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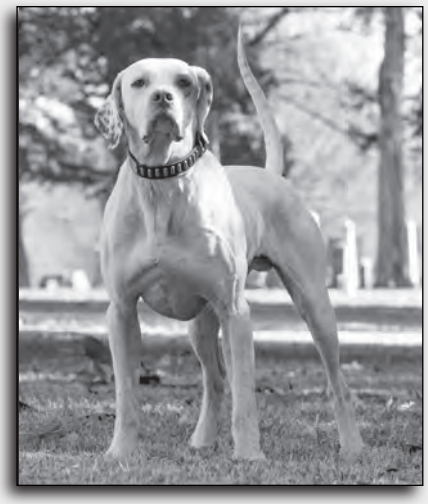

GAME SURGE

Dr. Fred Corder, Owner/Handler | Photo by Jamie Evans

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NATIONAL CHAMPION GAME SURGE

#F1700091 • Pointer Male • Sire: Ch. Lester's Storm Surge • Dam: Game Maggie

Dr. Fred Corder, Owner/Handler • Photo by Jamie Evans

(Pictured is the release of Game Surge at the 2026 National Championship)

Field Trial Hall of Fame

— A New Election Process for 2026 —

> *"Just so it was purposed that the Field Trial Hall of Fame would be a firmly established institution, and that only dogs and people who had earned the right unequivocally would receive the deserved distinction of being voted into the 'Hall of Fame.'"*

— William F. Brown —
Editor, The American Field
June 1954

The 2025 Hall of Fame election was suspended in order to create a more workable election process in today's environment while maintaining much of what was created by William F. Brown, editor of The American Field, in 1954, when the Hall was first created.

The UKC assembled a five-member committee, including Dr. Stan Wint, Frank LaNasa, Robert G. West, Sean Derrig, Todd Kellam, and Consultant Bernie Matthys, to develop a workable, sustainable solution for this important honor.

The 2026 Hall of Fame Election process will begin with public endorsements starting on June 1st. The electees will be announced on or about September 1st, with the induction taking place in early 2027 at the Bird Dog Foundation's Hall of Fame ceremonies at Grand Junction.

In an effort to be as transparent as possible, the Election Process, Definitions, and Responsibilities are included here for public view.

More news will be published in future weeks on the official Hall of Fame UKC/American Field webpage at: **www.americanfield.com/hall-of-fame**

THE ELECTION PROCESS, DEFINITIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Field Trial Hall of Fame has been an important part of the field trial sport for seventy years. For those seventy years, The American Field served as the medium through which the Hall of Fame communicated with the field trial community, announcing the nomination process, providing nomination ballots, announcing the Election Committee, and eventually the newly elected members of the Hall of Fame. That nomination and election process is not feasible today.

In an effort to provide the field trial and bird dog community with a broad and equitable representation in the nomination process of deserving candidates for Field Trial Hall of Fame honors, a regional/geographic framework has been adopted, along with those persons representing important positions and responsibilities of the Field Trial Sport.

The time-honored categories are:

1. Distinguished bird dogs that are no longer living.
2. Persons, deceased or if living, of at least 64 years of age, who have made outstanding contributions to the field trial sport.

Section 1: The Election Process

1A Public Opinion: The United Kennel Club will provide a forum for enthusiasts of the field trial sport, allowing them to submit and read endorsements for nominations of Dogs and Persons from June 1st to July 15th.

1B Nominators: Each geographic Regional President shall hold an election at their annual meeting to elect a Field Trial Hall of Fame Nominator from their region to a 3-year term.

In addition, the following will also serve as Nominators. The President of the Grand National Grouse Championship, President of the National Field Trial Champion Association, President of the National Open Shooting Dog Championship Association, President of the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America, members of the Awards Committee, Judges for the most recent Grand National Grouse Championship, National Bird Dog Championship, and National Open Shooting Dog Championship.

Each Nominator will act independently to nominate, in their opinion, the two (2) most deserving Dogs and two (2) most deserving Persons to the Selection Committee based on their independent research, experience, and knowledge of the nominees. Nominations shall be made on the official nomination form, signed, dated, and sealed in the official nomination envelope and sent to the Offices of the UKC and postmarked by August 1st of each year. Electronic submissions are not permitted.

1C Selectors: The Selection Committee will consist of the five members of the UKC/American Field, Field Trial Hall of Fame committee, who are responsible for administering and managing the election process. Along with the five (5) committee members, eight (8) Nominators will join the Selection Committee each year to select electees to the Hall of Fame.

The Selection Committee will meet each year to review the nominations submitted. In review and discussion of the nominees, the committee must elect, by majority vote, the one (1) most deserving Dog and the one (1) most deserving Person for annual induction into the Field Trial Hall of Fame to be announced on or about September 1st with induction to occur at the Bird Dog Foundation's Hall of Fame induction ceremonies held annually at the Bird Dog Museum.

Members of the Selection Committee, at their sole discretion, may, in addition to the customary election process, nominate and elect by super majority vote deserving Dogs and/or Persons from an earlier era.

Section 2: Definitions and Responsibilities

2A Nominators:

a) Nominators agree that their nomination is their sole and independent nomination based on their own research, experience, and knowledge of the nominee.

b) All nominated Persons and Dogs must be in good standing with the UKC/American Field at the time of nomination.

c) A Nominator shall not nominate a Dog owned by them or their immediate family members.

d) A Nominator shall not nominate themselves or Persons from their immediate family.

e) A Nominator must recuse themselves from the nomination process in the year they join the Selection Committee.

2B Selectors:

a) All Selectors meet each year to review the nominations submitted. From those qualified nominations, Selectors agree that their chosen option is their sole and independent selection based on their own research, experience, knowledge, and collaboration with only members of the Selection Committee. Final selection is made by majority vote.

b) A Selector must recuse themselves from the selection process if a nomination of a Dog owned by that Selector or an immediate family member is officially accepted.

c) A Selector must recuse themselves from the selection process if a nomination of that Selector or an immediate family member is officially accepted.

2C Code of Conduct and Confidentiality

a) Nominators and Selectors are discouraged from participating in discussions or posting on private and public forums, including other social media outlets, to any matter related to the Field Trial Hall of Fame nominations and selections.

b) Selectors must maintain integrity, avoid compromising comments outside meetings, and hold deliberations in "strictest confidence." Violations can lead to removal (e.g., conduct unbecoming or breaching confidentiality on opinions during meetings).

Geographic Nominators

- **Region 1 Representative:**
  Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut
- **Region 2 Representative:**
  New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware
- **Region 3 Representative:**
  Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina
- **Region 4 Representative:**
  Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia
- **Region 5 Representative:**
  Illinois, Missouri
- **Region 6 Representative:**
  Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi
- **Region 7 Representative:**
  Texas, Mexico
- **Region 8 Representative:**
  Colorado, Oklahoma
- **Region 9 Representative:**
  Idaho, Utah, Wyoming
- **Region 10 Representative:**
  British Columbia, Oregon, Washington
- **Region 11 Representative:**
  California, Nevada
- **Region 13 Representative:**
  Ontario, Quebec, Michigan
- **Region 14 Representative:**
  Montana, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba
- **Region 16 Representative:**
  Alabama, Georgia, Florida
- **Region 17 Representative:**
  Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa
- **Region 19 Representative:**
  North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin
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- **President, National Field Trial Champion Assn.**
- **President, National Open Shooting Dog Chmp. Assn.**
- **President, Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America**
- **Members (7) of the Purina Awards Committee**
- **Judges (2), Grand National Grouse Chmp.**
- **Judges (3), National Bird Dog Chmp.**
- **Judges (3), National Open Shooting Dog Chmp.**

THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Game Surge Wins 127th Running

By Kent Walker | Grand Junction, Tennessee | February 9, 2026

The National Championship: Game Surge with Dr. Fred Corder, his wife Rita, and son Coleman. [Photo by Jamie Evans].

This year marked the 127th running of the National Championship. The trial began on February 9 and concluded on February 20. Forty-one dogs—38 pointers and three setters— under the direction of 21 different handlers, came to the line to test their skills on the historic grounds of the Ames Plantation located in Grand Junction, Tennessee.

Besting the field and winning this year's National Championship was Game Surge, owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder of nearby Corinth, Mississippi. Game Surge, a 5-year-old white and orange pointer, ran in the 19th brace of the trial. To his credit, Game Surge was shown on birds five times. His style and manners on game beyond reproach on each occasion. One find was divided with his bracemate and last year's National Champion and this year's Joe Hurdle Award winner, Erin's Perfect Storm. His ground race was smooth and forward as he completed the three-hour course with strength and style.

Judging this year's National Championship was the same trio as last year. Bill Mason of Moundville, Alabama, Greg Bain of Moulton, Alabama, and Rich Robertson of Payette, Idaho. All three of these gentlemen are accomplished field trialers, bird dog men, and stewards of the sport. They rode consistently and watched intently, giving each contestant their utmost attention, keeping in mind the Amesian Standard for which this trial was founded.

The Amesian Standard states, "the dog under consideration must have and display great bird sense.

Long-time Ames historian and ace photographer, Jamie Evans, and his wife, Dee, are invaluable assets to this trial as they capture those great field trial moments on camera and help provide day-to-day updates through social media.

He must show perfect work on both coveys and singles. He must be able quickly to determine between foot and body scent. He must use his brains, eyes, and nose to the fullest advantage and hunt the likely places on the course. He must possess speed, range, style, character, and stamina - and good manners always. He must hunt the birds, and not the handler hunt the dog. No line or path runner is acceptable. He must be well-broken, and the better his manners, the more clearly he proves his sound training. Should he lose a little in class, as expressed in extreme speed and range, he can make up for this, under fair judgment, in a single piece of superior bird work, or in sustained demonstration of general behavior. He must be bold, snappy, and spirited. His range must be to the front or to either side, but never behind. He must be regularly and habitually pleasingly governable and must know when to turn and keep his handlers' course in view, and at all times keep uppermost in his mind the finding and pointing of birds for his handler."

Many hours and days go into preparing for this trial. Hats off to Matt Backus, the Ames Plantation crew, and all the volunteers who gave of their time for the betterment of this trial. On Friday night, the drawing was held at the Bird Dog Museum in conjunction with the "Kickoff Party" hosted by Greg Blair and Purina Pro Plan, the exclusive dog food sponsor for this event. This year, the National Field Trial Champion Association, headed by President Dr. Stan Wint, Vice President Joey McAlexander, and Secretary/Treasurer Matt Backus, and its directors voted to change the qualifying standards for this trial. The goal is to encourage more participation, recognizing dogs that were active in field trials in the current year. To that end, it was decided to take the top 42 nominated

dogs under the established Joe Hurdle Award points system. Previous National Champions were exempt and qualified for life. In the event of a tie in points, the dog with more first-place finishes would be selected.

Throughout the two weeks of the trial, a social hour followed the afternoon brace each day at the Rhea Building. Lots of good food, fun, and fellowship! Additionally, there were other after-hours social events, including a Brunswick Stew/BBQ dinner one evening for everyone and a fish fry for all on another occasion. One evening, there was an owner/handler steak dinner honoring last year's winner, Erin's Perfect Storm, and owner Brad Woodie. A beautiful portrait of the dog by renowned artist Ross Young was presented. On Valentine's night, all owners and participants were invited to an open house at the Ames Manor house.

The Running

Prior to the start of this trial, the Ames Plantation and many other nearby areas were hit hard by a snow, sleet, and ice storm that blanketed the ground for over two weeks with 5-7 inches of ice in most areas. As temperatures warmed the weekend before the trial, conditions became extremely wet and muddy for dogs, horses, and riders. Scenting conditions, particularly during the first week, were extremely difficult. In researching the aftereffects of these long-standing ice-covered grounds, it became very logical as to why the dogs were having such difficulty pinpointing their game.

Dr. Stan Wint, NFTCA President. [Photo by Jamie Evans].

The National Championship (front): Greg Bain (judge). (Behind, l-r): Rich Robertson (judge), Bill Mason (judge), and Kent Walker (reporter). [Photo by Jamie Evans].

This was the first year the National Championship was run on the morning course only. As many readers may already be aware, Tall Timbers Research is working in conjunction with Ames Plantation in a massive quail restoration project in an effort to bring wild quail back to the Ames Plantation. Currently, the afternoon course is undergoing major changes to its landscape. This project is set to continue on the afternoon course for the next few years. To that end, pre-season, pre-trial, and other subsequent quail releases have been dedicated solely to the morning course.

Brace-by-Brace Synopsis

Brace 1: Skies were clear and 35 degrees at breakaway. Seranoa's Ramblin' Man had an unproductive at :50 on Govan Hill and a back at 1:03 just before crossing National Championship drive at Mary Scott. He had a find at 1:20 in Turner National North. McLean requested the tracker at 2:03.

Lester's Storm Chaser had his first find at :30 in the Big Turner Ditch Field, followed closely by his second find at :33 in the Turner Neck Field. At :50 he suffered an unproductive on Govan Hill. At 1:03, Storm Chaser had his third find just before crossing National Championship drive at Mary Scott, followed by a back of his bracemate at 1:20 at Turner National North. Storm Chaser then suffered unproductives at 1:37, 1:41, and 1:57 and was picked by Henry at 1:57.

Brace 2: Sunshine and 70 degrees at breakaway. Wynona's Nickleback Sugar had an unproductive at :31 on the north side of Turner Neck Field. At 1:17, Vincent opted to pick her up at the Turner Road/National Championship crossroad.

Phantom's Zip suffered and unproductive at :29 on the south side of the Big Turner Ditch Field. Relocation efforts were unsuccessful. Todd decided to pick her up at the Turner Road/National Championship crossroad at 1:17, ending the brace.

Brace 3: Cloudy skies and 57 degrees at breakaway. World Class High Def was out of pocket before the Ellington Road crossing. Siebels requested the tracker at :25.

Como Thunder had his first find at :27 at the Turner Road crossing, followed closely by his second find at :33 in the Turner Neck Field, well to the front. His third and final find came at :43 in the Turner Pines thicket. Thunder was running a strong forward race with three good finds before re-injuring a previous ligament strain. Russell opted to pick up at :59, ending the brace.

Brace 4: Cloudy skies and 64 degrees. Miller's Last Call suffered an unproductive at :33 in the Long Turner Neck Field. Relocation was unsuccessful. He then had another unproductive at 1:05 in Mary Scott Loop just across National Championship Drive. At 1:11, he had his third unproductive in No Man's Land. Rinehart opted to pick up at 1:11.

Late Hit had a back of his bracemate at :33 in Long Turner Neck Field. At :58, he had a find at the base of Govan Hill, followed by a back at 1:11 in No Man's Land. His second find came at 1:32 by

Joey McAlexander, NFTCA Vice President. [Photo by Jamie Evans].

the Dunn property, headed toward Govan Hill. Late Hit pointed again at 1:38 west of Dunn's Pond Dam. Feathers were found on the ground from a kill, and the handler took the dog on. Shenker opted to pick up his dog at 1:44 on Govan Hill, ending the brace.

Brace 5: Clearing skies and 47 degrees at breakaway. Nonami's Johnny Come Lately had a find at :29 at the Turner Road crossing. At 1:35, Pearce requested the tracker.

Shagtime Bill suffered an unproductive at :32 on the north side of the big milo field at the Turner Road crossing. Bill had a find at :59 in the Chute just south of the National Championship Drive crossing. Cagle requested the tracker at 1:50, ending the brace.

Brace 6: Sunshine and 58 degrees. Game Heir suffered an unproductive at :26 just before the Turner Road crossing, followed by another unproductive at :34 on the north side of the Turner Neck Field. At 1:15, Game Heir had a find at Turner National. He was on point again at 1:35 in the chute headed toward Govan Hill. His handler pointed out feathers from a kill and took the dog on. At 1:40, he had another find just to the left side across the new Turner Ditch crossing. Just up the ditch on the left side in the bi-color patch near the west end of Turner Ditch, Game Heir had his third unproductive at 1:47, and Corder decided to pick him up.

Haney's All In was out of pocket early with no bird work. McLean requested the tracker at :58.

Brace 7: Clear and 36 degrees following an overnight rain of nearly 1 inch. Rebel Dreams first find of the morning came at 1:10 on the west side of the Mary Scott Pond Dam. Her second find came at 1:23 at Turner National Pines, and her third at 1:44 just north of the Turner Ditch Pine thicket. She had her fourth find in Edward Clark South at 2:09. Her fifth, and final find, was at 2:30 in the basin just before the Keegan Ditch crossing, where Williams flushed a nice covey of birds. Rebel Dreams had a big finish in the Edward Clark field east of the pines to complete her three-hour run.

Mayfield Storm Messenger had no bird work. Siebels requested the tracker at 1:45.

Brace 8: Clear skies and 57 degrees. Wynona's Rebel had a back at 1:10 in the Mary Scott Loop. At 2:10, he suffered an unproductive at the Turner Road crossing. Vincent opted to pick Rebel up at 2:25.

Sunset Sam Houston was on point at :39. A judge noticed feathers from a kill, and his handler took Sam on. At 1:10, Sam suffered an unproductive east of Mary Scott Loop, followed by another unproductive at 1:52 on the east side of Govan Hill. Lester opted to pick up at 1:52.

Brace 9: Sunshine and 34 degrees. Touch's Shadow Rider was out of pocket early. McLean requested the tracker at :40.

Haney's Storm Warning had an extended absence early on but showed to the front at :40. After release, he was not seen again under judgment. Cagle requested the tracker at 1:40, ending this brace.

Brace 10: Clear skies and 64 degrees. Lester's War Bird had his first find at 1:22 in Edward Clark South, where Lester flushed a running covey. His second find came at 2:00 in the Big Turner Ditch field just west of the road crossing, followed by another at 2:36 across Keegan's Ditch to the south, headed to Braddock pasture. This was his third and final find. War Bird finished the three hours in Edward Clark South, east of the pines.

Rester's Johnny Ringo was picked up by Eisenhart just before the Ellington Road crossing at :10.

Brace 11: Cloudy and 55 degrees. Woodville's Long Hard Ride had a find at the LB Avent House Place near the Turner Road crossing at :27. His second and final find came at 1:10, just past the Mary Scott Loop. Hard Ride completed the three hours.

Miller's Blindsider, the 2023 National Champion, had an unproductive at 1:15. Daniels saw birds leave, but they were not seen under judgment, and relocation was unsuccessful. At 1:30, Blindsider had a find in Turner National Pines. His second find came at 2:07 in Edward Clark South, followed by another find at 2:37 just across Keegan's Ditch in the Tolb Polk field. At 2:53, Blindsider suffered an unproductive in Edward Clark South, east of the pines. The 9-year-old Blindsider completed the three-hour course.

Brace 12: Cloudy and 63 degrees. Haney's Silver Dollar was out of pocket early, and Eisenhart requested the tracker at :40.

Barshoe Forget Me Not was also out of pocket early, and Vincent requested his tracker at :40

Brace 13: Clear skies and 35 degrees after a 27-minute delay due to fog. Rebel Gold was not seen at the Ellington Road crossing early on in the brace. Williams requested his tracker at :47.

Wild Covey Strikezone got too close, bumped birds in the woodline just off the breakaway field, and was picked up at :02.

Brace 14: Sunshine and 64 degrees. Miss Arkansas had a find on the south end of the Morgan Swamp. Point was called again at :52 on Govan Hill, where a feather pile from a kill was seen by judges, and Lemons took the dog on. At :59, she backed her bracemate in the chute just before crossing National Championship Drive. She suffered an unproductive at 1:10 in Mary Scott Loop, where relocation was unsuccessful. After an extended absence, Lemons requested the tracker at 1:55 at the Turner Road crossing.

Haney's Hurricane Seeker had an unproductive at :59 in the chute just before crossing National Championship Drive. With no bird work, Russell picked the dog up at 1:55.

Brace 15: Overcast skies and 52 degrees. Whippoorwill Vette was running a very nice forward ground

race but suffered an unproductive at 1:30 in the chute just south of National Championship Drive, and Huffman opted to pick up his dog.

Miller's Heat Advisory was not seen after crossing Ellington Road early in the brace. Carlton got his tracker at :45.

Brace 16: Overcast and 58 degrees. Westfall's Power Trip was to the front through the Morgan Field but was not seen again. Daugherty requested the tracker at :42 at the Turner Road crossing.

Bandit's Hill Avenger was out of pocket early in the brace, and Rinehart requested the tracker at :57.

Brace 17: Overcast and 60 degrees. Quail Woods Pine was hunting through Mary Scott at 1:10 and made the turn, headed back toward National Championship Drive, but never crossed. After a lengthy absence, Carlton requested the tracker at 1:58.

Panther Creek Rosie hunted through the Morgan Field and on into Turner Field, but was out of pocket before crossing Turner Ditch. Rice requested his tracker at 1:05.

Brace 18: Overcast and 62 degrees. Millers' Triple Crown pointed at :22 on a feather/kill site, and his handler took him on. At :28, he suffered an unproductive at the south end of Morgan Swamp, followed by another unproductive at :34 at the LB Avent house place. Triple Crown had a find at :53 on a woodcock just out of Turner Ditch on the left side, followed by a third unproductive at :59 on Dunn's Pond Levee. Following an unsuccessful relocation, Siebels opted to pick up his dog.

I'm Gallant had his first find at :22 just above the Morgan Basin, where Vincent flushed a nice covey of running birds. His second and final find came at 1:43 at the base of Govan Hill. I'm Gallant ran a good forward race and completed his three hours.

Brace 19: Overcast and 64 degrees. Game Surge's first find was

The National Championship: Game Surge with his scout, Nick Thompson. [Photo by Jamie Evans].

a divided find in the Big Turner Ditch at :30, followed closely by a stylish find at :40 right before the Turner Basin. His third find came at 1:06 at the Mary Scott Barn Field, midway down on the left side, and his fourth find came at 1:09 on the west side of the Mary Scott pond. At 1:55, Game Surge had his fifth find in the Long Turner Neck Field in bi-color after a nice cast down the north side of the field. Point was called by Corder at 2:14 as the dog was standing at the far north end of Edward Clark South as the judges approached. The birds lifted early as Corder called flight, but were not seen under judgment. Corder took the dog on. Game Surge made several nice casts around the remaining fields to complete his three-hour bid.

Erin's Perfect Storm, the reigning National Champion, had a find at :10 just before the Ellington Road crossing. He had his second find at :26 at the LB Avent House Place just before the Turner Road crossing. His

Game Surge with his owner and handler, Dr. Fred Corder. [Photo by Jamie Evans].

third find was a divided find at :30 in the Big Turner Ditch. Perfect Storm was out of pocket before crossing National Championship Drive at :57. Eisenhart requested the tracker at 1:30.

Brace 20: Partly cloudy skies and a warm 74 degrees. Nickajack Pale Rider suffered an unproductive at :06 at Lost Dog Hill. Relocation was unsuccessful. He had another unproductive at :53 west of Govan Hill, and again relocation was unsuccessful. McLean opted to pick him up at :55.

World Class Instigator had a back at :06 at Lost Dog Hill, followed by a find at :34 in the Big Turner Ditch Field. At 1:22, Cochran made the decision to pick up his dog, ending the brace at the Turner/National road crossing.

Brace 21: Clear skies and 48 degrees. Erin's Code of Honor suffered an unproductive at :20 in the woodline south of Morgan Basin. Relocation was unsuccessful. At :30, he had another unproductive west of the LB Avent House Place near the Turner Road crossing. Eisenhart made the decision to pick him up at :32, ending the brace.

This concluded the running of the 127th National Championship. The announcement of the 2026 National Champion was scheduled for 10 a.m. at the Ames Manor House. As the crowd gathered and the judges and other dignitaries assembled behind Matt Backus on the back steps of the Ames Manor House, the announcement was made….

