, 1691574, pointer female, by Panther Creek Merlin-Pineywood's Belle Aire. Frank Rutland, owner; Tommy Rice III, handler.

SUNFLOWER STATE

Elk City, Kan., October 18

Judges: Tony King and Tim Penn
29 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-SILVER W JILL Z, 1682062, pointer female, by Ransom-Double Wild. Debbie Ozner, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

Runner-Up-LESTER'S ANOTHER SHOCKWAVE, 1691812, pointer male, by Lester's Shockwave-Miller's Stitch In Time. Tom Jackson & Jerry Moisson, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

TEXAS

Conway, Ark., November 14

Judges: Jim Martin and Marty Moore
42 Pointers and 6 Setters

Winner-UPFRONT'S SOUTHERN STAR, 1662579, pointer female, by Ransom-Double Wild. Lance Schulz, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

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

UNITED STATES INVITATIONAL

Conway, Ark., February 17

Judges: Matt Cochran and Dr. Jim Mills
12 Pointers

Winner-ABSOLUTE DOMINATOR, 1686566, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Pearl Again. Johnny & Joyce Taylor, owners; Doug Ray, handler.

WESTERN

Reno, Nev., April 23

Judges: Jared Tappero and Austin Turley
14 Pointers, 1 Setter, 1 German Shorthair, and 1 Vizsla

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

Runner-Up-S T'S LOCKED N LOADED, 1686059, Vizsla female, by C K Touchdown Guy-Midnight Run's Probable Cause. Jeff Zenas, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.

GROUSE / WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIPS

GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE

Gladwin, Mich., November 20

Judges: Bruce Mueller and Chad Wheeler
33 Pointers, 48 Setters, and 1 Irish Setter

Winner-RALPHY'S CHASEHILL RIP, 1697746, pointer male, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Brian Ralph, owner; John Stogitis, handler.

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

GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE AND WOODCOCK INVITATIONAL

Gladwin, Mich., April 17

Judges: Brent Peters and Robert Wheelock
8 Pointers and 6 Setters

Winner-MERIDITH GRADE CORKY, 1681353, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Call Me Maggie. Dennis Keyser, owner; Tammy Chaffee, handler.

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

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR WOODCOCK
Moose Junction, Wis., April 26

Judges: Brett Edstrom and Paul Cook
4 Pointers and 14 Setters

Winner-MOSS MEADOW SEEKER, 1676726, setter male, by Moss Meadow Rambler-Moss Meadow Maggie. Ken Moss, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-BANG BANG'S LONGSHOT, 1696304, setter male, by North Creek Scooter-Blue Ridge Molly. Scott Luther, owner and handler.

LAKE STATES GROUSE

Meredith, Mich., October 24

Judges: Reggie Durant and Dave Hawk
11 Pointers, 36 Setters, and 1 Llewellyn Setter

Winner-BUNDY'S BUCKEYE MOLLY, 1694731, Llewellyn setter female, by Chaseaway Bondhu-Earlywine's Bomber Lynds. Chris Sellers, owner; Zachary Erne, handler.

No Runner-Up Named

MICHIGAN WOODCOCK

Gladwin, Mich., October 10

Judges: Brent Peters and Bob Wheelock
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.***MINNESOTA GROUSE**

[Canceled]

NEW ENGLAND GROUSE

Berlin, N. H., September 25 – One Course

Judges: Jamie Nee and John Olfson**12 Pointers and 11 Setters***Winner-BOOMER OF BLACKWATER, 1676576, pointer male, by The Guardian-Let's Roll Possum. Cole Cullins, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.**Runner-Up-SUPER STORM NELL, 1687466, setter female, by Blast Zone-Bridgewater Mt. Pemi. Thor Kain, owner; Adam Dubriske, handler.***NEW YORK GROUSE**

[Canceled]

NORTH AMERICAN WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

McAdam, N. B., September 8

Judges: Doug Dix and Eric Rizza**19 Pointers and 11 Setters***Winner-CHASEHILL POISON IVY, 1694453, pointer female, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Allen Raiano, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.**Runner-Up-CAIRDS CRACKLIN ROSIE, 1680683, pointer female, by Daddy's Little Boy Butch-Porter Meadow Bette. Robert Little, owner and handler.***NORTHEASTERN GROUSE AND WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP**

Frankfort, Me., September 29

Judges: Jamie Leitch and Bruce Mueller**27 Pointers, 3 Setters, and 1 Irish Setter***Winner-DUCK HOOK, 1668288, pointer male, by Erin's War Creek-Brave Heart Cassie. Michael Flewelling & Richard Straub, owners; Mike Flewelling, handler.**Runner-Up-WYNOT LOTTIE, 1696083, pointer female, by Woodcock Haven War Paint-Woodcock Haven Fire Sky. Allen Robbins, owner and handler.***NORTHERN MICHIGAN COVER DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

Meredith, Mich., October 17

Judges: Bert Benshoof and Dave Heavlin**22 Pointers, 41 Setters, and 1 Irish Setter***Winner-DUN ROVENS SOOZEE, 1682090, setter female, by Clary's Tekoa Sky Hawk-Dun Rovens Boofay. Chris Jaeger, owner; Richard Hollister, handler.**Runner-Up-SHADY HILLS WHISKEY BONFIRE, 1662697, setter male, by Shady Hills Billie Too-Shady Hills Bean. Shady Hills Kennel, owner; Scott Forman, handler.***NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND WOODCOCK**

Fryeburg, Me., September 15

Judges: Barry Bassingwaite and Russell Ogilvie**21 Pointers, 11 Setters, and 1 Irish Setter***Winner-CAIRDS CRACKLIN ROSIE, 1680683, pointer female, by Daddy's Little Boy Butch-Porter Meadow Bette. Robert Little, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.**Runner-Up-BOOMER OF BLACKWATER, 1676576, pointer male, by The Guardian-Let's Roll Possum. Cole Cullins, owner; Mike Flewelling, handler.***ONTARIO GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Philipsburg, Pa. April 3

Judges: Mike Brown and Adam Dubriske**24 Pointers and 12 Setters***Winner-RALPHY'S CHASEHILL RIP, 1697746, pointer male by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Brian Ralph, owner and handler.**Runner-Up-GROUSE HILL BELLA, 1699351, pointer female by Silver Ko Kane Ty-Smoke'm Up Jill. John Capocci, owner; Marc Forman, handler.***PENNSYLVANIA GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Marienville, Pa., October 23

Judges: Andy Bogar and Jeremy Estep**16 Pointers and 10 Setters***Winner-DUN ROVENS MIDNITE IKE, 1685001, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Moonshine Cherry. Dr. Peter J. Millett, owner; R. J. Ecker, handler.**Runner-Up-GROUSE HILL RAMBO, 1696375, pointer male, by Bo of Piney Woods-Grouse Hill Prima. John Capocci, owner; R. J. Ecker, handler.***SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND WOODCOCK**

Exeter, R. I., March 22

Judges: Doug Dix and Kris Nordby**15 Pointers and 7 Setters***Winner-CAIRDS CRACKLIN ROSIE, 1680683, pointer female, by Daddy's Little Boy Butch-Porter Meadow Bette. Robert Little, owner and handler.**Runner-Up-ASPER HILL BANDIT, 1694498, setter female, by Super Storm-Asper Hill Pippi. Jonathan Cullen, owner and handler.***WISCONSIN COVER DOG**

Augusta, Wis., October 7

Judges: Michael J. Brown and Chad Wheeler**15 Pointers, 16 Setters, and 1 Brittany**

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*1st-SETTER RIDGE FLASH FORWARD, 1686454, setter female, by Ponderosa Mac-Call Me Maggie. Brad Peterson, owner; Scott Chaffee, handler.**2d-BAD HABITS, 1696871, pointer female, by J T H Scion-Over The Hill Patty. Ben Mergens, owner and handler.**3d-MERIDITH GRADE CORKY, 1681353, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Call Me Maggie. Dennis Keysor, owner; Tammy Chaffee, handler.***NATIONAL GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Grovespring, Mo., March 30

Judges: Rodney Shoemaker and Stan Wint**32 German Shorthairs***Winner-CHICOREE'S RIDEN HIGH TRIXIE, 1685125, German Shorthair female, by Riden High Rudy-Chicoree's Sparkle In Her Eye. Rondal Alexander, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.**Runner-Up-H'S AM CRUISER, 1664565, German Shorthair male, by H's Hedge Rise Ignited-Salamone's Mele Kalikimaka Boo. Chase Verdoorn & Harlan Higgenbotham, owners; Chase Verdoorn, handler.***LEADING GERMAN BREED CHAMPIONSHIPS****NATIONAL GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER ASSOCIATION NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

Grovespring, Mo., March 30

Judges: David Russell and Dan Voss**57 German Shorthairs***Winner-MONKEYSHINES CALLME THE BREEZE, 1699127, German Shorthair female, by Riden High Rudy-Cuttin Wilds Space Cowgirl. Helmut Schoen, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.**Runner-Up-P W THAT WAS THEN THIS IS NOW, 1685385, German Shorthair female, by Rio's Rising Renegade-P W Extraordinaire. Keith & Bobbi Richardson, owners; Rich Robertson, handler.***NATIONAL GERMAN SHORTHAIRED****POINTER ASSOCIATION NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Grovespring, Mo., March 30

Judges: Kevin Joyce and Helmut Schoen**30 German Shorthairs***Winner-B M B'S FREELOADER, 1678664, German Shorthair male, by B M B's Free Ride-Highailing Saddle's Mandolin. Brandon & Jennifer Blum, owners; Brandon Blum, handler.**Runner-Up-B M B'S FREE RIDE, 1660979, German Shorthair male, by Kimber Tactical-Time To Pay The Piper. Brandon Blum, owner and handler.***NATIONAL GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER ASSOCIATION NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

Grovespring, Mo., March 30

Judges: Adrian Jackson and Mick Cheshire**41 German Shorthairs***Winner-HI TAILYN SKYE, R323-210, German Shorthair female, by B D K's Sam I Am-Hi Tailyn Xena. Scott Bodenstab, owner and handler.**Runner-Up-M S R'S KISS MY LILY, 1685879, German Shorthair female, by B M B's Freeloader-M S R's Motorollin. James & Sarah Messer, owners; James Messer, handler.***LEADING IRISH SETTER CHAMPIONSHIPS****NATIONAL RED SETTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

Grovespring, Mo., October 19

Judges: Jay Lewis and Lynn Oxendine**13 Irish Setters***Winner-GRATITUDE, 1676458, Irish setter male, by Come Back Cutter-Come Back Doodle. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.**Runner-Up-FIREFLY'S POWER PLAY, 1664073, Irish setter male, by Flintstone-Firefly's Hot Tip. Dennis & Bonnie Hidalgo, owners; Dennis Hidalgo, handler.***NATIONAL RED SETTER AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Grovespring, Mo., October 19

15 Irish Setters*Winner-GRATITUDE, 1676458, Irish setter male, by Come Back Cutter-Come Back Doodle. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.**Runner-Up-QUANTONAS RECIPROCAL, 1686166, Irish setter female, by Heiligsepp's Blick-Russell's New Day. Kelli Aitken, owner and handler.*

**NATIONAL RED SETTER
OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**
Pinckneyville, Ill., April 14
Judges: Jon Lam and Lee Long
21 Irish Setters

Winner-FULL RED AFTERBURN, 1691624, Irish setter male, by Zansett Simply Red-Foxy's Lil Red Missy. Mike Fox, owner; Tom Waite, handler.
Runner-Up-SILVER CREEK WILD AGAIN, 1692221, Irish setter male, by Zansett Ricky O'Ryan-S C Miss Behaving. Tim Hammons, owner and handler.

