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UKC TEAM IN THE FIELD — An update from Domenick Muoio



his month, we celebrate the induction of two great individuals and dogs into the American Field Hall of Fame as well as another running of the National Championship. I hope to see many of you between both of those events.

In the time since I wrote my last article, I had an opportunity to ride half a day down at Hoffman for the North Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship. As always, I enjoyed getting to ride and watch the dogs work down in the North Carolina sandhills. There was, quite literally, a special treat getting to visit this trial during Christmas week. If you have been a subscriber for a while, you may recall an article I wrote about this time a year or two ago after getting to ride in the dog wagon (aka Greg Robinson's "ole blue"). During my ride, they brought of some of the old stories of the grounds and the lore behind some of the

landmarks. One of those landmarks was the "Candy Cane Tree." The Candy Cane Tree was a holly located towards the end of what is typically the morning courses. It got its name from how, for years, it had been decorated Christmas week with candy canes for those riding in the trials that occurred during that time. Unfortunately, the original holly tree died, and the trial went several vears absent the red and white candies during the Christmas week trials. However, recently, some new hollies have spouted almost exactly in the place where the old one was, and some of the lovely ladies helping out around the trials this year brought back the "Candy Cane Tree."

I've said many times how much I enjoy the stories and history of the great sport of American Field field



trialing and often I mourn the opportunity to have gotten to experience some of it for myself. But thanks to some of those folks down at Hoffman, I was able to experience firsthand a bit of the history I've come to love.

I bring up that story for two reasons. First, to simply share something that I found neat and interesting from a trial I attended. Secondly, I share it to open my door to those in the community with other similar stories about the trials, courses, and dogs of our sport. If you have an interesting history that you think may be just a small detail, I'd love to hear it.

Safe travels to all those running trials this month, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the National!

– Domenick Muoio Field Trial & Hunt Test Program Manager

National Champion



TOUCH'S GALLATIN FIRE Alex Rickert, Owner | Mark McLean, Handler | Keith A. Wright, Breeder [Photo by Chris Mathan]

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CH. SNYDER'S FIRESIDE ED #F1672601 • Sire: Ch. Ponderosa Mac • Dam: Rouge River Bogsucker Steve Snyder, Owner • Photo by Tammy Chaffee

EASTERN IDAHO BIRD DOG CLUB

Idaho Open & Region 9 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championships, and the Manitoba All-Age Classic By Christopher Perkins | American Falls, Idaho | September 23, 2024



Idaho State Open Shooting Dog Championship (I-r): Alex Mauck, Brian Gingrich, Bill Owen, Robbie Thompson with S T's Locked N Loaded, Ray Carter (judge), Phil Bowden, Sergio Velez with Perkins Diamond Cutter, Chris Perkins, and Tom Kosmack (judge).

Bird Eastern Idaho he Dog Club hosted the 2024 American Falls Field Trial Series from September 17-24. Four different stakes were run: the Manitoba All-Age Classic, the Idaho Open Derby Classic, the Region 9 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, and the Idaho Open Shooting Dog Championship. All stakes were run on the six continuous courses dependent on the wild game bird population of CRP habitat and the challenging Southeast hills outside of American Falls, Idaho. Birds were in abundance, with the common species of Sharp-tail Grouse, Hungarian Partridge, and Ring-Necked Pheasant present throughout the event, which provided the opportunity for game contact for the contesting dogs on all courses. The weather proved challenging throughout the series, starting off with harsh rains on the first day and ending the series with stifling temperatures. We would like to sincerely thank our landowners, our sponsors, Purina and SportDOG, judges, and all who helped make this

special event possible for another year.

Manitoba All-Age Classic

The first stake was the Manitoba All-Age Classic, hosted for the first time in American Falls, Idaho. It started on the cloudy morning of Tuesday, September 17.

In first place was BK Locked N' Loaded, pointer female, owned and handled by Sergio Velez, scouted by Jim Ledington.

Locked N' Loaded drew the second course in the morning, which casts off from the Quonset hut. Right out of the gate, she took off strong to the front and disappeared from sight. She was a while later at the first bend at the trees. From there, she proceeded along the ridge and went out of sight again. She later appeared along the upper bench and was sent down the long valley. She could be seen at the end of the valley towards the gap, way in the distance. Handler sent her through the gap, gathered her, and sent her down the final valley up onto the last hill. Locked N' Loaded was found pointed at time and rewarded with a couple of sharptail, flushed by her handler for a strong performance.

In second place was Touch's Jimi Thing, pointer male, owned and handled by Chris Perkins and scouted by Gordy Jones.

Touch's Jimi Thing drew the second course in the morning. Jimi started off strong to the front up the hill and then out of sight. Right over the hill, Jimi was seen pointed near the first bend at the trees at :05. The handler flushed a single sharptail, and Jimi stood rigid throughout. Jimi was then sent along the ridge and was found standing around the second tree group. The handler announced birds left and fired without flushing and took Jimi on. On the upper bend of the course, Jimi went on point, but no birds could be produced. Jimi was sent on and took the lower valley like a bullet to the end, far in the distance, and went through the gap. Jimi took the final valley and up the final hill until time was called.

In third place was BK Unforgiven, pointer male, owned by Sam Handous, handled by Sergio Velez, and scouted by Jim Ledington.

Unforgiven drew the second course of the morning. Right off the breakaway, Unforgiven ran a really strong race. He was seen on the first ridge, reaching far to the front. He was collected on the bend and sent down the valley with ease towards the gap. He was sent up the gap and was seen pointed off on the right. As riders approached, birds were seen flushing. Then Unforgiven was sent down the final valley and up the hill for a strong finish.

American Falls, Ida., September 23 Judges: Derrick Olsen and Lance Schulz MANITOBA OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 14 Pointers, 13 Setters, and 1 German Shorthair

1st-BK LOCKED N' LOADED, F1699229, pointer female, by B K Bonafide Stallion-B K Hirollins Wild. Sergio Velez, owner and handler.

2d-TOUCH'S JIMI THING, F1692245, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Hainline's Silver Star. Chris Perkins, owner and handler.

3d-BK UNFORGIVEN, F1699366, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-B K Northwest Express. Sam Handous, owner; Sergio Velez, handler.

Region 9 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

The champion was Costas, a pointer male, owned and handled by Gordy Jones and scouted by Mike Robbins.

Costas drew the first course in the morning. Costas took off from the breakaway, caught the first ridge up the hill, and took it right up to the top. As riders approached the top, he was found pointed on the flat at :09, and sharptail grouse were produced by the handler. Then, at the beginning of the descent towards the road, Costas slammed point again at :13, and a covey of Huns was produced. Costas proceeded down the ridge towards the road and disappeared into some tall grass. Birds were seen leaving the area, and as riders rode closer to the area, Costas was found standing. He was taken on across the road and was seen taking the hills to the front. He was taken by the handler around the sharp bend and sent into the final field, where he slammed point again with seconds remaining. Handler flushed a group of sharptails to reward a strong performance.

Named runner-up champion was Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Ajay, setter female, owned and handled by Alex Mauck and scouted by Bill Owen.

Ajay drew the first course in the morning. Ajay took off up the first ridge, climbed to the top, took off towards the bend and disappeared out of sight. Ajay was found pointed at :15 off the left side of the ridge descending towards the road by the



Manitoba All-Age Classic (I-r): Lance Schulz (judge), Dave Noell, Sergio Velez with BK Unforgiven, Derrick Olsen (judge), Chris Perkins with Touch's Jimi Thing, Ed Mayhew, Jim Ledington with BK Locked N' Loaded, Alex Mauck, Brad McCardle, Robbie Thompson, and Shannon Olsen.

scout. The handler flushed a large covey of Huns for a successful find. Ajay was then sent down, crossed the road, and disappeared into the valley up front. Ajay was then found pointed again at :38 by scout off a knob on the left, and the handler again flushed another covey of Huns. Ajay proceeded into the valley and went on point at :44, but no birds could be produced. Ajay was taken on and handled gracefully to the front for the remainder of the brace, finishing on point. Handler elected not to flush, and Ajay was collared to conclude the end of the brace.

Judges: Rich Burgi and Brad McCardle REGION 9 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 14 Pointers, 8 Setters, 1 Brittany, and 6 German Shorthairs Winner-COSTAS, F1698042, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Searchin For A Rainbow. Gordy Jones, owner and handler. Runner-Up-MAUCK'S WYEAST OWYHEE AJAY, F1694269, setter female, by P W Surrise-Lee Ann's Sassy. Alex Mauck, owner and handler.

Idaho Open Shooting Dog <u>Championship</u>

Named champion was Perkins Diamond Cutter, pointer male, owned and handled by Chris Perkins.

Diamond Cutter drew the first course of the morning. Bud darted up the left ridge instead of the common right and was seen taking the left ridge far to the front and swung up the hill on top. He proceeded far down the ridge out of sight towards the road. At :18,



Region 9 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Lance Schulz, Jeanne Burgi, Brad McCardle (judge), Rich Burgi (judge), Bill Owen with Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Ajay, Alex Mauck, Dave Noell, Elsie Jones with Costas, Gordy Jones, Sophie Robbins, Tom Kosmack, Mike Robbins, Jake Nyenhuis, Robbie Thompson, Sergio Velez, Ray Carter, Chris Perkins, Brandi Perkins, and Phil Bowden.