Grand Junction, Tenn., February 9
Judges: Greg Bain, Bill Mason,
and Rich Robertson Jr.
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP [Three-Hour Heats]
– 38 Pointers and 3 Setters

Winner-GAME SURGE, F1700091, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Maggie. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

THE JOE HURDLE AWARD

Erin's Perfect Storm Wins 2026 Award

By Stephen Bell | Grand Junction, Tennessee

Joe Hurdle Award (l-r): Christine and Brad Woodie accept the award from Joe Hurdle's family, Joey and Elise, and Katie and Jeff McAlexander.

This year's winner of the Joe Hurdle Award is Erin's Perfect Storm. He took the lead from the beginning of the season, winning last year's National Championship, which, with 58 entries, was the largest stake of the year. "Colt" reinforced his lead with two more placements last spring: runner-up of the Missouri Championship (41 entries) and runner-up of the Southeastern Quail Championship (26 entries). Second-place at the Lee County Open All-Age (50 entries) in December closed the deal. Luke Eisenhart handled Colt for his owners, Brad and Christine Woodie.

The Joe Hurdle Award is given each year to the National Championship's top qualifying dog. Five other dogs were close contenders this year: the late Miller's King Poast, Haney's Silver Dollar, Lester's War Bird, Erin's Code of Honor, and Haney's All In (listed in their respective ranked order).

New this year is the sterling silver rotating trophy seen in the photo. It is a 1904 antique, made by the London silversmiths Barnard and Sons, and a generous anonymous donation. The winning dog's owners will possess this trophy for one year, passing it on to next year's winner, but the traditional sterling silver hat/lapel pins will still be given by the McAlexanders for the owners' permanent possession.

NATIONAL AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Alliwood's Never Say Never Named Champion; Bandit Hill Bess, Runner-up

By Bob Bakas | Covington, Indiana | November 11, 2025

The National Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship delivered a thrilling showcase of bird dog talent, grit, and style. Handlers and their dogs put on a memorable performance, but one competitor stood above the rest—Champion Alliwood's Never Say Never (DeLude). With four flawless finds, this dog displayed excellent style and composure throughout. Her fast, classy race combined a relentless hunting drive with a keen ability to stay in touch with her handler. Every moment in the field reflected the qualities of a true champion—power, precision, and partnership.

Runner-up Bandit Hill Bess (Schmidt) delivered one strong find and one stylish back, showing poise on point and in honoring. She ran with good style and determination, especially in the first 30 minutes, where she impressed with her strength and pace. Though she slowed slightly in the final stretch, her performance earned well-deserved recognition as runner-up.

Other Standouts

Several dogs left a lasting impression with their skill and presence in the field:

- Alliwood's Eleventh Hour
- Mohawk Mill Shake Up
- Southern Shadow's Bootlegger
- Cates Rocket Girl
- Smith's Blackfort Uno

Heartfelt Thanks

This championship would not have been possible without the generosity and dedication of the Wright family—Jill, John, Jessica, Grace, and Keith. Their willingness to open Redwood for the event, along with the countless hours spent preparing the grounds, organizing food, and extending warm hospitality, made the experience truly special.

We also extend a huge thank-you to Kenny Norrington and C. J. Campbell for their outstanding dog wagon driving skills. Their support kept the event running smoothly and ensured every handler and dog had the opportunity to shine.

We'd also like to thank our sponsors, Purina and Garmin, for their continued support of this great event.

This year's championship highlighted the very best of amateur walking shooting dogs—athleticism, style, and the bond between dog and handler. From the blazing race of the winner to the grit of the runner-up and the promise shown by others, the event was a celebration of the sport at its finest, made possible by the incredible community behind it.

Covington, Ind., November 11
Judges: Jim Cipponeri and Jeff Haggis
NATIONAL AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 17 Pointers, 6 Setters, 2 Irish Setters, and 1 German Shorthair
Winner-ALLIWOOD'S NEVER SAY NEVER, F1695564, pointer female, by Touch's Grey Street-Alliwood's Shady Shay. Adam DeLude, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-BANDIT HILLS BESS, F1706165, pointer female, by Touch's Smooth Rider-West's Lucy. Klaus Schmidt, owner and handler.

National Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship (front, l-r): Bob Bakas with Alliwood's Never Say Never and Mike Jackson with Bandit Hills Bess. (Second row): Jim Cipponeri (judge), Adam DeLude, Matt Miller, Klaus Schmidt, Keith Wright, Mike Fox, and Scott Smith. (Third row): David Cates, Don Knight, Austin Turley, Kaycee, J. D. Waters, and Greg Blair. (Fourth row): Keith Anderson, Dan Grochowski, Jon Vanada, Jeff Haggis (judge), Kenny Norrington, Kevin, and C. J. Campbell.

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REGION 4 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

By Bob Bakas | Covington, Indiana | November 11, 2025

The AFTCA Region 4 Walking Shooting Dog Championship was held at the renowned Redwood Farm grounds in Covington, Indiana. Conditions were favorable, and the courses—well known for their rolling terrain and bird-rich cover—provided an excellent stage for a competitive and memorable stake. Presiding over this year's Championship were judges Mike Jackson of Battle Ground, Indiana, and Keith Lowry of Effingham, Illinois, both bringing deep experience and respected judgment to the event.

A strong field competed, but Affinity rose to the top to earn the Region 4 Championship. Affinity delivered a composed, consistent hour, running a good, solid, forward race while staying connected to the course and the handler. The dog secured three well-spaced finds, each handled with poise and confidence, demonstrating the kind of mature, steady performance expected of a champion.

Region 4 Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship: Keith Anderson with Affinity and Adam DeLude with Alliwood's Never Say Never. (Second row): Mike Jackson (judge), Austin Turley, Mike Fox, Matt Miller, Keith Wright, and Jessica Wright. (Third row): Keith Lowry (judge), Brandon Smith, John Vanada, C. J. Campbell, Jeff Haggis, and Kenny Norrington.

Earning runner-up champion honors was Alliwood's Never Say Never, which put down an exciting and energetic performance. Never Say Never logged three finds and showed a good, driving race, demonstrating power and range throughout the hour. While at times the race grew a bit wild and erratic, the overall quality and bird work were strong enough to earn a well-deserved runner-up placement.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Purina Pro Plan for their continued support of this championship and the walking field trial community. Their longstanding commitment to the sport plays a vital role in making events like this possible.

Both dogs showcased the talent, drive, and bird sense that define top-tier walking shooting dogs, making this year's Region 4 Championship an event to remember at Redwood Farm.

Covington, Ind., November 11
Judges: Mike Jackson and Keith Lowry
REGION 4 AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 22 Pointers, 7 Setters, 3 Irish Setters, and 3 German Shorthairs

Winner-AFFINITY, F1693066, pointer female, by Touch's Grey Street-Intentional. Austin Turley, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-ALLIWOOD'S NEVER SAY NEVER, F1695564, pointer female, by Touch's Grey Street-Alliwood's Shady Shay. Adam DeLude, owner and handler.

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OZARK & ARKANSAS OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chelsea's Mae West Named Ozark Champion; Laura Pergolizzi, Arkansas Champion

By Steve Messick | Conway, Arkansas | December 3, 2025

Ozark Open Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Shawn Kinkelaar, Johnny Taylor, Virgil Moore with Chelsea's Mae West, Jay McKenzie, Jon Davis (judge), Levi Taylor with CS Four Season's Gunner, Doug Ray, and Joyce Taylor.

It's December in Arkansas, and the test of great shooting dogs comes to the state to test their best! First on the bill is the Ozark Shooting Dog Championship, which kicks off the test. Advertised judges Dr. Laura Miller and Kaj Larson were unable to make the trip from Kansas because of an ice storm that hit that state. I was fortunate to secure top bird dog man Jon Davis to join me to look at some of the best. Once again, Shawn Kinkelaar claimed top honors with Chelsea's Mae West. Mae is no stranger to the winners' circle, and she turned in one of the best performances that I've witnessed at camp in years. She owned it from the start. She was found twice in her hour on bevies of quail. Her manners were perfect. Her hour on the ground was like a tremendous machine; I'll remember it for years to come. She is owned by Ron Prewitt, Hudson, and Brad Sadler of the Carolinas. Pushing the winner was another performance by CS Four Season's Gunner, piloted by the most capable Doug Ray. Much like the winner, his race was one of strength and determination. He was awarded the two perfect finds of the field type. Gunner is owned by Mr. Tony Gibson and Hall of Famer Harold Ray. It was truly enjoyable to witness these two performances!

Next on the bill was the true test for youngsters. The Arkansas Derby Classic has produced many future champions. I'm sure these will carry on the tradition. The winner was a strong young dog in Cadron Creek Sam for owners Dr. Jim Mills, oilman Steve Lightle, and Dr. Natalie McDonald. Allen Vincent is their man, and truly a good one. Both winners had two finds each and races beyond their years. Their future will be long and of worth.

The Arkansas Open Shooting Dog completes the trio; it's the oldest of all trials held at Camp Robinson, and the history is worth writing about. The judges were Ken Chenoweth from Buffalo, Missouri, and Molly Ward of Booneville, Arkansas. Ken is a trainer of German Shorthairs, and Molly campaigns Brittanys. They are very attentive and on top of the action, and a welcome part of the trial. Shawn Kinkelaar took the daily double, claiming champion and runner-up. In the top spot was Laura Pergolizzi for owners Nicole Lombardi and Doug Swingley. The female scorched the ground and impressed all with quality bird work; she's tough, no doubt. Dr. Debbie Ozner is the owner of runner-up Silver W Wildflower. Debbie's dogs are always in the hunt, no matter where she is. She too ran a very competitive race and was picture-perfect on her game. I want to thank all the handlers and owners who attend these premier trials each year. It's truly a pleasure to see them all.

Arkansas Derby Classic (l-r): Joyce Taylor (judge), Harold Gearhart with Cadron Creek Sam, Ronnie Miller, Dr. Jeff Hale with Hale's Southern Flyer, Dr. Debbie Ozner, and Shawn Kinkelaar.

Mr. Chuck Stretz was missed this year. I heard Chuck was going to enjoy the coming years with a fishing rod and shotgun! Chuck and Marla were always a pleasure to be around, and I thank you both for all the support you given me. The ham will be waiting anytime you get the urge! Roger Martin is a very important part of my life. His friendship is always true. Thanks, Rod, for all your help! Camp Robinson was always the place to be in the 70s, 80s, 90s, and even some years in the 2000s. Camp was a running dog grounds; it was made for spectators. You could see a dog fly, and it took that kind of dog to win here. As of late, it's challenging to see a dog; the spring burning is not as important as it should be. The sweet gums have become a damn good crop, but three good years of spring burning the entire place in a row would be the face lift needed to make her shine again. I remember Max Kammerlocher making a statement in the 90s, saying he was convinced that the habitat was the best there was anywhere—knee-high cover, food plots everywhere, great game and fish, and employees that had pride in their stride. Sweat was their middle name; none had college degrees, but common knowledge was their teacher. Thanks to all of you from the past! The group in charge of the birds made an improvement by changing bird suppliers, and I thank them for the effort. Good luck to all the field trialers across the country, and the door is always open to join us each December! Finally, a great big thank you to Mr. Greg Blair and Purina for all the support they give to the sporting dog game; we couldn't do it without you!

Conway, Ark., December 3
Judges: Jon Davis and Steve Messick
OZARK OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 56 Pointers

Winner-CHELSEA'S MAE WEST, F1686810, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Chelsea's Southern Chic. Ron Prewitt & Brad Sadler, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.
Runner-Up-CS FOUR SEASON'S GUNNER, F1701374, pointer male, by Dominator's Ghost Rider-Piney Woods Gal. Tony Gibson & Harold Ray, owners; Doug Ray, handler.

Arkansas Open Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Judge Ken Chenoweth (judge), Shawn Kinkelaar, Virgil Moore with Laura Pergolizzi, Harold Gearhart with Silver W Wildflower, and Molly Ward (judge).

Judges: Ken Chenoweth and Molly Ward
ARKANSAS OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 58 Pointers

Winner-LAURA PERGOLIZZI, F1705950, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Buche's Elhew Rebel. Nicole Lombardi & Doug Swingley, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.
Runner-Up-SILVER W WILDFLOWER, F1711106, pointer female, by Elhew Sinbad-Silver W Free Spirit. Debbie Ozner, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

Judges: Steve Messick and Joyce Taylor
ARKANSAS DERBY CLASSIC – 25 Pointers

1st-CADRON CREEK SAM, F1711691, pointer male, by Texas Wild Rex-Hard Rock April Showers. James Mills & Steve Lightle, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.
2d-HALE'S SOUTHERN FLYER, F1727725, pointer female, by Haney's Silver Dollar-Hale's High Flyer. Dr. Jeffrey Hale, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

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Panther Creek Driving Force Wins Kenneth Newman Memorial Open Shooting Dog Derby

By Lisa Littell | Union Springs, Alabama | December 5, 2025

The Kenneth Newman Memorial Open Shooting Dog Derby stake produced a competitive group of young dogs, each showing promise and forward ambition befitting the occasion.

First place went to Panther Creek Driving Force, handled by Squire Lee and owned by Frank Rutland, after a good forward race that showcased consistency and maturity well beyond his derby status. "Mack" hunted with purpose and confidence, staying to the front and maintaining a forward pattern throughout the course. Scouted by Tony Reynolds, Mack's performance was steady, earning him top honors.

Kenneth Newman Memorial Open Shooting Dog Derby (front row): Collin Chittam, Squire Lee with Panther Creek Driving Force, Ray Pearce with Nonami's Ben Lately, Tony Reynolds with World Class Mojo, and Lawton Huggins. (Back row): George Hickox, Debbie Ozner, Steve Hutto, Kaley Anne, and Ban Stewart.

Second place was awarded to Nonami's Ben Lately, handled by Ray Pearce and owned by R. E. Turner. Ben turned in a strong forward race, showing reach and application throughout. He suffered one unproductive, but his overall performance and ground race kept him firmly in contention. Justin Hunt scouted for Pearce through a solid and competitive showing.

Taking third place was World Class Mojo, handled by Squire Lee

and owned by Mick Marietta. “Pat” delivered a forward race highlighted by one clean find, then stretched out late, finishing the course with authority and leaving a strong final impression. Tony Reynolds scouted for Pat, contributing to a finish that reflected the dog’s developing strength and potential.

The Kenneth Newman Memorial Derby served as a fitting tribute, showcasing young dogs on the rise and honoring the legacy that continues to be remembered on these grounds.

Union Springs, Ala., December 5
Judges: George Hickox and Debbie Ozner
KENNETH NEWMAN MEMORIAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG DERBY – 8 Pointers

1st-PANTHER CREEK DRIVING FORCE, F1724252, pointer male, by Miller’s King Poast-Bryson’s Dialing On Line. Frank Rutland, owner; Squire Lee, handler.
2d-NONAMI’S BEN LATELY, F1713524, pointer male, by Nonami’s Johnny Come Lately-Broomsedge Tiny Rebel. R. E. Turner, owner; Ray Pearce, handler.
3d-WORLD CLASS MOJO, F1723501, pointer male, by Miller’s Blindsider-World Class Dialing Out. Michael Marietta, owner; Squire Lee, handler.

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NBHA KENTUCKY STATE CLASSIC

Foxy Lady Sadie Wins 2025 Running

By Mary Sue Schalk | Kevil, Kentucky | December 19, 2025

NBHA Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Classic (l-r): Mary Sue Schalk, Mike Fox (owner/handler), Banner and Jonathon Dunn, Terry Boatright (scout) with Foxy Lady Sadie, Mike Taylor (judge), Zach Erne (handler) with Cates Rocket Girl, Tim Hammons (judge), Andy Erne (scout) with Sycamore Creek Cody, James Kleve, John Clough, and Donna Boatright (dog wagon driver).

For the second consecutive year, the West Kentucky Field Trial Club hosted the National Bird Hunters Association Kentucky State Classic at the West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area in Kevil, Kentucky. The Shooting Dog Classic drew 16 dogs, the Derby Stake drew eight, and the Puppy stake drew 10 competitors. Tim Hammons of Berea, Kentucky, judged all three stakes with various partners. Advertised judge Dennis Sneed regretfully had to back out due to illness. Mike Taylor of Sallisaw, Oklahoma, filled in for the Classic, Jonathan Dunn of Jeffersonville, Kentucky, judged the Derby, and Mary Sue Schalk of Dixon, Kentucky, paired with Hammons for the Puppy stake. All three stakes provided the elements of a good field trial—excitement, disappointment, and solid bird work.

Mike Crouse presenting to the group, with John Clough looking on.

The Classic began on Friday and the event wrapped up Sunday morning. Not only did competitors enjoy strong competition, but the West Kentucky Field Trial Club also provided a steak dinner on Friday evening for all. Veteran field trialer and longtime patron of horseback field trials, Mike Crouse, entertained the group with stories of the history of the grounds and of the sport itself. For those unaware, the West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area has long played host to dog sports and prestigious events. Most notable is the Quail Championship Invitational, where pictures adorn the walls dating back to the mid-19th century. As changes continue happening throughout the field trial world, it is important to remember the past and celebrate the dogs and people who set the precedent for greatness.

Returning to the podium this year was Foxy Lady Sadie. Placing third in the 2024 Kentucky Classic, she earned first in this year’s event. Owned and handled by Mike Fox of Patriot, Indiana, the Irish setter is no stranger to success. She was quick on the ground and eager to find game. Sadie carded three finds during her hour and was biddable for Fox. Always flashy and driven, Sadie was easy on the eyes for her hour, earning the blue.

NBHA Open Derby (l-r): Mike Fox, Mike Taylor, John Clough (owner/handler) with Clough's Mischief Brew, Banner and Jonathan Dunn (judge), James Kleve (scout) with Crouse's Grouse Feather, Mary Sue Schalk (scout) with Boatright's Renegade, Tim Hammons (judge), and Terry and Donna Boatright (owners).

English setter female, Cates Rocket Girl, earned the second-place spot for owner David Cates of Evansville, Indiana. Handled by Zach Erne of Chippewa Valley Kennels in Rittman, Ohio, Rocket Girl had a strong forward ground race. In her hour, she carded one find and an unproductive in a spot where birds had been located in previous braces. Cates Rocket Girl handled the grounds well and finished forward for Erne.

Earning the third-place spot was English setter male, Sycamore Creek Cody, who Erne also handled. Cody is owned by Bob Kelley of Pickerington, Ohio. The orange and white male was biddable throughout the hour and had two finds. He is stylish on game, exhibiting desired manners expected of a shooting dog.

Besting the field of eight Derbies was puppy Clough's Mischief Brew, an English setter female owned and handled by John Clough of Ypsilanti, Michigan. The tri-color female ran a very classy forward race and had a broke find during her thirty minutes. Earning second was English setter male, Crouse's Grouse Feather, owned by Mike Crouse and Mary Sue Schalk of Dixon. Schalk handles the young dog, who was biddable and also able to locate birds during his half hour. Rounding out the field in third was Boatright's Renegade, owned by Terry Boatright of Richmond, Kentucky, and handled by James Kleve of Outcast Kennel. Renegade is a strong young dog who powers to the front. He showed in opportune spots to the front, and the relationship between the dog and handler was evident throughout the half hour. Albeit small, the Derby stake provided several solid performances.

The Puppy stake concluded the Kentucky State Classic Weekend on Sunday morning. Each puppy had the opportunity to show themselves in a big bottom field with some wooded area on both edges. Mike Taylor, who judged the Classic, owned and handled the first-place dog, Hackberry's Snake Lady McGee. A liver and white pointer female, hit the edges hard, and hunted every step. Terry Boatright handled his up-and-coming pointer male, Boatright's Little Joe. The orange and white male was also exciting on the ground and happy to work for his handler. John Clough was back on the podium with Clough's Mischief Brew, earning third in the Puppy stake. Again, classy on the ground, the English setter did not have the reach of her peers in the Puppy stake. The 10 puppies showed enthusiasm and positive attitudes for all handlers.

The NBHA Kentucky State Classic was a good weekend of bird dogs and fellowship in Western Kentucky. The Western Kentucky Field Trial Club extends its greatest appreciation to Tim Krehr and Mark Champion of the West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area, who work to help keep the grounds in top

Judge's team of Mike Taylor, Jonathan Dunn with Banner Dunn, and Tim Hammons patiently wait for the winners' photo.

NBHA Open Puppy (l-r): James Kleve, Mike Taylor (owner/handler) with Hackberry's Snake Lady McGee, Tim Hammons (judge), Terry Boatright (owner/handler) with Boatright's Little Joe, Donna Boatright (dog wagon driver), John Clough (owner/handler) with Clough's Mischief Brew, Mike Fox, and Mary Sue Schalk (judge).

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We certainly appreciate our judges, especially those stepping in at the last minute—Mike Taylor and Jonathan Dunn—and Tim Hammons. Byron and Farrah Caldwell of Southern Occasion Catering provided outstanding food throughout the weekend. Donna Boatright took the wheel of the dog wagon and was exceptional! Also, stepping up to help were those helping put out birds—James Kleve, Terry Boatright, and Andy Erne. Last, but not least, thank you to the owners and handlers who support trials taking place in Kentucky, and best of luck to all of you as the season continues!

Kevil, Ky., December 19
Judges: Tim Hammons and Mike Taylor
NBHA KENTUCKY STATE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats]
– 5 Pointers, 9 Setters, and 2 Irish Setters

1st-FOXY LADY SADIE, F1691626, Irish setter female, by Zansett Simply Red-Foxy's Lil Red Missy. Mike Fox, owner and handler.

2d-CATES ROCKET GIRL, F1690282, setter female, by Swift Rock Iced Cash-Swift Rock Splash. David Cates, owner; Zach Erne, handler.

3d-SYCAMORE CREEK CODY, F1691483, setter male, by Cactus Jet J R-Wynona's Cody Sue. Bob Kelly, owner; Zack Erne, handler.

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Judges: Jonathan Dunn and Tim Hammons
NBHA KENTUCKY STATE OPEN DERBY
– 2 Pointers and 6 Setters

1st-CLOUGH'S MISCHIEF BREW, F1721342, setter female, by Boatright's Maverick-Outcast Siren Song. John Clough, owner and handler.
2d-CROUSE'S GROUSE FEATHER, F1713380, setter male, by Shagtime Max-GF Southern Belle. M. D. Crouse & Mary Sue Schalk, owners; Mary Sue Schalk, handler.
3d-BOATRIGHT'S RENEGADE, F1710486, setter male, by Boatright's Maverick-Stardust Outcast Coco. Terry Boatright, owner; James Kleve, handler.

Judges: Tim Hammons and Mary Sue Schalk
NBHA KENTUCKY STATE OPEN PUPPY
– 4 Pointers, 4 Setters, and 2 Irish Setters

1st-HACKBERRY'S SNAKE LADY MCGEE, F1721939, pointer female, by Elhew Snakemaster-Hackberry's Elhew Leve. Michial Taylor, owner and handler.
2d-BOATRIGHT'S LITTLE JOE, F1724337, pointer male, by Warjam's Big Mac Daddy-Outcast Bar Hopper. Terry Boatright, owner and handler.
3d-CLOUGH'S MISCHIEF BREW, F1721342, setter female, by Boatright's Maverick-Outcast Siren Song. John Clough, owner and handler.

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Everglades Trial

By Petie Brown | Punta Gorda, Florida | January 2, 2026

Amateur Shooting Dog (front, l-r): Kenny Muzynski with Holopaw's Cracker, Kaylee Muzynski with Manatee Sam, and Daniel Linehan with Checkmates Prime Time One. (Second row): Justin Muzynski and Vince Feltner.