**NATIONAL RED SETTER AMATEUR
SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**
Pinckneyville, Ill., April 14
Judges: Jon Lam and Lee Long
17 Irish Setters

Winner-RED BIRD'S THE FIFTH ELEMENT, 1687076, Irish setter male, by Eshod's Barn Burner-Red Bird's River Wild. Kelli Aitken & Kristy Gallino, owners; Kelli Aitken, handler.
Runner-Up-HOTROD RICKY JOE, 1692220, Irish setter male, by Zansett Ricky O'Ryan-S C Miss Behaving. Tim Hammons, owner and handler.

**LEADING VIZSLA
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**NATIONAL VIZSLA ASSOCIATION OPEN
CHAMPIONSHIP**
Grovespring, Mo., March 11
Judges: Bonnie Hidalgo and Dennis Hidalgo
25 Vizslas

Winner-B G K'S BOLT ACTION, 1687408, Vizsla male, by Briar In My Boot-Huntin With A Lil Swagger. Jarrett Bell, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-TESTING THE LIMITS, 1704218, Vizsla male, by S Wind Nothin Runs Like A Deere-J B's Double Action Ruger. Christi Uhrig, owner; Patrick Clark, handler.

**NATIONAL VIZSLA ASSOCIATION
AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**
Grovespring, Mo., March 11
Judges: Bob Burchett and Burton Wice
25 Vizslas

Winner-RAMBLIN RIVERS FIRE WOMAN, 1665249, Vizsla female, by Kick Em Up Bullet-Kick Em Up Kimber. Bill Stapleton, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-S T'S LOCKED N LOADED, 1686059, Vizsla female, by C K Touchdown Guy-Midnight Run's Probable Cause. Jeff Zenas, owner; Bill Stapleton, handler.

**U. S. COMPLETE SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**U. S. COMPLETE NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**
Hoffman, N. C., February 8
Judges: Lefty Henry and Gary Miller
28 Pointers and 15 Setters

Winner-SMOKE RISE JAKE, 1684876, pointer male, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Smoke Rise Mariah. P. F. Rose, owner; Tony Bingham, handler.
Runner-Up-SWEET GRASS SKIPPER, 1698209, setter male, by Sweet Grass Slim-Tower Hill Zoey Zee. David Huffine, owner and handler.

**U. S. COMPLETE NATIONAL AMATEUR
INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**
Felton, Del., March 8 – One Course
Judges: Bart Hastings and Chad Wheeler
6 Pointers and 6 Setters

Winner-SUPER STORM, 1675530, setter male, by Pennstar-Straight Forward. Thor Kain, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-CHIPPOKES CRACKER JACK, 1691321, setter male, by Skyview New Edition-Grid Iron's Sorrell's Penny. Lee Flanders, owner and handler.

**U. S. COMPLETE NATIONAL OPEN
INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**
Pamplico, S. C., December 14
Judges: Joe Cammis and Rodney Poston
11 Pointers and 1 Setter

Winner-SMOKE RISE JAKE, 1684876, pointer male, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Smoke Rise Mariah. P. F. Rose, owner; Tony Bingham, handler.
Runner-Up-SUEMAC'S SASHAY, 1658242, pointer female, by Chasehill Little Bud-Richfield Stella. Roger, Susie & Daulton McPherson, owners; Mark Hughes, handler.

ABHA CHAMPIONSHIPS

ABHA NATIONAL FREE-FOR-ALL
Camden, S. C., April 4
Judges: Ellen C. Winall and Gary Winall
36 Pointers and 6 Setters

Winner-CROWCREEK REDBUD, 1697119, pointer female, by Walker's Legacy-Redbud's Country Girl. Aaron McAfee, owner; Tony Bingham, handler.
Runner-Up-MOHAWK MILL WAR HAWK, 1691822, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk-Mohawk Mill Dolly. J. D. Waters, owner; Tony Bingham, handler.

**ABHA NORTH COUNTRY
OPEN SHOOTING DOG**
Augusta, Wis., October 2

Judges: Larry Guild and Kyle Peterson
19 Pointers, 22 Setters, and 1 Brittany
Winner-MOSS MEADOW SEEKER, 1676726, setter male, by Moss Meadow Rambler-Moss Meadow Maggie. Ken Moss, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-MERIDITH GRADE CORKY, 1681353, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Call Me Maggie. Dennis Keysor, owner; Tammy Chaffee, handler.

**NATIONAL BIRD HUNTERS
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

NBHA NATIONAL OPEN
Dancyville, Tenn., February 28 – One Course
Judges: Daniel Bolden and William Smith
26 Pointers, 10 Setters, 3 Irish Setters, 1 German Shorthair, and 1 Gordon Setter

Winner-SOUTHERN SHADOW'S BOOTLEGGER, 1700852, pointer male, by Lester's Prime Poison Lane-Southern Ritz Lane. Klaus Schmidt, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-BRUSHVILLE BURTON SPENCER, 1668700, setter male, by Jetwood-Fireside Drama Queen. Kenneth Millikin, owner; Tom Waite, handler.

**NBHA NATIONAL BREEDERS'
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Grovespring, Mo., February 13
Judges: Greg Gibson and Frank Schoenborn
23 Pointers and 11 Setters

Winner-PURE CONFIDENCE, 1660531, pointer male, by True Confidence-Richfield Rose. Black Meadow Kennels, owner; Garry Malzone, handler.
Runner-Up-UNFINISHED BUSINESS, 1665852, pointer male, by Unabridged-Momo's Rock Solid. John Gaines, owner; Justin Crook, handler.

NBHA NATIONAL AMATEUR
Covington, Ind., November 10 – One Course
Judges: Bob Bakas and John Hott
20 Pointers, 13 Setters, 1 Brittany, and 1 German Shorthair

Winner-EMERT'S SHO ME MOTU, 1687047, setter male, by Emeri's Sho Me Mo-Emeri's Drivin Miss Daisy. David Emert, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-HIROLLINS GONE AND DONEIT, 1679825, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K GUNNER-Littlewing B K Tia. Warren Parrott, owner and handler.

**NBHA NATIONAL AMATEUR
INVITATIONAL**

Grovespring, Mo., December 3 – One Course
Judges: Adam DeLude and Tony King
6 Pointers, 1 Setter, 1 Brittany, 2 Irish Setters, and 2 German Shorthairs

Winner-K DEL'S EAGLE MAGNUM HOTSHOT, 1685770, Brittany male, by Magnum High Velocity-K Del's Eagle's Chance To Soar. Kenric J. DeLong, owner and handler.

NBHA NATIONAL FREE-FOR-ALL
Cheyenne, Okla., March 15 – One Course
Judges: Eddie Smith and Dickie Sorrell
34 Entries

Winner-SYCAMORE CREEK CODY, 1691483, setter male, by Cactus Jet J R-Wynona's Cody Sue. Bob Kelly, owner; Zach Erne, handler.
Runner-Up-ERIN'S GYPSY LADY, 1689818, pointer female, by Erin's Tin Soldier-Erin's Margarita. Matthew Puckett, owner and handler.

**LEADING AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**NATIONAL AMATEUR
CHUKAR SHOOTING DOG**
Reno, Nev., April 20

Judges: Lori Steinshouer and Jarry Walton
16 Pointers, 3 Setters, and 1 German Shorthair
Winner-S B ALWAYS DREAMIN, 1679868, pointer female, by Rivertons Funseek'n Scooter-Touch's J Class. William Owen, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-MILLER'S NEWEST VERSION, 1696284, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Bill Owen, owner and handler.

**NATIONAL AMATEUR PRAIRIE CHICKEN
SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**
Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., September 22
Judges: Adam DeLude and Jeff Wallace
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.

**NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP**

Grand Junction, Tenn., March 6
Judges: Austin Bryan and Jon Humphrey
14 Pointers and 2 Setters

Winner-MILLER'S UPGRADED DOT COM, 1704330, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Fran Miller & Madison McDonald, owners; Fran Miller, handler. Runner-Up-COCKLEBUR RANGER DANGER, 1702765, pointer male, by Game Heir-Cocklebur Regent Runaway. Bubba, Amy & Colt Spencer, owners; Bubba Spencer, handler.

**NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Grand Junction, Tenn., March 6
Judges: Steve Auxier and Tim Penn
40 Pointers and 4 Setters

Winner-J MAPLE JESTER, 1675700, pointer female, by J Maple Jake-Coldwater Queen Kate. Joe & Tessa Hughes, owners; Joe Hughes, handler. Runner-Up-LEVI EXPRESS VISA, 1667037, setter male, by Oklahoma Credit Card-Signature Ridge Cody. John Van Horn Jr., owner and handler.

**NATIONAL AMATEUR PHEASANT
SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

Bloomington, Ohio, September 21 – One Course
Judges: Leroy Long and Brian Riggle
45 Pointers and 1 Setter

Winner-MILLER'S COVER GIRL, 1675005, pointer female, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Fran & Jack Miller, owners; Fran Miller, handler. Runner-Up-BACKCOUNTRY BUDDY, 1682654, pointer male, by Waybetter Rocky-Backcountry Polly. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

**NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Leslie, Ga., December 15
Judges: Luke Eisenhart and Tracy Swearingen
12 Pointers

Winner-MILLER'S HEAT WAVE, 1675842, pointer female, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Fran & Jack Miller, owners; Fran Miller, handler. Runner-Up-MILLER'S UPGRADED VERSION, 1674987, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Fran & Jack Miller, owners; Fran Miller, handler.

**NATIONAL AMATEUR GROUSE
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Philipsburg, Pa., September 22
Judges: David A. Hawk and Justin McGrail
7 Pointers, 7 Setters, and 1 Brittany

Winner-SUDDEN SILENCE, 1688968, pointer female, by Double Deuce Zeke-Bucket List Bella. George Hetrick III, owner and handler. Runner-Up-FLAMBEAU RIVER MEG, 1670686, setter female, by Grouse Busters Zeke-Cornerwood Mya Storm. Joe Colglazier, owner and handler.

**NATIONAL AMATEUR WALKING
SHOOTING DOG**

Covington, Ind., November 8 – One Course
Judges: Zach Hilton and Dr. Tom Jackson
29 Entries

Winner-ALLIWOOD'S ELEVENTH HOUR, 1695563, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Alliwood's Shady Shay. Adam DeLude, owner and handler. Runner-Up-EMERT'S SHO ME MO, 1668349, setter male, by Bramigan's Last Straw-Hytest Horizon. David Emert, owner and handler.