Bud was found pointed to the front, and the handler flushed a pair of Sharptail grouse off the ridge in front of Bud. He was then taken on and proceeded down the ridge, crossed the road on his own, and disappeared to the front in the valley across the road. A few minutes later, he appeared to the front and proceeded over the rolling hills ahead. At :42, Bud came off the ridge near the saddle and had a stop to flush on Huns that were seen flushing ahead. He was taken on and handled superbly to the front for a strong finish.

The runner-up champion was S T's Locked N Loaded, Vizsla female, owned by J. A. and Jeff Zenas, handled by Brian Gingrich, and scouted by Robbie Thompson.

Remi drew the first course of the morning. Right after the breakaway, she took the ridge to the right and worked her way up to the top. As riders came over the top and bent down towards the road, she was seen to the left in the valley on point at :14. Huns were produced by the handler, and Remi stood poised throughout. The handler sent her on down the hill and she moved into the next field. She handled with ease, staying to the front for the duration of the course. Remi made an excellent finish at time, as she was seen going forward through the

stubble field.

Judges: Ray Carter and Tom Kosmack IDAHO STATE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 24 Entries Winner-PERKINS DIAMOND CUTTER, F1698024, pointer male, by Touch's Diamante-Perkins Trace of Snow. Chris Perkins, owner and handler. Runner-Up-S T'S LOCKED N LOADED, F1686059, Vizsla female, by C K Touchdown Guy-Midnight Run's Probable Cause. Jeff Zenas, owner; Brian Ginarich, handler.

Idaho Open Derby Classic

In first place was Perkins Real Time, pointer female, owned and handled by Chris Perkins and scouted by Jason Staley.



Idaho Open Derby (I-r): Lance Schulz (judge), Brandi Perkins with Perkins Warrior Princess, Jeanne Burgi, Rich Burgi, Robbie Thompson with Valor's Game Changer, Chris Perkins with Perkins Real Time, Sergio Velez, Rich Heaton (judge), Jake Nyenhuis, and Gordy Jones.

In second place was Valor's Game Changer, pointer female, owned and

handled by Ray Carter and scouted by Robbie Thompson.

Third place was Perkins Warrior Princess, pointer female, owned and handled by Chris Perkins and scouted by Bill Owen.

Judges: Rich Heaton and Lance Schulz OPEN DERBY CLASSIC – 13 Pointers, 5 Setters, and 2 German Shorthairs

1st-PERKINS REAL TIME, F1714280, pointer female, by Perkins Sawyer's Warrior-Empire On Line. Chris Perkins, owner and handler.

2d-VALOR'S GAME CHANGER, F1709490, pointer female, by Haney's All In-Game Maggie. Ray Carter, owner and handler.

3d-PERKINS WARRIOR PRINCESS, F1706147, pointer female, by Perkins Sawyer's Warrior-Perkins Elhew River Rail. Chris Perkins, owner and handler.

NATIONAL AMATEUR GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Back Creek Lucy Named Champion; Faith's Maximum Justice, Runner-up By Richard Hollister | Meredith, Michigan | September 27, 2024



National Amateur Grouse Championship: Bruce Minard, Sean McKellip with Back Creek Lucy, Ken DeLong with Faith's Maximum Justice, and Bill Holtan.

September 2024, the 44th running of the Amateur Grouse Championship returned to the venue of its inception in 1978, Gladwin Field Trial Grounds. A solid entry of 34 dogs from seven states traveled to Gladwin and unleashed their charges in front of two well-known and highly respected judges. Bill Holtan, Kensal, North Dakota, judged this championship in 2018. Bill is the founder of the Cover Dog Message Board. Bruce Minard is a professional trainer and field trial handler from Beulah, Michigan. Bruce has judged this trial in previous years and is a frequent judge for our Amateur club in other events.

Running these events takes a team, and we have an excellent team of folks in our club and on the grounds whenever a trial is held.

Ann and Eric Naus, and Diane Wheelock marshaled nearly every brace. Rob Ellis and Kit Foster kept things organized on the outside, moving trucks, filling in where needed, taking entries, and performing the draw for the Puppy and Derby stakes. Rich and Jennifer Hollister are club members, horse wranglers, and reporters. Steve McKalko did a fantastic job with the Purina dinner-smoked brisket, salads, and desserts, one of the best meals served for our club in years. Our dedicated sponsors: Purina always provides support and product for the winners, Garmin supplied training collars, and the AFTCA supplied winners' plaques and gifts to the judges and reporter.

Winners and Others

Back Creek Lucy, a 6-year-old English Setter female owned by Steve Graham of Virginia and handled by Sean McKellip of Michigan, is the 2024 National Amateur Grouse Champion.

Lucy was bred by her owner, Steve Graham, and developed by Richard Hollister of Dun Roven Kennels. Lucy is no stranger to the winners' circle as she has amassed so far in her career over 20 placements in field trials. Lucy also was the Flanagan English Setter Award winner in 2019/2020 and Michigan Cover Dog Derby of the Year winner in 2019/2020. Lucy was Michigan Cover Dog of the Year runner-up in 2023. Lucy was invited to run in the Grand National Grouse and Woodcock Invitational and made it to the finals. Lucy has developed a reputation for being a great grouse dog and can find birds! Her brace is described below.

Faith's Maximum Justice, a 9-yearold English Pointer male owned and handled by Ken Delong of Michigan, earned runner-up. Justice, also bred by his owner, is no stranger to the podium. Justice is now a 3x Champion and 2x Runner-up Champion. During Justice's career, he has earned placements in American Field, USCSDA, ABHA, and NBHA trials. Justice won the AFTCA Walking Shooting Dog Championship, was invited to the NBHA Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational, and made it to the finals. Justice also has a reputation for being a big-running bird finder. His brace is described below.

The Running

Brace 1: Bang Bang's Longshot (ESM/Scott Luther) and Hifives Rolling Stone (PM/John Paul Jones) broke away on Course 15/16. Both dogs got right to business, reaching forward fast. Bang Bang stopped at the 5-minute mark in a stand of piney oak mixture; Luther flushed but was unable to find a bird. Bang Bang moved forward and made a nice forward hunting race, very fancy style, stopping again at 20 with Luther flushing a woodcock. Bang Bang had great manners. Bang Bang also had finds at 32 and 45 with a woodcock on each find; Bang Bang finished hunting forward. Stone stayed forward and ran with exceptional style and class. It was definitely a joy to watch this dog run. Stone had woodcock finds at 25 and



Judges Bruce Minard and Bill Holtan.

38 with less than perfect manners on the last find. Four grouse and nine woodcock were moved on this brace.

Brace 2: Breaking away on Course 1 was Ralphy's Chasehill Rip (PM/ Brian Ralph) and Moonshine Henry (ESM/Sean McKellip). Both dogs settled in to hunt for a grouse right off the get-go. Henry moving lateral and giving the handler a challenge to keep tabs on his bell, falling behind. Rip reached forward and hunted the cover easily. Henry's bell disappeared, and McKellip went searching off to course left. Rip went forward and dove into the thick cut on the right side of course, moving down the hill. Rip was found standing a grouse. Ralph flushed, and manners were all good. Brian went forward with Rip. Henry was found standing course left farther forward; he moved on, and McKellip caught up as we moved into the flat cover at the base of the hill. Both dogs ran shorter and were getting hot. McKellip was unpleased with Henry's performance and picked up at 26. Rip stood again at 58, but Ralph was unable to produce a bird. Five grouse and one woodcock moved on this brace.

Brace 3: Moving on to Course 3, Springpond's Addy's Boy (ESM/ Lonnie Rademacher) and Baxter's Indian Arrowhead (ESM/Brent Peters) were brought to the line. Both dogs tore out in the mature cover. Arrowhead was out of sight quickly while Addy's boy hunted within earshot. Arrowhead making cast but showing from behind, crossing over to Course 4 and moving into more likely cover both dogs hunted but seemed to slow their pace. Peters, not impressed with Arrowhead's performance, picked up. Addy's Boy finished his hour hunting well but was not rewarded with any birdwork. Three grouse moved on this brace.

Brace 4: The sun was bright when Herbie's Shasta La Vista (ESF/ Scott Luther) and Blue Ridge Kobe (ESM/Mark Smith) were released on Course 5. La Vista was making big moves and screaming through the cover, and Kobe settled in and hunted a forward race in search of game. Kobe stopped at 21 in a likely grouse spot, moving down the hill before the pond, but Smith was unable to make a bird fly. Kobe shortened up, and the handler, unpleased with his performance, decided to end his bid. La Vista continued her big fancy moves and stopped at 43, but Smith was unable to produce a bird. La Vista was rewarded with a grouse find at 48, but her manners were less than acceptable. Three grouse moved on this brace.

Brace 5: This was definitely the warmest brace of the day. Faith's Maximum Justice (PM/Ken DeLong) and Rouge River Pig Pen (ESM/Mike Brown) let loose on Course 7. Justice wasted no time showing off his legs and reached far forward, staying forward and in and out of bell range. Pig Pen was no slouch either as he hunted the cover, albeit closer but just as fast and furious as one would expect. With temps this warm, I figured this would not last long, but boy was I wrong. Both dogs kept up this fast and furious pace throughout the hour with no letdown from either dog. Ten minutes into the brace, Justice slams point right in the middle of the course after the road crossing, and as we approached,

not one, not two, not three, but four big loud grouse lifted, all good. Justice was let go, and boy, was he in hunting mode. Justice and Pig Pen hunted hard again for another 20 minutes when Justice's bell went silent after the second road crossing. Justice was found standing point but DeLong didn't like the way he looked and sent him on. Justice tore back to the front, and three minutes later, his bell went silent. DeLong, not having a good line on him, started to look for him, but Pig Pen saved the day and came to a beautiful back, allowing us to find Justice standing a woodcock, all good. Both dogs went forward, hunting hard. At 38, Justice's bell fell silent, and once again, Pig Pen found him for us with another beautiful back. This time, Justice was standing another great big grouse. Both dogs finished very strong and on task; both handlers definitely have these dogs in shape. Five grouse and one woodcock moved on this brace.