The Everglades trial, until recently, has been a three-day event; this year's trial was even smaller due to conflicting trial schedules. Always looking on the bright side, it left more time for training and catching up with our field trial family of friends. For a number of years, we have worked on qualifying our Shooting Dog stake for Purina Points, and this year, we did not have the required number of entries. The winner of the Shooting Dog stake also received the rotating Robert Brown plaque; Rob was one of the AFTCF founders, teaching all of us how to host a trial, setting an example with his leadership.

Our judges were Jacob Huckabee of Williston, Florida; Dr. Beth Brown and Daniel Linehan of Sarasota, Florida; and Dr. Christopher Wheat of Stockholm, Sweden (formerly of Clearwater, Florida). Huck, who clearly stated, "Don't call me Jacob or Jake," fit right in, and we hope to see him back in the saddle. He wore a t-shirt that said it all, "Run your dog, not your mouth," which we thought might make a nice judge's gift going forward. Like Beth, Chris spent many of his formative years as a "Webb Brat," finally graduating to scouting for his father, the late Dr. Bill Wheat. One could surmise that landing in the judicial saddle is like coming home for Chris. All the judges' decisions were well received.

The grounds are dry and easily traversed, which is rarely stated. Thankfully, all vehicles had plenty of water on hand for dogs and humans. We thank the Florida Fish and Wildlife Game Commission for all their due diligence, and thanks to their dedicated care, the finds we had this weekend were known as "big fat coveys!"

With cooler temperatures, it was decided to dine in the clubhouse, and a good crowd turned out Saturday night for a beautifully catered Purina dinner with pork tenderloin and salmon, followed by hors d'oeuvres, too many side dishes to mention, and desserts. It's a real treat to come in from running dogs all day and not have to worry about cooking dinner too! Many thanks to Purina and Greg Blair for all their support, including dog food for the winners.

Following dinner, the celebrations and acknowledgments continued around the campfire. This time, the conversation turned to a much-revered horse named Hoot, which Dr. Wheat named because "I don't give a Hoot!" Two of his Webb brat sons, Douglas and Chris, started telling stories of scouting off Hoot, along with Beth Brown, who scouted for Bill when she was in college, and his kids weren't available. Kenny Muzynski had Hoot after Dr. Wheat, chiming in on his reliability. Last we heard, Gene Casale owned him, so we celebrate and do give a "Hoot!"

The Winners

The "big fat coveys" appeared for the morning of the Shooting Dog stake. Third place went to Vince

Feltner's Checkmates Prime Time One ("Cash"), handled by Daniel Linehan, running in the heat of the day. Second place went to the Muzynskis Manatee Sam. "Sammy," handled by Justin Muzynski, had a meadowlark unproductive trying to please, but turned around with a really nice find that was all in order along with his nice race. First place was earned by Sammy's littermate, Holopaw's Cracker ("Mack"), who showed him up by producing a single 15 minutes after breakaway in the first brace of the morning, followed up by an excellent run, and another big fat covey find.

The Puppy stake followed in the afternoon with Holopaw's Maverick, handled by Justin Muzynski, placing third; Beth Brown's Myakka Mistake taking second; and McEwen's One Night Stand ("Goose" or "Gouda"), taking first for Katie McEwen. The puppies are all littermates and showed their personalities and enthusiasm for a good run. Goose needed to be reminded that his 30 minutes were up and that he is still a developing pup.

Amateur Puppy (l-r): Katie McEwen with McEwen's One Night Stand, Beth Brown with Myakka Mistake, and Justin Muzynski with Holopaw's Maverick. (Back row): Kaylee Muzynski, Kenny Muzynski, Daniel Linehan (judge), and Chris Wheat (judge).

Punta Gorda, Fla., January 2
Judges: Beth Brown and Jacob Huckabee
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]
– 7 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-HOLOPAW'S CRACKER, F1690236, pointer male, by Holopaw's Axel-Hot Digity Dot. Kenneth & Justin Muzynski, owners; Justin Muzynski, handler.
2d-MANATEE SAM, F1690412, pointer male, by Holopaw's Axel-Hot Digity Dot. Kenneth & Justin Muzynski, owners; Justin Muzynski, handler.
3d-CHECKMATES PRIME TIME ONE, F1706155, pointer male, by Myakka Time Shifter-Nacho's Drama Ma Ma. Vince Feltner, owner; Daniel Linehan, handler.

Judges: Daniel Linehan and Chris Wheat
OPEN PUPPY – 5 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-McEWEN'S ONE NIGHT STAND, unreg., pointer male, by Checkmates Prime Time One-Silverline Destroyer Gold. Debbie & Katie McEwen, owners; Katie McEwen, handler.
2d-MYAKKA MISTAKE, unreg., pointer female, by Checkmates Prime Time One-Silverline Destroyer Gold. Beth Brown, owner and handler.
3d-HOLOPAW'S MAVERICK, unreg., pointer male, by Checkmates Prime Time One-Silverline Destroyer Gold. Kenneth & Justin Muzynski, owners; Justin Muzynski, handler.

NGSPA QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championship Series Held At Lake Murray Grounds

By Kevin Temple | Ardmore, Oklahoma | January 6, 2026

In a competitive and exciting Bird Dog Quail Championship, "Sophie" delivered a commanding performance to claim first place in the NGSPA Quail Open Shooting Dog Championship with a powerful forward race, consistently driving to the front and demonstrating exceptional range and determination. She maintained her intensity throughout the stake and sealed her victory with a stylish find at the 20-minute mark, showcasing both precision and composure. Close behind was "Stick," who earned second place with an impressive and steady performance, successfully completing the demanding hour stake with five well-handled finds. Requiring very little handling from the gallery, Stick displayed remarkable independence, focus, and consistency, making for a strong and memorable showing in the championship.

NGSPA Quail Open Shooting Dog Championship: Terry Bomer, David Vogelsang, Tim Hidalgo (judge), Mary Hidalgo, Keith Gulledge, Richie Rogers (judge), Robbi Gulledge with Texas Sophisticated Tomboy, and David O'Brien with O B's Stick In The Mud.

Ardmore, Okla., January 6
Judges: Tim Hidalgo and Richie Rogers
NGSPA QUAIL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 13 German Shorthairs

Winner-TEXAS SOPHISTICATED TOMBOY, F1688677, German Shorthair female, by Texas Tuff-C L K's Point Me The Way. Terry Bomer, owner; Keith Gulledge, handler.
Runner-Up-O B'S STICK IN THE MUD, F1687879, German Shorthair male, by B D K's Sam I Am-B D K Allie's Miss Sassy Pants. David O'Brien, owner; Keith Gulledge, handler.

NGSPA Quail Amateur All-Age <u>Championship</u>

There were only five braces, but what great dogs they were. Each brace had brilliance—some flashes of, and others consistent throughout.

Brace 1 – Bonnie and Mig. This brace had some rainy minutes, but the dogs ran well with good bird

NGSPA Quail Amateur All-Age Championship: Brandon Blum, Johnny Martinez (judge), Dan Campbell (judge), Cyndi France, James Messer with Ream's Winnie, and Harvey Franco with Franco's Squinckles Buster.

work.

Brace 2 – Janis and Winnie. A beautiful brace to watch. Edges covered by both dogs, and they were always pushing the grounds to their limits. Bird work was well done and abundant.

Brace 3 – Tater and Squink. Another fun brace. Tater ran with purpose at times. Squink was consistent, with great application and bird work.

Brace 4 – Mike and Junior. Mike was way out from the breakaway, and Junior was with him with birds and manners. After pond dam 2, we lost Mike, and Junior shortened up.

Brace 5 – Nova and Rose. Neither dog finished the hour. Nova was lost at 15, and Rose took steps on a find.

Judges: Dan Campbell and Johnny Martinez
NGSPA QUAIL AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 10 German Shorthairs

Winner-REAM'S WINNIE, F1703217, German Shorthair female, by B M B's Freeloader-Autry's Natural Chromoly Steel. Kaitlyn Ream, owner; Brandon Blum, handler.

Runner-Up-FRANCO'S SQUINCKLES BUSTER, F1690613, German Shorthair male, by M S R Q C's Bunker Buster-M S R's Silver Dragon Fly. Harvey Franco, owner and handler.

NGSPA Quail Amateur Shooting Dog Championship: Johnny Martinez (judge), James Messer, David Vogelsang, Jerry Langford (judge), Brandon Blum with M S R's Kiss My Lily, and Terry Bomer with MSR's Scarlet's Witch.

NGSPA Quail Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

The 2026 Quail Amateur Shooting Dog Championship has concluded. The entries were smaller than usual, but we still had a number of good performances. The winner of the Amateur was M S R's Kiss My Lily, owned by James and Sarah Messer, handled to the win by James. Lily was consistently forward with a snappy race; she carded seven nice finds with nice style and composure.

Our runner-up champion was another of James and Sarah's entries. MSR's Scarlet's Witch also ran a nice forward race, carding three finds and a divided find with her bracemate. There were several other dogs that got around but didn't match the performances of our winners.

Judges: Jerry Langford and Johnny Martinez
NGSPA QUAIL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 20 German Shorthairs

Winner-M S R'S KISS MY LILY, F1685879, German Shorthair female, by B M B's Freeloader-M S R's Motorollin. James & Sarah Messer, owners; James Messer, handler.

Runner-Up-MSR'S SCARLET'S WITCH, F1701064, German Shorthair female, by Llano's Game On Dude-M S R's Pretty Little Psycho. James & Sarah Messer, owners; James Messer, handler.

NGSPA Quail Open All-Age Championship: David O'Brien, Keith Gulledge, Brandon Blum, Keith Bryant (judge), Robbi Gulledge with Fannie's Game Over Dude, and James Messer with B M B's Freeloader.

NGSPA Quail Open All-Age Championship

The Open All-Age stake had 12 entries. The weather was good, and we had some great performances. The judges' placements were recorded, and this year's champion was Fannie's Game Over Dude ("Junior"). He was handled by Keith Gulledge and scouted by Robbi Gulledge. Runner-up was awarded to B M B's Freeloader ("Hewey"), handled by Brandon Blum.

Judges: Keith Bryant and James Messer
NGSPA QUAIL OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 12 German Shorthairs

Winner-FANNIE'S GAME OVER DUDE, F1703069, German Shorthair male, by Llano's Game On Dude-Chicoree's Country Fan. David O'Brien, owner; Keith Gulledge, handler.

Runner-Up-B M B'S FREELOADER, F1678664, German Shorthair female, by B M B's Free Ride-Hightailing Saddle's Mandolin. Brandon Blum, owner and handler.

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J. MOSER GEORGIA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Great River Yellowstone Named Champion; Faithful, Runner-up

By Nell Mobley | Waynesboro, Georgia | January 10, 2026

The drawing for the titled Derby Classic and the J. Moser Georgia Shooting Dog Championship (previously known as the Georgia Open Shooting Dog Championship) was held on the scheduled date, January 4, at the home of Nell Mobley. Conducting the drawings were Gary Futch, John Ray Kimbrell, Craig Elliott, and Chuck Miller.

A total of 22 derbies were drawn for the Derby Classic and 74 for the J. Moser Shooting Dog Championship—a record number for the past few years.

Judges for this year's running were Harold Johnson of Shorter, Alabama, and Steve Mills of Mayodan, North Carolina. Both men have filled the saddles many times. They are both knowledgeable sportsmen who have handled many dogs and have been active in running field trials for many years.

They were very praiseworthy of our trials, remarking that they were among the best run. They mentioned the excellent manner in which Ryan Meckel, Wildlife Biologist at Di-Lane Plantation, had taken pride in preparing the courses for the running. Pen-raised quail are released every day. Note was made that a number of wild birds were sighted. Chuck Miller releases the birds every morning.

Purina has supported our trials for many years. They provided Pro Plan feed certificates to the winners, along with sample bags to be distributed to the trainers, judges' gifts, a variety of items to hand out, and sponsorship of the handler's dinner. Many thanks to Greg Blair, Purina Field Consultant, for having his heart in our sport.

Georgia Derby Classic

Taking first place was Ramblin Rivers Double Dot, a pointer female, handled by Brian Gingrich and owned by Bill Stapleton and Jerry Moisson. Dot carded finds at 49 and 26 with all in order. She ran a big race for a young derby and always to the front. Second place was Silver W Hot Pink, handled by Sean Kinkelaar for Debbie Ozner. Pink was created with multiple finds at 22, 24, with no birds lifted at 40. Bryant's Sunset Silver Surfer, pointer male, took third place with Mike Tracy handling for owner Mark Janiec. Surfer started well, with clean finds at 7 and 15. His race slowed at the halfway mark.

J. Moser Georgia Open Shooting Dog Championship: Champion Great River Yellowstone with Tracy Swearingen, Brian Sanchez, and Bo Brewer.

Waynesboro, Ga., January 10
Judges: Harold Johnson and Steve Mills
GEORGIA SHOOTING DOG DERBY CLASSIC
[One-Hour Heats] – 22 Pointers

1st-RAMBLIN RIVERS DOUBLE DOT, F1709252, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-True Grace. Bill Stapleton, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.
2d-SILVER W HOT PINK, F1719740, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-Silver W Thunderbolt's Boom. Debbie Ozner, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.
3d-BRYANT'S SUNSET SILVER SURFER, F1708719, pointer male, by Haney's Silver Dollar-Bluemound's Charged Up. Mark Janiec, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

J. Moser Georgia Open Shooting Dog Championship

Due to heavy rain, the Shooting Dog Championship was held up for three hours. Several hours were lost due to heavy fog. The trial was completed on Thursday, January 15, on a very cold afternoon.

In January 2025, it was decided to rename this trial from the Georgia Open Shooting Dog Championship to the J. Moser Memorial Shooting Dog Championship. J. Moser was a big financial supporter for many years and suddenly died in the spring of 2024. His widow, Susan, was on hand when the winners were announced.

Great River Yellowstone, a 6-year-old pointer male, was named champion. He was run by Tracy Swearingen on behalf of the owner, Great River Kennel. He took to the course running and hunting in the right places. There was no doubt that the judges named the best of the best as champion. He was excellent in the manner in which he handled and could be seen to the front throughout the hour. Finds were recorded at 3, 7, and 18. At 12, he shared a find with his bracemate, Zero Tolerance, and honored his bracemate at 14. A very exciting hour to watch.

Runner-up honors went to Faithful, a 7-year-old pointer female owned by Dr. Roger and Susan Duerksen and handled by Mike Tracy. She was close behind the champion, using the country. Multiple finds were recorded at 3, 17, 30, and 47. When time was

called, she was going forward and running strong. Another exciting hour to watch.

J. MOSER GEORGIA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 63 Pointers and 11 Setters

Winner-GREAT RIVER YELLOWSTONE, F1688796, pointer male, by Fast Forward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Great River Kennel, owner; Tracy Swearingen, handler.

Runner-Up-FAITHFUL, F1684597, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Steel City Karen. Dr. Roger & Susan Duerksen, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Some Sidelights

It takes a lot of time and dedication to put on trials. I am proud to say that we have great community support.

This was newly elected GFTA secretary Craig Elliott's first season to assume full duties. He and Ashley Roberts, executive director of the Burke County Chamber of Commerce, coordinated daily lunches.

The Chamber pays for advertising in the UKC® Field Newsletter. The cost of birds to be released was $6,000, and Planters Electric Corporation donated $2,000 to help defray the cost.

Georgia Shooting Dog Derby Classic (standing, l-r): Joining the winners are George Tracy, Gary Futch, John Ray Kimbrell, Debbie Ozner, Steve Mills, Harold Johnson, Madeline McClain, Madison Brewer, Casey Tracy, Mike Tracy, Stacy Goodie, Mark Janiec, Greg Strausbaugh, Amber Marsh, and Adam Marsh.

An oyster roast was once again a big hit. Ashley secures sponsors for the event. She presented the trainers with vests and the ladies with sweatshirts.

Last year's owners of the champion and first-place Derby Classic winner hosted a fish fry for some 50 guests.

John Ray Kimbrell has served as Stake Manager for approximately 15 years and drives the dog wagon. Bird Dog Motors owner Micke Stewart provides a pickup for his use during the trials.

Chuck Miller is an individual who fills many shoes. Prior to the trials, he makes certain the stalls are in order. He takes care of putting up the panels for the corral. He takes care of cleaning up after the trials. He is a full-time employee of Green Ag, which is managed by Vice President Art Lively. Art allows him to use company time and equipment to cover many chores.

President Gary Futch was somewhat limited with his health this season. He was recuperating from a recent leg surgery. Nothing would do him but to ride and do what he could for the All-Age and Shooting Dog stakes.

Hampton Inn gave discounted rates to the field trial guests.

I want to thank all the owners, handlers, and guests who came to support our trials. For all who know me, you know that our trials have been dear to my heart for over 45 years.

I will look forward to you joining us in 2027. Hopefully, the ones who missed this season will be back next year.

CALIFORNIA BIRD DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Man O War Named Champion; Almosta's Fred Flintstone, Runner-up

By John Beauchamp | California City, California | January 13, 2026

The California City trial grounds are east of California City and can be accessed from Highway 395, heading north to 20 Mule Team Road. The area is a vast desert, home to desert tortoises and not much else. It is a mixed-use area frequented by off-roaders and campers looking to get away. The area was hit by a series of heavy rains that washed out the roads to our usual courses. Over the coming year, I'm sure the off-roaders will clear a path or two into the courses, but this year, there was no way to get a dog truck in there. Terry Erickson and Ed Mayhew had a plan for a new course, and it worked perfectly. Thank you, gentlemen.

It was clear and cold for the trial.

California Bird Dog Championship (front, l-r): Bruce Hale with Man O War and John Beauchamp with Almosta's Fred Flintstone. (Behind, l-r): Don Pool (judge) and Ken Kraft (judge).

The rain that took out the roads also brought a green-up and made for good scenting conditions. The course ran up an open draw for a couple of miles, then looped back through a series of hills and down toward camp. The cover was in good shape, and you could keep track of the dogs. I believe every dog in the stake had bird contact. Most of the dogs made it around and completed the full hour. A couple decided to take washes a bit too far and needed the assistance of their tracker.

We ran out of Camp H, and we must thank Raul Pinda, Ken Kraft, and the rest of the Southern California Vizsla Club for allowing us to use their tent and water wagon. This greatly simplified the logistics of the trial. Use of the tent for lunches, announcements, and dinner was very nice. Ken Kraft also judged the California Bird Dog Championship for us with Mr. Don Pool. We want to thank them for sticking around and watching our dogs. Terry and

Ed made sure birds were planted for every brace early each morning.

Our sponsors, Purina and SportDOG, get a big round of applause for supplying us with product for the winners. Greg Blair with Purina has always been great to work with. He sorts out the requests, handles the logistics and deliveries, and keeps things moving smoothly.

The Winners

Brace 1: Almosta's Fred Flintstone ("Fred"/John Beauchamp, handler), and Horizon's Bea ("Bea"/Terry Erickson, handler). Both dogs started strong, moving up the hill on the right side of the drainage and rolling forward. Fred was standing at 7; birds were produced, all in order. Point was called for Bea shortly after; all was in order as well. The dogs continued up the drainage past the corner; both came around promptly without any scouting. Fred had additional finds at 25 and 52. Terry picked Bea up late in the brace.

Brace 2: Pride N Joy ("Pride"/Tom Griffin, handler), and Man O War ("Jack"/Bruce Hale, handler). A dog was spotted standing at 9; initially, it was unclear which dog it was. It turned out to be Jack. Birds were produced, and Jack stood high and tight. The confusion over which dog was standing let Pride get a little out of pocket, but he was returned soon enough. Jack looked strong working the hilltop objectives as we looped back. He scored two more very nice finds at 16 and 45. Pride was picked up later in the brace.

California City, Cal., January 13
Judges: Ken Kraft and Don Pool
CALIFORNIA BIRD DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 6 Pointers and 3 Setters

Winner-MAN O WAR, F1692033, pointer male, by Dunn's Tried'n True-Fly In The Sky. Bruce Hale, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-ALMOSTA'S FRED FLINTSTONE, F1681609, pointer male, by Almosta's Wile E Coyote-Almosta's Mighty Mouse. John Beauchamp, owner and handler.

Antelope Valley
Open Shooting Dog

The Open Shooting Dog qualifying stake followed the Championship. It was a small stake, but we had some solid performances and were able to qualify a couple more dogs. It was a beautiful day for running a trial: a clear, crisp morning with thin clouds later that kept the solar heating in check. Thank you to our judges, Mr. Terry Erickson and Mr. Bruce Hale, for watching our dogs and sorting things out.

Judges: Terry Erickson and Bruce Hale
OPEN SHOOTING DOG
– 4 Pointers and 2 German Shorthairs

1st-MDK BLUE RIBBON MAGIC, F1728362, German Shorthair male, by Highpoint Rusty Gold-MDK's Emma's Got Blue Mogo. Don Pool & David McCormick, owners; Don Pool, handler.
2d-DCR'S DL REVOLUTION, F1727114, German Shorthair female, by Teton's One Slick Dude-Williams White Lightning. Don Pool, owner and handler.
3d-ALMOSTA'S DORA THE EXPLORER, F1706308, pointer female, by Man O War-Hale's Honey Badger. John Beauchamp, owner and handler.

GULF COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Real Thing Cuz Named Champion; Ray Banne, Runner-up

By Lisa Littell | Union Springs, Alabama | January 19, 2026

The winner of this renewal emerged in the 22nd brace on the fourth day of the trial in the form of Real Thing Cuz, a 5-year-old pointer male bred, owned, and handled by "Big" Tommy Rice and ably scouted by Tommy Rice Jr. The first afternoon course leaves the field house and goes south before turning west. Less than 100 yards after the breakaway point was called for Cuz, and bracemate Miller's Family Tradition handled by Squire Lee. It was noted that this is the only time during the five days running that this covey was pointed. Cuz made good use of the course and made several showy swings in the block leading to the new pond. Cuz was impressive as he hunted the cover and was swinging with his handler. He chose to hunt the cover rather than take the easy footing of the horse path. Into the block behind the machinery headquarters, Cuz was again standing at 30, and Tommy put up his second covey right where he said they were. Shortly after this find, Lee lifted his entry.

Gulf Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship: Jeff Gibbons, Darron Hendley, Tommy Rice III with Real Thing Cuz, Tommy Rice Jr., Tim Moore (judge), Morgan Brewer, Hunter McDuffie with Ray Banne, Brent Cox, Tony Reynolds, Brentson Cox, and Lawton Huggins. (Back row): Allison Stewart, Lisa Littell, Amelia Stewart, Harold Johnson, and Sister Cox.

From there, the course heads to the Sawtooth Oak Grove, and just as we approached the grove, Cuz was

pointed in the low cover off to the right of the course. After a thorough flushing effort and a workmanlike relocation, no game was produced. As the course approached the pond dam, Cuz was stacked up on the pine ridge for his third find. Again, he had the birds pinned and was proudly standing for the flush and shot. The gallery was sensing that the only thing Cuz needed was a strong finish to seal the deal, and Cuz did exactly that. Tommy took advantage of the open country and sent him across the pond dam and into the hay field, letting him fade out of sight as pick up was called.

The runner-up, Ray Banne, handled by Tony Reynolds for Robert Thomas, came to the line in the third brace with Late Hit, handled by Tom Shenker. Both dogs started well, but in the block behind the catch pen, Tom lifted Hit when it became apparent he was not feeling well. Ray went on to put on a front-running,

Tommy Rice III with Real Thing Cuz and Tommy Rice Jr.

easy handling, hunting hour and was rewarded for his hunting efforts at 25 with a good find on a morning when birds were hard to come by. Ray reached nicely when the country allowed and stayed in tune with Tony for the entire hour.

We extend our sincere thanks to Becky and Tony Gibson for their endless generosity and support of our field trials. Their support and dedication to the perpetuation of the sport of field trials are unrivaled.