**UNITED STATES AMATEUR DERBY
INVITATIONAL**

Dancyville, Tenn., April 5
Judges: Cody McLean and Mark McLean
12 Pointers

Winner-SOUTHERN SHADOWS T-BIRD, 1705877, pointer male, by Southern Shadows T Rex-Southern Ritz Lane. Lance Servais, owner; Brian Peterson, handler. Runner-Up-GAME NATION, 1704928, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Belle. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

NOTES

In recent results both in The Field and on the American Field website, it was documented that placements to the Pacific Coast All-Age Derby and Pacific Coast All-Age Championship were withheld pending an investigation. That investigation has since concluded, and the resolution was that placements in those two events will not be recognized. That decision was based on the following:

1.) The order of the trials conducted by the club deviated from the

advertised order without any prior approval or permission.

2.) The draw for the championship included a dog that was known to not yet be qualified at the time of the drawing.

3.) The posted drawing included multiple dogs identified only by call names.

Based on these facts, the United Kennel Club/American Field has determined that the Club failed to meet the minimum requirements for these two stakes, and all placements for these two stakes will not be recognized.

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PURINA AWARDS PROGRAM

Awards Committee Meeting Minutes & Updated Standards and Operating Protocol

By Mark Johnson | Huntsville, Alabama | June 30, 2024

The Awards Committee gathered on Saturday, June 31, at the Westin Hotel, Huntsville, Alabama. Committee members present were Chair Sean Derrig, Dwight Smith, Rick Stallings, Tim Ruff, Mike Husenits, Tom Griffin, and the writer Mark Johnson. Also present were Greg Blair, representing Nestlé Purina- the sponsor of this extraordinary awards program, and Dominick Muoio, representing the United Kennel Club.

Chair Derrig called the meeting to order at 10:05 (CDT) a.m., and the writer distributed program materials to each attendee. It was noted that all committee members were present this year and would all attend the Awards Banquet that evening.

A detailed discussion was held recognizing this year's Purina Awards Program winners, both dogs and handlers. Once again, it was "down to the wire" to determine which dogs and handlers would win in several categories. [Winners were announced in the July issue of UKC® Field.]

The committee reviewed the minutes of the prior year's meeting without additional discussion.

The group then spent a good bit of time reviewing and updating the "Standards and Operating Protocol" for this program. Several areas were addressed, including a thorough update of the official "handlers list." Inactive handlers (11) were removed, and new applicants (5) were added. The committee ratified that additions to the handlers list must meet the criteria of handling their own string of at least three dogs over the prior three years and that they apply to the awards committee for such recognition. The updated handlers list is indicated below.

Discussion was held regarding the 16-dog minimum requirement and the tiered points protocol. Each of these topics was ratified for continuance, in their current form, for the 2023-24 seasons.

Some general verbiage clarification to the program's rules and protocol were discussed; as a matter of record, they are:

1.) Changes in venue, dates running, and club leadership must be approved by the committee. Changes in venue must indicate why the change, a new course summary (1 hour, 3 hours continuous, etc.), proposed dates, facilities, and a statement that no known conflicts exist with other nearby

points trials.

2.) For scoring points for the Purina Points Award Program, dogs DRAWN remains a long-standing multiplier criterion.

3.) All shooting dog points trials must be reported to Mike Luebke at trialpoints@outlook.com. Mike maintains a detailed paper trail of all reported trials, which is the ONLY acceptable way to report results to him.

4.) As has been consistent policy, "Points Trials" CAN NOT LIMIT ENTRIES.

5.) Trials that fail to report for any reason will be dropped from the upcoming season roster. Several (4) open and (9) amateur field trials were dropped this year due to non-reporting.

6.) All trial committee personnel are encouraged to review the listing of approved "points" trials for accuracy and inclusion.

Next, the committee reviewed and carefully discussed numerous new applications for consideration to be recognized as an approved Purina Points trial. Nine (9) such trials were approved for points recognition, plus seven (7) additional trials that were reinstated mid-year last season. These trials will be listed on the 2024-25 rosters. Applications that were not approved at this time will be advised accordingly.

The committee wrapped up the meeting, focusing on two outside letters involving private matters. The committee will follow up accordingly.

The floor was turned over to guests Blair and Muoio who extended thanks to the committee. Dominick advised that UKC was in the process of establishing a "Purina Awards Program" place on their company website, which would facilitate easy access for the field trial community to pertinent program information.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1 p.m.

The Purina Awards Program is sponsored by Nestlé Purina PetCare (Purina) and enjoys a long and extensive history of recognizing superior performances, handlers, and bird dogs in the field trial sport. The Top Field Trial Bird Dog Award (all-age) was established in 1963 and was

sponsored by Ralston Purina. From the start, the Purina Awards Program was designed to stimulate interest in all field competition and recognize publicly the dog and handler which had excelled in a given field trial season. Over time, the program has evolved and expanded to include the Open Shooting Dog, Open Derby, Open Handler, Amateur Shooting Dog, and Amateur All-Age categories.

The primary role and responsibility of the Awards Committee is to administer the Purina Awards Program. This includes but is not limited to determining the manner in which the program shall be conducted, establishing a points system to determine the leading handlers and dogs, selecting trials where such points may be earned, and making determinations regarding other matters that may be related to the proper conduct of the Purina Awards Program.

The Awards Committee also carefully and consistently investigates written complaints-protest and/or negativity/conduct relative to Purina Awards Program events. Misconduct will not be tolerated and will be addressed decisively. When appropriate action is needed, it may include but is not limited to loss of points, loss of eligibility to be named handler/dog of the year, or both. In all cases, when a handler chooses to compete in a trial awarding Purina points, they agree to compete under the oversight of the awards program. The same applies to clubs and championships that officiate approved Purina Points events.

Application for Recognition in the Program

In general, we are mindful that Purina Points trial status is not a given or automatically granted position. Purina Points trials must, in all cases, be reflective of premier bird dog competition, held on premier venues, showcasing top-notch handler and dog capabilities in a sportsmanlike and publicly appealing package. Purina Points trials and championships must also reflect baseline respect and appreciation for the MAJOR sponsorship contributions Nestlé Purina and the Awards Committee contribute to this significant and unrivaled bird dog awards program. Pertaining to new program applicants, an official application form must be submitted to the Awards Program recording secretary. New applications will be reviewed and acted

upon by the full committee at their annual June committee meeting. Completion of an application does not guarantee approval. Typically, a three (3) year probationary time frame precedes approval.

**Advertisement Requirements for
Recognized Awards Program Events**

- The Purina checkerboard logo must appear prominently in all points trial ads.
- United Kennel Club policy regarding the size of ads will prevail.
- Ads must appear in the UKC® Field/website well ahead of the start of the event.
- Judges’ full names must appear in the ad. Judges “TBD” is unacceptable and can be cause for a club to lose points status. Likewise, changes in listed judges must be communicated to UKC and the Awards Committee.
- The starting date, venue, and stake particulars must appear in the ad.
- The Awards Committee must be notified of any and all changes to the running of a recognized and advertised Purina Awards Trial via written/email notice to the recording secretary.

Standards and Protocol

- To qualify for annual points consideration, recognized Purina Awards Program points events must run a minimum of 16 dogs (Derbies excluded). This standard has been in place for several years and reflects the program’s intent to attract a broad event base reflective of the stature and prestige associated with the program. Those approved events that are run but attract less than the 16-dog minimum must nevertheless report the fact that their trial was run, including submission of a running order (Open Shooting Dog stakes only) and the completed Form for Essential Data.
- All points trials must be reported to appropriate parties and the Awards Committee within 45 days of the event’s conclusion. Points WILL NOT BE SCORED for clubs that fail to report results within 45 days of event completion. “Reporting” is defined as the submission of Form for Essential Data to the Open and Amateur Shooting Dog points tabulator—Mr. Mike Luebke—at trialpoints@outlook.com, along with a running order (for Open Shooting Dog stakes only) that indicates the dog’s FDSB name and the handler’s full name. Points WILL NOT BE SCORED for Open Shooting Dog stakes that fail to include a complete running order with their Form for Essential Data.

Note: trialpoints@outlook.com is the only acceptable manner to communicate

results to Mr. Luebke and becomes the basis for his paper trail supporting his calculations. Open All-Age and Amateur All-Age stakes must be reported to the United Kennel Club in the traditional manner.

- Clubs/Championships failing to report for two consecutive years will be dropped from the roster.
- Any change in venue must be approved by the Awards Committee.
- All dogs, handlers, owners, and club officials participating in approved Purina Awards Program field trials must be in GOOD STANDING with the FDSB/United Kennel Club. Additionally, clubs/championships that elect to accept entries from persons/dogs not in good standing with the FDSB/United Kennel Club effectively relinquish their status as a Purina Points trial.
- All federal, state, and local ordinances apply to points trials.
- Failure to comply with any of the above points will result in a loss of Purina Points for that trial and may include suspension from the Awards Program.

Professional Handler

- Within the context of the Purina Awards Program, a professional handler will be defined as a person or persons who has actively competed in American Field/United Kennel Club-sanctioned bird dog field trials for at least three consecutive seasons, with his own string of dogs numbering not less than three (3).
- The following is a comprehensive listing of currently approved professional handlers:

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| Anderson, Randy | Erne, Andy |
| Aukenthaler, Lori | Erne, Zach |
| Basilone, Matt | Forsberg, Karl |
| Beeler, Scott | Forman, Mark |
| Bennett, Weldon | Forman, Scott |
| Bingham, Tony | Gearhart, Harold |
| Browder, Steve | Gellhaus, Travis |
| Carlton, Judd | Gingrich, Brian |
| Casey, Pat | Gulick, Jeremy |
| Chaffee, Scott | Hadley, Scott |
| Chaffee, Tammy | Hailey, Jerry |
| Cochran, Mat | Hansen, Kim |
| Cooper, Chuck | Henry, Lefty |
| Crook, Justin | (Robert) |
| Curnutte, Calvin | Hester, Mike |
| Daniels, Buck | Hilliard, Mack |
| Daniels, Jamie | Hoke, Dan |
| Daugherty, Andy | Hollister, Rich |
| Davis, Tommy | Huffman, Larry |
| DiMambro, Dan | Hughes, Dave |
| Ecker, Robert | Hughes, Mark |
| Eisenhart, Luke | Hurdle, Steve |

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| Kinkelaar, Shawn | Rice, Tommy |
| Kleve, James | Robertson, Rich |
| Kleve, Thomas | Sampson, Kim |
| Lein, Rod | Schenker, Tom |
| Lester, Gary | Schillereff, Tim |
| Loper, Jason | Snow, Kenny |
| Malzone, Garry | Stephenson, Phil |
| Martino, Michael | Stolgitis, John |
| Martino, Anthony | Stretz, Chuck (Tom) |
| McLean, Mark | Swearingen, Tracy |
| Melvin, Sean | Tande, Jim |
| Miller, Scott | Taylor, Eddy |
| Minard, Bruce | Todd, Ike |
| Minard, Neal | Tracy, Jeanette |
| Moore, Virgil | Tracy, Mike |
| Norman, Joel | Tracy, George |
| Pearce, Ray | Twer, Sheldon |
| Ray, Doug | Vader, Diane |
| Ray, Harold | Vincent, Allan |
| Rayl, Fred | Waite, Tom |
| Raynor, Jerry | |

- Handlers indicated on the above-referenced list may be purged from subsequent years’ listings due to inactivity in Open Shooting Dog Purina Points trials during the preceding year(s). Listed handlers will be expected to keep the Awards Committee aware of changes that would preclude their being listed.
- Consideration for additions to the approved professional handlers’ roster can be made in writing and directed to the Awards Committee Secretary or any committee member. Such applications should indicate name/contact particulars and Kennel name, a summary of prior 36 months of handling dogs professionally, and a listing of Purina Points trials where dogs were handled as a professional. Consideration for additions will be at the committee’s summer meeting.