Brace 6: It was still warm and sunny when we began Course 9 with Stokely B Annie (ESF/Brian Ralph) and Flambeau River Meg (ESF/Joe Colglazier). Both dogs hunted the cut to the right, searching for a bird. Meg cast lateral and required Joe to keep within bell range; Annie was a little more moderate but hunted hard as well. Moving up the hill into the cut on top, Annie was moving out big and forward, losing her bell at 20. While searching for her we moved several grouse and woodcock but could not find Annie. Brian called for the tracker and found Annie standing farther forward and north of our location. Meg, moving forward, stood at 20 as well with a well-located woodcock find. A little tug and pull for Meg moving through the cover and crossing the road up the hill. Meg stood in the hillside cut; Joe was unable to produce a bird for Meg. Moving forward, Meg stopped again in the same cover but no bird



The Pit Boss, Steve McKalko

was found. Meg moved forward again and slammed point in a likely grouse spot, but unfortunately, no grouse was home. Four grouse and two woodcock and maybe more moved on this brace.

Brace 7: The last brace of the day brought Kit's Whiskey Creek Patsy (ESF/Kit Foster) and Mia Star (ESF/ Steve McKalko) to the beginning of Course 11. Both dogs hunted the scrub oak cover forward and adequately. Mia stopped on the left at 5, looking beautiful on point; Steve flushed hard but was not able to find a bird. Both dogs continued forward through the mature timber hunting at the same pace. Mia once again stopped down by the swamp edge and again was beautiful on point, but no bird was found. Now Patsy was moving forward and hunting hard for her handler. Just as we moved from the mature cover to the open cut, Mia stopped again on the right in a likely spot, but no bird was found. Mia moved forward again and stopped once more to the left of course, and no bird was produced; Steve picked Mia up. Patsy hunted through the cover in a nice, fancy, flashy fashion and had three finds on woodcock with good manners. One grouse and three woodcock moved on this brace.

Brace 8: Hifive's On The Rocks (PF/ Mike Lareau) and Hog Hill's Pretty Penny (PF/Adam Thomas) were not on the ground for long. At the 3-minute mark, On The Rocks hit point to the left side of the course, standing very pretty on a woodcock. Unfortunately, her manners were not as mature when the bird flushed and Lareau leashed his dog. Penny took wide and never returned to Adam, so this brace ended quickly. Just the one woodcock moved, but the brace was finished in 10 minutes.

Brace 9: Glenrae's Wango Tango (PF/Eric Naus) and Tupelo Honey (ESF/Bob Wheelock) started strong on Course 15. Both dogs went forward and hunted hard. Honey went wide right when the course went sharp left, and Wheelock had difficulties getting Honey to move forward with him, but he did eventually get her to turn, and she shot to the front, which at this point was way forward of where Wheelock was. Tango hunted the first half of her hour with superb speed, style, and class. Tango scored a grouse find at 14 in the scrub oak section of the course, and then crossing into the heavy, thick cover on her second half, she hunted hard to score woodcock finds at 43 and again at 48. Tango finished hunting hard. Eight grouse and two woodcock moved on this brace.

Brace 10: Bright and sunny presented weather was for Confidence Squared Kelly (PF/Rachel Butler) and Pine Straw Fatbottom Girl (ESF/Dale Ash) on Course 1. Both dogs started well and made some good moves. At 23, Kelly stopped deep right and was found standing in a likely spot. Rachel didn't like what she saw and sent Kelly on; no bird was seen or heard. Kelly also had another stand at 30 but self-relocated while Rachel was flushing. Ash, not pleased with his dog's performance, picked up at the halfway mark. No birds moved on this brace.

Brace 11: The sun was shining brightly for the start of this brace. Springpond Rockin Gibby (ESM/ Lonnie Rademacher) and Moss Meadow Seeker (ESM/Ken Moss) were let loose on Course 3. Both dogs ran the best they could and opened up to fill up the course, but both handlers knew they needed to get to the end of this course and cross over to the next course for a shot at a bird, so the pace was brisk. Crossing over onto Course 4, both dogs hunted the cover as good as could be expected for the hot, dry, sunny conditions, with the course running out at 53. Seeker was coming across the front to the north side of the course and his bell was silent about 50 yards in. As we approached, a great big grouse launched and left Seeker standing as he does very beautifully! One grouse moved.

Brace 12: With weather conditions still hot and sunny, we got to watch Rowling's Star (ESF/Chuck Rowling) and High Tail Roxy (ESF/Russ Fazio) tear up Courses 5 and 6. Both dogs started big and stayed big with Roxy having a stand at 14 with no bird produced. Roxy also had another stand at 24, but again, no bird was present. Both dogs finished very strong. Four grouse moved on this brace.

Brace 13: Thornapple Casey (ESM/ Bob Leet) and Speed Dialing Kaia (PF/ John Paul Jones) started on Course 7 with hot and sunny conditions as well, but this didn't shorten the dogs. Both ran big and fast, with Casey leaving the party around 50 as Leet called for the tracker. Kaia was able to connect with a woodcock at 45 and finished strong. Two grouse and one woodcock moved on this brace.

Brace 14: K Del's Eagle Magnum Hotshot (BRITM/Ken DeLong) and Flambeau River Annie (ESF/ Joe Colglazier) hunted the cover on Course 9 in good style with it being hot and dry. Colglazier wasn't impressed with Annie's performance and leashed her at the half. DeLong pushed on through but was only rewarded with an unproductive at 32 in likely cover. No birds moved.

Brace 15: Back Creek Lucy (ESF/ Sean McKellip) and Ponderosa's Copper Penny (ESF/Robert Ellis) started off the last morning of running on Courses 11 and 12. Both dogs started out hunting the scrub oak cover at the beginning, with Lucy reaching forward and staying at bell's edge. When entering the next stage of cover on Course 11, the piney pole timber, Lucy's bell went silent at 7, about 50 yards north of the course. As she approached, Penny came in and backed Lucy. Sean flushed but was unable to produce a bird and both dogs were sent on. Both dogs swung through the open woods and headed to the swamp and worked the edge of the swamp through the rest of the timber. Coming out of the timber into an older cut that seems to maintain good grouse habitat, Lucy's bell went silent at 22 deep to the west of the course. Sean sent his scout, but after a few steps, he decided to go look himself. We found Lucy standing approximately 150 yards in; as we approached, a beautiful grouse exploded. Getting back to the course and sending Lucy forward, she came in and backed Penny at 40 as Rob was flushing for Penny but was unable to produce a bird; both dogs were moved on, and at 45, Penny stopped and pointed a woodcock as Lucy came into back Ellis flushed. Both dogs were released on course again, and at 49, Lucy stopped, and Penny showed up to back. Sean flushed a woodcock, and both dogs were released to get back to work. Lucy stopped again at 51, and Sean found her again and flushed another woodcock. After being released, Lucy drove forward and deep into the cover, going in and out of bell range. As time was called, Lucy was still out deep, and it took Sean a few minutes to get her in, definitely a strong powerful finish. One grouse and four woodcock

moved on this brace.

Brace 16: Well, as we all say, this is the brace we are looking forthe last brace. On Course 13/14, Ralphy's Hillbilly (PM/Brian Ralph) and Gracie's Ballroom Stars (ESF/ Steve McKalko) were let loose. Both dogs started to hunt well, but Hillbilly went wide right and started barking, such as possibly chasing something Ralph decided to pick up. Gracie was laying down a very nice hunting dog effort, staying closer, but she didn't miss a piece of cover; she was on a mission to find some birds. Gracie stopped at 15. Steve flushed a woodcock, and as the bird flew over Gracie, she marked it like a pro. Gracie was brought back to course and was released, but it didn't take her long to stop again as she went on point at 18, but Steve was unable to produce a bird. Gracie, again released, stopped again at 21, standing a woodcock that Steve flushed. And again, Gracie was released forward; she ran forward, and at 33, she stopped again and again Steve flushed another woodcock. After being released, Gracie went deep and quickly stopped again at 38; as we approached, a great big ole grouse blasted from the forest floor. Again, after being brought back to course and released, Gracie had a stop to flush on a brood of 4 grouse. Five grouse and four woodcock moved on this brace.

Total birds moved during this Championship, 46 grouse and 28 woodcock.

Meredith, Mich., September 27 Judges: Bill Holtan and Bruce M. Minard NATIONAL AMATEUR GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 30 Pointers and 4 Setters Winner-BACK CREEK LUCY, F1683067, setter female, by Peyton's Legacy Kip-Girl's Little Dixie. Steve Graham, owner; Sean McKellip, handler. Runner-Up-FAITH'S MAXIMUM JUSTICE, F1660276, pointer male, by Nelson's Van Max-Wild Apple Faith. Kenric DeLong, owner and handler.

Michigan Amateur Field Trial Club

Amateur Derby



Amateur Puppy: Chuck Rowling with Rowling's Stormy, Graeme Zaparzynski with Long Mountain Ace, Ken Moss with Rowling's Donna. (Standing): Kit Foster and Christy Helmes.