Grateful appreciation also goes to our sponsors: SBHA, Purina, Eukanuba, SportDOG, and Jinks Crow, P.C., as well as our banner sponsors whose support made this championship possible.

Thank you as well to Ban and Allison Stewart and 5 Strings Catering for providing excellent meals throughout the trial, and to George Cole and Steve Hutto for cooking breakfast each morning. A special thank you to all of those behind the scenes who make the trials at Conecuh Station possible.

Union Springs, Ala., January 19
Judges: Harold Johnson and Tim Moore
GULF COAST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 52 Pointers and 4 Setters

Winner-REAL THING CUZ, F1694070, pointer male, by Melrose Big Rambler-Melrose Ramblin Heart. Thomas Rice Jr., owner and handler.
Runner-Up-RAY BANNE, F1701033, pointer female, by Dogwood Bill-Sandhill Lil Juney. Robert Thomas, owner; Tony Reynolds, handler.

NGSPA REGION 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Series Held At Empire Ranch

By Anthony Rusciano | Sonoita, Arizona | January 26, 2026

NGSPA Open All-Age Championship: Derrick Olsen (judge), Clint Matthews (judge), Todd Yamamoto with B M B's Freeloader, and Brandon Blum with BMB's Supernova.

The 2026 renewal of the NGSPA Region 12 Championships was a great success. Professionals and amateurs competed in the two Championships run at the beautiful Empire Ranch in Sonoita, Arizona. With great weather and camaraderie, everyone had a great time. Special thanks to Nick Besnick and Larry Metter for helping put on the trial, as well as Bob Williams and Mike Van Zomeren for assisting the committee with planting birds. Aaron Davis cooked everyone lunch and was greatly appreciated.

The days started off chilly in the 30s but rose to the low 60s later in the day—great dog weather. Birds are always at a premium on the expansive grounds as we battle coyotes, crows, and wide-open areas for the birds to be.

Special thanks to Purina and SportDOG for sponsoring the event; without their support, this trial would not be possible. Thank you to our judges, Clint Matthews, Derrick Olsen, Mick Cheshire, and John Beauchamp. The judges commented on what nice style and intensity the dogs had, all standing high and tight on their birds.

NGSPA Region 12 Open All-Age <u>Championship</u>

The trial started with 12 dogs in the

Open All-Age. Competing were Josh Nieman, Todd Yamamoto, Dan Hoke, and Brandon Blum.

The champion was B M B's Freeloader ("Hewey"), handled by Brandon Blum. He started his run by being seen going over the far hill, reconnected with the handler about 10 minutes later, and was watered. He made a big move down the tree line at the back of the course and was gathered up for the hard U-turn and sent on his way back down the other side of the course. He was seen several minutes later, far ahead, and went over a tiny rise. As the handler reached the spot where he had last seen the dog, he looked over the rise and saw the dog standing about 50 yards over the hill. A chukar was flushed, and all was in order. Healed across the road, crossing Hewey was set loose and seen far to the front. After several minutes, we found him standing on the right side, and a pair of quail were flushed. Let loose again, he was seen at the end of the course and, as we approached, was found on point with a small covey of quail pinned. He finished up a very smooth, yet big, all-age run to the front.

The runner-up was BMB's Supernova ("Nova"), handled by Brandon Blum and owned by Tim Heydorff and Karen Bravender—their first GSP! She was let loose and seen once going over the middle hill. As we approached the hill, we had last seen her and got on top, and we could see her about a mile out at the end of the course. She was called in and watered for the difficult U-turn. After being let loose, she was spotted a few minutes later on point

NGSPA Region 12 Open Shooting Dog Championship: John Beauchamp (judge) and Mick Cheshire with handler Josh Nieman, Brandon Blum with Keg Creek Enforcer, and Mike Van Zomeren with P P P's Hammerin Hollywood.

with a single quail being flushed. She continued with her range throughout the hour, and as we crossed the road, she was out of sight. We continued to ride for about 15 minutes until we got to the end of the course. Nowhere in sight, the scout saw her on point in a little ravine. After an extensive search, no bird could be located; most likely, a chukar had run off into the thick grass. She was let go for the final two minutes, and time was called with her out to the front—a very nice all-age run in the books.

Sonoita, Ariz., January 26
Judges: Clint Matthews and Derrick Olsen
NGSPA REGION 12 OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 12 German Shorthairs

Winner-B M B'S FREELOADER, F1678664, German Shorthair male, by B M B's Free Ride-Hightailing Saddle's Mandolin. Jennifer & Brandon Blum, owners; Brandon Blum, handler.

Runner-Up-BMB'S SUPERNOVA, F1705662, German Shorthair female, by B M B's Freeloader-All N's Southern Comfort. Karen Bravender & Tim Heydorff, owners; Brandon Blum, handler.

NGSPA Region 12 Open Shooting Dog Championship

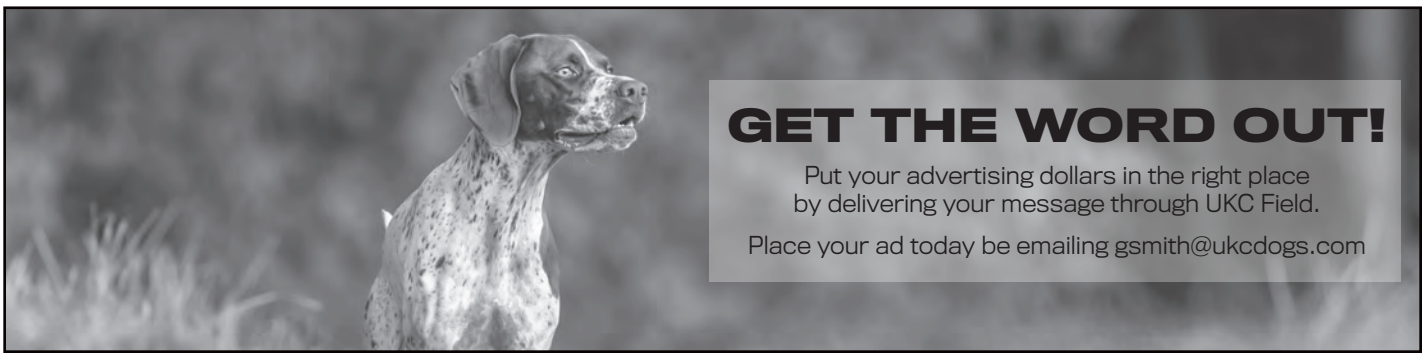
Our champion, Keg Creek Enforcer ("Rip"), owned by Keith Bryant, was handled expertly by Josh Nieman. He had a very attractive gait and was exactly where you would want a classy shooting dog to be. Hunting the objectives in a mature manner and cruising the hillsides, yet responding to his handler kindly. Rip was rewarded with a quail find towards the back of the course with perfect manners and intensity. Let go, he continued to hunt in a mature fashion, hitting the objectives as one should. When time was called, Rip was gathered up with a great run carded.

Runner-up was P P P's Hammerin Hollywood, again handled by Josh Nieman. He ran a mature race, hunting the objectives as well, although not quite as independently as the winner. He notched a find at 25 with a high head and tail. His handling was smooth and easy as we made it around the back of the course U-turn. Sent on the other side of the ravine, he continued to hunt nicely to the front. As we crossed the road, he made a big move out into the flats and reconnected with the handler with a few minutes left on top of the far hill. Sent forward to finish his brace, he locked up on point. After a couple of minutes searching for birds, a large covey of chukar exploded out of the grass well in front of the dog—a nice ending to a great run.

Judges: John Beauchamp and Mick Cheshire
NGSPA REGION 12 OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 21 German Shorthairs

Winner-KEG CREEK ENFORCER, F1698331, German Shorthair male, by Reba Ranch Shake's Bank On Rising Sun-Covey Up's Princess Sophia. Keith Bryant, owner; Josh Nieman, handler.

Runner-Up-P P P'S HAMMERIN HOLLYWOOD, F1696961, German Shorthair male, by Riden High Rudy-Hi N's Family Ties. Jake Phipps, owner; Josh Nieman, handler.



REGION 16 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

2026 Running Held At Babcock-Webb Grounds

By Don Price | Punta Gorda, Florida | January 30, 2026

Region 16 Amateur All-Age Invitational (standing, l-r): Alex Rickert, "Guppie", Justin Muzynski, Scott Jordan, Buck Heard (judge), and Paul Daniel. (Seated, l-r): Kenny Muzynski with Holopaw's Cracker, Callie Muzynski, and Daniel Lineman with Tate Island Nation. [Not pictured: Erin's Redemption].

The Region 16 Amateur All-Age Championship was held January 30-February 1, 2026, on the Babcock-Webb Field Trial Grounds in Punta Gorda, Florida. This venue is approximately 6,000 acres of old Florida prairie where, in the early 1800's, along with millions of acres from central Florida south, hundreds of wild Spanish cattle roamed freely. Catching and branding these wild cattle was the beginning of the cattle business in Florida. Six one-hour courses are utilized, and the birds are all wild.

Paul Daniel, Region 16 President, served as field trial chairman. Paul worked extremely hard to see that all matters were attended to. The Muzynski family, Scott and Teresa Ford, Susan Daniel, Debbie and Katie McEwen, Dr. Beth Arthur, Petie Brown, and many others pitched in where needed. Kenny Muzynski and Vince Feltner handled the dog wagon duties. Everyone was provided lunch and supper each day, and all of the food was excellent.

I must comment on the weather. Friday was a hot day in South Florida, with the heat taking its toll on some of the entries. Saturday morning was a rainy, cold, and windy morning, and believe it or not, a few snowflakes did fall. Saturday afternoon was very cold and windy. Sunday morning was 30 degrees, and a strong wind was blowing.

Judging this renewal was handled by Jeff Arnold of Monticello, Florida, and Buck Heard of Moultrie, Georgia. Jeff is the manager of Pinewood Plantation in Monticello and has been involved with bird dogs his entire life. Along with managing Pinewood, he maintains a small string of field trial dogs, which he campaigns when he can get away. Jeff has had good success with his trial dogs. Buck and his wife, Lynn, had great success running their shooting dogs on the Amateur Shooting Dog circuit. Together, they won several Amateur Championships. Buck is no longer competing but does co-own a derby on the major circuit.

The Winners

Twenty-seven pointers were drawn, and 27 were run. Now this is where it gets tough. Of the 27 that competed, only three dogs had bird work. Two of the three were up early for unacceptable manners on their birds. The big question for everyone was, where did all the birds disappear to? Scouts reported riding up birds, and several coveys were seen by gallery riders. At earlier trials this season and on training days, a sufficient number of birds had been located. The unlocatable bird question remains unanswered.

The third entry with bird work was Tate Island Nation. Scott Jordan ran him in the first brace after lunch on Saturday. Nation carded three evenly spaced finds in the first 40 minutes and finished the hour. I did not get to see the last 20 minutes as we took the dog wagon to get the lost bracemate. After we finished on Sunday morning, the judges deliberated and came to the conclusion that they did not witness a championship performance. They did not name a champion, and the Championship was then considered an Amateur All-Age Invitational Points trial. Tate Island Nation was named first. Second was Erin's Redemption, handled by John Mathys, with a big forward race. Third went to Holopaw's Cracker, handled by Justin Muzynski, also with a big race and strong finish. Close to the winners was Touch's Lone Dominator, handled by Dr. Kent Cantrell.

Punta Gorda, Fla., January 30
Judges: Jeff Arnold and Buck Heard
REGION 16 AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL
[One-Hour Heats] – 27 Pointers
[Title Withheld]

1st-TATE ISLAND NATION, F1716100, pointer male, by Haney's All In-Pearl Jam Nation. Scott Jordan, owner and handler.

2d-ERIN'S REDEMPTION, F1706516, pointer male, by Erin's Grey Justice-Erin's Miss Sam Houston. John Mathys, owner and handler.

3d-HOLOPAW'S CRACKER, F1690236, pointer male, by Holopaw's Axel-Hot Digity Dot. Ken & Justin Muzynski, owners; Justin Muzynski, handler.

NGSPA REGION 16 OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Chicoree's Riden High Trixie Named Champion; Heafner's Brilliant Brutus, Runner-up

By Peter Here & Colt Copeland | Bronwood, Georgia | February 1, 2026

The 2026 Championship was held at "THE" Showtime Plantation in Bronwood, Georgia. These grounds are well groomed for multiple courses run on wild birds. Showtime Plantation is owned and maintained by Larron and Laura Copeland. Our gallery marshal was Colt Copeland. Peter Coppens was the dog wagon driver this year. There is a nice clubhouse where we serve meals.

We want to thank Purina and their hard-working reps—Karl Gunzer, Greg Blair, Scott Johnson, and Terry Trzcinski—for all their support, and SportDOG and Jim Moorehouse for the dog collars. Please support the companies that support our trials.

Thank you to Mrs. Peter Here for doing the paperwork and background work for this Championship.

Open Shooting Dog

The NGSPA Region 16 Open Championship started on Thursday, February 5, at 8 a.m. The weather was beautiful. Twenty-one dogs were brought to the line in this year's Open stake. Thank you to our pros who supported this stake—Dan and April DiMambro, and Jason King. Big thanks to Doug and Heather Miller for joining in the fun as well. Judges were Mr. Larron Copeland and Mr. Colt Copeland. We appreciate your expertise and time in the saddle.

NGSPA Region 16 Open Shooting Dog Championship (front): Dan DiMambro, April DiMambro with Chicoree's Riden High Trixie, Jason King with Heafner's Brilliant Brutus, and Karen Dudich. (Back row): Larron Copeland (judge) and Colt Copeland (judge).

The Open Champion for the 2026 NGSPA Region 16 Championship is Chicoree's Riden High Trixie. Trixie was handled by Dan DiMambro and scouted by April DiMambro. She is owned by Rondal Alexander and came from the third brace. Trixie had a UP at 20 and finds at 35 and 46. She had great swings and was always up front. Trixie was stylish on her bird work.

This year's Runner-up Open Champion is Heafner's Brilliant Brutus, handled by Jason King and scouted by Karen Dudich. He is owned by William Heafner. Brutus ran in the fourth brace. He had a find at 15 deep into the woods after a good move. He had a second find at 46 and finished strong.

This year, due to a lack of entries, we only ran a Shooting Dog stake. We want to invite everyone to plan to attend this Wild Bird Championship at Showtime Plantation in February 2027.

Bronwood, Ga., February 1
Judges: C. H. Copeland and Larron Copeland
NGSPA REGION 16 OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 21 German Shorthairs

Winner-CHICOREE'S RIDEN HIGH TRIXIE, F1685125, German Shorthair female, by Riden High Rudy-Chicoree's Sparkle In Her Eye. Rondal J. Alexander, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.

Runner-Up-HEAFNER'S BRILLIANT BRUTUS, F1705756, German Shorthair male, by High Standing Cuttin Edge-Chicoree's Glitter And Gold. William L. Heafner, owner; Jason King, handler.

NBHA WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

K C's Next Gen Named Champion; Blazin Cora of Dixie, Runner-up

By Ken Sauer | Alvord, Texas | February 6, 2026

We always start by thanking our gracious sponsors. Purina Pro Plan, Park Cities Quail Coalition for the grants to improve the trial grounds over the last two years, the USFS for allowing us to have these events and make improvements, Garmin for the continued support over many years, Mule Brand Clothing, Gun Dog Supply, OnX Hunt, and Gun Dog Central. And I can't forget Larry Cox of Christie Saddlery for the really nice leather roading harnesses for the Derby and Puppy winners and Champions Choice Silver for the handsome buckles to the champion and runner-up.

The courses are very conducive to trials. They're not the perceived "edge" country, but do have edges in some of the more open parts of the pasture. There are a lot of objective-type spots that have birds. There are plenty of ponds and stock tanks about every 10-15 minutes of the course. This makes it great for warm-weather events. These watering holes make it great to keep dogs from overheating.

The folks who helped us hold this event are critical to pull off any event. Our judges were Dr. Chris Cornman and Jason Super, two really good dog men. Your time in the saddle was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Larry Seybert Sr. and Ty Seybert, who manned the bird planting duties and the dog wagon. My dear wife, Melissa Sauer, for lunches and preparing evening meals for the Judges was a huge help. She was also scouting my dogs when I ran.

We had some new folks come out to see the action and lend their helping hand. Abel Rodriguez, Alex Martinez, and Steve Engle. We all got to see Brady Elmore and his wife, Samantha, coming back to some trials. A special thanks to Matthew Puckett for scouting dogs when folks didn't have scouts, for my moral support, and for doing the AI-generated draw. Can't forget

NBHA Western Regional Open Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Matthew Puckett, Riley Pool, Josh Pool, Jake Davis, Rob Warner, and Mike Taylor (behind). K C's Next Gen with Ken Sauer, Alex Martinez, Chris Cornman (judge), Chuck Maxson, Dustin Huggins with Blazin Cora of Dixie, Jason Gallagher, Jason Super (judge), Ty Seybert (bird planter), Trey Baer, Bunny Snyder, Robert Jones, and Connor Erickson.

Trey Baer for helping us with some bird planting, putting out some pre-released coveys, setting up feeders, and feeding the birds early in the week after some of the snow and ice melted. He was also instrumental in all the work we've done over two summers with clearing and mulching on the trial grounds. We also had folks from Montana (Connor Erickson), Wyoming (Robert Jones), Illinois (Rob Warner), Kansas (Chuck Maxson), Missouri (Justin Crook), Arkansas (Dustin Huggins), and Oklahoma. Jake Davis of Midland, Texas, also brought some really nice dogs. Abel Rodriguez and Alex Martinez of Texas came out for their first field trial experience.

So the week before the trial, we had 8" of sleet, snow, and freezing rain. It looked like it was going to be a cold, muddy mess. As it turned out, the weather gradually

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warmed up and somewhat dried up the course. As the Texas weather does, temperatures warmed up, with some cooler mornings. Still got warm (OK, hot would be a better analogy). The Championship started on Friday morning and concluded around lunchtime on Saturday. The Championship drew 22 Open Shooting dogs. The Derbies drew 13 dogs, and the Puppies drew 10 dogs. Many breeds were represented.

A week before the trial, I developed a pretty bad sinus infection. Two weeks later, as I'm writing this, I still don't feel well. I just had to figure out a way to play hurt. Matthew Puckett was instrumental in keeping me motivated and helping out.

I didn't hire a reporter for this event and should have. Detailed reporting is a big deal for me, so everyone can visualize a picture of all the happenings. If I had felt better, I would have ridden every brace, but I couldn't do it. My apologies. I'll recap the highlights and winners below, for which I do have some records.

Western Regional Championship

There were many dogs with only one or two finds. There were a lot of birds out there. For some reason, scenting conditions were tough, even in the cooler morning braces. It even got tougher as temperatures rose.

Champion: K C's Next Gen ("Ben"); Ken Sauer, Owner/Handler.

Ben drew out in the fifth brace with temperatures in the low 80s. He scored his first find at 9 on a pair of birds with all in order. The second bird contact at 25 on a covey of birds at the hairpin turn. His third find came on yet another covey near a stock tank in heavy cover. His fourth find was on a single out in the heavy grass cover. Ben won this Western Regional back in 2023 in Inola, Oklahoma. His sire, K C's Shrimpboot, had won it many years earlier.

Runner-up Champion: Blazin Cora

NBHA Open Derby (l-r): Ailyn Martinez, Alex Martinez, Rob Warner, Jones' Blazing Star with Robert Jones, Chuck Maxson, Jason Super (judge), HPK Chaos with Trey Baer, Chris Cornman (judge), Ty Seybert, Lil Elhew Chief Snakefeather with Mike Taylor, Jennifer Taylor, Adrian Jackson behind the scenes, Brady Elmore, Samantha Elmore, Ken Sauer, Amber Cornman, Aziliz Martinez, Johnny Martinez, Bunny Snyder, and Connor Erickson.

of Dixie ("Cora"); Dustin Huggins, Owner/Handler.

Cora drew out in the last brace of the Championship. Here again, it was just after lunch, and warm. At 19, Cora had a stop. Her handler couldn't produce the bird, but when collared, the bird was flushed by the judge's horse. Again at 33 at the hairpin turn, Cora was standing again. All the handler could produce was a pile of feathers. At 49, she had a stop-to-flush in heavy cover. Cora scored a find at 54 on the back side of the course with multiple birds getting up. Heading back towards the breakaway, there was a straggler bird on bare cover that flushed, and she carded another stop to flush. Cora is a nice-moving German shorthaired pointer and has lots of manners on her game.

Honorable Mention

Jane's Atlantic Way ("Jane"); Josh Pool, Owner/Handler.

Jane drew the first brace of Saturday. She's a very nice setter and easy on the eyes. She scored bird work at 14, 20, a stop-to-flush at 30, finds at 37, 40, at 47, pointed a rabbit that came out, another find at 50, and 57. There was a situation in which the handler put his hands on the dog prior to flushing, which removed her from the competition.

Texas Frostbite ("Frost"); Matthew Puckett, Owner/Handler.

Frost ran in Brace 9 on Saturday. At 25, she suffered an unproductive

Josh Pool's Jane's Atlantic Way on one of her many finds.

at the hairpin turn. She scored on game at 40 and 46 with nice style and manners. At 52, she had a stop-to-flush with all in order. Frost is a first-year shooting dog and really, really nice. She will be one to reckon with for many years.

Heaven Scent's Red Raider (Raider"); Cary Waterhouse, Owner/Handler.

Raider made game three times, at 20, 50, and 53 on a bird she previously pointed.

Alvord, Tex., February 6
Judges: Chris Cornman and Jason Super
NBHA WESTERN REGIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 22 Entries

Winner-K C'S NEXT GEN, F1699316, pointer male, by K C's Shrimpboot-K C's Beth Hart. Ken Sauer, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-BLAZIN CORA OF DIXIE, F1717161, German Shorthair female, by Ringneck's Nightmare On the Prairie-Blazin Duchess of Dixie. Dustin Huggins, owner and handler.

Western Regional Open Derby

First Place: Jones' Blazing Star ("Phoebe"); Robert Jones, Owner/Handler.

Phoebe scored game on multiple occasions, at 5, 14, 23, and 25. At 28, she suffered an unproductive.

Second Place: HPK Chaos

Wow, what a nice gallery for our NBHA Western Regional Championship. LBJ Grasslands, Alvord, TX, first creek crossing.

NBHA Open Puppy (l-r): Ailyn Martinez, Alex Martinez, Rob Warner, Connor Erickson with Quail Hawks Busy Bee The Baby Boykin, Chris Cornman (judge), Chuck Maxson with Live Wire, Jason Super (judge), Ken Sauer, Mike Taylor with Huckleberry's Snake Lady McGee, Ty Seybert, Trey Baer, Jennifer Taylor, Brady Elmore, Samantha Elmore, Aziliz Martinez, Amber Cornman, Adrian Jackson (Behind the scene), Bunny Snyder, and Johnny Martinez.

("Buck"); Trey Baer and Melissa Sauer, Owners; Trey Baer, Handler.

Buck scored game at 25. He's a nice moving front-running pointer. Yes, you read that right, Trey Baer owns a Pointer.

Third Place: Lil Elhew Chief Snakefeather ("Chief"); Mike Taylor, Owner/Handler.

Chief is no stranger to the winner's circle, even since he was a puppy. He scored game on 5, 11, and 16. Again at 29, he was found, but only feathers were produced.

NBHA OPEN DERBY- 13 Entries

1st-JONES' BLAZING STAR, F1716431, setter female, by Highground Toby-Southwind Joy's Resurgence. Robert Jones, owner and handler.
2d-HPK CHAOS, F1722398, pointer male, by K C's Tye Oneon-Rock Acre Margarita. Trey Bear & Melissa Sauer, owners; Trey Baer, handler.
3d-LIL ELHEW CHIEF SNAKEFEATHER, F1709748, pointer male, by Hackberry's Elhew Chief-Hackberry's Elhew Ashlee. Mike Taylor, owner and handler.