Approved Points Trial Roster

- Annually, the United Kennel Club will publish a roster of approved Purina Points field trials—open, amateur, shooting dog, all-age, and derby.
- It is the responsibility of each Club to confirm they have been listed.

**Shooting Dog Points
Calculation Particulars**

- The 16-dog minimum prevails with a minimum of three (3) active professional handlers
- For stakes with 17-24 dogs entered, there will be a minimum requirement of four (4) active professional handlers for points to be counted.
- For stakes with 25 or more dogs entered, the requirement is five (5) active professional handlers.

• In cases where the threshold number of professional handlers, as described above, is not met, points will be calculated at the level corresponding to the actual number of professional handlers participating. For example, if an Open stake drew 30 dogs, but there were only three professional handlers, points would be calculated at the 16-dog level.

Once again, these criteria are not intended to be burdensome or bureaucratic. Rather, they are specifically intended to reflect the prestige and stature of recognized Purina Points events by creating a more inclusive and broader

base of competition in the shooting dog category. Club officials are most certainly encouraged to reach out to area professional handlers encouraging them to join their field trials with the intent to win but also ensuring that maximum points thresholds are met for points calculation purposes.

• A three (3) dog bye brace limit will be in effect for awards recognition. Points calculations will be reduced accordingly for excesses. For example, if a stake drew 36 dogs, six (6) of which were drawn as bye dogs' points would be scored for a field of 33 dogs only.

• Awarding of Points: One-course trial venue will receive half points, while three (3) courses will receive full points based on the number of dogs entered.

The following pages carry the Purina Points Trials for the 2024-25 Field Trial Season:

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Purina is pleased to announce the 2024-25 PURINA TOP AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD

This program is administered by the Purina Awards Committee, and sponsored by Purina. Committee members are: Sean Derrig, Chicago, IL; Tom Griffin, Watsonville, CA; Mark Johnson, Winnebago, IL; Tim Ruff, Irmo, SC; Dwight Smith, Norwood, NC; and Rick Stallings, Mathews, AL.



The winner will be awarded a generous supply of Purina product, and the owner will be the recipient of an original oil painting of his dog as well as a banner recognizing the dog as the season's "Amateur All-Age Award Winner".

The Award is based on accomplishments in amateur all-age trials with heats of one hour or longer. Points will be awarded based on the number of dogs officially drawn. First place will receive 10 points for each dog drawn, second place will receive 5 points and third will receive 3 points. Endurance trial points will be based on the length of the endurance trial.

Those who chose to enter and compete in Purina Awards stakes agree to do so under the policies and rules established by the Purina Awards Committee, United Kennel Club and FDSB standards, and those spelled out in the booklet "Standards to Field Trial Procedure, Judicial Practice, Handler and Bird Dog Performance".

— POINTS TRIALS FOR THE 2024-25 PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD —

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alabama Field Trial Club • Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America Regions:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19 • Amateur All-Age Championships • Ames Amateur • Aurora Field Trial Club • Black Belt Amateur Field Trial Club • Cahaba Bend Field Trial Club • Carolina Amateur Field Trial Club • Carolina Lean Breed Club • Carroll County (Tenn.) Field Trial Club • Catawba Classic • Cedar Hill Field Trial Club • Central Carolina Field Trial Club • Central Kentucky Field Trial Club • Central Kentucky Quail Club | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarksville Bird Dog Club • Clarksville Pointer & Setter Club • Coalfield Bird Dog Club • Cockade Field Trial Club • Commonwealth Bird Dog Club • Continental Amateur Club • English Setter Club of America • Esmont-Greenfields Field Trial Club • Flint Hills Amateur All-Age Classic • Georgia Amateur Celebration • Gyp Hills Field Trial Club • Heartland Field Trial Club • High Plains Field Trial Club • Hell Creek Field Trial Club • Hoffman Field Trial Club • Kansas Field Trial Clubs Association • Lee County (Ga.) Field Trial Club | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshall County (Miss.) Field Trial Club • Memphis Amateur Field Trial Club • Mid South Amateur Association • Midwest Field Trial Association • Mingo Sportsman Field Trial Club • Missouri Amateur All-Age • Montgomery County (Tenn.) Field Trial Club • Muckalee Creek Field Trial Club • National Amateur Chicken Championship • National Amateur Chukar Championship • National Amateur Invitational Championship** • National Amateur Pheasant Championship • National Amateur Quail Championship* • North Missouri Field Trial Association • Northeast Kansas Field Trial Club • North Carolina Field Trial Association • Oil Capital Field Trial Association | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oklahoma Amateur Field Trial Assn. • Pinehurst Field Trial Club • Ray Joye Amateur All-Age • Rend Lake Field Trial Club • Richmond County (N.C.) Field Trial Club • Southern Field Trial Club • Sunflower Amateur All-Age Classic • Tulsa County (Okla.) Field Trial Club • Virginia Amateur Field Trial Club • Volunteer State Amateur Field Trial Association • West Kentucky Field Trial Club • West Tennessee Field Trial Club • Wolf River Field Trial Club • Woodlawn Field Trial Club |
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*Winner receives 15 points x number of dogs entered; Runner-Up receives 7.5 points x number of dogs entered.

**Winner receives 10 points x number of dogs entered for first day; 10 points for x number dogs for second day and 10 points x number of dogs called back for third day finals. Runner-Up receives 5 points based on the same formula.

For more information, please contact: SEAN DERRIG—(773) 281-3204 -or- MARK JOHNSON—(630) 699-1439

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Purina is pleased to announce the 62nd ANNUAL PURINA TOP FIELD TRIAL BIRD DOG AWARD

The Purina Award was initiated in 1963. It was an immediate winner in field trial and bird dog circles, as the sporting dog fraternity recognized the significance and importance of performances in Top Award stakes. The Award quickly became a much sought-after honor and Purina is pleased to play a role in helping to promote better trials, better sportsmanship and better bird dogs through such a medium.

In essence, the program is based on dog performance in carefully selected Open All-Age events. Scoring is determined by the number of dogs officially drawn and final placements in each of the events listed on this page. Points are awarded as follows: 10 points for first for each dog drawn; 5 for second for each dog drawn; and 3 for third for each dog drawn. Bonus points are awarded to winners in certain stakes. All dogs earning Purina Points in a given season must be DNA certified.

The Awards Committee which administers and certifies the Top Field Trial Bird Dog procedures is made up of prominent field trial personalities—Sean Derrig, Chicago, IL; Tom Griffin, Watsonville, CA; Mike Husenits, West Lebanon, PA; Mark Johnson, Winnebago, IL; Tim Ruff, Irmo, SC; Dwight Smith, Norwood, NC; and Rick Stallings, Mathews, AL.



Owner of the dog emerging as the season's Top Field Trial Bird Dog will be awarded an original oil painting of his dog. Handler of the winning dog will receive a cash purse of \$2,500, which will be doubled if the handler is an active Purina Pro Club® member, redeeming within the previous six months.

Those who chose to enter and compete in Purina Awards stakes agree to do so under the policies and rules established by the Awards Committee, United Kennel Club and FDSB standards, and those spelled out in the booklet "Standards to Field Trial Procedure, Judicial Practice, Handler and Bird Dog Performance".

Purina PetCare Company, maker of high-quality dog foods, including Pro Plan® brand Dog and Puppy Food, Purina® Dog Chow brand Dog Food, and Purina® Puppy Chow brand Puppy Food, pays tribute to outstanding bird dog performances each field trial season by means of the Top Field Trial Dog Award, at the same time offering incentive and encouragement to participants

for the betterment of the sport. Participation in this program does not constitute any endorsement of Purina products.

— POINTS TRIALS FOR THE 62nd ANNUAL PURINA AWARD —

The Purina Award program for the 2024–25 season consists of the following stakes, each with heats of one hour or longer, and selected by the Award Committee.

Each trial is recognized for its prestige, grounds, organization and geographic location.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alabama Open Championship • Alberta All-Age Classic • All-America Prairie Championship • All-America Quail Championship • American Quail Classic (Clarksville P&S Club) • Benton County Field Trial Club Open All-Age • Black Belt Field Trial Association Open All-Age • Buck-Tuck Open All-Age Classic • Cajun Open All-Age Classic • California Bird Dog Championship • California Chukar Championship • California Open All-Age Championship • California Pheasant Championship • California Quail Championship • Carroll County Open All-Age • Cascade Open Championship • Central Arkansas Association / Southwestern Championship • Central Carolina Open All-Age • Continental All-Age Championship* • Doug Sanderson Memorial Open All-Age (Spring Valley Field Trial Club) • Dixie Field Trial Club Open All-Age • Dr. D.E. Hawthorne Border Classic • Florida (Suwannee River) All-Age Championship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgia Quail Championship • Grand National Grouse Championship • Gyp Hills Field Trial Club • Heartland Open All-Age • Hell Creek Open All-Age • Hobart Ames Open All-Age • Inola Open All-Age • International Pheasant Championship • Kentucky Lake Open All-Age • Kentucky Open All-Age Championship • Kentucky Quail Classic • Lee County (Ga.) Open All-Age • Masters Open Quail Championship • Mid-America Open Championship • Mississippi Open Championship • Missouri Open All-Age • Missouri Open Championship • National Championship* • National Chukar Championship • National Free-for-All Championship* • National Pheasant Championship • North Carolina Open All-Age • North Carolina Open Championship • North Dakota Open All-Age Classic • Northern States' U.S. Chicken Championship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northwest Chukar Open All-Age Championship • Oklahoma Cecil Proctor Open All-Age • Oklahoma Open Championship • Pacific Coast Open Championship • Pelican Open All-Age Classic • Prairie Field Trial Club Open All-Age • Quail Championship Invitational* • Region 8 (AFTCA) Open All-Age • Rend Lake Open All-Age (Rend Lake Field Trial Club) • Robin Gates Memorial Classic (Bear Pond Field Trial Club) • Southeastern Open Championship • Southern Field Trial Championship* • Southland Open Championship • Stillwater Open All-Age • Sunflower Open All-Age • Sunshine Open All-Age • Tar Heel Open All-Age Championship • Texas Open Championship • United States Open Championship • Western Open All-Age Championship • West Tennessee Open All-Age |
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* Bonus Points Stake