"Roxy," a setter female handled by Russ Fazio on Course 9, garnered first place. She had a nice forward run and two finds on woodcock.

In second place, "Sunny," a pointer female handled by Chris Wasserman, also on Course 9, ran a forward and fancy race with one find on a woodcock.



Amateur Derby: Russ Fazio with Hitail Roxy Afield, Chris Wasserman with Creekside's Sunshine, and Joe Colglaizer with Flambeau Moon River. (Standing): Lonnie Rademacher and Rich Hollister.

Third-place "Rem," a setter female handled by Joe Colglazier on Course 4, ran a little lateral but ran strong with one grouse find.

Amateur Puppy

Chuck Rowling had a great day, placing first and third with littermates, Rowling's Stormy in first place and Rowling's Donna in third. Second place was awarded to Long Mountain Ace, owned and handled by first-time field trialer Graeme Zaparzynski.

Judges: Carson Foster and Christie Helmes AMATEUR PUPPY – 1 Pointer and 9 Setters

1st-ROWLING'S STORMY, F1710741, setter female, by Moss Meadow Seeker-Rowling's Star. Chuck Rowling, owner and handler.

2d-LONG MOUNTAIN ACE, F1709181, setter male, by Baker River's Mountain Man-Marley Ball. Graeme Zaparzynski, owner and handler.

3d-ROWLING'S DONNA, F1710740, setter female, by Moss Meadow Seeker-Rowling's Star. Chuck Rowling, owner and handler.

Judges: Richard Hollister and Lonnie Rademacher AMATEUR DERBY – 2 Pointers and 9 Setters

1st-HITAIL ROXY AFIELD, F1705101, setter female, by Dun Rovens Zip-Castle Rock's Autumn Breeze. Russell Fazio, owner and handler.

2d-CREEKSIDE'S SUNSHINE, F1704976, pointer female, by Creekside's Riptide-Creekside's April Fools. Chris Wasserman, owner and handler. 3d-FLAMBEAU MOON RIVER, F1710595, setter female, by Grouse Busters Deacon-Grouse Busters Gracie. Izzac Colglaizer, owner and handler.

NGSPA PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sponsored by Purina Pro Plan and Dogs Unlimited By Anthony Rusciano | Bloomingdale, Ohio | October 2, 2024



NGSPA Pheasant Open Shooting Dog Championship (top row, I-r): Anthony Rusciano, Chris Goegan, Tim McClurg (judge), Robert Reynolds, Dan DiMambro, Chris Catanzarite (judge), Chris Young with In Country's Hurricane Jane, April DiMambro with Chicoree's Four Leaf Clover, and Fred Ryan.

This was the 51st year the NGSPA Pheasant Championships was being held, and we were faced with a hard decision to move grounds from Wye Island, Maryland, to Mingo Sportsman's Center Field Trial Grounds, Bloomingdale, Ohio. Wye Island has been home to our Championship for over 40 years and has a great deal of history and memories made there. The decision to move grounds was not easy, but ultimately, we felt that the future was not a positive one remaining on the island. The possibility that we could soon be losing another field in the middle of our course and the challenges we faced for the past few years in finding adequate cover for the Pheasant did help make the choice to move slightly easier.

Bill Monk, a board member at Mingo, deserves all the credit for allowing the NGSPA Pheasant Championship to run on these highly sought-after field trial grounds. Bill, a German Shorthair owner and field trialer himself, provided the Pheasant Championship the opportunity to conduct our Championship to follow the National Pointer Pheasant Championship. this National Following event granted our participants and their dogs the opportunity to have an abundance of pheasant finds.

Unlike Wye Island, where a dog had to stick to an edge and have the wind in their favor to run across game, at Mingo Field Trial grounds, a dog had to be a bird dog and hunt for game. The fact that Mingo grounds are better suited for the sport we compete in and better for our bird dogs is why moving grounds proved to be the best decision for our championship. There was plenty of game to be found. I believe almost every dog encountered a pheasant. Many dogs had multiple finds throughout their brace, and some were able to pin down coveys of pheasants with up to a dozen or more flying in one find.

NGSPA Pheasant The and Region 3 Championships received the approval to run their 2024 Championships at Mingo late during the summer and already had many of their judges selected to participate at their normal dates in November at Wye Island, Maryland. The challenge was to pivot and move two championships to the new grounds at Mingo in a very short time frame. Unfortunately, many of the judges had prior commitments that prevented them from being available for our new date a month earlier in October. A tremendous thanks goes to Chris Young, Chris Goegan, Art Terstage, and others who stepped up and helped supply judges for both championships. Planning a huge event such as the Pheasant Championship is difficult time-consuming and enough without the added stress of changing venues. We had to count on other field trialers from the area who were more familiar with the grounds to step in and help, and we are grateful for all their assistance. During the running of the event, last-minute changes had to be made, and Rich Robertson, Fred Ryan, and Kirk Loftin had to step in and judge a stake. We appreciate them lending a hand especially with their busy schedules of caring for their own strings of dogs. We are extremely grateful to those who helped us by taking some of the pressure off of Dayna and me.



Dr. Robert Reynolds, DVM, and Dr. Fred Ryan.

Purina Pro Plan has sponsored the NGSPA Pheasant championship for many years, and we would like to let Purina and Greg Blair know that we appreciate all they do for our sport. Thank you to Dogs Unlimited, who also sponsors all NGSPA Championships. Thank you to Jen Goodall for again taking the entries and doing a stand-up job organizing the paperwork. A special thanks goes to our judges for taking the time out of their busy schedules and away from their families to sit in the saddle and watch our dogs. Once again, a huge thank you to Bill Monk and the Mingo Sportsman Center Field Trial committee members for allowing the NGSPA Championships to conduct our events on their grounds. To all the Mingo members who either volunteered to plant birds for us or worked in the clubhouse, we appreciate your time and support. Lastly, we would like to thank the NGSPA board of directors for trusting us to run this event.

The NGSPA Pheasant Championships started on Friday, October 2, 2024. We could not have asked for better weather, and the Mingo Field Trial grounds were in excellent condition, with ample areas of grasses and food plots that went on as far as the eye could see. Many attendees travel thousands of miles to compete with their dogs and have fun trying to pin down a few pheasant finds. Not only did our 300 game birds stick around in the vast cover, but hundreds of pheasants were still present from the previous event. A lot of planning and time goes into running the Pheasant Championship. We are VERY APPRECIATIVE to all the professional handlers and amateurs who select this championship to attend and support.

Due to too many new hurdles with running this event on new grounds this year, we, unfortunately, do not have a brace by brace write-up. Just ask anyone in attendance, and they will be sure to tell you that this year was a step in a much better direction than the past few years, and the pheasant finds were plentiful.

With an abundance of finds came improved opportunities to better judge a bird dog's ability to not only hunt and find game but to do it multiple times throughout the hour-long brace. Not many dogs went birdless, making the competition more challenging and keeping everyone on the edge of their saddle. There is always room for improvement, and the Pheasant Championship is already excited and looking forward to 2025 to make this event the best we can offer our participants. We look forward to seeing all our NGSPA field trial friends attend this event in 2025 and welcome any newcomers to join us.

Congratulations to all of the 2024 champions and runner-up champions.

NGSPA Pheasant Open Shooting Dog Championship

From Brace 8a, named champion was In Country's Hurricane Jane ("Janie"), owned by Robert Reynolds and Chris Young and handled by Chris Goegan. From Brace 12a, Chicoree's Four Leaf Clover ("Chloe"), owned by Fred Ryan and handled by Dan DiMambro, was named runner-up champion.

The Pheasant Championship would like to thank all those who participated in this stake.



NGSPA Pheasant Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (top row, I-r): Fred Ryan (judge), Jack Alexander (judge), Anthony Rusciano, Dan DiMambro, Peter Coppens, and Art Terstage with WFK Rio Grand Nash. (Not pictured): Chuck Gonzalez and M's Sky High Little Missy.

Bloomingdale, Ohio, October 2 Judges: Chris Catanzarite and Tim McClurg NGSPA PHEASANT OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 37 German Shorthairs

Winner-IN COUNTRY'S HURRICANE JANE, F1672744, German Shorthair female, by Hi N's Bodacious-Slaterock Mattie Clark. Robert Reynolds & Chris Young, owners; Chris Goegan, handler. Runner-Up-CHICOREE'S FOUR LEAF CLOVER, F1706674, German Shorthair female, by Twin Creeks Running Rocky-Hi N's Allison Miranda. Fred Ryan, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.

NGSPA Pheasant Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

From Brace 5a, named champion was WFK Rio Grand Nash ("Rio"), owned by Peter and Diane Coppens and handled by Peter Coppens. From Brace 1a, M's Sky High Little Missy ("Missy"), owned and handled by Charles Gonzalez, was named runner-up champion.

The Pheasant Championship would like to thank all those who participated in this stake.

Judges: Jack Alexander and Fred Ryan NGSPA PHEASANT AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 20 German Shorthairs

Winner-WFK RIO GRAND NASH, F1701938, German Shorthair male, by Jackson Brown Wagoners Lightin-WFK Who Datz Big To Do. Peter & Diane Coppens, owners; Peter Coppens, handler. Runner-Up-M's SKY HIGH LITTLE MISSY, F1698294, German Shorthair female, by Riden High Rudy-Chicoree's Sparkle In Her Eye. Charles Gonzalez, owner and handler.