NBHA OPEN PUPPY – 2 Pointers and 8 Setters

1st-QUAIL HAWKS BUSY BEE THE BABY BOYKIN, unreg., setter female, by Skedaddle's Crockett-Quail Hawk's Gamora. Nick Kashko, owner; Connor Erickson, handler.
2d-LIVE WIRE, F1721474, setter female, by LMD's Cant' Touch This-Pretty Packaging. Chuck Maxson, owner and handler.
3d-HACKBERRY'S SNAKE LADY MCGEE, F1721939, pointer female, by Elhew Snakemaster-Hackberry's Elhew Leve. Michial Taylor, owner and handler.

U.S. COMPLETE NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Mohawk Mill Knight Named Champion; Buck of Piney Woods, Runner-up

By Margaret C. Drew | Hoffman, North Carolina | February 6, 2026

U. S. Complete National Open Championship (front, l-r): Mark Hughes with Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk and Calvin Curnutte with Buck of Piney Woods. (Behind): Dr. George Najor, Rich Warters, Tony Bingham, Lee Flanders, Ashby Morgan, Roger McPherson, Robert Ecker, Ashley Hopkins, J. D. Waters, Jim Emerson, Dave Huffine, Steve Ferrell, Barb Young, Bob Young, Margaret Drew, Mike Rosano, Bob Phillips, and Jerry Burke.

The U.S. Complete National Open Championship has been held at Hoffman since 2018, when Ted Riley, the Southeast Regional President, requested that the Southeast host the championship. The weather for that first trial was very hot and dry; this year, it was below-freezing cold, with 7" of snow five days before the trial started. There were 24 braces of Shooting Dog and 16 braces of Derbies with no scratches. The judges were past president Ashby Morgan and Lee Flanders. Both gentlemen experienced bird dog folks.

The field trial grounds at Hoffman are part of the North Carolina Sandhills Wildlife Management Area. The development of these grounds began in 1949; however, the first trial was not held until 1954. The original development plan was for 10-year cycles with 950 acres dedicated to field trials. The courses are cut by the wildlife, as well as crops planted. Since 1981, the NCFTA and the state have worked together to allow the association to release quail in early fall and again during the trial season. Trials are held on these grounds from mid-October to the end of March. The NCFTA also feeds the quail on a regular schedule. The state provides a dog/people wagon so folks can follow along.

There are six courses, although the walking groups do not fully use Courses 1 or 6. Each course is numbered to assist with finding one's way around. The clubhouse has a map on the wall to study. In courses where there is no stream, water holes have been dug. During this past very dry year, the water holes were nearly dry, and water tubs had been put out. There is a modern clubhouse and kitchen, dog kennels, outside horse stalls, and a barn. There is plenty of parking. There are several electrical hookups and plenty of water faucets. Two towns with lodging and restaurants are within 20 miles.

Without the support of owners and the 12 handlers, a trial of this caliber could not have happened. Purina remains the top promoter; however, we continue to thank Garmin for providing two collars. Lion Country Supply provided gift certificates for the championship. This year, the group welcomed the sponsorship of Dakota283, another dog supply company. There was supper provided by last year's champion, Smoke Rise Jake, owned by Fred Rose and handled by Tony Bingham. A second evening was a dinner provided by Purina.

The Champion and Runner-up

The named champion was Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk (PM), owned by Gary and Ellen Winall and bred from their Mohawk Mill line of field trial winners. He was the runner-up last year in this championship and was named the champion in the U. S. Complete Southeast Championship. Knight Hawk was handled by Tony Bingham. Runner-up was Buck of Piney Woods, owned by Rich Warters and Dr. George Najor, and handled by Robert Ecker. This pair ran as bracemates in Brace 9 on day two.

The adverse weather made no difference to these two as each independently attacked the course with pleasing gaits and then on their divided find at 17, both staunch and erect for wing and shot—a winning scene for all to see. Buck had a nonproductive at 30 and a back at 49. He was very stylish on the ground from beginning to end. (I will take that as a reflection of his breeding, as his grandfather, Bud of Piney Woods, was whelped at my kennel from a Chasehill Little Bud cross with our Racey Kate from Calico Kennels). Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk had a strong animated race, which grew stronger as the hour counted down. Knight Hawk had a find at 49 and a nonproductive at 59 as time elapsed. At the end of this hour, the bar had been set to be a winner.

The Running

On February 6, the first of the 24 braces was turned loose on Course 1.

Tony Bingham stood at the breakaway with Cow Creek Red Bud (PF) owned by Aaron McAfee; however, by 15, Bingham called for a location device. Bracemate was Jamie Leitch with Can Am Cooper (PM). Cooper moved appropriately onward; however, he showed too much excitement on his covey location at 25 and was leased. This opening brace on a brisk morning was not setting the bar very high.

Brace 2 found Mark Hughes with Carlos Escalante's Miller's Hopped Up Version (PF) as bracemate for Smoke Rise Hanna (PF), owned by Fred Rose and handled by Tony Bingham. Fred Rose was present to observe. Miller's Hopped Up Version started out promisingly; however, she did not handle a large covey well and was picked up. Hanna took off quickly and required a relocation device at 30.

Brace 3 called for Sweet Grass Slim (ESM), with his owner/handler, Dave Huffine, as bracemate for Smoke Rise Doc (PM), owned by Fred Rose and handled by Tony Bingham. Whether it was experience or the warming temperatures, this brace was to the front immediately with determination. Sweet Grass Slim has run these grounds frequently in the past, earning placements as well. Today he moved purposefully, had a nonproductive at 25 and a well-indicated covey find at 50. He finished his hour in good form. Smoke Rise Doc had a strong forward race. When we thought he was missing, he would be seen well to the front. At 25, he backed his bracemate with a caution from the handler as the covey rose. His hour on the ground was highlighted with a solid find at 55 before finishing going away.

Brace 4 followed a hot lunch with whistles heard at 1:30 and a full wagon, hoping to view some afternoon bird work. Miller's Special Upgrade (PF), owned by Carlos Escalante with Mark Hughes. Ecker had as a bracemate Grouse Hill Rock (ESM), owned by John Capocci. Miller's Special Upgrade had a stop to flush at 2, followed by attractive finds at 10 and 30. He did not complete his hour. Grouse Hill Rock had a moderate to short race with no bird work.

Brace 5 had Frank Joyal with Once In A Bluemoon (PF) as bracemate for Mohawk Mill Big Trouble (PM), owned by Brian and Trisha Rathbone with Tony Bingham. Blue Moon sailed off the breakaway to be found standing at 8 for the handler to flush a nice covey. With her find, she and her handler were a little behind, so it is not surprising that when released, she once again proudly marched out of sight. This led to her not backing her bracemate, shortening her hour by 12 minutes. Big Trouble was taken on after his point at 12; however, by 40, he was leased for not pleasing the handler.

Brace 6 ended day one with Bingham bringing Mohawk Mill War Hawk (PM), owned by J. D. Waters, to the line as bracemate for Rockland Ridge Rocky (ESM), owned by Gary Chlapaty with Ecker. War Hawk sprang from the breakaway, seen on the horizon a few times, although finally required a relocation device. Rockland Ridge Rocky made a buoyant cast for the first eight minutes along the lower left edge, where the high grasses merge into the woods. At 9, he had point called; however, after a lengthy flushing attempt, he decided to assist Ecker. By 11, he was on a leash.

On the second morning, the temperatures were not the problem; rather, the winds that came and went all day were. Brace 7 found another one of Fred Rose's pointers, Smoke Rise Bull (PM), with Bingham as bracemate for Double Deuce Jack (PM), owned by Doug McMillen, with Hughes. Both of these dogs hunted the hour while searching every edge and plum thicket with no success at locating quail.

Brace 8 was brief with Mike McKinney's Santee River Pawley Girl (PF) with Bingham as bracemate for Tooth Acres Bennie The Jett (PM), owned and handled by Ross Penland. Pawley Girl had tight sneakers on and was not seen from the breakaway, requiring a relocation device. Bennie The Jett began an independent trek on course, which was ended when he reacted slowly for a stop-to-flush on a good-sized covey.

Brace 9 was the best of the total championship and covered above under the winners.

Brace 10 found Ecker once again on the line, this time with Mia Star (ESF) belonging to Stephen McKalko as bracemate for Millers Dusty Version (PF), belonging to Mike Husenits, with Hughes. The brace started out promising with two classy dogs bouncing to the front. Then everyone got excited when we saw both standing tall and erect. Dusty Version had a covey pinned with Mia Star backing. Nice sight. Mia Star drifted side to side before standing at 14, where the handler could not put birds in the air. She did not finish her hour. Dusty Version continued her hour without locating quail in any of the places she expected to find them.

Brace 11 had Hughes with Doug McMillen's Double Deuce Miles (PM) as bracemate for Ross Penland's Tooth Acres Ron Takahara (ESM). This pair drove straight forward, although not necessarily to spots where birds might be. Nearing the half hour, neither dog had located quail, and the handlers decided to return their dogs to the wagon.

Brace 12 finished day two with Blue Ribbon River (PF), belonging to Marty Festa, with Ecker and Hughes with Saddled Up Sadie (PF), belonging to Joe Cammisa. These two laid them out nicely for most of the hour. River had a back at 50 and was leased at 55. Sadie had an unproductive at 50, finishing her hour with no birds flown.

Brace 13 opened day three with Glassilaun Parabellum (ESF), owned by Jim Millett, with Ecker and Hughes with Lincoln County Big Stuff (PM) with Bingham. Owner Roger

McPherson was present to watch Big Stuff. Parabellum covered the course with style in a good forward race; however, at 60, no birds had been pointed. Big Stuff was briskly off the line and required a location device at 30.

Brace 14 saw Calvin Curnutte change his scouting role to handle John Fort's Aristotle (ESM) as bracemate for Backwoods Wild Fire Blaze (PM), owned by Justin Mason, with Hughes. This pair scoured the terrain for their full hour with no success in locating quail.

Brace 15 called Greg Isenberg to the line with Tenacee Franklin (PM) as bracemate for Mohawk Mill Shake Up (PM), owned and handled by Cliff Monroe. Tenacee is no stranger to field trials and settled right into a hunting routine. He had a good find at 18; however, after searching appropriately, a nonproductive at 20 and 50 ended his hour. Shake Up powered forward with determination; however, at 10 a covey lifted, and he never altered his step. His hour ended early.

Brace 16 found Erin's Battle Cry (PM), owned by Beauford, Timmerman, and Cooke, although handled by Bingham. The bracemate was Mojo's Winston Joy (ESM), owned by Nick and Renee Moelders, with Hughes. Erin's Battle Cry kept a consistent pace and range, checking the many spots that quail could likely be found; however, his hour ended without bird contact. Winston Joy showed a rhythmic gait with intelligent hunting for 30 minutes, at which time he popped a covey and gleefully gave a few hops. His hour shortened.

Brace 17 had Sweet Grass Skeeter (ESM), owned and handled by Dave Huffine, with Sammy the Rock Star (ESM) with Ecker. Rockstar's owner, Dr. George Najor, was present to watch. This pair of classy moving setters rolled through the high cover. Sweet Grass Skeeter was found standing at 11 for a nice covey to be flown. Unfortunately, his hour ended after unproductives at 17 and 37. Rock Star had a find at 11. He finished his hour at a moderate pace that any hunter would be happy to hunt over; however, there was no further bird contact.

Brace 18 ended day three with Justin Mason's Backwoods Dine & Dash (PM), with Hughes. Bracemate was Warren Parrott with Hirollins Gone And Doneit (PM). Dine & Dash made some good hunting casts, some a little lateral, causing him to get a little behind. He was picked up by the handler at 45. Gone And Doneit had a fast and big race with a nice find at 47. Reaching to the front at 58, he suffered a stop to flush to end his hour.

Brace 19 opened the final day of the 2026 Championship. Dr. George Najor's Gracie Ballroom Star (ESF) was on the ground with Ecker. Her bracemate was Sweet Grass Scout (ESF), owned and handled by Huffine. Gracie Ballroom Star ran in a pleasing fashion at a good range. She had an eye-appealing back at 6. Her hour was shortened with unproductives at 16 and 25. Sweet Grass Scout shared this classy setter brace with Gracie Ballroom Star. Scout stood tall and alert at 6; however, no birds were produced. Racing through the grass at 16, she failed to back and her hour ended.

Brace 20 found Ralphy's Chasehill Rip (PM) with owner/handler Brian Ralph as bracemate with Long Island Ice (ESM), owned by Paul Ober and handled by Ecker. Rip lived up to his name as he raced through the cover, scoring a nice covey at 5 with all in order. His hour was shortened after unproductives at 15 and 25. Long Island Ice was picked up early for not pleasing the handler around birds.

Brace 21 saw Smoke Rise Jake (PM), owned by Fred Rose and handled by Bingham, as well as Ironstone's Shenanigans (ESM), belonging to Eli Richardson, and handled by Ecker. Jake had a strong race, always to the front with no scouting required. He was found standing tall and staunch for finds at 29 and 41. He stood again at 55; however, when no birds were flown handler tapped him on a covey burst into the air. Ironstone was seen well to the front and disappearing over the knoll. A relocation device was requested at 24.

Brace 22 had J. D. Waters here to watch his My Way Little Bud (PM) under the whistle of Bingham. Bracemate was Sweet Grass Skipper (ESM) with owner/handler Huffine. Little Bud stood high and tight for a back at 6. His next 30 minutes found him reaching beyond course boundaries, requiring a relocation device to be requested at 37. Skipper had a nonproductive at 6, a good hour race, and a find at 55.

Brace 23 saw Hoppy's War Bird Farmgirl (PF) with Ecker. Owners Rob and Kathy Hopkins were present to watch. Bracemate was Low Country Katie (PF), owned and handled by Steve Ferrell. Both of these dogs were eagerly to the front. Farmgirl got too close to a covey at 6 and was picked up. Country Katie scampered hastily out of sight until located via a relocation device sometime after 24.

Brace 24, the final brace, was bye-dog Emert's Grouse Ringer T (ESM) with Bingham. Owners Daryl and Vicki Grantham had watched most of the braces waiting for Ringer T's turn. Unfortunately, he had unacceptable bird contact at 16 and ended his hour early.

Hoffman, N. C., February 6
Judges: Lee Flanders and Ashby Morgan
U. S. COMPLETE NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 31 Pointers and 16 Setters

Winner-MOHAWK MILL KNIGHT HAWK, F1685481, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Pirate's Legacy-Katie Lee's Wild Side. Gary & Ellen Winall, owners; Tony Bingham, handler.

Runner-Up-BUCK OF PINEY WOODS, F1696648, pointer male, by Bo of Piney Woods-Grouse Hill Prima. Rich Warters, owner; Robert Ecker, handler.

National Derby Classic

The National Derby Classic drew a strong field with 16 braces. Judges Ashby Morgan and Dave Huffine said this had been one of the hardest derby stakes to judge, as there were so many derbies showing the standards of what makes a good derby. The difficulty came when they had several dogs with good range showing intelligence in where

to hunt. Most all showed desire to hunt, as well as being classy on the ground. Some derbies had bird work, but not all. When the group had been run, the judges chose three who were placed on style, ground attack, and what looked to be those who would go on to succeed as shooting dogs. The judges noted that several others were close to meeting several of the derby standards.

First place went to Niantic River Molly (ESF), owned by David Phillips from East Lyme, Connecticut. She is in the training school of Adam Dubriske. Molly is from a litter between Barn Owl Mike x J C L's Shadow. She had a wonderfully classy forward race. She worked with her handler and required no scouting. She made consistent casts and finished well to the front.

U.S. Complete Derby Classic (front, l-r): Adam Dubriske with Niantic River Molly, Roger McPherson with Suemac's Southern Ambush, and Mark Hughes with Heartbreaker Bud Light. (Behind): Dave Huffine, Tony Bingham, Ashby Morgan, Greg Robinson, Vicki Grantham, Earl Drew, Susie McPherson, Bob Young, Mike Rosano, Russ Fazio, and Brian Ralph.

Second went to Suemac's Southern Ambush (PF), out of Rocky River Halo x Mohawk Mill Lady Justice. She is owned by Roger McPherson, who was present to observe. She had a consistent forward race, listened well, and had a good finish.

Third went to Heartbreaker Bud Light (PM), owned by Thomas Butts, with Mark Hughes. Bud Light covered all the desired hunting objectives with plenty of style, handled well, while maintaining a moderate range.

Judges: Dave Huffine and Ashby Morgan
U. S. COMPLETE DERBY CLASSIC
– 23 Pointers, 7 Setters, and 2 German Shorthairs

1st-NIANTIC RIVER MOLLY, F1710602, setter female, by Barn Owl Mike-J C L's Shadow. David Phillips, owner; Adam Dubriske, handler.

2d-SUEMAC'S SOUTHERN AMBUSH, F1716176, pointer female, by Rocky River Halo-Mohawk Mill Lady Justice. Roger McPherson, owner; Tony Bingham, handler.

3d-HEARTBREAKER BUD LIGHT, F1710620, pointer male, by Toth's Tornado Reloaded-Grouse Trails Warrior Cat. Thomas Butts, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

WEST TENNESSEE FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

Open Stakes

By Jim Atchison | Dancyville, Tennessee | February 12, 2026

Excellent dogs competed, quail flew abundantly, while food and fellowship were outstanding as the West Tennessee Field Trial Club hosted their annual Open All-Age and Derby stakes near Dancyville, Tennessee, February 12-15. Thirty-two All-Age and 25 Derby entries competed.

Haney's All In, owned by Steve and Stacey Croy from Richmond Hill, Georgia, won first place for the second consecutive year in the all-age competition. Mark McLean from Doerun, Georgia, was the handler. McLean also handled Touch's Shadow Rider, owned by Bruce and Karen Norton and Dr. Reuben Richardson, to earn second place. The third-place winner was Southern Thunder, owned by Chris Campbell and handled by Tom Shenker.

Millers Inspiration, owned by Al Bryson and handled by Gary Lester, won first place in the Derby stake. Second was won by Phantom's Zip, owned by Erick and Holly Parsons and handled by her trainer, Ike Todd.

Open All-Age (l-r): Bentley Stoots, Nate Stoots, Allen Currie, Patrick Siebels, Cindy Currie, Ike Todd, Marty Todd, Steve Croy, Chris Mullen, Jay McKenzie and Mark McLean with Haney's All In, Crutcher Stoots, Ronnie Rogers (judge), Hassel Smith, Gary Raynor with Touch's Shadow Rider, Matt Pendergest (judge), Isaiah Todd with Southern Thunder, Brad LaVerne, Gene Spiotta III, Bill Currie, and Matt Brown.

DS Superfly was under the whistle of Mark McLean, winning third place for owner Alex Rickert.

Ronnie Rogers, from New Market, Tennessee, and Matt Pendergest, from Cynthiana, Kentucky, judged both the All-Age and Derby stakes. They appeared to work well together, with a shared philosophy that these stakes would be run on the All-Age Standard, and their excellent decisions were consistent with that philosophy. In addition to being great judges, they were also great company. Matt's wife, Megan, accompanied him.

Purina was again the greatly appreciated primary sponsor. Their

many years of generous sponsorship were acknowledged and shared with all who attended. SportDOG was a new sponsor and generously provided two Sport Hunter 1825 X training collars and two No-Bark SBC-R bark collars as prizes. The training collars were given to the first-place handlers in each stake, and the no-bark collars were given to each second-place winner's handler.

The weather was both beautiful and pretty bad during the four days of running. The first three days were sunny and beautiful, enabling all All-Age and four Derby braces to be completed by late Saturday afternoon. But then the rain started and fell continuously from late Saturday through about 10 a.m. Sunday. The rain caused the Sunday start to be delayed, but the remaining Derby braces were finished by late afternoon.

Good food was abundant throughout the trial. Marty Todd and Mark McLean provided dinner one night; club members Gene Spiotta, Chris Mullen, Crutcher Stoots, and Marty Todd helped with most of the other meals, and the club had the meal catered on the night of the landowners' dinner. The landowners, who generously support field trialing in the Dancyville community, include Bill and Allen Currie, the Honorable Skip Taylor and Mrs. Jan McCloud, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McClanahan, Dr. and Mrs. Gene Spiotta Jr., Gordy Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Humber, Ike and Marty Todd, and Alex and Bryana Rickert. Dr. and Mrs. Spiotta were greatly missed as he was hospitalized in Memphis, with the club earnestly wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

Also, the late Jimmy and Jake Waddell, Mac Conyers, and Gary Brown were fondly remembered during the landowners' dinner as plaques were presented for permanent display in the clubhouse, in appreciation of and honoring the dedicated past services of each. Members of the three families of those honored were present for the presentations.

Club members Bill Currie, Allen Currie, Crutcher Stoots, and Chris Mullen were continuously busy before, during, and after the trial. Brad LaVerne was present throughout the stakes and always willing to help anyone who needed help.

Open All-Age Winners

Haney's All In had three finds during his winning hour. Steve Croy, who co-owns the repeat winner with his twin brother, Stacey, was in the gallery to watch his dog, handler Mark McLean, and scout Gary Raynor win. Haney's All In ran an extreme all-age race and scored three finds, which came at 10, 39, and 45, during his second brace performance. Each of his finds was an extreme limb find, which could have easily been missed by a less savvy scout. Running a consistently forward race, the 5-year-old male pointer took advantage of the course and the big fields to demonstrate his strength, speed, and style, which impressed the judges and earned the win.

Mark McLean continued his roll as he also won second place with Touch's Shadow Rider, owned by Bruce and Karen Norton and Dr. Reuben Richardson. Shadow Rider ran a sweeping race, with a first find at 16, far to the north side of the first hour course. He had two other finds, at 28 and 33, in his 15th brace draw. The white, orange, and ticked, 6-year-old ran an excellent race, had no extended absences, covered the course, showed well, and demonstrated a strong finish in the rolling green fields south of Blalock Road to earn his placement.

Southern Thunder placed third, for owner Chris Campbell, while handled by Tom Shenker. The fine pointer was very in tune with his handler as he shared a divided find with his bracemate at 19, backed an unproductive of his brace mate at 30, continued to run a strong all-age race, and scored a final find at 44. He made great swings while going through the horseshoe area of Taylor land and continuing to finish the hour in the clubhouse field.

The Other Contenders

Beeler's Final Solution was the top dog in the first brace, paired with the third-place winner, and handled by Scott Beeler for owner Rick Stallings. Final Solution had a divided find at 19, an unproductive at 30, and two additional finds at 40 and 57.

Superstition's Jake, handled by Mark Haynes for Ric Peterson, ran in the second brace, paired with the first-place winner. Jake had a find at 47 near Coffee Gap Road and another at 59, just as the hour ended.

Black Rocks Snow Goose and DS Superfly were loosed together for the third brace. Snow Goose, owned by Nick Cummings and handled by Korry Rinehart, found no birds and was picked up at 38. DS Superfly, owned by Alex and Bryana Rickert and handled by Mark McLean, was the bottom dog in the brace. He had an unproductive at 4 and was later picked up at the Blalock Road bridges at 38. However, he ran again in the Derby stake and won third.

Como Rain, owned by Ric Peterson and handled by Mark Haynes, was paired with Touch's Midnight Rider, owned by John Milton and handled by Mark McLean, went next. McLean got his tracker at 16, and Como Rain was eliminated at 38 when he experienced a flight of birds.

Brace 4 had Mayfield Storm Front, owned by Jake Davis and handled by Patrick Siebels, with Nickajack Pale Rider, owned by Andy Freiburger, under the whistle of Mark McLean. Both dogs were gone, and the handlers asked for their trackers at 27 before crossing Fayette Corners Road.