**For more information, please contact: SEAN DERRIG, Awards Program Chairman—(773) 281-3204
-or- MARK JOHNSON, Awards Program Corresponding Secretary—(630) 699-1439**

PREVIOUS PURINA AWARD WINNERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War Storm—1963-64 • Red Water Rex—1964-65; 1968-69 • Safari—1965-66 • Riggins White Knight—1966-67; 1967-68 • Johnny Crockett—1969-70 • Wrapup—1970-71 • The Texas Squire—1971-72 • Miller's Miss Knight—1972-73 • Crossmatch—1973-74 • White Knight's Button—1974-75 • Miller's White Cloud—1975-76 • Buckboard—1976-77 • Rex's Cherokee Jake—1977-78 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allure—1978-79; 1980-81 • Blackbelt—1979-80 • Heritage's Premonition—1981-82 • Whippoorwill's Rebel—1982-83; 1986-87 • Native Tango—1983-84 • Flatwood Hank—1984-85; 1985-86 • Rebel Wrangler—1987-88; 1991-92 • Redemption's Reward—1988-89 • Dunn's Fearless Bud—1989-90 • Quicksilver Pink—1990-91 • Brush Country Spectre—1992-93; 1993-94 • Flatwood Rusty—1994-95 • Miller's Silver Ending—1995-96 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silverwood—1996-97; 2001-02 • Shell Creek Dan—1997-98 • Lehar's Main Tech—1998-99; 1999-00 • Law's High Noon—2000-01 • Texas Trailrider—2002-03 • Quicksilver Gold—2003-04 • Lester's Absolute—2004-05 • Miller's On Line—2005-06 • Funseeker's Rebel—2006-07 • Shell Creek Coin—2007-08 • Lester's Snowwatch—2008-09 • Strut—2009-10 • Touch's White Out—2010-11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connor's E Z Button—2011-12 • Stallion—2012-13 • Touch's Adams County—2013-14 • Miller's Dialing In—2014-15 • Whippoorwill Justified—2015-16 • Touch's Mega Mike—2017-18 • Dunn's Tried 'N True—2016-17; 2018-19 • Valiant—2019-20 • Touch's Malcolm Story—2020-21 • Touch's Fire Away—2021-22 • Miller's Blindsider—2022-23 • Haney's All In—2023-24 |
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Purina is pleased to announce the
2024-25 PURINA
TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD

Purina—dedicated to providing performance breeds with the high-quality nutrition they need—is pleased to sponsor the Top Shooting Dog Award, and equally proud to support the field trial sport and has chosen this competition to emphasize the important benefits of high-quality nutrition for canine athletes.

This Award program is administered by the Awards Committee: Sean Derrig, Chicago, IL; Tom Griffin, Watsonville, CA; Mike Husenits, West Lebanon, PA; Mark Johnson, Winnebago, IL; Tim Ruff, Irmo, SC; W. Dwight Smith, Norwood, NC; and Rick Stallings, Mathews, AL.

The program is designed to elevate the level of competition—to make known to the public those contenders which consistently outperform their competition.

The Purina Top Shooting Dog Award is based on a point system for winning dogs of top-flight open shooting dog stakes. Points will be awarded based on the number of dogs officially drawn. In stakes with three or more one-hour courses, 1st place will receive 10 points for each dog drawn, 2nd place will receive 5 for each dog drawn, and 3rd place will receive 3 points for each dog drawn. In stakes with less than three one-hour courses, 1st place will receive 5 points, 2nd place 3 points, and 3rd place 1 point.



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The United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship will award 400 bonus points, and the International Endurance Open Shooting Dog Championship will award 100 bonus points. If a points trial is held twice in one season, Purina Top Shooting Dog Award points will be credited for the first event only.

Trials have been carefully selected on longevity of the supporting organization; grounds; heats of one hour or longer; expedient, accurate reporting; prestige; and geographic location. Every field trial shooting dog will have an opportunity to earn points

toward this prestigious shooting dog award.

The Awards Committee reviews the point system and trials each year. Only trials which meet the highest standards are included. Points season ends April 30, 2025.

Those who chose to enter and compete in Purina Awards stakes agree to do so under the policies and rules established by the Awards Committee, United Kennel Club and FDSB standards, and those spelled out in the booklet *“Standards to Field Trial Procedure, Judicial Practice, Handler and Bird Dog Performance”*.

Purina is proud to sponsor both Open and Amateur Top Shooting Dog Awards.

— POINTS TRIALS FOR THE 2024-25 PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD —

— “Purina Points” trial must be shown in club’s trial ad —

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-America Open Shooting Dog Championship • Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship • Arkansas Open Shooting Dog Championship • Atlantic Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship • Bama Quail Club • Big Sky Field Trial Club • Big Sky Open Shooting Dog Championship • Brock & Wells Open Shooting Dog Classic • California Chukar Shooting Dog Classic • California Open Shooting Dog Championship • Can/Am Open Shooting Dog Classic • Cedar Valley Open Shooting Dog Classic • Colombia County Shooting Dog • Conecuh Station Open Shooting Dog • Egyptian Open Shooting Dog Championship • Farmer Sportsmen’s De Luca Classic • Fleetwood Open Shooting Dog Classic • Garden State Open Shooting Dog Championship • Garden State Open Shooting Dog Classic • Georgia Open Shooting Dog Championship • Gulf Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship • Idaho Open Shooting Dog Championship • Illinois Open Shooting Dog Championship • Indiana Open Shooting Dog Championship • International Endurance Open Shooting Dog Championship* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jayhawk Open Shooting Dog Championship • Keystone Open Shooting Dog Championship • Keystone Open Shooting Dog Classic • Lone Star Open Shooting Dog Classic • M. F. Ferguson Classic • Masters Open Shooting Dog Championship • McMinnville Field Trial Club • Michigan Open Shooting Dog Championship • Mid-Atlantic Shooting Dog • Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship • Midwest Open Shooting Dog Championship • Mississippi Open Shooting Dog Championship • Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship • National Chukar Open Shooting Dog Championship • National Open Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship • National Prairie Chicken Open Shooting Dog Championship • Nevada Bird Dog Club • New England Open Championship • North Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship • North Carolina Pointing Dog Association / Carolina Celebration Open Shooting Dog • Northeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship • Northwest Chukar Open Shooting Dog Championship • Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Classic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Championship • Oregon Open Shooting Dog Championship • Ozark Open Shooting Dog Championship • Pacific Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship • Pacific Northwest Open Shooting Dog Championship • Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic • Russell County (Ala.) Field Trial Club / Leon Shiver Classic • Shadow Oak Field Trial Club • South Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship • Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship • Southern Comfort Field Trial Club • Southwest Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship • Sunflower State Open Shooting Dog Championship • Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Classic • Tennessee Open Shooting Dog Championship • Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club • Texas Open Shooting Dog Championship • United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship* • West Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship • Western Open Shooting Dog Championship |
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**Bonus Points Stake*

A dog whose breeding is shown by DNA to be misrepresented shall have points earned toward this Award withheld pending resolution of the matter by the *Field Dog Stud Book*. If such misrepresentation is not settled by April 30, the dog shall forfeit all points.

NOTE: Any points earned after April 30, 2025 will accumulate towards the 2025-2026 season.

For more information, please contact: SEAN DERRIG—(773) 281-3204 -or- MARK JOHNSON—(630) 699-1439

Purina is pleased to announce the
2024–25 PURINA TOP AMATEUR
SHOOTING DOG AWARD

The Amateur Shooting Dog Award program is administered by the Purina Awards Committee and designed to elevate the level of competition—to make known to the public those contenders which consistently outperform their competition.

Likewise, this amateur “owned and handled” award is based on a point system for winning dogs of top-flight amateur shooting dog stakes. Points are awarded based on the number of dogs officially drawn: 1st place will receive 10 points for each dog drawn, 2nd place will receive 5 points and 3rd place will receive 3 points.

The National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship winner will receive 250 bonus points; the runner-up 125 bonus points; the National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational and National Amateur Free-For-All winner will receive 200 bonus points each. The National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational runner-up will receive 100



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bonus points. If placements are withheld or voided, no points will be awarded. If a point trial is held twice in one season, Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award points will be credited for the first event only.

Trials have been selected on longevity of the supporting organization; grounds; heats of one hour; expedient, accurate reporting; prestige; and geographic location. The Awards Committee reviews the points system and trials each year. Only amateur trials which meet the highest standards will be included. Points season ends April 30, 2025.

Those who chose to enter and compete in Purina Awards stakes agree to do so under the policies and rules established by the Purina Awards Committee, United Kennel Club and FDSB standards, and those spelled out in the booklet “Standards to Field Trial Procedure, Judicial Practice, Handler and Bird Dog Performance”.

— POINTS TRIALS FOR THE 2024–25 PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD —

— “Purina Points” trial must be shown in club’s trial ad —

- Alabama Amateur Shooting Dog
- Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America Regions:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19
- Association of Virginia Field Trial Clubs / Art Hillhouse Amateur Classic
- Bama Quail Club
- Cahaba Bend Field Trial Club
- Central Alabama SDA / Jimmy Hinton Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog
- Central Kentucky Field Trial Club
- Clarksville Bird Dog Club
- Clarksville Pointer & Setter Club
- Columbia County Amateur Shooting Dog
- Conecuh Station Amateur Shooting Dog Classic
- Cross Keys Field Trial Club
- Cumberland Valley Field Trial Club
- De Luca Amateur Shooting Dog Classic
- Elwin G. Smith Shooting Dog Classic
- Esmont-Greenfields Field Trial Club
- Everglades ASD Classic
- Flint River “Pat LaBree Memorial” Field Trial Club
- Fort Mill Shooting Dog
- Garden State Amateur Classic
- Georgia Amateur Celebration
- Georgia Assn. of Field Trial Clubs
- Hatchchubbee FTC / John O’Neill Jr. Memorial Amateur Classic
- Hell Creek Jimmy Dale Downs Memorial
- Hoffman Amateur
- Indiantown Gap Amateur Shooting Dog
- McMinnville Field Trial Club
- Middle Georgia Amateur Shooting Dog
- Mingo Sportsman Classic
- Montgomery County Field Trial Club
- National Amateur Chicken Shooting Dog Championship
- National Amateur Chukar Shooting Dog Championship
- National Amateur Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship
- National Amateur Free-For-All Championship*
- National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship*
- National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Championship*
- North Carolina Pointing Dog Association
- Oil Capital Amateur Shooting Dog
- Old Hickory Field Trial Club
- Rocky Creek Amateur Shooting Dog
- Round Pond Amateur Shooting Dog Classic
- Russell County (Ala.) Mac McClung Classic
- Sandlapper/H. Cooper Black Field Trial Club
- Shadow Oak Amateur Classic
- South Carolina Amateur Celebration
- South Carolina Amateur Classic
- Southern Comfort Horseback Field Trial Club
- Spruce Brook Bird Dog Club
- Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club
- West Tennessee Field Trial Club
- Woodlawn Field Trial Club

**Bonus Points Stake*

NOTE: Any points earned after April 30, 2025 will accumulate towards the 2025–26 Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award.