NGSPA Pheasant Open <u>All-Age Championship</u>

From Brace 4a, named champion was Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee ("Dee"), owned by Larry and Kirk Loftin and handled by Kirk Loftin. From Brace 3a, High Standing Cuttin



NGSPA Pheasant Amateur Shooting Dog breakaway.



NGSPA Pheasant Open Derby (top row, I-r): Rich Robertson (judge), Art Terstage, Kirk Loftin (judge), Fred Ryan, April DiMambro with Prairie Wind Lily In The Field, Peter Coppens with Sunny Fields Banshee, and Dan DiMambro with Chicoree's She's Something Else.



NGSPA Pheasant Derby win celebration dinner graciously sponsored by Keith and Bobbi Richardson.

Edge ("Woody"), owned by Anthony and Dayna Rusciano, and handled by Dan DiMambro, was named runnerup champion.

The Pheasant Championship would like to thank all those who participated in this stake.

Judges: Helmut Schoen and Chris Young NGSPA PHEASANT OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 20 German Shorthairs

Winner-STONEY HILL'S PINNACLE DEE, F1694168, German Shorthair female, by Twin Creek Running Rocky-P J's Wildfire's Little Lexi. Larry & Kirk Loftin, owners; Kirk Loftin, handler.

Runner-U-HIGH STANDING CUTTIN EDGE, F1675198, German Shorthair male, by Slicks Cuttin Wild-C L K's Point Me The Way. Anthony Rusciano, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.





NGSPA Pheasant Open All-Age Championship (top row, I-r): Chris Young (judge), Kirk Loftin, Dayna Rusciano, Anthony Rusciano, Helmut Schoen (judge), Dan DiMambro, Sherri Tangsrud with Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee, and April DiMambro with High Standing Cuttin Edge.

NGSPA Pheasant Open Derby

In first place, out of Brace 1a, was Prairie Wind Lily In The Field, owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson and handled by Dan DiMambro. In second place, out of Brace 2b, was Sunny Fields Banshee, owned and handled by Art Terstage. In third place, out of Brace 2a, was Chicoree's She's Something Else, owned and handled by Fred Ryan.

The Pheasant Championship would like to thank all those who participated in this stake.

Judges: Kirk Loftin and Kirk Loftin NGSPA PHEASANT OPEN DERBY – 10 German Shorthairs

1st-PRAIRIE WIND LILY IN THE FIELD, F1709642, German Shorthair female, by Rumel's Augie Doggie-Chicoree's Riden High Trixie. Keith & Bobbi Richardson, owners; Dan DiMambro, handler. 2d-SUNNY FIELDS BANSHEE, F1710431, German Shorthair female, by High Standing Cuttin Edge-Sunny Fields Fire Bird. Art Terstage, owner and handler.

3d-CHICOREE'S SHE'S SOMETHING ELSE, F1716794, German Shorthair female, by High Standing Cuttin Edge-Chicoree's Glitter and Gold. Fred Ryan, owner and handler.

NGSPA REGION 3 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sponsored by Purina Pro Plan and Dogs Unlimited By Anthony Rusciano | Bloomingdale, Ohio | October 10, 2024

NGSPA Region 3 he Championship followed the NGSPA Pheasant Championship. It ran on the prestigious field trial grounds at the Mingo Sportsman Center in Bloomingdale, Ohio. A special "thank you" to our sponsors, Purina Pro Plan and Dogs Unlimited. The NGSPA Region 3 Championship would also like to acknowledge Bill Monk for his effort securing these magnificent grounds for us to compete on. Thank you to Mingo Sportsman's Center for allowing us to host our event on your grounds and hospitality.

In addition to planting pheasant, the NGSPA Region 3 Championship also planted small coveys of quail for this event. Most of the dogs pointed pheasant during their brace, and the few quail finds that were encountered were difficult to put in the air due to the heavy cover and thick feed strips. The weather throughout the championship was overcast, but the temperatures were perfect for running bird dogs.

The NGSPA Region 3 Championship would like to thank the NGSPA board of directors for allowing us to run this event. We would also like to thank everyone who assisted us in transitioning to these new grounds from Wye Island, Maryland. To our



NGSPA Region 3 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (top row, I-r): Kirk Loftin, Joe Orndorff (judge), and Sherri Tangsrud with Uodibar's Lover Boy.



NGSPA Region 3 Open All-Age Championship (top row, I-r): Peter Coppens (judge), Dan DiMambro, Kirk Loftin (judge), April DiMambro with Evergreen's Jed, and Rich Robertson with P W Bert's Joke On Us.

judges who took time away from their busy schedules to watch our dogs compete, we are grateful. To the participants who stayed after the NGSPA Pheasant Championship and entered their dogs, we thank you for sponsoring this event.

NGSPA Region 3 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

Coming from Brace 2b, Uodibar's Lover Boy ("Blue"), owned by Sherri Tangsrud and handled by Kirk Loftin, was named champion. From Brace 1a, named runner-up champion was Hi N's Curtain Call ("Charlie"), owned and handled by Hank Lewis.

Bloomingdale, Ohio, October 10 Judges: Stacey Goodie and Joe Orndorff NGSPA REGION 3 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 12 German Shorthairs

Winner-UODIBAR'S LOVER BOY, F1689423, German Shorthair male, by Diamond R S Texas Express-Uodibar's Bet Your Booty. Sherri Tangsrud, owner; Kirk Loftin, handler.

Runner-Up-HI N'S CURTAIN CALL, F1687995, German Shorthair male, by Hi N's Bodacious-Hi N's Hasty Matilda. Hank Lewis, owner and handler.

NGSPA Region 3 Open Shooting Dog Championship

Coming from Brace 4b, Chicoree's Four Leaf Clover ("Chloe"), owned by Fred Ryan and handled by Dan DiMambro, was named champion. From Brace 14b, named runner-up champion was P W Indian Brook Heads Up ("Enzi"), owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson and handled by Rich Robertson.



NGSPA Region 3 Open Shooting Dog Championship (top row, I-r): Dan DiMambro, Art Terstage (judge), Brian Riggle (judge), Rich Robertson, April DiMambro with Chicoree's Four Leaf Clover, and Hank Lewis with P W Indian Brook Heads Up.

Judges: Brian Riggle and Art Terstage NGSPA REGION 3 OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 35 German Shorthairs

Winner-CHICOREE'S FOUR LEAF CLOVER, F1706674, German Shorthair female, by Twin Cree's Running Rocky-Hi N's Allison Miranda. Fred Ryan, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-P W INDIAN BROOK HEADS UP, F1661199, German Shorthair male, by No Mars Mack J Hauss-P W Pennies From Heaven. Keith & Bobbi Richardson, owners; Rich Robertson, handler.

NGSPA Region 3 Open <u>All-Age Championship</u>

Coming from Brace 4b, Evergreen's Jed ("Jed"), owned by Lance Olsen and handled by Dan DiMambro, was named champion. From Brace 1a, P W Bert's Joke on Us ("Bart"), owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson and handled by Rich Robertson, was named runner-up champion.

Judges: Peter Coppens and Kirk Loftin NGSPA OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 12 German Shorthairs

Winner-EVERGREEN'S JED, F1676169, German Shorthair male, by Trublu's B D K Ace Inthe Hole-Chicoree's What A Hoodlum. Lance Olsen, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler. Runner-Up-P W BERT'S JOKE ON US, F1655432,

German Shorthair male, by Slicks Cuttin Wild-P W Fast Forward. Keith & Bobbi Richardson, owners; Richie Robertson, handler.

ENGLISH SETTER CLUB OF AMERICA Middle Atlantic and Garden State Trials By Joe Lordi | Lacey Township, New Jersey | October 17, 2024



Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship (front row): Hailey Moreland with Pine Straw Hot Chocolate, Brayden Smith, and Mike Tracy with Miller's Extreme Heat. (Back row): Lane Hodges (judge), Darcy Hodges (judge), Muriel Primm, George Tracy, Kevin Joyce, and Maureen Joyce.

he English Setter Club hosted the Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship, the Bill and Muriel Primm Middle Atlantic Amateur Shooting Dog Classic, the Garden State Open Derby Classic, and the Garden State Open Shooting Dog Championship on the Hunter Wilcox Field Trial Grounds at the Greenwood Wildlife Management Area in Lacey Township, New Jersey. The grounds had been holding numerous trials since the end of September, and this meant one thing: the birds were plenty.

The Club would like to thank Joe Cincotta for all his work on these trials. He worked tirelessly before and during the trials. The list is so long of all the work he did that I am not even going to try and write up the list. Bobby Verderosa was extremely helpful, providing lots of support for the trials. Bob Brooks is always "Johnny on the Spot" in the dog truck and provided support for the start of the Middle Atlantic Championship but had to miss time for surgery. We wish him well in his recovery.

These trials missed one major contributor to all the New Jersey trials for a lifetime. Lloyd Miller has been a fixture at trials since long before I went to my first field trial. He passed away shortly after the last trial finished. Rest in peace, Lloyd, and know you will be missed.

The Middle Atlantic Championship started us off with Lane and Darcy Hodges judging. The Club appreciates the time they spent in the saddle and the long drive up. They were looking for a running dog with fine style on their game. Many dogs started off meeting this standard but were not able to complete the task. These two rode hard in dry conditions. They are probably still cleaning out the nasal system. The championship drew an impressive 43 dogs. We were a little tight on time but were able to complete the championship. We had three professional handlers run dogs: Mike Tracy, Matt Basilone, and George Tracy. We would like to thank them and their owners for their support. We would also like to thank Kevin Joyce for helping with the bird planting duties.