Brace 6 started across Fayette Corners on the Humber land. Mark McLean had Woodville's Long Hard Ride. Gary Raynor had Sandy Hill Ike, owned by Bob Lanier. The setter had two finds for McLean, with one being at 19 on Todd land and the other on Rickert land at 45, before finishing the hour at the south end of Coffee Gap Road. Sandy Hill Ike

erred at 36 and was picked up.

Rock Acre Yellow Hawk and Pleasant Run Ruby were loosed at 8 a.m. on Friday for Brace 7. Mark Haynes had Hawk for Ric Peterson, and Larry Huffman had Ruby for Paul Rosevear. Both dogs finished the hour with Haynes flushing birds at 19 and Huffman at 38.

World Class High Def, owned and handled by Patrick Siebels, went next with Sunset Jack, owned by Matt Brown and handled by Matt. Matt asked for his tracker at 25 to find his dog before leaving him near Fayette Corners Road. High Def had one find and one relocation at 46 and finished the hour.

Brace 9 had Patrick Siebels with Lester's Front Porch, owned by John Kampeter, paired with Larry Huffman and Whippoorwill Vette, owned by Dale Bush. Both dogs finished. Front Porch had no birds, while Vette had one find along the edge of the long field of the Rickerts that runs in a westerly direction toward the Russell Grove Church.

After lunch, Mark McLean had Seranoa's Ramblin' Man, with owner Alex Rickert in the gallery, and Chris Cagle had Shagtime Jay. McLean asked for his tracker at 19, and Cagle's setter finished the hour, but had no birds.

Brace 11 ended early as the only dog running was Haney's Top Shelf, handled by Mark McLean for Andy Freiburger, and the handler asked for his tracker upon reaching the Fayette Corners Road crossing.

Brace 11 ending early resulted in Brace 12 breaking away on the Humber tract. McLean had Touch's Malcolm Story, owned by Alex Rickert, and Matt Brown had Sunset Sam Houston, which he and Stacy own. Sam Houston pointed at 20,

Open Derby (l-r): Cindy Currie, Bill Currie, Michelle Mullen, Allen Currie, Julia Currie, George Floyd, Ike Todd, Marty Todd, McKenzie Hicks, Isaiah Todd, Korry Rinehart with Millers Inspiration, Gary Lester, Gailen Cooper, Scott Beeler with Phantom's Zip, Ray Carter, Gary Raynor with DS Superfly, Carl Owens, Mark McLean, Steve Croy, Brad LaVerne, Matt Pendergest (judge), and Ronnie Rogers (judge).

and Malcolm Story backed. However, McLean got his tracker before the end of the hour, while Sam Houston continued and had two additional finds. The first of those two was at 52 along the field leading toward Russell Grove Church, and the other was at 58, near Fayette Corners Road.

The first brace on Saturday had Mayfield Storm Messenger, owned by Jake Davis and handled by Siebels, with Miller's Last Call, handled by Korry Rinehart for Scott Griffin. Storm Messenger did not finish the last quarter hour, while Last Call ran a nice forward race for the entire hour, but found no birds.

Next, Rinehart loosed Bandit's Hill Avenger, with owner Ann Forrester in the gallery, and Siebels loosed World Class Migraine, owned by John Kampeter. Both dogs were lost before the half-hour, and the handlers got their trackers at 30, so as not to cross the busy Fayette Corners Road without their dogs.

Lester's War Bird, handled by Gary Lester for Tommy and Bonnie Hamilton, ran in the last brace, paired with the second-place winner. War Bird finished the hour but located no birds.

Dancyville, Tenn., February 12
Judges: Matt Pendergest and Ronnie Rogers
OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]
– 29 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st-HANEY'S ALL IN, F1698756, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. Steve Croy, owner; Mark McLean, handler.
2d-TOUCH'S SHADOW RIDER, F1697543, pointer male, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Touch's Gold Dance. Bruce & Karen Norton & Dr. Reuben Richardson, owners; Mark McLean, handler.
3d-SOUTHERN THUNDER, F1695471, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Bryson's Dialing On Line. Chris Campbell, owner; Tom Shenker, handler.

Open Derby

Millers Inspiration won first place in the Derby stake. He is owned by Al Bryson and was handled by Gary Lester. The stake started on Humber and found birds at 15 and 25. The winner ran a great all-age race and intelligently used every field so as to always be at the front, showing in the right places.

Phantom's Zip won second place, with Ike Todd handling for owners Erick and Holly Parsons. She had three finds that were at 5, 10, and 25. Starting from the back of the horseshoe on the Taylor/McCloud land, Zip made great casts and ran an impressive forward race.

DS Superfly won third with Mark McLean handling for owner Alex Rickert. Superfly had one find at 15 and also ran a great forward race with outstanding casts. These three winners were joined in the contest by several other outstanding young dogs that are already exhibiting unquestionable all-age skills.

OPEN DERBY – 22 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st-MILLERS INSPIRATION, F1724253, pointer male, by Miller's King Poast-Bryson's Dialing On Line. Al Bryson, owner; Korry Rinehart, handler.
2d-PHANTOM'S ZIP, F1709028, pointer female, by Miller's King Poast-Phantom's Rebel Heart. Erick & Holly Parsons, owners; Ike Todd, handler.
3d-DS SUPERFLY, F1708355, pointer male, by Touch's Malcolm Story-Treeline's Sunflower. Alex Rickert, owner; Mark McLean, handler.

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SOUTHWESTERN FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Spring Trial

By Jeff Wagoner | Chandlerville, Illinois | February 14, 2026

Thank you to all! The Southwestern Field Trial Club was able to run a nice trial in February weather. We ran an Open Derby first, and three placements were given. This Derby stake had bird contacts and a lot of race. The Open Shooting Dog was next with three placements again, and all braces had bird work. The Amateur Shooting Dog was the same three placements and bird work.

In the Amateur Derby, we also gave three placements. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help get this trial in the books.

Chandlerville, Ill., February 14
Judges: Mark Johnson and Brian Sheehan
OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers

1st-SPOON RIVER ALLIE, F1724381, pointer female, by Erin's Grey Justice-Erin's Miss Daisy. Jeff Hainline, owner and handler.
2d-ERIN'S STELLAR CABERNET, F1725916, pointer female, by Erin's Grey Justice-Erins Miss Stuart. Mike Duvall, owner and handler.
3d-PB JOHN THE BAPTIST, F1708723, pointer male, by Small's White Charger-Blue Mound's Mainstreet. Brian Stockrahm, owner; Brad Hargis, handler.

Judges: Aaron McAfee and Brian Sheehan
OPEN SHOOTING DOG
– 12 Pointers and 1 Irish Setter

1st-THUMPER'S ANYTHING BUT, F1658927, pointer female, by Royal Rocks Mr. Thumper-Brown's Starhawk. Mike & Suanne Duvall, owners; Mike Duvall, handler.
2d-KARRYCOURT TUSKEN RAIDER, F1698212, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Bella Braveheart. Brian Wagner, owner and handler.
3d-ERIN'S TIN LIZZIE, F1689952, pointer female, by Dash Bad Blackhawk-Erin's Molly May. Mark Johnson, owner and handler.

Open Derby (front): Jeff Hainline with Spoon River Allie, Mike Duvall with Erin's Stellar Cabernet, and Brad Hargis with PB John The Baptist. (Back, l-r): Brian Sheehan (judge), Mark Johnson (judge), and Brian Stockrahm.

Open Shooting Dog: Mike Duvall with Thumper's Anything But, Brian Wagner with Karrycourt Tusken Raider, and Mark Johnson with Erin's Tin Lizzie. (Back, l-r): Aaron McAfee (judge) and Brian Sheehan (judge).

Amateur Shooting Dog: Aaron McAfee with Redbud's Southern Boy, Mike Duvall with Stellar's Natural Disaster, and Mark Johnson with Erin's Sunshine Kate. (Back): Brian Sheehan (judge).

Amateur Derby: Aaron McAfee with Redbud's JJ, Mike Duvall with Erin's Stellar Cabernet, and Rebecca Garcia with Bonasa Run Emma.

Judges: Brian Sheehan and Jeff Wagoner
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 8 Pointers

1st-REDBUD'S SOUTHERN BOY, F1697099, pointer male, by Walker's Legacy-Redbud's Country Girl. Aaron McAfee, owner and handler.
2d-STELLAR'S NATURAL DISASTER, F1684712, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Lacy Underall. Mike & Suanne Duvall, owners; Mike Duvall, handler.
3d-ERIN'S SUNSHINE KATE, F1709940, pointer female, by Erin's Bad River-Erin's Wild Covey. Mark Johnson, owner and handler.

Judges: Mark Johnson and Brian Sheehan
AMATEUR DERBY – 6 Pointers

1st-REDBUD'S JJ, F1720050, pointer male, by Smoke Rise Jake-The Lady Ex. Aaron McAfee, owner and handler.
2d-ERIN'S STELLAR CABERNET, F1725916, pointer female, by Erin's Grey Justice-Erins Miss Stuart. Mike Duvall, owner and handler.
3d-BONASA RUN EMMA, F1718819, pointer female, by Elhew Iron Will-Encore Elhew Eclipse. Rebecca & Runel Garcia, owners; Rebecca Garcia, handler.

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CARROLL COUNTY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Haney's Hurricane Seeker Wins Lynn Taylor Memorial Open All-Age Classic

By Jim Atchison | Huntingdon, Tennessee | February 21, 2026

Weldon Bennett Honored

Weldon Bennett's more than 50 years of dedicated service to the Carroll County Field Trial Club were acknowledged with great appreciation as the Club presented him with a Bird Dog Foundation Life Patron Membership at the Saturday night meal of the Club's 2026 renewal of their Open stakes. Weldon's wife, Carol, helped the club by arranging, without Weldon's knowledge, that about 25 of their family members would join the club's members for the occasion.

David Williams, president of the club, masterfully made the presentation as he told of the club's origination and early trials being run on the Milan Arsenal and Ammunition Plant's grounds. Williams reflected that the club became dormant for several years when the grounds were lost and was reborn around 1986, when he, Williams, started to establish field trial courses on his land, where the club's trials have been run ever since. His presentation included remembering Bennett's involvement through all the years, while remembering others, now deceased, who were with Bennett during the years.

Weldon Bennett's reputation as a gentleman of high character, who always demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and actions that enhanced the reputation of the sport, was a part of the presentation and the discussions that followed. Others joined Williams and told of their association with and appreciation for the man being honored.

Bennett's acceptance remarks were brief, but his "THANK YOU" was very Weldon Bennett genuine and sincere. Also, both his and Carol's demeanors left no doubt that their hearts were filled with appreciation, both for the honor and for sharing the evening with their families and numerous friends who enjoyed the meal that followed.

Lynn Taylor Memorial Open All-Age Classic (front, l-r): David Williams with Haney's Hurricane Seeker, Ike Todd with Game Heir, and Gary McKibben with Coldwater Crackerjack. (Back, l-r): Phillip Barnett, Tim Hammons (judge), and Jim Pendergest (judge).

The Annual Renewal

The 2026 renewal of Carroll County's Open stakes was held February 21-23, with 27 Open All-Age entries drawn to compete in the Lynn Taylor Memorial Classic and 15 Derbies drawn to compete in the Open Derby stake.

Purina was again the generous sponsor of the stakes, and their continuing sponsorship was acknowledged and much appreciated.

Jim Pendergest from Lexington, Kentucky, and Tim Hammons from Berea, Kentucky, were the judges.

Weldon Bennett (left) with David Williams after receiving the Bird Dog Foundation's Life Patron Membership.

Kris Hammons accompanied her husband to the judging assignment. The personable judges fulfilled their judicial responsibilities well, and their services were greatly appreciated.

While mentioning members of the club who helped make this year's effort successful, the first person mentioned is a faithful dog wagon driver who, in addition to Weldon Bennett, is probably the only surviving original member of the club. He is Danny Stanfill, called Lebob, by those who know him. Lebob was joined by Vince Taylor on the dog wagon. Others who took care of the many other demanding tasks included David Williams, Gary McKibben, Jim Atchison, Phillip Barnett, Michelle Clark, and Jamie and Allison Daniels. The group enjoyed their long-term connection and being together to produce another successful field trial.

The sunny, warm weather on the first day was a spoiler, as temperatures plunged into the teens on each of the following mornings, with a north wind that increased the level of discomfort reflected on the thermometers.

First place in the Lynn Taylor

All-Age stake was won by Haney's Hurricane Seeker, owned and handled by David Russell from Como, Mississippi. Mississippi amateur handlers won the entire stake; second place was won by Game Heir, owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder from Corinth, and third place was won by Coldwater Crackerjack, owned and handled by Gary McKibben from Hernando.

Also, Dr. Corder received numerous handshakes and congratulatory remarks for having just won the National Championship with Game Surge. The congenial doctor's win of the National put him into the very small league of amateur handlers who have earned that honor. According to William Smith, our friend and a competent historical source, Dr. Corder is only the seventh amateur to win the National Championship in its 127-year history.

All-Age Performances

Haney's Hurricane Seeker earned first place for David Russell with his use of the first course in the first hour of the All-Age contest. The winner was credited with three finds, with the first being at 22 in the north field before crossing the railroad right-of-way the first time. His bracemate was pointed nearby, but in a stand that was not considered to be divided. After circling the Miles Farm and crossing back to the west side of former railroad, he, at 46, was credited with finding a woodcock that was seen by the judge. In the last quarter-hour, he continued to run a strong, forward race to have his final find at pickup.

Dr. Corder's Game Heir had the third-hour course on the first afternoon of the competition. He broke away from the back of the shed on the Vickers Place, covered the first bottom, then negotiated the vast untilled area called the Quiet Place Loop. At the end of that loop, at 27, he had his first find and looked great on his birds. He then ran the long Vickers bottom and proceeded back toward the clubhouse, having his second find at the end of the hour.

Coldwater Crackerjack won third place for McKibben in the frigid second brace on the second morning. He backed his bracemate at 28 on the second hour course and continued to run a solid race, finding a woodcock at 48. Credit for the woodcock find was accentuated, as the find was acclaimed a true limb find.

The other entries, listed in the order they ran, follow. Millers Inspiration was braced with the winner in the first brace. He had an unproductive in dense briars at 21 and another UP at 49, whereupon Gary Lester picked him up.

Miller's Blindsider, handled by Jamie Daniels and owned by Nick Berrong, was paired with Game Surge, owned and handled by Dr. Corder, in the second brace. Blindsider was lost, and Daniels asked for his tracker at 35. Game Surge had an unproductive on a green barrel feeder at 42 and then finished the hour.

Bandit's Hill Avenger, owned by Ann Forrester and handled by Korry Rinehart, went next, along with Mayfield Storm Messenger, owned by Jake Davis and handled by Patrick Siebels. Avenger had one find, at 37, ran a nice all-age race, and finished the hour. Siebels asked for his tracker when time was called.

After lunch, Game Star and Rebel Dreams were loosed. Both dogs finished the hour, with Game Star finding birds for Dr. Corder at 30 and 37, and David Williams' Rebel Dreams backing both of those stands.

Brace 5 held Miller's Last Call, owned by Scott Griffin and Derek Bonner, paired with World Class Migraine, owned by John Kampeter and handled by Pat Siebels. Siebels asked for his tracker at 16, and Last Call was picked up at 48.

Dominators Southern Beau went next, braced with the second-place winner. Beau, owned by Jeff Arnold and Gene Brown, was handled by Jamie Daniels. The brace ended when Daniels asked for his tracker at 42.

On Sunday morning, with bitterly cold weather worsened by an angry north wind, Jamie Daniels loosed Dominators Rebel Mark, owned by Nick Berrong and Jack and Sarah Schwarz, as Patrick Siebels loosed World Class High Def. Siebels picked up at 27, and Daniels did the same at 32, ending the brace at the grain bins on the Miles Farm.

Sunset Sam Houston, owned by Matt and Stacy Brown and handled by Gary Lester, went next, along with the third-place winner. Sam finished the hour for Lester and was credited with one unproductive, which was at 28.

Brace 9 had Jamie Daniels with Dominator's Lilyrose, owned by Dean Pearson, and Lester's Front Porch, handled by Pat Siebels for John Kampeter. Front Porch had unproductives at 17 and at pickup. Lilyrose ran a nice race, but found no birds and was picked up at 50.

Just First Class and Mayfield Storm Front went next. Both First Class, handled by Daniels for owners Tracy Haines, Nick Berrong, and Scott and Lisa Little, and Storm Front, handled by Siebels for John Kampeter, were picked up at 30.

David Williams had Rebel Gold, and Patrick Siebels had Miller's Triple Crown, owned by Jake Davis, in Brace 11. Triple Crown had an unproductive at 17 and was put in harness, while Rebel Gold was lost at pickup and was credited with no birds found.

The last brace on the cold Sunday had Lester's War Bird, owned by Tommy and Bonnie Hamilton and handled by Gary Lester, braced with Whippoorwill Vette, owned by Dale Bush and handled by Larry Huffman. Vette had an unproductive at 55, and Huffman picked her up. War Bird ran a strong race for Lester, but was not seen by the judges again after 55.

The last All-Age contenders to run were Black Rocks Snow Goose, handled by Lester for Nick Cummins, and Pleasant Run Dot, owned by Paul Rosevear, and handled by

Huffman. Dot was picked up at 30, and Snow Goose found no birds.

Huntingdon, Tenn., February 21
Judges: Tim Hammons and Jim Pendergest
LYNN TAYLOR MEMORIAL OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 27 Pointers

1st-HANEY'S HURRICANE SEEKER, F1698759, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. David Russell, owner and handler.
2d-GAME HEIR, F1691409, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Game Snow. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.
3d-COLDWATER CRACKERJACK, F1702009, pointer male, by Coldwater Odyssey-Coldwater Fancy Like. Gary McKibben, owner and handler.

Open Derby

Phantom's Zip won first place under the whistle of Ike Todd, while her owner, Erick Parsons, rode to watch. Zip scored her win using the second half of the third-hour course. She left from near the shed on the Vickers Farm and ran a strong, forward race, progressing toward the clubhouse. Her solid performance was marked by an impressive find at

Open Derby (front, l-r): Erick Parsons with Phantom's Zip, Ike Todd with Knight's Iceman, and Brad LaVerne with Whippoorwill Outrider. (Back, l-r): Phillip Barnett, Tim Hammons (judge), and Jim Pendergest (judge).

20, which was followed by a strong finish on the right while approaching the end of the course.

Todd also handled the second-place winner, Knight's Iceman, owned by Scott Griffin. Iceman was loosed at the grain bins on the Miles Farm, had a short absence after the breakaway, then shared a divided find with his bracemate on the hill before crossing the concrete bridge remnants at the creek. He then ran a strong cast around the Big Sandy bottom and on the left side of the big field, advancing to finish at 30.

Larry Huffman handled Whippoorwill Outrider, owned by Dale Bush, to win third. Outrider circled the Quiet Place Loop well for Huffman and had a find when leaving that area, at 27. He then proceeded into the long bottom and finished strong, to the front and on the left side.

OPEN DERBY – 15 Pointers

1st-PHANTOM'S ZIP, F1709028, pointer female, by Miller's King Poast-Phantom's Rebel Heart. Erick & Holly Parsons, owners; Ike Todd, handler.
2d-KNIGHT'S ICEMAN, unreg., pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Bonner's Miss Mississippi. Scott Griffin, owner; Ike Todd, handler.
3d-WHIPPOORWILL OUTRIDER, unreg., pointer male, breeding not given. Dale Bush, owner; Larry Huffman, handler.

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STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

(Fri.) MERV EISENHART MEMORIAL
OPEN SHOOTING DOG—50%, 50-30-20; Rosettes $65.00
OPEN DERBY—50%, 50-30-20; Rosettes $65.00
(Sat.) GERALD TRACY MEMORIAL
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Rosettes $55.00
AMATEUR DERBY—Rosettes $45.00
OPEN PUPPY—Time permitting..... $35.00
YOUTH STAKE—Starts at noon on Saturday, pausing Amateur stakes

— $3.00 grounds fee deducted before purse is paid —

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: GREG STRAUSBAUGH, Trial Chairman
Cell: (570) 510-2692

Entries are accepted with the understanding that the York Pointer & Setter Club, their officers and members are not responsible and cannot be held liable for any damages to persons, horses and dogs while participating or attending the trial.

BLACK MOSHANNON FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

PURINA

APRIL 10-12, 2026 • SPRING TRIAL • PHILIPSBURG, PA

— A Purina Cover Dog & Grand National Invitational Points Trial —

Grounds: Black Moshannon State Forest, Philipsburg, PA 16866. All Shooting Dog, Derby, and Gun Dog stakes run on native grouse and woodcock over multiple courses. Puppy Classic will run a single course. Drawing: Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the trial chairman. Entries close at the time of drawing.

(Fri.) OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—50% payout of entries, 50-30-20 .....$50.00
(Sat.) OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—50% payout of entries, 50-30-20 .....$40.00
RYAN FRAME PUPPY CLASSIC (25 Min.)—50% payout of entries, 50-30-20 ....$30.00
(Sun.) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.).....$40.00
GUN DOG (30 Min.).....$20.00

Judges: Tom Blessing (OP), Jarrod Specht (OP), Tom Kieffer (OD), Matt Null, Marissa Everett, and others to be announced.

Entries to: JEFF KELLER, Trial Chairman • Sandy Ridge, PA
Phone: (814) 321-1339 • Email: j.keller56@comcast.net
[All entries must be confirmed]

SUMTER COUNTY BIRD HUNTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

APRIL 18-19, 2026 • STARTS 8:00 A.M.

— I.B. Parnell Walking Field Trial —

Grounds: Nick Mellon Kennels, Pinewood, SC. From Columbia take Hwy. 76/378 West, exit 261 through Wedgefield and watch for signs. From I-95 take Hwy. 261 through Pinewood and watch for signs. Hot meals served. Refreshments available on grounds during the day. Drawing: Thursday, April 16, 8:00 p.m., at home of Mike McKinney. Phone: (803) 526-1904.

OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Trophies $30.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20 less $5 per dog $50.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20 less $5 per dog $40.00
AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.)—Trophies..... $25.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Trophies $40.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Trophies $30.00

Judges: To be announced

PURINA

Entries to: MIKE McKINNEY, President • (803) 526-1904 • York, SC

Club members, landowners and helpers are not responsible for accidents. Negative Coggins test required on all horses.

MINNESOTA GROUSE DOG ASSOCIATION

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

APRIL 10*-12, 2026 • STARTS 8:00 A.M. SHARP!

ON X HUNT PURINA ON X HUNT

— A Grand National Invitational & Purina Cover Dog Points Trial —

Grounds: Rum River State Forest, 11 miles west of Mora, MN. Contact trial chairman for map pin or directions. Handlers walk in all stakes. Multiple courses on wild birds! Drawing: Tuesday, April 7, 8:00 p.m. by Hunt Secretary and certified Wednesday, April 8, by club president Eric Saetre, 1694 CR 146, Holyoke, MN.

— All MGDA trials run to AFTCA Guidelines —

*OPEN SHOOTING DOG (One Hour)—50% divided 50-30-20 & Rosettes $60.00
**May start Thursday, April 9, pending entries.*
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—50% divided 50-30-20 & Rosettes..... $60.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Time permitting; Rosettes..... $60.00
Traveling Trophy to winner of Amateur Shooting Dog stake.
OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Time permitting; Rosettes..... $30.00

Judges: *OSD*—Rich Boumeester and Neil Anderson; *ASD*—Jeremy Moore and Jack Storer; *OD*—Ed Graddy and Ben Brettingen; *OP*—Josh Matel and Nick Sisterman.
Trial Chairmen: Brett Edstrom—(607) 993-5432; Scott Anderson—(651) 338-4921; Nick Sisterman—(651) 214-5615

Enter at: www.huntsecretary.com
Email entries to: HELENA LARKIN • Email: AKCdiv@huntsecretary.com
Phone: (936) 852-2080

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member NBHA • Closed barrel guns only!