A dog whose breeding is shown by DNA to be misrepresented shall have points earned toward this award withheld pending resolution of the matter by the *Field Dog Stud Book*. If such misrepresentation is not settled by April 30, the dog shall forfeit all points.

For more information, please contact: SEAN DERRIG—(773) 281-3204 -or- MARK JOHNSON—(630) 699-1439

Purina is pleased to announce the
37th ANNUAL PURINA
HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Purina is pleased to announce the 37th All-Age and Shooting Dog Handler of the Year Awards.



The program is designed to honor the top All-Age and Shooting Dog handlers competing in leading trials, Futurities and Derby Championships recognized by The AMERICAN FIELD and promote the highest level of sportsmanship! The award will go to the respective All-Age and Shooting Dog handler who earns the highest number of points in the trials listed below. A cash award of \$2,000 will be given, along with other prizes. The cash award of \$2,000 will be doubled to \$4,000 when the winning handlers have been actively feeding Purina pet food products and are redeeming members of Purina Pro Club for a minimum of six months prior to the Awards presentations.

Members of the Awards Committee are: Sean Derrig, Chicago, IL; Tom Griffin, Watsonville, CA; Mike Husenits, West Lebanon, PA; Mark Johnson, Winnebago, IL; Tim Ruff, Irmo, SC; Dwight Smith, Norwood, NC; and Rick Stallings, Mathews, AL.

The Awards Committee oversees the competition to ensure fairness. Any issues or questions should be submitted to the Committee in writing by the host club within thirty (30) days.

All-Age Handler Award points are awarded as follows: 5 points for first for all dogs drawn; 3 points for second for all dogs drawn; and 2 points for third for all dogs drawn.

A two-tier scoring system is used for the Shooting Dog Handler Award. Points are awarded as follows: For three one-hour continuous course trials—1st place earns 5 points per dogs drawn; 2nd place earns 3 points per dogs drawn and 3rd place earns 2 points per dogs drawn. For single course trials—1st place earns 3 points per dogs drawn; 2nd place earns 2 points per dogs drawn; and 3rd place earns 1 point per dogs drawn.

All points-earning dogs must be DNA certified.

The annual points season ends April 30. Trials that start after April 30, 2025 will be counted towards the 2026 Awards.

Those who chose to enter and compete in Purina Awards stakes agree to do so under the policies and rules established by the Awards Committee, United Kennel Club and FDSB standards, and those spelled out in the booklet "Standards to Field Trial Procedure, Judicial Practice, Handler and Bird Dog Performance".

Invitations to host the Purina Awards programs and banquets are always welcomed and may be presented to the committee.

ALL-AGE POINT TRIALS

- Alabama Open All-Age Championship
- Alabama Prairie Field Trial Club
- Alberta All-Age Classic
- All-America Derby Championship
- All-America Prairie Championship
- All-America Quail Championship
- American Derby Invitational Championship
- Bay Area Bird Dog Club / Western Open All-Age Championship
- Benton County (Miss.) Open All-Age
- Black Belt (Ala.) Open All-Age
- Buck-Tuck Qualifier Open All-Age
- California Bird Dog Championship
- California Chukar Championship
- California Open All-Age Championship
- California Pheasant Championship
- Carroll County Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Cascade Open All-Age Championship
- Central Arkansas Association / Southwestern Championship
- Central Carolina Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Clarksville P & S American Quail Classic
- Continental All-Age Championship
- Continental Derby Championship
- Dixie Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Dr. D. E. Hawthorne Border Classic
- Florida Open All-Age Championship
- Georgia Derby Championship
- Georgia Quail Championship
- Gyp Hills Open All-Age
- Heartland Open All-Age
- Hell Creek Open All-Age
- Hobart Ames Memorial Open All-Age
- Inola Open All-Age
- International Pheasant Championship
- Kentucky Lake Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Kentucky Open All-Age Championship
- Kentucky Quail Classic
- Lee County (Ga.) Field Trial Association Open All-Age
- Mid-America Open All-Age Championship
- Mid-America Open Derby Classic
- Mississippi Open All-Age Championship
- Missouri Open All-Age
- Missouri Open Championship
- National Championship
- National Chukar Championship

- National Derby Championship
- National Free-For-All Championship
- National Pheasant Championship
- North Carolina Field Trial Association Open All-Age
- North Carolina Open Quail Championship
- North Dakota Open All-Age
- Northern States' U.S. Chicken Championship
- Northwest Chukar Open All-Age Championship
- Oakdale Bird Dog Club / California Open Championship
- Oklahoma Field Trial Association Open All-Age
- Oklahoma Open Championship
- Oklahoma Open Derby Classic
- Pacific Coast Championship
- Pacific Coast Derby Championship
- Pacific Coast Field Trial Club / California Quail Championship
- Pacific Coast Field Trial Club / Jim Ingle Derby Classic
- Pelican Open All-Age Classic
- Prairie (Miss.) Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Quail Championship Invitational
- Region 8 (AFTCA) Open All-Age
- Rend Lake Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Robin Gates Memorial Classic (Bear Pond FTC)
- Solatex Cajun Open All-Age Classic
- Southeastern Open All-Age Championship
- Southern Field Trial Championship
- Southern Field Trial Club / Masters Open Quail Championship
- Southland Open All-Age Championship
- Southland Arlin Nolen Open Derby Classic
- Spring Valley Field Trial Club / Doug Sanderson Memorial Open All-Age
- Stillwater Open All-Age
- Sullivan Open All-Age
- Sunflower Open All-Age Classic
- Sunshine (Fla.) Field Trial Club Open All-Age Classic
- Tar Heel Open All-Age Championship
- Texas Open Championship
- Texas Open Derby Classic
- United States Open Championship
- Virginia Open Field Trial Association Open All-Age Classic
- West Tennessee Field Trial Club Open All-Age

SHOOTING DOG POINT TRIALS

- All-America Shooting Dog Championship
- Arizona Shooting Dog Championship
- Arkansas Shooting Dog Championship
- Atlantic Coast Shooting Dog Championship
- Bama Quail Club
- Big Sky Field Trial Club
- Big Sky Shooting Dog Championship
- Brock & Wells Open Shooting Dog Classic
- California Chukar Classic
- California Shooting Dog Championship
- Can/Am Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Cedar Valley Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Colombia County Shooting Dog
- Egyptian Open Shooting Dog Championship
- English Setter Club of America / Garden State Shooting Dog Championship
- Farmer Sportsmen's De Luca Classic
- Fleetwood Shooting Dog Classic
- Flint Hills Field Trial Club / Jayhawk Shooting Dog Championship
- Garden State Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Georgia Shooting Dog Championship
- Georgia Shooting Dog Classic
- Idaho Shooting Dog Championship
- Illinois Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Indiana Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Indiantown Gap Bird Dog Club / Keystone Shooting Dog Championship
- International Endurance Shooting Dog Championship
- Keystone Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Keystone Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Lone Star Shooting Dog Classic
- McMinnville Field Trial Club Open Shooting Dog
- M. F. Ferguson Classic
- Michigan Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Mid-Atlantic Shooting Dog
- Midwest Shooting Dog Championship
- Mississippi Shooting Dog Championship
- Missouri Shooting Dog Championship
- National Chukar Shooting Dog Championship
- National Pheasant Open Shooting Dog Championship
- National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship
- National Shooting Dog Futurity
- Nevada Bird Dog Club
- New England Championship
- New England Futurity
- North Carolina Pointing Dog Association / Carolina Celebration Open Shooting Dog
- North Carolina Shooting Dog Championship
- Northeastern Shooting Dog Championship
- Northwest Chukar Shooting Dog Championship
- Oklahoma Shooting Dog Championship
- Oklahoma Shooting Dog Classic
- Oregon Shooting Dog Championship
- Ozark Shooting Dog Championship
- Pacific Coast Shooting Dog Championship
- Pacific Northwest Shooting Dog Championship
- Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Russell County (Ala.) Field Trial Club / Leon Shiver Classic
- San Joaquin Valley English Setter Club / West Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Shadow Oak Classic
- South Carolina Shooting Dog Championship
- Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Southern Comfort Field Trial Club
- Southern Field Trial Club / Masters Shooting Dog Championship
- Southwest Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Sunflower State Shooting Dog Championship
- Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Tennessee Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club
- Texas Shooting Dog Championship
- United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity
- United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship
- West Coast Shooting Dog Championship
- Western Shooting Dog Championship

For more information, please contact:
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Purina is pleased to announce the
2024-25 PURINA TOP DERBY AWARD

These Awards, like those for the major All-Age and Shooting Dog circuits, will recognize the season's top Derbies, their owners and handlers.



Similar to the other Top Dog Awards programs, these Derby Awards are based on a points system. Dogs winning a placement in 30-minute Derby stakes will receive: 5 points for first; 3 for second; 2 for third; and 1 for fourth, times the number of dogs drawn in the stake; for 45-minute stakes or longer: 6 points for first; 4 for second; 2 for third; and 1 for fourth.

*Bonus points are added for Futurity and All-Age Championship wins (doubled for Championships and most Futurities except the U.S. Quail

Shooting Dog which will receive bonus points of 150, 100, 75 and 50).

Winning Derbies, owners and handlers will be recognized at the Awards banquet. An original oil painting of the winning Derbies will be presented along with a generous supply of Purina product for the winners.

Those who chose to enter and compete in Purina Awards stakes agree to do so under the policies and rules established by the Awards Committee, United Kennel Club and FDSB standards, and those spelled out in the booklet "Standards to Field Trial Procedure, Judicial Practice, Handler and Bird Dog Performance".