I apologize for not being able to do a full write-up on all the dogs, but there were not enough workers for that. In the end, Pine Straw Hot Chocolate was named the champion with five outstanding finds and a strong forward race. This 4-yearold won her first championship, and the future is looking up. She was handled by Mike Tracy and is owned by Mike Reeves. The runner-up was Miller's Extreme Heat. This Pointer



Garden State Open Shooting Dog Championship (front row): Marcus Ramseur with Mohawk Mill Gangster, Hailey Moreland with Miller's Extreme Heat, Darcy Hodges, and Lane Hodges. (Back row): Matt Basilone, Daphne Rogers (judge), Ed McCay, Mary Tracy, Mike Tracy, Ronnie Rogers (judge), Muriel Primm, George Tracy, and Bill Primm.

female had an extremely strong forward race with two stylish finds. She was handled by Mike Tracy and is owned by Joe McHugh. Dogs that pushed the winners were English Setter Fort River's Lucky Charm and English Pointer Limbsmoke Urban Lullaby, both handled by Matt Basilone.

The Bill and Muriel Primm Middle Atlantic Amateur Shooting Dog Classic was run next, starting on Sunday and running into Monday. The Club would like to thank the amateurs who were able to run on Monday. Joe Cincotta and John Frank, two English Setter Club board members, were able to judge, and their decision was well received. Alex Smith took top honors with Calico's Country Strong. This Pointer female has been on a hot streak this fall, winning this and the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. She had six finds and a strong forward race. Second place went to The Secret, handled by Joe Lordi, with six finds and a smooth front-running race. Third place went to Southpoint's Hog Wild, owned and handled by Mark Janiec. Hog Wild had eight stylish covey finds and a good race. The Club would like to thank Matt Basilone for helping with the dog truck and bird planting.

The Garden State Open Derby was run after the Amateur Shooting Dog Classic, with Mark Janiec and David

Creegan performing the judicial duties. We were pleased with an excellent draw of 17 dogs. We would like to thank them for their time. Thunder Road took top honors with a flawless ground race in the heat with one broke find and a divided find. Thunder Road was handled by Mike Tracy and owned by Bill and Muriel Primm, Allen Linder, and Madison McDonald. Deena Jet took second with two finds and a big race. She has been one hot derby to start off the season. She was handled by Mike Tracy and owned by Steve and Darren Boyer. Millers Smokeing Gun took third for handler George Tracy and owners Bill and Muriel Primm, Allen Linder, and Madison McDonald. The Pointer male scored one stylish find and far-reaching race and a strong finish. Two dogs that pushed the winners were Hauser's Georgia Pride, handled by Mike Tracy, and Erin's Wild River, handled by Lane Hodges.

The Garden State Championship was next on the docket with Ronnie and Daphine Rogers driving all the way from Tennessee to help the club and judge. We are very appreciative of their effort. Again, it was hot and dry which led to tough conditions for all. Taking the championship was Mohawk Mill Gangster for handler Matt Basilone and owners Ed and Megan McCay. Gangster was in the final brace with runnerup champion Miller's Extreme Heat and was again named runner-up champion for handler Mike Tracy and owner Joe McHugh. Both dogs had ten finds and did outstanding jobs. Gangster's gorgeous style on point was mentioned by the judges and Miller's Extreme Heat's ground race was noted. This was an exciting brace, each dog helping the other put them over the top. They traded blows like a heavy-weight fight.

The judges mentioned there were at least 12 dogs that could have been



Middle Atlantic Amateur Shooting Dog Classic (front row): Calico's Country Strong with Muriel Primm, The Secret with Joe Lordi, and Southpoint's Hog Wild with Mark Janiec. (Back row): Joe Cincotta (judge), Lane Hodges, Darcy Hodges, and George Tracy.

named champion, with a total of six dogs with knock-out performances. After Pine Straw Hot Chocolate ran, the judges thought that would be very tough to beat. Limbsmoke Urban Lullaby, owned by Lloyd Miller and handled by Matt Basilone, was right there for the consideration. Miller's Heat Seeker, handled by George Tracy, was also given strong consideration. Strong 10-covey find performances seemed to happen every other brace. The dry, dusty conditions did not seem to have any negative effect on the dogs.

The trials at Greenwood concluded with the third championship in two weeks; this was for the amateurs. English Setter Club board of directors Dan Jolly and John Frank took time out of their schedule to judge. We are thankful for their time. They gave all the amateurs their time watching carefully. They were splitting hairs to determine the champion and runner-up. They named Cheyenne Jack champion with six stylish finds and a strong forward race with a big finish. Jack is owned by Sal Morelli of Moyock, North Carolina, and was handled by Joe Lordi of Atco, New Jersey. Taking runner-up champion was Calico's Over The Top. Over The Top had five finds, an unproductive and strong forward race. The judges commented on how close this was, with both dogs putting on a great show. Closest to the winners was

Ravenwood Throwing Smoke, owned and handled by Joe Cincotta.

Lacey Twp, N. J., October 17 – One Course Judges: Darcy Hodges and Lane Hodges MIDDLE ATLANTIC OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 41 Pointers and 2 Setters

Winner-PINE STRAW HOT CHOCOLATE, F1692899, setter female, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-Pine Straw Sweet Tea. Michael Reeves, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

Runner-Up-MILLER'S EXTREME HEAT, F1685698, pointer female, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Joe McHugh, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

Judges: Joe Cincotta and John Frank MIDDLE ATLANTIC BILL & MURIEL PRIMM AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 24 Pointers, 1 Setter, and 1 Brittany

1st-CALICO'S COUNTRY STRONG, F1679850, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Calico's Touch of Class. Calico Kennels, owner; Alex Smith, handler. 2d-THE SECRET, F1686192, pointer male, by Waybetter Rocky-Ladywood's Keepsake. Joe Lordi,

Waybetter Rocky-Ladywood's Keepsake. Joe Lordi, owner and handler. 3d-SOUTHPOINT'S HOG WILD, F1686800, pointer

male, by Broken Halo-Backwoods Tennessee Honey. Mark Janiec, owner and handler.

Judges: Daphne Rogers and Ronnie Rogers GARDEN STATE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 35 Pointers and 3 Setters

Winner-MOHAWK MILL GANGSTER, F1685479, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Pirate's Legacy-Katie Lee's Wild Side. Ed & Megan McCoy, owner; Matt Basilone, handler.

Runner-Up-MILLER'S EXTREME HEAT, F1685698, pointer female, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Joe McHugh, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

Judges: Mark Janiec and David Creegan

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC – 16 Pointers and 1 Setter 1st-THUNDER ROAD, F1714744, pointer male, by Rentz's Hijacked-Dominator's Heir Kate. Bill & Muriel Primm, Allen Linder & Madison McDonald, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

2d-DEENA JET, 1718103, pointer female, by Touch's Fire Away-World Class Catie. Steve & Daren Boyer, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d-MILLERS SMOKEING GUN, F1713796, pointer male, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Dialed Up. Bill & Muriel Primm, Allen Linder & Madison McDonald, owners; George Tracy, handler.

Judges: John Frank and Dan Jolly REGION 2 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 31 Pointers and 2 Setters

Winner-CHEYENNE JACK, F1668503, pointer male, by Great River Ice-Blaze's Isis. Sal Morelli, owner; Joe Lordi, handler.

Runner-Up-CALICO'S OVER THE TOP, F1692315, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Calico's Country Strong. Calico Kennels & Alex & Tiffany Smith, owners; Alex Smith, handler.

GYP HILLS FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Mayfield Storm Charger for Allen-Vincent Captures First in the Kansas Prairie Open All-Age Classic By Doug Meyer | Medicine Lodge, Kansas | October 21, 2024

he Kansas Prairie Open All-Age Classic had an exciting renewal on the quailladen courses of the beautiful Z Bar Ranch in South Central Kansas. This National Qualifier held on the native prairie of the 43,000-acre Z Bar enjoyed a record upland game year with big coveys of bobwhite guail, and pheasants moved in every brace. The trial also experienced about every type of weather that can be found in the Gypsum or Red Hills of Kansas along the Oklahoma line southwest of Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

Our three All-Age Classic winners had driving prairie all-age races and nice birdwork to please judges Mark Livingston and Tim Penn, who presided. Mayfield Storm Charger, handled by Allen Vincent for veteran Kentucky owner Roger Watson, ran with stormy conditions approaching, which finally caught us with a cold

rain and thunderstorm halfway through the brace. Chaser had an excellent find in the driving rain on a nice covey before exiting the wetland on course two the first afternoon. He showed deep on the prairie throughout but kept his handler in mind as he finished the hour well to the front. Andy Daugherty handled second place Westfall's Mandalay for owner Jim Santarelli of Springfield, Illinois, after an excellent race and sharp birdwork on course one. Daugherty expertly kept a handle on Mandalay in the tighter finish of course one to be named second. Veteran Westfall's True Grit for owner Ryan Westfall took third for Daugherty with another solid effort in the trial's first brace on course one to annex third place. The hard luck dog of the trial was Big And Wild, run by Matt Cochran, who seemingly was on a mission to reach out and point birds after every cast he made.

Unfortunately, Big was lost after scoring three beautiful finds on both quail and pheasants. It was a fine show until Big was lost late in the brace in heavy cover along the expansive Cottage Creek bottom.