April 18-19, 2026 • New Glarus, WI

— Wisconsin Dog of the Year Points Trial —

Grounds: Oasis Game Farm, N9074 County Hwy. J., New Glarus, WI 53574.
Drawing: Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m., at the residence of the chairman.

*OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.).....$55.00
*OPEN DERBY (30 Min.).....$55.00
**Purse (must have 10 dogs)*
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Trophy $50.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Trophy $50.00

Judges: Bill Borchardt, Johnson Creek, WI, and Tim Callahan, Prentice, WI

PURINA

Entries to: MIKE DuVALL, 3317 Stellar Dr., Janesville, WI 53548
Phone: (608) 751-3975 • Email: Birddogs@hotmail.com

Club not responsible for loss or damages.

MOOSE RIVER GROUSE CLASSIC

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

APRIL 24*, 2026 • MOOSE JUNCTION, WI

**May start April 23 if entries warrant.*

PURINA

These premier grounds are on Douglas County Forest lands, in the heart of Northern Wisconsin's top grouse and woodcock cover. We will meet at the corner of WI State Hwy. 35 and Douglas County Road M (Moose Junction) each morning at 7:30 a.m.; breakaway at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Open Shooting Dog Classic will start at 8:00 a.m. on Friday. Lunches will be available each day near the grounds. Entries Close: Monday, April 20, 5:00 p.m. Drawing: Monday, April 20, 8:00 p.m., by Hunt Secretary and certified Tuesday, April 21, 9:00 a.m. by Club President Greg Johnson. Area Motels: Swanson's—(715) 378-2215 or St. Croix Inn—(715) 378-4444.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour)—40%, 60-40; Ribbon to 3rd..... $80.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20 ..... $60.00
OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Time permitting $50.00

Judges: *Classic*—Joe Landowski, Howard Lake, MN, and Ben Brettingen, Waconia, MN; *OD*—Jerry Kolter, Sandstone, MN, and Mitch Anderson, Grand Rapids, MN; *OP*—Lindsey Saetre, Holyoke, MN, and Lindsey Peterson, Colfax, WI.

Email entries to: HELENA LARKIN • Email: AKCdiv@huntsecretary.com
Phone: (936) 852-2080 • All entries must be confirmed before they become official

Entrants participate at their own risk; The landowners, MRGDC, or its officers are not responsible for injury or accidents.

MARITIME BIRD DOG CLUB

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Presents its Wild Bird Spring Trial

— Sponsored by Inukshuk Professional Dog Food —

April 25-26, 2026 • Grand National Grouse Points

**Meet at Hoof and Paw Outfitters, 80 Farm Rd., McAdam, NB, at 7:30 a.m. each day.*

To be run on wild bird courses near McAdam, NB.

Drawing: Thursday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. (AST), at the home of Donald Henderson, Oromocto, NB. Entries close at drawing. Accommodations: Hoof and Paw Outfitters, McAdam, NB—(506) 784-8076.

(Sat.) *OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) ..... **Entry Fee $55.00 [CDN]**
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) ..... **Entry Fee $55.00 [CDN]**
(Sun.) CONTINENTAL BREED GUN DOG (30 Min.) ..... **Entry Fee $55.00 [CDN]**
*OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) ..... **Entry Fee $55.00 [CDN]**

**4 courses, mandatory callback on 2 bird courses*

Purse (all stakes): 40% of entry fees split 50-30-20 • Rosettes to all winners

Judges: Trevor London, Merrill, ME; Dale Hackett, Fredericton, NB; and Donald Henderson, Oromocto, NB.

Entries to: DONALD HENDERSON

Phone: (506) 476-7751 • Email: donrobhen@live.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.

MORTLACH FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Garmin Alpha 900 is the only legal model in Canada, or a Marshall Tracker. Can be borrowed if needed.

APRIL 25-26, 2026

PURINA

Grounds: Mortlach Field Trial Club's clubhouse, 4½ miles north of Mortlach, SK. Continuous course on native birds, Sharptail, and Grey partridge. Drawing: Friday, April 24, 7:00 p.m., at the clubhouse. Running of stakes are at the discretion of the field trial chairman. Meals: Bender Breakfast provided on Saturday and Sunday; Bring your own lunches; Saturday night BBQ supper at nominal charge. Accommodations: Camping on grounds. Pilgrim Inn (20 kms from grounds in Caronport)—(306) 756-5002 or hotels in Moose Jaw (45 kms from grounds).

OPEN ALL-AGE DERBY (30 Min.) $40.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—AFTCA Handler Points $40.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG DERBY (30 Min.) $40.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) $40.00
AMATEUR ALL-AGE (30 Min.)—Time permitting; AFTCA Handler Points $40.00

— AFTCA Win Certificates to appropriate registered dogs and handlers —

Judges: To be announced at draw

Ron Bender & Lou Qualtiere, Field Trial Chairmen

Entries to: BRENDA OCHOSKY, Secretary—Call/Text: (306) 229-6581

Entries will be accepted with the understanding that the Mortlach Field Trial Club and its members, as well as the landowners, are not liable or responsible for personal loss or injury to persons, animals, or equipment. Responsibility in any equine or field trial accidents rests solely with the riders or attendees.

TWELVE O'CLOCK FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member NBHA & AFTCA

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

April 25-26, 2026 • Burlington, WI

Grounds: Dale Creek Gundogs, N 6810 County Road DD, Burlington, WI 53105. County Road DD runs north off Hwy. 11. The kennel is north of Honey Lake and south of Honey Creek (on Hwy. D). Drawing: Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m. Please have AFTCA number available when you enter. Entries limited to the first 32 dogs entered, regardless of stake, due to available daylight hours.

(Sat.) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course) $50.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min. or Course) $50.00
(Sun.) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course) $50.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min. or Course) $50.00

Judges: To be announced

PURINA

Entries to: TOM WAITE • Phone: (262) 514-4747 • Leave message

Club and landowner are not responsible for accidents, loss or damages incurred to any person, dog, horse or equipment.

— MIDWEST FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION —
NORTHWEST FIELD ASSOCIATION TRIALS

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

PURINA

MAY 1-3, 2026

Grounds: Sheyenne National Grasslands, Hankinson, ND. From Hankinson, west on ND-11, right on 165th Ave. SE 1.5 miles, left on 91st St. SE 1.2 miles, right 1.6 miles, left on 89 St. SE to camp. Only certified weed-free hay permitted. Drawing: Monday, April 27, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the trial chairman.

OPEN ALL-AGE (30 Min.) $55.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) $55.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) $55.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG DERBY (30 Min.) $55.00

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: NIK ZEWERS, Chairman

34764 Kable Ave., North Branch, MN 55056

Phone: (763) 777-2944 • Email: nikzewers@gmail.com

The NWFA, its officers, and members are not, in any way, responsible and cannot be held liable for accidents involving anyone participating in the trial.

ARCADIA FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA, USCSDA & ANEFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

MAY 2-3, 2026 • STARTS 7:00 A.M.

— Walking Trial—

Grounds: Arcadia Management Area, Exeter, RI. Directions: Driving north or south on I-95, to exit 13A, to Rt. 102 South, to Rt. 3 South, to Rt. 165 West, to right on Frosty Hollow Rd. Drawing: THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the chairperson. One course on liberated quail. Food and refreshments will be available. Scouting from horseback is permitted. Club reserves the right to run stakes on alternate course if necessary. Note: Handicapped handling will be allowed in any Amateur stake per USCSDA guidelines. A current State Handicapped Certificate/Placard must be provided prior to brace.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

(Sat.) OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—40% divided 50-30-20 & Rosettes $45.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—40% divided 50-30-20 & Rosettes $55.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—40% divided 50-30-20 & Rosettes $55.00
(Sun.) AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.)—Rosettes $35.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Rosettes $45.00
AMATEUR GUN DOG (30 Min.)—Rosettes $45.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Rosettes $45.00

Judges: To be announced

PURINA

Jamie Nee, Janice Gregory, Lanny Dellinger, and Rich Rogers, Co-Chairpersons

Entries to: RICHARD GIULIANO

148 Gibson Hill Rd., Greene, RI 02827 • (401) 225-5281 (Texts preferred)

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NORTHEAST OHIO FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA, PAWSDA & USCSDA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

MAY 16*-17, 2026 • PAWSDA & USCSDA POINTS • STARTS 7:30 A.M.

**May start Friday, May 15, depending on entries.*

Grounds: Pennsylvania Brittany Club, 256 Kerr Road, Polk, PA. All stakes run on single course. Lunch will be provided each day on the grounds. Dinner will be held on Saturday night in Larry Sutter's honor. Entries Close: Tuesday, May 12, NOON (EDT). Drawing: Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m. (EDT), at the home of Chris Jaeger. You must be an individual AFTCA member to enter your dog for all AFTCA sanctioned events. Use of tracking collars is allowed in all stakes under strict compliance with AFTCA Guidelines.

(Sat.) *OPEN PUPPY (25 Min.)—40% (less fees), 50-30-20 & Rosettes $45.00

**May start Friday, if time and entries warrant*

OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—40% (less fees), 50-30-20 & Rosettes $55.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—40% (less fees), 50-30-20 & Rosettes $50.00
(Sun.) 7th ANNUAL LARRY SUTTER MEMORIAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) .. $50.00

Rotating Trophy & Custom Bell to Winner • Rosettes & AFTCA Win Certificates

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Rosettes & AFTCA Win Certificates $45.00
QUALIFIER—May start after Open Derby, depending on time and entries; Rosettes $50.00

Judges: To be announced

PURINA

Entries to: CHRIS JAEGER • Phone or Text: (440) 935-3652

Entries are accepted with the understanding that the Northeast Ohio Field Trial Club, their members, and landowners are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any damages to persons, horses, dogs, or equipment incurred while participating or attending the trial.

COCKADE BIRD DOG CLUB

Member Club of AFTCA & AVFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Starts Thursday, April 2*, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Cutawhiskie Farm, Ahoskie, NC

*(*Unless entries warrant a later start)*

PURINA®

A Purina Amateur All-Age Award, Amateur All-Age Invitational, Derby Invitational and Virginia Dog of the Year Points Trial

Directions to Grounds: From Ahoskie, take W561 to St. John's (stay to left), continue on 561 for 1½ miles, turn right onto Lewter Lane, and go through gates. Signs posted. Or follow GPS to Lewter Lane, Aulander, NC. One course with repeat starts. Wild and liberated quail. Early Drawing: Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Ellen Clements Winall. Lodging: Southern Star (252) 395-6412 or Chief Motel (252) 332-2138. RV hook-ups available ($10.00) per night.

AMATEUR PUPPY (30 Min.) $40.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) $40.00
AMATEUR ALL-AGE (One Hour) $90.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Horseback $45.00

Judges: Sharon Townley, Gene Hogge, and Rob Maguire
Stakes Manager: Ellen Clements Winall

Entries to: ELLEN CLEMENTS WINALL
4163 Old River Trail, Powhatan, VA 23139
Phone: (804) 836-6590 • E-mail: elncoppertop@hotmail.com

[All entries MUST receive confirmation and all entries must be by registered names]

No live ammunition or alcohol permitted during the trial. All horses must have a negative Coggins test within the last 12 months. Entries accepted with the understanding that the club, their officers and directors and landowner are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs or equipment.

GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE FUTURITY

presents the

77TH PUPPY CLASSIC

April 10*, 2026

Black Moshannon Grounds

Philipsburg, PA

**Starts at the conclusion of the Grand National Grouse Invitational*

GARMIN PURINA® GARMIN

Purse: $750; $500 to owners, $250 to breeders.
Open to puppies from nominated matings with forfeits paid for the 81st Grouse Futurity.
Entry Fee: $75.00
Judges: John McKellop, Guys Mills, PA, and Doug McMillen, Dubois, PA
Reporter/Stake Manager: Thor Kain
Drawing: Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. (EDT), at the home of the secretary.
Lunch on course provided by Purina.

Entries to: THOR KAIN, Secy.
348 Upper Powderly St., Carbondale, PA 18407
Phone: (570) 892-1043 • Email: TKain63@gmail.com

Grand National Grouse Futurity is not responsible for dogs entered and run. No live ammunition allowed.

MIDWEST FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

NORTH EAST KANSAS TRIALS

Member AFTCA, KFTCA & MWFTA • Blank ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

APRIL 10*-12, 2026

(*May start April 9, if entries warrant)

Grounds: Near Onaga, KS, at intersection of Lincoln and Fairview Rds. Located 2 miles south and 2 miles west of intersection of 63 and 16 Hwys. as 16 goes to Holton. Continuous courses on native and liberated quail, pheasant and prairie chicken. Meals: Lunch will be available on the grounds. Drawing: Tuesday, April 7, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Eddie Berendzen—(573) 268-6921.

PURINA®

*MIDWEST AMATEUR ALL-AGE CLASSIC (1 Hour) $100.00
Points toward National Amateur Invitational Championship & Purina Amateur All-Age Award • Midwest Dog of the Year Points

*DR. BOUCHER AMATEUR DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.) ..... $ 65.00
Midwest Dog of the Year & Kansas Dog of the Year Points

*NORTH EAST KANSAS AMATEUR ALL-AGE CLASSIC (1 Hour) $100.00
Points toward National Amateur Invitational Championship & Purina Amateur All-Age Award
Midwest Dog of the Year & Kansas Dog of the Year Points

*NORTH EAST KANSAS OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour) .. $100.00
Points toward National Amateur Invitational Shooting Dog Championship
Midwest Dog of the Year & Kansas Dog of the Year Points

*OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Shooting Dog Standards ..... $ 65.00
Midwest Dog of the Year & Kansas Dog of the Year Points

**Prizes to all placements*

Judges: Mitch Solt, Central City, NE, and Tommy Smith, Fort Dodge, IA

Entries to: EDDIE BERENDZEN • Phone: (573) 268-6921

OCEAN STATE BIRD DOG CLUB

Member AFTCA, USCSDA & ANEFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

MAY 16-17, 2026 • STARTS 7:00 A.M.

— Walking Trial—

Grounds: Arcadia Management Area, Exeter, RI. Directions: Driving north or south on I-95, to exit 13A, to Rt. 102 South, to Rt. 3 South, to Rt. 165 West, to right on Frosty Hollow Rd. Drawing: THURSDAY, MAY 14, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the chairperson. One course on liberated quail. Food and refreshments will be available. Scouting from horseback is permitted. Club reserves the right to run stakes on alternate course if necessary. Note: Handicapped handling will be allowed in any Amateur stake per USCSDA guidelines. A current State Handicapped Certificate/Placard must be provided prior to brace.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

(Sat.) OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—40% divided 50-30-20 & Rosettes $45.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—40% divided 50-30-20 & Rosettes $55.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—40% divided 50-30-20 & Rosettes $55.00
(Sun.) AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.)—Rosettes $35.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Rosettes $45.00
AMATEUR GUN DOG (30 Min.)—Rosettes $45.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Rosettes $45.00

Judges: To be announced

PURINA®

Jamie Nee, Janice Gregory, Lanny Dellinger, and Rich Rogers, Co-Chairpersons

Entries to: RICHARD GIULIANO
148 Gibson Hill Rd., Greene, RI 02827 • (401) 225-5281 (Texts preferred)

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UKC® FIELD COVER PHOTOS

Submit a photo to be considered for the cover of UKC® Field online at: ukcdogs.com/cover-dog

All cover dog submissions must include FDSB number, name, and a brief description of the dog(s) pictured.

For questions, email: gsmith@ukcdogs.com

*High-resolution color images preferred

BEAVERTON GROUSE DOG CLUB

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

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

April 17-19, 2026
Gladwin Field Trial Area, Meredith, MI

PURINA

Drawing: Monday, April 13, 8:00 p.m., at the home of secretary Tom Fruchey.

*WAYNE FRUCHEY OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.) $65.00
40% divided 50-30-20 • A Purina Points Stake
Multiple Courses • Starts Friday, 8:00 a.m.
Judges: Jeff Sweet and Travis Whitfield

*20th EATON SPRING DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.) $55.00
In Honor of Club Founders Andy & Betty Eaton of Beaverton
Multiple Courses • Starts Saturday; time to be announced
Judges: Shane Haskin and Marc Dozeman
Cash Purse: 40% of entry fees divided 50-30-20 • A Purina Points Stake

*45th MICHIGAN GROUSE DOG PUPPY CLASSIC (25 Min.) $45.00
In Memory of Judd Kinne
One Course • Starts Friday; time to be announced.
Judges: Ken Moss and Brent Peters
Cash Purse: 40% of entry fees divided 50-30-20

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) $50.00
Multiple Courses • Starts Sunday; time to be announced
Judges: Scott & Tammy Chaffee

**Rotating Trophy to Winner • Rosettes to 3 places in all stakes*

Steak BBQ and Calcutta to follow day's running Saturday evening.
$3.00 of all entry fees for Grounds Fund and AMFTC.
The use of retrieval collars will be allowed under the rules set forth by UKC/The American Field.

Entries to: TOM FRUCHEY, Secretary, 952 Van Dyke Rd., Beaverton, MI 48612
Phone/Text: (989) 324-8451 • Email: tomnkelinc@yahoo.com

36th NATIONAL WALKING SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY

Member PAWSDA & USCSDA

Norm Meeder, President | Joe Cammisa, Vice-President

April 17-19, 2026 • Starts 7:30 a.m.
Warriors Mark Shooting Preserve
548 Hunt Club Dr., Houtzdale, PA 16651

PURINA

Open to all pointing breeds born on or after January 1, 2024, the dams of which have been duly nominated and whose litters have been enrolled in the *Field Dog Stud Book*. Each entry must also be registered in the *Field Dog Stud Book*.

Entry Fee: $90.00 (Payable at time of drawing)

Guaranteed Purse: $2,500. $1,500 to the owners of the winners. $1,000 to breeders of the winners. Plaques to the owners and breeders of placed dogs.

Judges: Chris Catanzarite, Scenery Hill, PA, and Eric Munden, Philipsburg, PA

Drawing: Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the secretary. This will be a single course trial, with 30-minute heats, to be run on liberated quail and native upland game birds. Scouting: Handlers should furnish their own scouts, and horseback scouting is permitted.

Entries to: DAVE PARK, Secretary
174 Balsinger Rd., Uniontown, PA 15401
Phone: (724) 562-6565 • Email: dparku@aol.com

Companion Stakes • PAWSDA & USCSDA Points Stakes

*GENE UHLMAN PUPPY CLASSIC $50.00
**Precedes Futurity; Less grounds fees, 50-30-20. If Classic winner is from a 2024 nominated litter, NWSDF entry fee for 2026 is waived.*
**OPEN SHOOTING DOG $60.00
***Follows Futurity; Less grounds fees, 50-30-20*

Judges: *Puppy Classic*—Dave Park, Uniontown, PA, and Sarah Gomes, Fenwick, ON; *OSD*—Brian Ralph, Grove City, PA, and Paul Tipping, Claysville, PA.

NORTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE BIRD DOG CLUB

Member AFTCA, ANEFTC & USCSDA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

MAY 7-8, 2026 • *37th Renewal* • STARTS 7:00 A.M. (EST)

Grounds: Maine Bird Dog Club courses in the Brownfield Game Management Area, 5 miles south of Fryeburg, ME, on Rt. 5 and 113. Use of retrieval collars provided by handler permitted. Entries Close/ Drawing: Tuesday, May 5, 5:00 p.m. (EST), at home of Stake Manager Tony Bly, Success Loop Rd., Milan, NH—(603) 723-5613.

(Thurs., 7:00 a.m.) *OPEN PUPPY $30.00
*WHITE MOUNTAIN OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.) $50.00
*GRANITE STATE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.) $50.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG QUALIFIER (30 Min.) $40.00
**30% (less grounds fees) divided 50-30-20*

(Fri., 7:00 a.m.) NEW HAMPSHIRE AMATEUR PUPPY CLASSIC ... $30.00
GEORGE JOHNSON AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.) $40.00
PHILLIPS BROOK AMATEUR
WALKING SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.) $40.00
OPEN DERBY QUALIFIER (30 Min.) $40.00
**AMATEUR GUN DOG $40.00

****Judgment ceases at flush. First time trialers, free.**

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Entries to: LLOYD MURRAY JR., Chairman
Phone: (603) 723-4020 • Email: lloydbmurrayjr@gmail.com
26 Madore Rd., Stark, NH 03582

Email entries must be confirmed and include phone number

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Big Sky Open Shooting Dog Championship

Hosted by the Big Sky Field Trial Club

Starts Wednesday, April 8, 2026

— Purina Top Shooting Dog Award Points Trial —

• **Grounds:** Joe King and Sons Ranch, Winnett, MT. *Directions:* Take Hwy. 244 south of Winnett, MT, 9 miles. Turn west (right) onto Yellow Water Rd. (coming from Roundup, north on Hwy. 87 approx. 18 miles, turn east onto Hwy. 244, go 17 miles and turn west (left) onto Yellow Water Rd.). Campsite is approximately 3 miles.

• **Entries Close & Drawing:** Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. (MDT); Drawing at 7:00 p.m. (MDT), at the Anderson residence, Laurel, MT.

• **Courses:** Six continuous courses on native Sharptail Grouse, Hungarian Partridge and Pheasant.

• **Accommodations:** Northern Motel, Winnett, MT—(406) 429-7781.

• **Judges:** Ben Maixner, Amidon, ND, and John Todd, Willow Creek, MT

• **Reporter:** Brad Mccardle, Lewiston, MT

• **Order of Running:**

– Big Sky Open Shooting Dog Championship | 60 Min.

**The Championship will be followed by the Region 14 Amateur All-Age Championship (please see separate ad).*

• **Entries to:**

Keith Anderson — Text: (406) 839-5112

Entry Fee $250 / U.S. Funds

Big Sky Open SD Ch. Trophies to the Winner and Runner-Up (50% of entries split 70-30)

Championship Winners receive Purina Dog Food and SportDOG Collars

• No training on field trial grounds.
• No smoking is allowed on grounds or in camp.

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April 8-10, 2026* • Black Moshannon State Forest, Philipsburg, PA

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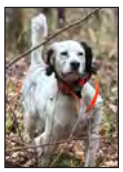
Steve Snyder, Owner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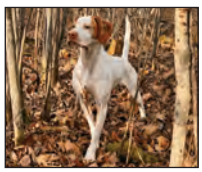
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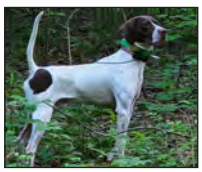
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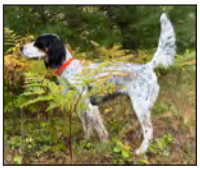
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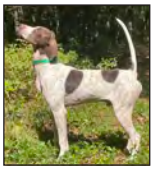
Chasehill Snoop Dog
Bill & Karen McFadden, Owners

Chasehill Poison Ivy
Bill & Karen McFadden, Owners

Back Creek Lucy
Steve Graham, Owner

Judges: Craig Merlington, Cedar Springs, MI, and Eric Munden, Philipsburg, PA

Reporters: Mike Husenits, West Lebanon, PA, and Jessica Hollister, Roscommon, PA • Stake Manager: Dick Brenneman, Port Matilda, PA

*Running: Held Wednesday and Thursday with callbacks on Friday.

Drawing: Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m.