OPEN SHOOTING DOG DERBY STAKES

- All-America Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship Bill West Open Derby Classic
- Arkansas Derby Classic
- Bill McNamee Memorial Open Derby Classic
- Can/Am Open Shooting Dog Derby
- Cedar Valley Classics
- Colorado Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Conecuh Derby
- Dixie Derby
- Egypt Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Fleetwood Open Shooting Dog Classic Open Derby
- Garden State Championship (English Setter Club) Open Derby
- Garden State Classic Open Derby
- Georgia Association Shooting Dog Classics
- Georgia Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Gulf Coast Derby
- Henry Banks Sr. Memorial Open Shooting Dog Derby
- Hidden Valley Club
- Illinois Open Shooting Dog Championship Max Eldred Open Derby
- Indiana Open Shooting Dog
- Jayhawk Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Keystone "Yankee" Open Derby Classic
- Lone Star Open Shooting Dog Classic Open Derby
- Michigan Open Derby Classic
- Mid-Atlantic Bill Bey Derby
- Middle Georgia Open Shooting Dog Derby
- Midwest Shooting Dog Futurity*
- Midwestern States Derby Classic

- Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- National Shooting Dog Futurity*
- New England Futurity*
- Oklahoma Open Derby Classic
- Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Oregon Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Russell County (Ala.) Open Derby
- South Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Southwest Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Sunflower State Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Derby Classic
- Texas Open Shooting Dog Championship Texas Open Derby
- United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity*

OPEN ALL-AGE DERBY STAKES

- Alabama Club's Derby
- All-America Derby Championship*
- All-America Prairie Championship Derby
- American Derby Invitational Championship*
- American Quail Classic Derby
- Benton County (Miss.) Open Derby
- "Big" Derby Classic
- Blackbelt Field Trial Club Derby
- Buck-Tuck Open Derby
- Carroll County (Tenn.) Field Trial Club Derby
- Cecil Proctor Open Derby
- Central Carolina Open Derby
- Continental Derby Championship*
- Dr. D.E. Hawthorne Border Classic Derby
- Dr. Douglas Guthrie Open Derby
- Georgia Derby Championship*
- Heartland Open Derby

- Hell Creek Open Derby
- Hobart Ames Open Derby
- Inola Open All-Age Derby
- International Pheasant Championship Derby
- Jim Ingle Open Derby
- Kansas Derby Classic
- Kansas Prairie Open All-Age Derby
- Kentucky Championship Open Derby
- Kentucky Lake Ricky Chism Memorial Open Derby
- Kentucky Quail Classic Derby
- Larry Brech Open Derby
- Lee County (Ga.) Open All-Age Derby
- Mid-America Championship Open Derby Classic
- Mississippi All-Age Championship Derby
- Missouri Don Fox Memorial Derby
- Missouri Open All-Age Derby
- Muckalee Creek Open Derby
- National Chukar Championship / Inez Thompson Derby Classic
- National Derby Championship*
- North Carolina Open Derby Classic
- Oil Capital Amateur All-Age Derby
- Pacific Coast Derby Championship*
- Pelican Open All-Age Classic Derby
- Prairie Field Trial Club Derby
- Region 8 Championship Assn. Open Derby
- Rend Lake Open All-Age Derby
- Rulon Everton Open Derby
- Solatex Evangeline Derby
- Southern Pines Open All-Age Derby
- Southland Arlin Nolen Derby
- Southwestern Championship Open Derby
- Stillwater Open All-Age Derby
- Sullivan County Open All-Age Derby
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- Texas Open Championship Derby
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AUGUST 10-11, 2024 • STARTS 7:00 A.M.

GLADWIN FIELD TRIAL AREA, MEREDITH, MI

Drawing: Wednesday, August 7, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Secy./Treas. Denise Peters, 7888 Greenwood Rd., Gladwin, MI 48624. All are welcome.

(Sat.) OPEN SHOOTING DOG QUALIFIER (30 Min.)—Multiple Courses ... \$50.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Multiple Courses..... \$50.00

Derby to begin Saturday; Start time TBD by entries.

(Sun.) MIKE GROSTIC AMATEUR

SHOOTING DOG MEMORIAL (30 Min.)—Multiple Courses..... \$50.00

Rotating Amateur Trophy and Ribbons will be awarded.

Judges: OSD—To be determined: OD—Tom Fruchey and Dave Heavlin;

ASD—Scott and Tammy Chaffee.



Direct entries to: DENISE PETERS

7888 Greenwood Rd., Gladwin, MI 48624

Phone: (269) 209-1255 • Email: dpeters1255@yahoo.com

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FIELD TRIAL REMINDER / 2024-25 FIELD TRIAL SEASON

Trial dates that have been scheduled and confirmed for the season may be submitted for inclusion in the Kennel Fixtures column to provide an early notice of the club's trial before the formal announcement appears.

To comply with the minimum requirements, ads must appear on the website Calendar at least two weeks prior to the start of the event. To be included in a print edition, please see deadlines below:

ISSUE/DEADLINE

September/August 5
October/September 5

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November/October 5
December/November 5

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— On behalf of the Association of Michigan Field Trial Clubs —

August 17, 2024 • Starts 7:00 a.m.
Gladwin Field Trial Grounds, Meredith, MI

••• Summer Qualifying Trial •••

Drawing: Wednesday, August 14, 7:00 p.m.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG QUALIFIER (30 Min.).....Entry Fee: \$45.00

Multiple courses on native grouse and woodcock.

Judges: To be announced

Phone or email entries to: TOM FRUCHEY

Phone: (989) 435-3793 • Cell: (989) 324-8451

Email: tomnkelinc@yahoo.com

NATIONAL BRITTANY OPEN GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP ASSOCIATION

— On behalf of the Association of Michigan Field Trial Clubs, Inc. —

August 24-25, 2024 • Starts at 7:30 a.m. each day

Gladwin Field Trial Area, Meredith, MI



Native grouse and woodcock. Multiple courses. Rustic camping on the grounds. Motels (nearby): Northwoods Motel, 5800 N M-30, Gladwin, MI 48624—(989) 426-4021. Lunches available on the grounds. No training on any part of the Gladwin Field Trial Area. Approved retrieval collars allowed but not provided by the club. NO OPEN BARREL GUNS ALLOWED. Entries Close & Drawing: Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Kenny DeLong.

(Sat.) OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Qualifier; Rosettes.....\$55.00

*JUNIOR HANDLER (10-15 Min.)—Open to youth handlers 14 and under..... FREE

**To be held at lunchbreak on Saturday. Released quail at the bird field.*

(Sun.) OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Qualifier; Rosettes.....\$55.00

Judges: OSD—Chris Wasserman and Steve McKalko;

OD—Sean McKellip and Kenny DeLong.

Entries to: KENNY DeLONG, 1450 Shady Ln., Greenville, MI 48838

Phone: (616) 894-7447 • Email: birddawgger@hotmail.com

NBOGCA will host the Restricted Breed Cover Dog Championship, Saturday, October 5, in conjunction with our fall trial, October 3-6, at the Gladwin Field Trial Area.

NEW ENGLAND BIRD DOG CLUB

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August 24-25, 2024 • Starts 7:30 a.m.

Glover Farm Wildlife Management Area, Ferry Rd., Dummer, NH

Trial is held in cooperation with the

NH Fish and Game Department and the Glover Family.

Drawing: Thursday, August 22, 7:00 p.m. (EDT),

at Wild Apple Kennel, 1500 East Side River Rd., Dummer, NH 03588.

(Sat.) OPEN PUPPY \$25.00

OPEN DERBY \$35.00

OPEN SHOOTING DOG \$35.00

OPEN RESTRICTED DERBY \$35.00

(Sun.) OPEN GUN DOG—Unrecognized; Judgment ceases at flush .. \$25.00

OPEN SHOOTING DOG \$35.00

OPEN DERBY \$35.00

OPEN RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG—If time permits..... \$35.00

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: KELLY HAYS, Trial Chairperson • Columbia, NH

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A Grand National Grouse Invitational & Inukshuk Maritime Dog of the Year Points Trial

— Sponsored by Inukshuk Professional Dog Food —



August 31-September 1, 2024 • Beginning at 8:00 a.m. each day*

*Meet at Hoof and Paw Outfitters at 7:30 a.m. Wild bird courses near McAdam, NB.

Drawing: Wednesday, August 28, 8:00 p.m. (AST). Course order to be announced prior to draw. Accommodations: Hoof and Paw Outfitters, McAdam, NB—(506) 784-8076.

(Sat.) OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) Entry Fee \$50.00 [USD or CDN Equiv.]

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) Entry Fee \$50.00 [USD or CDN Equiv.]

(Sun.) OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) Entry Fee \$50.00 [USD or CDN Equiv.]

Purse (all stakes): 50% of entry fee split 50/30/20 • Rosettes to all winners

Judges: OSD—Dale Hackett, Fredericton, NB, and Dusty Babin, Burtt's Corner, NB;

OD—Donald Henderson, Oromocto, NB, and Seamus Smith, Fredericton, NB;

OSD—Dale Hackett, Fredericton, NB, and Leonard Sinclair, Bocabec, NB.

Entries to: **ROBERT LITTLE**

Phone: (506) 784-7047 • Email: robert.little551@gmail.com

Entries accepted for all stakes with the understanding the Maritime Bird Dog Club, its officers and landowners are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents to anyone attending the trials, their guests, dogs or equipment.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

ROGER BOSER • Phone: (717) 881-9768 • Email: Rogerboser@aol.com

2023-24 Dog of the Year Award Winners

Awards will be presented the evening of Saturday, October 12, following the York Pointer & Setter trial.

TOP COMBINED SHOOTING DOG

Wr: *Bull Finch (PF)*: Ernie (Handler) & Karen Saniga, Owners

R-U: *Miller's Million Dollar Penny (PF)*: Dave McKay, Owner/Handler

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

Wr: *Jolene Jolene (PF)*

Joe McHugh and Dave McKay, Owners

Mike Tracy, Handler

R-U: *The Secret (PM)*

Great River Kennels and Lisa Pollock, Owners

Jeanette Tracy, Handler

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (Tie)

Wr: *Gratitude (ISM)*

Roger Boser, Owner/Handler

Wr: *Cheyenne Jack (PM)*

Muriel & William Primm and Sal Morelli, Owners

Joe Lordi, Handler

OPEN DERBY

Wr: *Mo's Curtain Call (PF)*

Tim Moore and Jim Morrell, Owners

Mike Tracy, Handler

R-U: *Backcountry Champagnesupernova (PF)*

Chris Catanzarite, Owner/Handler

AMATEUR DERBY

Wr: *Shotput (ISF)*

Roger Boser, Owner/Handler

R-U: *Umpteen Tries (PM)*

Larry King, Owner/Handler

2024 Fall Field Trial Schedule

Sept. 14-15 Ridgerunners BDC

Sept. 21 National Pheasant OSD Chmp.

Sept. 30 National Shooting Dog Futurity

Oct. 6 Penn-Jersey Sportsman's Club

Oct. 12 York Pointer & Setter Club

Oct. 13 Lehigh Valley Pointer & Setter Club

Oct. 26-27 Indiantown Gap BDC

UPCOMING PRINT DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER 2024

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SOUTHWESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP

“Where Legends Are Made”

Begins Thursday, August 29, 2024, 8:00 a.m.
The Johnson Ranches, Trail City, SD



Stakes & Order of Running:

OPEN DERBY (30-Minute Heats) • Entry Fee: \$200.00

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

SOUTHWESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP (One-Hour Heats) • Entry Fee: \$450.00

Purse: 60% of entry fees divided 70-30; Runner-up named at discretion of the judges.

Judges: *OD*—Joe and Tricia Rentz, Brooks, GA;

Championship—Gary Futch, Statesboro, GA, and Jason Loper, Thomasville, GA.