The Derby stake was light on entries, but just about every youngster had quail contacts on the multiple courses. Wynona's Rebel ran an aggressive and impressive race throughout to get the nod for first. Allen Vincent handled for owner Bruce Sooter. You could definitely see the all-age credentials of Rebel as he was spied on several deep moves with everyone straining to keep track from the high ground near the remains of Aetna. Worsham's Samson for Joe Worsham did a nice job on a covey of quail, showing good manners and a solid race.

Raymonds Patsy, handled

by Vincent, scored a beautiful relocation on a running covey under trees east of Dry Creek to be named third. All of these derbies look to have a good future, and we wish their owners the best with them.

The Gyp Hills Field Trial Club would like to thank Z Bar management for their support and ownership in allowing the field trial community access to this beautiful swath of native wildlife heaven. Special thanks to ranch managers Keith and Eva Yearout and Thane Yunker for dog wagon duties and for hosting us all. The Club acquired a new, solid dog wagon thanks to Club Secretary Paul Roederer, who spied it on

Marketplace and then mounted a toolbox on the front with a water tank added as well. Really a major addition and very much needed when we had a dog overheated during the running. Thanks to Grace Meyer for keeping us fed and to Allen Vincent's owner for sponsoring the winners' steak dinner. It was excellent, and we're so lucky to have our clubhouse with a full kitchen, shower, and sleeping space. We look forward to seeing everyone for our amateur stakes at the end of February. Unbelievable bird numbers this year!

Tally Ho to you all.

Medicine Lodge, Kan., October 21 Judges: Mark Livingston and Tim Penn KANSAS PRAIRIE OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 18 Pointers and 1 Setter

Ist-MAYFIELD STORM CHARGER, F1701588, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Roger Watson, owner; Allen Vincent, handler. 2d-WESTFALL'S MANDALAY, F1682881, pointer male, by Strut Nation-Erin's Amazing Grace. Jim Santerelli, owner; Andy Daugherty, handler. 3d-WESTFALL'S TRUE GRIT, F1663635, pointer male, by Erin's Brave Heart-Westfall's Irish Bell. Ryan Westfall, owner; Andy Daugherty, handler.

OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers

1st-WYNONA'S REBEL, F1717783, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-White Smoke's Angel. Bruce Sooter, owner; Allen Vincent, handler. 2d-WORSHAM'S SAMSON, F1717675, pointer male, by Haney's Silver Dollar-Haney's Black Widow. Joe Worsham, owner and handler.

3d-RAYMONDS PATSY, F1712582, pointer female, by Raymond's Double Rebel Jess-Raymond's White Out. William Raymond, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.

GEORGIA-FLORIDA INVITATIONAL FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Fall Handlers' Trial

By Maria Bassham | Monticello, Florida | November 1, 2024

The weather was unseasonably warm, but the 18 shooting dog contenders and six derby dogs gave it their all during their time on the ground.

We would like to thank our two judges, Ed Chance of Albany, Georgia, and Marcus Cornwell of Newton, Georgia, for their watchful eye and expert perception of these fine canine athletes. Thank you to Ag Pro for providing the handlers and gallery with an amazing lunch under the big oaks on both Friday and Saturday. A huge thank you goes out to the Ingalls family, David Harden, Devin Harden, and the Norias Plantation staff for inviting us to use their facilities and providing the beautiful grounds to run on.

The first brace of the Open Shooting Dog stake was "Jake" with handler Greg Shepherd and "Sister"



Open Shooting Dog (r-I): Terry Chastain with Melrose Big John, Greg Shepherd with Seranoa's Bozeman Kush, and Thomas Rice III, joined by Ed Chance (judge), Marcus Cornwell (judge), and spectators.

with handler Dustin Kirby. Jake started the morning off strong with a nice find and birds up 11 minutes into the 45-minute brace. He had a second find four minutes later with another nice covey up. He later backed his bracemate, Sister, who had a productive find herself with birds seen and shot fired. Both dogs were with their handlers when time was called.

In the second brace were secondplace winner "Bud" with Greg Shepherd and Johnny Come Lately with Ray Pearce. Bud had a clean find with a big covey up early in his brace. He ran a strong, forward race that was pleasing to ride along and watch from the gallery. With five minutes to spare, he stopped for a find with a relocation. He continued to hunt and was seen when time was called, securing himself in second place. Johnny Come Lately was picked up by his handler before the brace ended.

In the third brace were Milestone Rucker with Mark Henley and

Mayhaw's Storm Chaser with Trey Mills. Both dogs did not perform to their handlers' liking and were picked up before time was called.

In the fourth brace were thirdplace winner, "Dolly" with Tommy Rice and Pinewood Blue with Shon Powell. Dolly's first find of her 45 minutes on the ground proved to have antlers, and not feathers, as two big bucks got up from the brush. Her second find was an impressivesized covey that she held steady to wing and shot. She ran a clean, strong brace that left the judges wanting more. Pinewood Blue had a nice find with birds up midway through her time on the ground. Both dogs were seen when pick-up was called.

In the fifth brace was "Ann" with Tommy Rice and "Margie" with Dustin Kirby. Ann and Margie both finished their brace, with Ann having a classy, impressive find 15 minutes before the brace ended.

In the sixth brace were Pinewood Bill with Shon Powell and Smokin Joe with Ray Pearce. Bill held steady to wing and shot for his one find and was seen when pick up was called. Joe did not complete his brace.

In the seventh brace were Milestone Jet with Mark Henley and "Buddy" with Danny Tankersley. Both dogs were picked up before the end of their brace.

In the eighth bracer were "Cuz" with Tommy Rice and first-place winner Melrose Big John with Terry James Chastain. John had a nice, strong start to his winning brace with a nice sized, young covey up and held steady to wing and shot. His next point was honored by his bracemate, Cuz, and shot was fired. Cuz was next in, stopping for a find, with John backing, and birds were seen. Both dogs had one more find each before time was called and were seen with their handlers at pick up. It was an exciting winning brace for all to see.

In the ninth brace were "Chance" with Jason Loper and "Bo" with Michael Hill. Both dogs were picked up in the last brace of the Open Shooting Dog stake.

Monticello, Fla., November 1 Judges: Ed Chance and Marcus Cornwell OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 18 Pointers

1st-MELROSE BIG JOHN, F1708582, pointer male, by Brakenslide Ben-Melrose Rebel Lou. Terry Chastain Jr., owner and handler.

2d-SERANOA'S BOZEMAN KUSH, F1705695, pointer male, by Touch's Malcolm Story-Seranoa's On Guard Annie. Eddie Sholar, owner; Greg Shepherd, handler.

3d-REAL THING DOLLY, F1695583, pointer female, by Mayhaw's Perfect Storm-Eri's Miss Rosebud. Thomas Rice & Raymond Brown, owners; Thomas Rice, handler.

Derby Winners

All three derby winners impressed the judges in their 30 minutes on the ground. They ran nice, clean races, and each of them finished with style and class.

OPEN DERBY – 7 Pointers

1st-MILESTONE MARGO, F1718596, pointer female, by Broomsedge Rebel Bud-Broomsedge Island Gal. Kathy Vignos, owner; Mark Henley, handler.

2d-MERRILY FAITHFUL HEART, F1715850, pointer female, by Melrose Big Rambler-Melrose Ramblin Heart. Daphne Wood, owner; Terry Chastain, handler.

3d-DAN, unreg., pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Miss Maggie. Jason Loper, owner and handler.



SOUTHERN FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Touch's Blue Knight Wins Dan Bateman Masters Amateur All-Age By Steve Standley | Ochlocknee, Georgia | November 1, 2024

Southern Field Trial he Club tradition continued as they hosted their Amateur Masters stakes in early November. Thanks to the members and landowner Eddie Sholar, Burnt Branch Plantation in Ochlocknee, Georgia, was again the venue for this respected event. The three one-hour courses were in excellent condition, and a big tip of the hat goes to Eddie, Greg Shepherd, and Kojac Wynn for their committed efforts. Carefully blocked piney woods and large fields offer plenty of opportunity for a dog to display its talents.

Tim Moore and his wife, Polly, and Woody Watson devoted themselves and their efforts to a successful trial. All involved made up a warm group of people that ensured a great event. There was tasty food and fun social times.

The Club is grateful for all the judges' time in the saddle. Jesse Graffam and Eddie Sholar judged the Gene Brooks Amateur Derby. Randy Marsh and Gary Futch evaluated the Dan Bateman Amateur All-Age. Thanks are also extended to Justin Burson and Cliff Flowers for officiating the Roy Clark Amateur Shooting Dog stake.

Game was plentiful, and dogs had ample opportunity to make bird contact on all three one-hour courses. The placements follow.

Ochlocknee, Ga., November 1 Judges: Gary Futch and Randy Marsh DAN BATEMAN MASTERS AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] – 10 Pointers

1st-TOUCH'S BLUE KNIGHT, F1680548, pointer male, by Touch's Knight Rider-Touch's Maswood Anne. Woody Watson, owner and handler. 2d-TOUCH'S LONE DOMINATOR, F1692275, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-Pearl Again. Charles K. Cantrell, owner and handler.

3d-JUST SAYIN, F1698956, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Worth The Wait. Mike Moses, owner and handler.



Dan Bateman Masters Amateur All-Age: Blue Knight with Woody Watson, Touch's Lone Dominator with Kent Cantrell, and Just Sayin with Mike Moses, joined by participants.

Judges: Cliff Flowers and Justin Burson ROY CLARKE MASTERS AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats] – 10 Pointers

1st-NEELY'S SPECIAL BUSINESS, F1701736, pointer male, by Miller Unfinished Business-Neely's Party Girl. John Neely, owner and handler.