Inquiries to: JOE CAMMISA, Secretary • Phone: (724) 859-3908 • Email: castjb@aol.com

REGION 14 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Hosted by the Big Sky Field Trial Club

Starts at the conclusion of the Big Sky Open Shooting Dog Championship

Joe King & Sons Ranch, Winnett, MT

A Purina Amateur All-Age Award & Amateur Invitational Points Trial

One-Hour • Entry Fee: $150.00

Judges: Brian Gingrich, Prewitt, NM, and Ryan Mulcahy, Boise, ID
Reporter: Brad Mccardle, Lewiston, MT

Directions to Grounds: Take Hwy. 244 south of Winnett, MT, 9 miles. Turn west (right) onto Yellow Water Rd. (coming from Roundup, north on Hwy. 87 approx. 18 miles, turn east onto Hwy. 244, go 17 miles and turn west (left) onto Yellow Water Rd.). Campsite is approx. 3 miles. A multi-course horseback trial on Sharptail Grouse, Hungarian Partridge, and pheasant. No training or smoking on grounds. No food or horse feed provided. Come self-contained. **Entries Close/Drawing:** Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. (MDT); Drawing at 7:00 p.m. (MDT), at the Anderson residence, Laurel, MT. **Eligibility:** Dogs must have a placement/win certificate in AFTCA Derby or All-Age stake. You must be an individual member of AFTCA to enter your dog. All dogs must be entered with registered name and handler number. **Award:** Permanent award gifted to winner and runner-up (name plaque on Region 14 permanent trophy). **Accommodations:** Northern Motel, Winnett, MT—(406) 429-7781.

Entries to: KEITH ANDERSON • Phone: (406) 839-5112

Broomhill Open All-Age Classic

— A National Championship Qualifying Stake —

Generously sponsored by NutriSource Pet Foods and SportDOG

To start at the conclusion of the Region 14 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship

Hosted by Big Sky Field Trial Club

Directors: Colvin Davis, Glenn Conover, Alex Rickert, Keith Anderson, Brad Mccardle, and Austin Turley

Entry Fee: $230.00 plus $20.00 to NFTCA • **Purse:** 50% of entry fees divided 50-30-20

NutriSource pet food and SportDOG collars to all winners • Painting of the first-place dog by Michelle Turley

Judges: Ben Maixner, Amidon, ND, and Nick Schade, Salmon, ID • **Reporter:** Brad Mccardle, Lewiston, MT

— Following the Championship, time permitting —

OPEN SHOOTING DOG DERBY **$50.00**
OPEN ALL-AGE DERBY **$50.00**

Entries Close/Drawing: Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.; Drawing at 7:00 p.m. (MDT).

Entries to: AUSTIN TURLEY, Field Trial Chairman • Text: (406) 860-7161

REGION 13 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Farmer Sportsmen's Field Trial Club

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

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April 11-12, 2026

Ionia Field Trial Grounds, 3156 Harwood Dr., Ionia, MI 48846

Entry Fee: $130.00 [U.S. Funds] • One-Hour Heats

— A Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award Points and Invitational Points Trial —

To be run on a continuous course with native birds and liberated quail.

Championship Judges: Ron Sposita, Highland, MI, and Charlie Fenech, Memphis, MI

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Time permitting.....$45.00

Judges: To be announced

Prizes: Champion and Runner-Up will receive a gift. Purina dog food compliments of our sponsor, Purina and Greg Blair. **Drawing:** Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. (EST), at the home Secretary Bill Branham, 6232 Colf Rd., Carleton, MI 48117. **Eligibility:** Dogs must have an AFTCA win in an Amateur Shooting Dog or Amateur Derby stake. Handlers must have an AFTCA individual membership number. **Accommodations:** Mid-Way Motel, 7076 S. State Rd., Ionia, MI 48846—(616) 527-6570; Amerihost Inn, 423 Brown Blvd., Ionia, MI 48846—(616) 527-2200; Super 8, 7245 S. State Rd., Ionia, MI 48846—(616) 527-2828. RV hookups available with electric $20/day; without electric $15/day. Stall and parking lot clean-up of dogs and horses is the responsibility of owners/handlers.

Entries to: BILL BRANHAM, Secretary • Text/Call: (313) 820-2745 • Email: huroncreek1@gmail.com

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Jim Cipponeri
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Joe Guzman
Secretary/Treasurer (Emeritus)

Michigan Open Shooting Dog Championship Club

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

Starts the following day after the conclusion of the Region 13 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, or Monday, April 13, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

Ionia Recreational Area, Course One, Ionia, MI

A Purina Top Derby Award, Top Shooting Dog Award & Handler of the Year Award Points Trial

Michigan Dog of the Year Points Trial

MICHIGAN OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (45 Min.)

Entry Fee: $100.00* • Purse: 50% of entries (less fees) divided 60-40

Judges: Andrea Cerofolini, Ridge Springs, SC, and Ron Williams, Curtisville, MI

— Starting at the conclusion of the Derby Classic —

MICHIGAN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (One-Hour)

Two Courses • Entry Fee: $200.00* • Purse: 50% of entries (less fees) divided 60-40

**Includes $15.00 for grounds and association fees*

Judges: Adam DeLude, Campbellsport, WI, and Jim Stevens, Traverse City, MI

Entries Close: Thursday, April 9, 6:00 p.m. (EST). **Drawing:** Friday, April 10, 9:00 a.m., at the home of the president, New Hudson, MI. Camping with electric is available on the grounds for $20/night.

Our sincerest thanks to the AFTCA, Purina, and Greg Blair for their continued support!

Call or send entries to:

JIM CIPPONERI • Home: (248) 437-5927 • Cell: (248) 789-0758 • Email: litigationspecialist@comcast.net

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2026 MIDWEST VIZSLA SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

April 17*, 2026 to Conclusion • Open to Vizslas only! • Breakaway: 8:00 a.m.

Bird Dog Ranch, Willow Rd. and 210th St., Thayer, IA 50254

Will start after the Midwest Vizsla Futurity.

Directions: Take Exit 33 off I-35 onto U.S. 34 toward Creston. Drive approximately 14 miles and turn left onto Willow Ave. Drive two miles and turn right onto 210th St. Drive less than one mile to camp grounds on your right. Approved retrieval collars permitted but not supplied. **Entries Close/Drawing:** Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 p.m. (CDT), on the grounds. Completed entries and payment required before drawing; No exceptions! **Bitches in season may not compete.**

CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour).....Entry Fee: $225.00 (includes $5 Grounds Fee)
GARY JAGODA DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.) .....Entry Fee: $100.00 (includes $5 Grounds Fee)

Trophy and Purina Pro Plan to all winners • Garmin Tri-Tronics Training Collar to Championship winner

Judges: Matt Hauptman, Fort Calhoun, NE, and Jeff Wallace, Knoxville, IA

Send advance entries to and request further information from:

JUSTIN HESS, 2527 Littlefield Dr., Exira, IA 50076

Phone: (712) 304-5543 • Email: JustinCHess@gmail.com

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MID-ATLANTIC OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

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Hosted by Greensburg Pointer & Setter Club

Starts Monday, April 20, 2026, 8:00 a.m. daily

Warriors Mark Shooting Preserve

548 Hunt Club Dr., Houtzdale, PA 16651

Drawing: Wednesday, April 15, 8:00 p.m., at the home of the chairman.

CHAMPIONSHIP—Purse: 50% divided 60-40..... Entry Fee: $150.00

— Purse less grounds and association fees —

Judges: Dr. Bruce Mueller, Bedford, PA, and Al Fazenbaker, Kingsville, OH

Reporter: Mike Husenits, West Lebanon, PA

Entries to: CHRIS CATANZARITE • (724) 884-7244

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REGION 2 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

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Starts Thursday, April 23, 2026, 8:00 a.m. daily

Entry Fee: $125.00 • Houtzdale, PA

Hosted by Beaver Valley Pointer & Setter Club

Member USCSDA, AFTCA & PWSDA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

One-Hour, Single Course

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Grounds: Warriors Mark Shooting Preserve, 548 Hunt Club Drive, Houtzdale, PA 16651.

Drawing: Monday, April 20, 7:00 p.m., on the grounds.

Judges: Leroy Long and Mark Hughes • **Reporter:** Joe Cammisa

Entries to: ERIC MUNDEN • Phone: (724) 961-1969

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U.S. Complete Shooting Dog Association

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Arcadia Management Area, Exeter, RI

Starts Monday, May 4, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

Hosted by U.S. Complete Northeast Regional Club

Member USCSDA & AFTCA

Entry Fee: $175.00 • Purse: 40% of entry fees split 70-30 to champion and runner-up.

Judges: Joe Cammisa, Butler, PA, and Jameson Crandall, Kilmarnock, VA

Horseback scouting permitted when dispatched by Judges. Run on native and liberated birds. Tracking and GPS collars are permitted, but will NOT be provided. Run under U.S. Complete Shooting Dog Guidelines. .32 caliber or .22 caliber #2 blank pistols or 209 primer guns required. **Drawing:** Friday, May 1, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Bill Bonnetti. Phone: (508) 648-0598. Registered name of dog must accompany entry! **Directions:** Driving north or south on Int. Rt. 95 to Exit 5, to Rt. 102-S to Rt. 3-S to Rt. 165-W. Turn right on Frosty Hollow Rd. Signs will be posted. **Lodging:** Super 8—(401) 397-3381 and Best Western—(401) 397-5494, located at junction of Rt. 95 and Rt. 3, Exit 6, West Greenwich, RI.

Entries to: BILL BONNETTI • Phone: (508) 648-0598

INDIANTOWN GAP BIRD DOG CLUB, INC.

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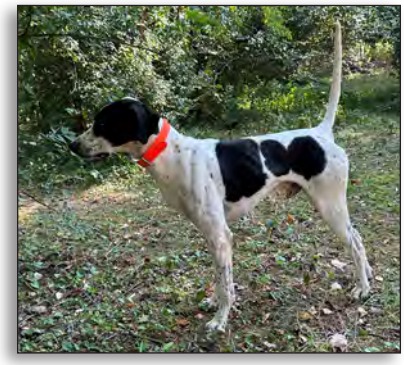
Spring Trial begins Monday, April 6, 2026 • Starts 8:00 A.M.



R Q's Saddle
2025 Keystone Open Shooting Dog Champion
Ted Foust and Muriel & Bill Primm, Owners • Jeanette Tracy, Handler

Grounds: Property of Keystone Bird Dog Trust, Petersburg, PA. Directions: From Rt. 22, 6 miles west of Huntingdon, take Rt. 305E (right) to Petersburg. One mile north of Petersburg, turn left toward Camp Blue Diamond, go 1/2 mile, cross bridge and immediately turn right to trial grounds. (GPS address: 6728 Bethel Rd., Alexandria, PA). Drawing: Sunday, April 5, 7:00 p.m., at the clubhouse.

STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:

(Mon., Apr. 6) KEYSTONE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP.....$200.00

— A Purina Top Shooting Dog Award & Handler of the Year Award Points Trial • National Qualifier —

Purse: 50%, 70-30

Judges: Lane & Darcy Hodges

KEYSTONE YANKEE OPEN DERBY CLASSIC.....$ 75.00

— A Purina Top Derby Award Points Trial —

Purse: 50%, 50-30-20 • Prizes: Purina dog food to winners

Judges: Lane & Darcy Hodges

(Fri., Apr. 10) INDIANTOWN GAP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC.....$125.00

— A Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award & EPFTA Points Trial —

Judges: Allen Welch and Greg Strausbaugh

Immediately following the Indiantown Gap Amateur Shooting Dog Classic:

REGION 2 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP $125.00

— A Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award Points Trial —

Judges: Bart Hastings and Stacey Goodie

Entries to: GREG STRAUSBAUGH, Field Trial Chairman • Phone: (570) 510-2692 • Newport, PA

Entries are accepted with the understanding that the Indiantown Gap Bird Dog Club and the Keystone Bird Dog Trust, their officers, members, landowners, and their agents are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any damages to persons, horses, dogs, or equipment incurred while participating or attending the trial.

WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by Bay Area Bird Dog Club, Inc.

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Commencing Friday, April 17, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to Conclusion
Red Rock Field Trial Grounds, Reno, NV

— Sponsored by Purina —

PACIFIC COAST DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP— *In Memory of Mike Geenen* **..... Entry Fee: $175.00**

NFTCA Fee included in entry • **Purse:** 50% of entry fees (*less grounds and NFTCA participation fees) split 70-30, if runner-up named

Qualifying Stake for the 2027 NFTCA National Championship

PURINA POINTS AND PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS

Judges: Ray & Tami Larrondo, Nampa, ID

****The AFTCA National Amateur Chukar Championship will commence after the Pacific Coast Derby Championship, but not before Saturday, April 18, 8:00 a.m.***

WESTERN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP ..... Entry Fee: $235.00

Starts at the conclusion of the National Amateur Chukar Championship, but not before Monday, April 20, 8:00 a.m.

Purse: 50% of entry fees (*less grounds fees) split 70-30, if runner-up named

— Custom belt buckle to champion, courtesy of Skedaddle Setters —

Qualifying Stake for the National Open Shooting Dog Championship

PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD AND PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL

(Need a minimum of 3 professional handlers and 16 dogs to obtain Purina Shooting Dog and Handler Points)

Eligibility: Dog must have placed in a recognized Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake.

Judges: Austin Turley, Molt, MT, and Jarry Walton, Reno, NV

WESTERN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP— *In honor of W.C. (Duke) Cecil* **..... Entry Fee: $275.00**

NFTCA Fee included in entry • **Purse:** 50% of entry fees (*less grounds and NFTCA participation fees) split 70-30, if runner-up named

— Custom belt buckle to champion, courtesy of Skedaddle Setters —

Qualifying Stake for the 2027 National Championship

NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS, PURINA POINTS AND PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS

Eligibility: Dog must have placed in a recognized Open Derby or Open All-Age stake.

Judges: Bubba & Amy Spencer, Bolivar, TN

CALIFORNIA QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP ..... Entry Fee: $275.00

NFTCA Fee included in entry • **Purse:** 50% of entry fees (*less grounds and NFTCA participation fees) split 70-30, if runner-up named

Qualifying Stake for the 2027 National Championship

PURINA POINTS AND PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS

Eligibility: Dog must have placed in a recognized Open Derby or Open All-Age stake.

Judges: Bubba Spencer, Bolivar, TN, and Keith Anderson, Laurel, MT

***Grounds Fee $15/dog each stake • NFTCA Participation Fee $20/dog (National Qualifying Stakes only)**

Perpetual Trophies (will not travel): Pacific Coast Derby Championship Trophy & Plaque;
William W. (Bill) Lewis Silver Trophy—Shooting Dog Championship; W.C. (Duke) Cecil Bronze Statue—All-Age Championship

Field Trial Chairman: Jarry Walton

Drawings: *Pacific Coast Derby Championship*—Thursday, April 16, 6:00 p.m., on the grounds; *All other Championships*—Sunday, April 19, 6:00 p.m., on the grounds. **Grounds:** From Reno, take Hwy. 395 north towards Susanville, and take exit #78 Red Rock Rd. At stop sign, turn right and go 7.3 miles to Columbia Hill Rd., turn left; drive 2.2 miles to grounds. **Headquarters:** Western Village Inn & Casino, 815 Nichols Blvd., Sparks, NV—(800) 648-1170. Twenty-five rooms are blocked (use Group Code LBABDC6). Make room reservations prior to Thursday, April 2 at 5:00 p.m. **Complimentary Lunches:** Provided daily by the Bay Area Bird Dog Club. **BBQ Banquet:** Will be hosted by Purina on the grounds, Saturday, April 18, 6:00 p.m. The Bay Area Bird Dog Club would like to thank Purina and SportDOG for sponsoring this event—Purina Pro Plan dog feed to champions and runners-up, and SportDOG training collars to champions. Thanks to Skedaddle Setters, Britt and Tina Forrester, for donating belt buckles for the champions of the Western All-Age and Shooting Dog Championships.

Entries to: JARRY WALTON • Mobile Voicemail/Text: (775) 846-0834

****** Entries must be confirmed • No text or voicemail entries after 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 14; In-person entries taken until time of draw on the grounds. ******

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NGSPA OF OHIO CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 20-24, 2026 • Tri-Valley Wildlife Area • Dresden, OH

— A Purina Handler of the Year Points Trial —

Entries close: *In person/by phone*—6:30 p.m. the night before each stake begins. **Drawings:** 7:00 p.m., at the field trial grounds the night before each stake. Entry fees must be paid before dogs enter the starting line of each stake.

DNA must be on file with UKC/American Field.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: $215.00

Purse (24-dog minimum): $500 to Champion and $250 to Runner-up

Judges: Ronnie Rogers, New Market, TN, and Aaron McAfee, Clinton, IL

Stake Manager: Robert Reynolds

OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: $215.00

Purse (14-dog minimum): $500 to Champion and $250 to Runner-up

Judges: Ronnie Rogers, New Market, TN, and Aaron McAfee, Clinton, IL

Stake Manager: Chris Young

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: $180.00

Prizes: SportDOG Collar to Champion; Gift Card to Runner-up.

Judges: Ken Chenoweth, Buffalo, MO, and Molly Ward, Booneville, AR

Stake Manager: Chris Goegan

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Time Permitting • Entry Fee: $100.00

Judges: Ken Chenoweth, Buffalo, MO, and Molly Ward, Booneville, AR

Stake Manager: Jennifer Goodall

Robert Reynolds, Field Trial Chairman

Mail completed entry forms with *FDSB* & DNA numbers to:

JENNIFER GOODALL, Field Trial Secretary

4595 Poe Rd., Medina, OH 44256

Phone: (330) 607-1064 • Email: gooje@aol.com

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Starts no sooner than Friday, April 24, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

Starting Fee: $125.00 • 30-Minute Heats • To be run on liberated quail

A Purina Handler of the Year Award & Purina Top Derby Award Points Trial

Bill Conlin Setter Shooting Dog Derby Award Points to any Setter winner of this stake.

Purse: 50% of entries divided 60-40 between owners and breeders (40-30-20-10).

Judges: John Stolgitis, Ashaway, RI, and Thor Kain, Carbondale, PA • **Reporter:** Margaret Drew • **Stake Manager:** John Stolgitis

Entries Close: Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 p.m. Drawing to follow.

Cocktail Hour & Dinner: Friday night, sponsored by Darren Boyer and Joe McHugh, owners of last year's winner, Deena Jet, in memory of Rev. Steve Boyer.

Entries & Correspondence to: MARGARET DREW, Futurity Secretary

Call/Text: (910) 206-0079 • Email: bmdrew@windstream.net

— All entries must be confirmed —

Elias Richardson, President | Kellie Short, 1st Vice President | Gary Tavares, 2nd Vice President
Gary Tavares, Secretary | John Olfson, Treasurer

The New England Futurity is a member of the Association of the New England Field Trial Clubs, Inc.

REGION 1 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Member AFTCA & ANEFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only! No live ammunition allowed on grounds!

Starts at completion of the New England Shooting Dog Futurity, but not before April 25, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Entry Fee: $150.00 • One-Hour Heats • One course on liberated quail • Plaques to the Winners

A National Amateur All-Age Invitational & Purina Amateur All-Age Award Points Trial

Judges: John Stolgitis, Ashaway, RI, and Doug Ray, Waynesboro, GA

Cocktail Hour & Dinner: Saturday night sponsored by Ed & Megan McCay, owners of last year's winner, Mohawk Mill Gangster.

Entries Close: Wednesday, April 22, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Bill Bonnetti.

Qualifications: AFTCA Win Certificate for a Derby or All-Age placement required.

Bill Bonnetti and John Olfson, Co-Chairmen

Entries to: BILL BONNETTI • Phone: (508) 648-0598

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97TH NEW ENGLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Sponsored by The New Britain Field Trial Club and Association of New England Field Trial Clubs, Inc.

April 27, 2026 • Starts 8:00 a.m. (starting time will depend on number of dogs drawn)

Entry Fee: $265.00 (includes $25 Grounds & Association Fees)

A Purina Top Shooting Dog Award & Purina Handler of the Year Award Points Trial

Purse: 50% of the entry fees (less $25 Grounds and Association fees) divided 70-30, if Runner-Up is named.

Judges: Robert "Lefty" Henry, Jackson Springs, NC, and Tony Bingham, Shelby, NC • **Reporter:** John Olfson, West Hartford, CT

Course: One-hour single course to be run on liberated quail. Run to Shooting Dog standards. **Qualifications:** A recognized placement in an Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake. Dogs must be shot over with a .32 or .22 caliber #2 blank or 209 primer revolver. **Drawing:** Friday, April 24, 8:00 p.m., at the clubhouse. **Accommodations:** Comfort Inn, 141 Prospect Hill Rd., East Windsor, CT—Phone: (860) 254-5383. **Cocktail Hour & Dinner:** Thursday night, sponsored by Muriel & Bill Primm, owners of last year's winner, Miller's Special Cinderella.

Field Trial Committee: *Bill Bonnetti, Elias Richardson, John Olfson*

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Drawing (all stakes): Thursday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. (MT), at Alex Mauck Shop, 5017 Hyline Rd., Ontario, OR (can send a pin for location). Pizza will be served (please RSVP). Entry fees due at drawing (Venmo, check, or cash). **Lodging:** Several motels located in Ontario, OR. RV/Trailer parking at Bean-Maki Oregon Ventures LLC Ranch. **Prizes (one-hour stakes):** Purina Dog Food, SportDOG Collars, and Belt Buckles to dogs placing. **Banquets:** There will be a Purina Banquet on Sunday, April 26 on the grounds. An additional banquet will be held Saturday, May 2, on the grounds.

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Entry Fee: $175.00

Judges: Sergio Velez, Kamloops, BC, and Tim Thorton, Cheyenne, OK • **Chairman:** Jim Ledington

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Starting April 26 or immediately following the Region 9 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship

REGION 10 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Cascade Field Trial Club

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

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: $175.00

Judges: Ryan Eichelberger, Vinita, OK, and Talmadge Smedley, Farr West, UT • **Chairman:** Kristina Wall

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Starting April 28, or immediately following the Region 10 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

CASCADE OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Cascade Field Trial Club

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

A National Championship Qualifier

A Purina Top Field Trial Bird Dog Award & Purina Handler of the Year Award Points Trial

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: $275.00* • 50% of entries split 70-30, Awards & Plaques

$20 National Fee and $30 grounds fee will also be charged per entry

Judges: Lance Schultz, Bismarck, ND, and Doug Swingley, Lincoln, MT • **Chairman:** Bill Owen

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Qualifying Trial for the National Open Shooting Dog Championship

$30 grounds fee will also be charged per entry

Judges: Doug Meyer, Tonganoxie, KS, and Lori Steinshouer, Halfway, OR • **Chairman:** Lori Steinshouer

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Following the Kelly's Rebel Maggie Shooting Dog Classic

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A National Championship Qualifier

A Purina Top Field Trial Bird Dog Award & Purina Handler of the Year Award Points Trial

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: $275.00 • 50% of entries divided 50-30-20

$20 National Fee and $30 grounds fee will also be charged per entry

Judges: Bill Owen, Santa Barbara, CA, and Ray Larrondo, Caldwell, ID • **Chairman:** Alex Mauck

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Following the High Desert Open All-Age Classic

PACIFIC NORTHWEST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Columbia River Field Trial Club

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A Purina Top Shooting Dog & Purina Handler of the Year Points Trial

One-Hour • Entry Fee: $250.00*

$30 grounds fee will also be charged per entry

Judges: Gordy Jones, Salem, UT, and Bruce Hale, Riverside, CA • **Chairmen:** Casey Gibbens and Bill Owen

Eligibility: Placement in a recognized Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby stake.

Purse: 50% of entry fees, less fees, divided 70-30. (Region dog fees will be taken prior to split.)

FDSB registered name & number required on entry form.

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April 10, 2026 / Petersburg, PA
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April 18, 2026 / Pinewood, SC
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April 24, 2026 / Grovespring, MO
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April 4, 2026 / Inola, OK
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May 2, 2026 / Exeter, RI
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May 4, 2026 / Exeter, RI
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