Reporter: Claudia McNamee, Chattahoochee Hills, GA

DERBY WILL RUN FIRST, FOLLOWED BY CHAMPIONSHIP

Pre-Drawing: Monday, August 26, 7:00 p.m. (CST), at the Wrangler Inn. Phone: (605) 845-3641.

Accommodations: Grand River Casino, Mobridge, SD—(605) 845-7104;

Mobridge Kountry Inn, Mobridge, SD—(605) 845-7215; and Wrangler Inn, Mobridge, SD—(605) 845-3641.

Grounds, National Championship requirement and Reservation fee of \$50/dog for Championship and \$25/dog for Derby are included in entry fee listed. Not included in purse

Directors: *Luke Eisenhart, Claudia McNamee, Lee Phillips, John D. Seawright*

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Starts Friday, September 27, 2024 to Conclusion

**Run on multiple one-hour courses through native ruffed grouse
and woodcock cover in Frankfort, Maine.**



*The Northeastern Grouse & Woodcock Championship is a
Purina Coverdog Points and Grand National Invitational Points Trial*

Judges: Jamie Leitch, Holland, VT, and Dale Hackett, Fredericton, NB

Reporter: Russell Ogilvie, Jefferson, ME

Entry Fee: \$130.00 • **Purse:** 50% of entries less the grounds fee split 70/30 • Rosettes for the winners

Drawing: Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 p.m., at Jon Cullen's home. All are welcome. Running order will be posted on the Cover Dog Message Board. **Accommodations:** White House Inn, Littlefield Rd., Bangor, ME—(207) 862-3737. No training on the grounds permitted. **Dinner:** The Mid-Coast Maine FTC welcomes all to a dinner on Saturday night at the trial grounds.

Entries to: JON CULLEN • Phone: (207) 991-7039 • Email: Jonathancullen7@gmail.com

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THE MARITIME BIRD DOG CLUB PRESENTS

The 52nd Running of the

NORTH AMERICAN WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

— A Purina Coverdog & Grand National Invitational Points Trial —

The North American Woodcock Championship is forever dedicated to the memory of Jack Mayer Jr., Robert Buzzell, and Jack Mayer Sr.

Begins 8:00 A.M. (local time), Friday, September 6, 2024

[Note: The North American Woodcock Futurity will be held prior to the Championship and begin on Thursday, September 5. See details below.]

To be run on wild bird courses near McAdam, NB

Meet at Hoof and Paw Outfitters, 80 Farm Rd., McAdam, NB, each day at 7:30 A.M.

The Championship is sponsored by Inukshuk Professional Dog Food



Judges: Doug Dix, Whitingham, VT, and Kris Nordby, Danielson, CT

Reporter & Stake Manager: Robert Little, McAdam, NB

Courses: One-hour heats over multiple courses of natural woodcock and grouse cover. Course order will be announced prior to the draw. Up to eight braces per day as determined by the judges. **Guaranteed Purse:** 40% of the entry to winner of Championship. If a runner-up is named, the purse will be split 70%-30%. **Champion's Prizes:** A painting of the champion will be provided by Larry Costigan of Calgary, AB. **Entry Fee:** \$130.00 (U.S. Funds or Canadian Equiv.)

Qualification: A recognized placement in an Open Derby, Open Shooting Dog, or Open All-Age stake. Minimum .32 blank pistol or primer pistol with manufactured barrels only. **Drawing:** Entries for both stakes to Robert Little (contact info below). A public drawing will be conducted on Wednesday, September 4, 8:00 p.m. (ADT), at Hoof and Paw Outfitters, McAdam, NB. Entries close at drawing. **Accommodations:** Hoof and Paw Outfitters, Farm Rd., McAdam, NB—(506) 784-3102; Palfrey Lake Lodge, St. Croix, NB—(207) 796-2592; Winsome Inn, St. Stephen, NB—(506) 466-2130.

The 48th Running of the

NORTH AMERICAN WOODCOCK FUTURITY

The North American Woodcock Futurity is forever dedicated to the memory of Richard C. Shear.

Thursday, September 5, 2024 • Meet at Hoof and Paw Outfitters at 7:30 A.M.

Judges: Trevor London, Merrill, ME, and Jon Cullen, Stockton Springs, ME

Reporter: Robert Little, McAdam, NB • **Stake Manager:** Joe Dahl, Danforth, ME

Entry Fee: \$60.00 (U.S. Funds or Canadian Equiv.). **Purse:** 50% of entry fees split 60%-40% to owners and breeders to third place. **Courses:** 30-minute heats over multiple courses of natural woodcock and grouse cover. Course order will be announced prior to the draw **Drawing:** Entries to Robert Little (contact info below). A public drawing will be conducted on Wednesday, September 4, 8:00 p.m. (ADT), at Hoof and Paw Outfitters, McAdam, NB. Entries close at drawing.

Entries for both stakes to:

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2024 NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 13 to Conclusion

Richardson Ranch, west of Cheyenne, WY, 849 Happy Jack Rd. (Hwy. 210)



— A Purina Handler of the Year Points Trial —

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) Entry Fee: \$150.00

— Starts Friday, September 13 —

Judges: To be announced

Cash Purse: Champion—\$1000 plus Hun-Mount Trophy; Runner-Up—\$500

AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) Entry Fee: \$150.00

— Follows Open Shooting Dog —

Judges: To be announced

Prizes: Champion—\$750 Gift Certificate plus Hun-Mount Trophy;
Runner-Up—\$350 Gift Certificate plus SportDOG Collar

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$150.00

— Follows Amateur All-Age —

Judges: John Hicks, Amelia Island, FL, and Jadie Rayfield, Mt. Pleasant, SC

Cash Purse: Champion—\$1000 plus Hun-Mount Trophy; Runner-Up—\$500

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) Entry Fee: \$ 85.00

— Follows Amateur Shooting Dog but if no time, may follow Open All-Age —

Judges: John Hicks, Amelia Island, FL, and Jadie Rayfield, Mt. Pleasant, SC

Cash Purse: 1st—\$300; 2nd—\$200; 3rd—\$100

OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$150.00

— Follows Open Derby —

Judges: John Hicks, Amelia Island, FL, and Jadie Rayfield, Mt. Pleasant, SC

Prizes: Champion—\$750 Gift Certificate plus Hun-Mount Trophy;
Runner-Up—\$350 Gift Certificate plus SportDog Collar

Please note (all purses): If there are not enough dogs for a Championship stake, there will be no cash purse.

• **Drawings:** To take place on the grounds at 7:00 P.M. (MT), at least one night before running.

• **Directions to Grounds:** From Interstate 25 Northbound, take exit 10B; Southbound, take exit 10D. Both exit to Happy Jack Rd. Turn west, toward Laramie, and drive 17 miles. Just past mile marker 17, turn left into arena driveway. From Interstate 80 Westbound, exit to I-25 north and follow I-25 directions; Eastbound, take Happy Jack Road exit about 5 miles east of Laramie, cross bridge, and turn left. Drive about 21 miles and turn right into second entrance after mile marker 18, 50 yards past the lit entrance.

Grass hay available • Rental horses by Ziggy • Retrieval Collars permitted

All participants and spectators do so at their own risk

2 catered meals daily • RV & Trailer parking with electric hook-ups • Waste dump available

Showers, laundry and restrooms in the Bunkhouse. No smoking on grounds.

Entry forms required for all placing dogs!

Advance entries in writing must be received by September 10 • Phone entries not accepted!

Advance entries to: BOBBI RICHARDSON, Secretary

P.O. Box 21660, Cheyenne, WY 82003 • Fax: (307) 638-7534 • Email: wybobbi@gmail.com

For questions, contact: Keith Richardson, Chmn.—(307) 630-9907 or Bobbi Richardson—(307) 630-1514

2024 NGSPA REGION 8 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following Hungarian Partridge Championships but not before September 23
Richardson Ranch, west of Cheyenne, WY, 849 Happy Jack Rd. (Hwy. 210)



— *A Purina Handler of the Year Points Trial* —

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$150.00

— *Starts Monday, September 23* —

Judges: To be announced

Prizes: Champion—\$750 Gift Certificate plus a SportDOG Collar;
Runner-Up—\$350 Gift Certificate

OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$150.00

— *Follows Amateur Shooting Dog* —

Judges: To be announced

Cash Purse: Champion—\$1000; Runner-Up—\$500

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) Entry Fee: \$150.00

— *Follows Open All-Age* —

Judges: To be announced

Cash Purse: Champion—\$1000; Runner-Up—\$500

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) Entry Fee: \$ 85.00

— *Follows Open Shooting Dog* —

Judges: To be announced

Cash Purse: 1st—\$300; 2nd—\$200; 3rd—\$100

Please note (all purses): If there are not enough dogs for a Championship stake, there will be no cash purse.

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Advance entries to: BOBBI RICHARDSON, Secretary

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Recognized Field Trials

Lake States Field Trial Club

August 10 / Meredith, MI
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Beaverton Grouse Dog Club

August 17 / Meredith, MI
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National Brittany Open Grouse Championship Association

August 24 / Meredith, MI
Contact: Kenny DeLong
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New England Bird Dog Club

August 24 / Dummer, NH
Contact: Kelly Hays
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Southwestern Championship

August 29 / Trail City, SD
Contact: Garland Priddy
Phone: (601) 259-1515

Maritime Bird Dog Club

August 31 / McAdam, NB
Contact: Robert Little
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North American Woodcock Futurity & Championship

September 6 / McAdam, NB
Contact: Robert Little
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NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Championships

September 13 / Cheyenne, WY
Contact: Bobbi Richardson
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National Shooting Dog Futurity

September 23 / Bloomingdale, OH
Contact: Mark Hughes
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NGSPA Region 8 Championships

September 23 / Cheyenne, WY
Contact: Bobbi Richardson
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Northeastern Grouse & Woodcock Championship

September 27 / Frankfort, ME
Contact: Jon Cullen
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CanAm Open Shooting Dog Classic

October 4 / Payette, ID
Contact: Bill Owen
Phone: (805) 886-7339
Email: billowen@cox.net

Region 19 (AFTCA)

Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

October 4 / Danbury, WI
Contact: Adam DeLude
Phone: (920) 579-0344

Region 19 (AFTCA)

Amateur All-Age Championship

October 4 / Danbury, WI
Contact: Todd Manns
Phone: (612) 819-0288

Chickahominy Field Trial Association

October 27 / Jarrett, VA
Contact: Meredith Jones
Phone: (804) 512-7567 or (804) 512-9637
Email: fewpointers@gmail.com

Dixie Open Shooting Dog Classic

November 4 / Union Springs, AL
Contact: Hunter McDuffie
Phone: (334) 207-3887

9A Field Trial Club

November 7 / Union Springs, AL
Contact: Hunter McDuffie
Phone: (334) 207-3887

ABHA TRIALS

(No trials scheduled)

NBHA TRIALS

(No trials scheduled)

SBHA TRIALS

(No trials scheduled)

USCSDA TRIALS

Chickahominy Field Trial Association

October 26 / Jarrett, VA
Contact: Meredith Jones
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