2d-JUST SAYIN, F1698956, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Worth The Wait. Mike Moses, owner and handler.

3d-TOUCH'S DANCING NANCIES, F1680402, pointer female, by Touch's Big Whiskey-Blackhawk's Sunflower. Kent Cantrell, owner and handler.

Judges: Jesse Graffam and Eddie Sholar GENE BROOKS MASTERS AMATEUR DERBY – 6 Pointers

1st-SERANOA'S RAMBLIN' MAN, F1705774, pointer male, by Touch's Malcolm Story-Seranoa's On Guard Annie. Alex Rickert, owner and handler. 2d-WATSON'S SANMAN, F1710494, pointer male, by Rester's Blue Knight-Touch's Katie Lee. Woody Watson, owner and handler.



Roy Clarke Masters Amateur Shooting Dog: Neely's Special Business with John Neely, Just Sayin with Mike Moses, and Touch's Dancing Nancies with Kent Cantrell, joined by participants.



Gene Brooks Masters Amateur Derby: Ramblin Man with Alex Rickert and Watson's Sanman with Woody Watson, joined by participants.

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CENTRAL PRAIRIE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

The Butch Spelbring Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog Dominated by Setters By Dan Crunk | Orchardville, Illinois | November 2, 2024

n November 2, the Central Prairie Field Trial Club held its fall trial in Orchardville, Illinois. The weather and scenting conditions could not have been better. Again, our club is so blessed to be able to hold our trials on the Ellis Farm. Ted Ellis and Lind Ellis are such gracious hosts. Unfortunately, Ted harvested a big buck with his truck on his way to the trial and missed the day. In the past year, field trialing lost a good friend and contributor in Butch Spelbring. Butch ran trials, trained his dogs, and had run dogs in walking trials for a lot of friends. The Central Prairie Club was his, and Rick Stanford took over this club at his death. Butch will be missed. The Club now runs the Butch Spelbring Amateur Dog stake in memory of Butch.

This year, we were happy to have a group of good judges who worked hard at watching each entry intently. Getting good judges is always difficult, and this year, the Club had a group of judges with training, handling, and judging experience. The judges were Ron Ward, Danny Draffen, Stephen Fuess, and your scribe.

Jae Crunk prepared lunch. Normally, Jae fixes homemade cookies, but this year, she broke her wrist, and we did not get her cookies.

The Butch Spelbring Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog was dominated by Setters this year. I believe the top three placements all gave championship performances. Don Heisner, with "Buck," took first in this competitive stake. Buck had two finds and a back with a strong race always to the front. Jack Glover had second and third in this stake, with "Pepper" placing second and "Flint" taking home the third-place plaque. Pepper had two finds and runs and points with great style. Flint had a find and divided find plus a strong forward race. This stake was extremely competitive with several other dogs giving really good performances.

The Amateur Derby was won by "Star," a young Pointer female for Danny Draffen. Star had three finds and finished very strong to the front. Michael Edwards from Tennessee had the second-place dog with "Heidi," a Pointer female. Heidi had a find and finished strong to the front.

The Shooting Dog was won by one of our youth handlers, with Myah Landolina handling "Diamond," a German Shorthair, to the victory. Myah does a good job of handling her dog. She enjoys the field trials. Second place in the Shooting Dog went to Michael Edwards handling "Tripp," a Pointer male.

Your scribe got to judge the Amateur Puppy and would report that even though the draw was small, the quality was very good. Brian Stockrahm won the Puppy stake with "Preacher," a Pointer male. Preacher has been winning all fall and did have a covey contact. "Jack," a pointer male for Michael Edwards, had a race strong to the front, hunting every step.

The NBHA has several strong sponsors for our field trials. Purina Pro Plan, Gun Dog Supply, Garmin, OnX, Mule Hunting Clothing, and Gun Dog Central sponsor NBHA events. This fall, we had two handlers, Myah Landolina and Declin Wheat. Dads and grandfathers are to be recognized for getting these young handlers started. Thanks to all our handlers who brought entries and our judges for each stake. It was a great day, and we will see you in the spring.

Orchardville, Ill., November 2 Judges: Dan Draffen and Ron Ward NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 15 Entries

1st-BEAUCOUP CREEK BUCK, F1666952, setter male, by Shadow Oak Bo-Beaucoup Creek Ellie. Don Heisner, owner and handler.

2d-GLOVER'S PEPPER SHAKER, F1695618, setter male, by Erin's Wild Atlantic Way-C C Erin O'Shamrock. Jack Glover, owner and handler. 3d-GLOVER'S FLINTSTONE, F1691597, setter male, by Islander-Kodiak Island Bird Dog. Jack Glover, owner and handler.

Judges: Dan Crunk and Ron Ward NBHA AMATEUR DERBY – 4 Pointers

1st-DOUBLE D'S STAR LINEBACKER, F1712470, pointer female, by Phillips Linebacker-Phillips White Sand. Danny Draffen, owner and handler. 2d-KATE'S ELHEW HALO, F1706678, pointer female, by Iowa Elhew Rusty-Miss Elhew Gypsy. James Edwards Sr., owner; Michael Edwards, handler.

Judges: Dan Draffen and Ron Ward NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 4 Entries

1st-NO LIMIT'S WILDFIRES WILDCARD, F1705637, German Shorthair male, by P J Wildfire's Little Bud-P J Wildfire's Little Angel. John Landolina, owner; Myah Landolina, handler.

2d-PINEHILL ELHEW TOP GUN, F1699947, pointer male, by Pinehill Elhew Damascus Max-Pinehill Elhew Damascus Jan. James Edwards Sr., owner; Michael Edwards, handler.

Judges: Dan Crunk and Steve Fuess NBHA AMATEUR PUPPY – 4 Pointers

1st-PB JOHN THE BAPTIST, F1708723, pointer male, by Small's White Charger-Blue Mound's Mainstreet. Brian Stockrahm, owner and handler.

2d-TRIPLE E ELHEW ONE EYED JACK, F1711324, pointer male, by Tenacee Cooper-Triple E Elhew Dolly. Jerry Edwards, owner; Michael Edwards, handler.

KANSAS CHAMPIONSHIP ASSOCIATION

Haney's Hurricane Seeker Wins Sunflower Open All-Age Classic By Rachel Russell | Blue Mountain, Mississippi | November 2, 2024

he Sunflower Classic Open All-Age and Derby field trial ran November 2-4. It is the middle trial in a series of three backto-back open stakes at Hell Creek WMA in Blue Mountain, Mississippi, hosted by David and Rachel Russell and Billy K. Blackwell. The Hell Creek Open runs prior and the Kentucky Lake Open begins at the conclusion. We were blessed with 22 all-age entries and 23 derby entries to be judged by Kirk Loftin and Sherri Tangsrud of Mack's Creek, Missouri. We had a great gallery turnout, as this trial fell on the weekend, and we enjoyed seeing new faces, young and old! We would like to thank our judges for their commitment, the handlers, and owners for supporting our trial, MDWFP for allowing us to use their beautiful grounds, and Greg Blair with Purina for his sponsorship; we were able to gift all of the winners with their choice of Purina dog food and provide engraved gifts!

We would like to congratulate the winners of the Sunflower Classic Open All-Age: Haney's Hurricane Seeker, owned and handled by David Russell of Como, Mississippi; B G K's Luke, owned and handled by Jarrett Bell of Troy, Missouri; and Lester's War Bird, owned and handled by Gary Lester of Gracey, Kentucky.

We would like to congratulate the winners of the Sunflower Classic Open Derby: Sunset Sam Houston, owned by Matthew and Stacy Brown of St. Louis, Missouri, and handled by Ike Todd of Dancyville, Tennessee; Beeler's Rex, owned by Gordy Jones of Draper, Utah, and handled by Ike Todd; and Southern Pioneer, owned by Chris Peek of Albany, Georgia, and handled by Gary Lester.



Sunflower Open All-Age (I-r): Rachel and David Russell, Mike Lemons (scout) with Haney's Hurricane Seeker, Kirk Loftin (judge), Jarrett Bell with Allison Bell (wife and scout) with B G K's Luke, Sherri Tangsrud (judge), Gary Lester, Korry Rinehart (scout) with Lester's War Bird, Kyle Graves, Amber Swords, Mattie Jo Curtis with daughter Mary Lou, Anniston Russell, Luke Rinehart, and Joe Don House.

We started the Sunflower Open Classic All-Age under cloudy skies at 7:59 a.m. on November 2 at 50 degrees. The excitement started early with Miller's Speed Dial, handled by Randy Anderson, scoring a find at :08. He went on to have other finds at 31 right past lime pile alongside Hell Creek and 45 in the second field down from the old house on the right. His bracemate, Southern Thunder, handled by Tom Shenker, backed at :08 and then picked up after two unproductives. Haney's Hurricane Seeker, owned and handled by David Russell, went through the cut in the first field down from the old house and was found to the front when the horses came through the pines after the first road crossing. Soon after, he had his first find at :30 in the field before the pines by the church and was found standing at 55 at the end of mile-long bottom on the left. He finished nearly out of sight in the mile long bottom. His bracemate, Touch's Fire Away, handled by Randy Anderson, had a find at :40 in the

field past the silos before we went on to have a back at 55 and was picked up for a breach of manners. B G K's Luke, handled by Jarrett Bell, was turned loose for the third brace and seen rounding the second field before going out of sight. He was found pointed in the cut at the end of the pines before crossing Hell Creek and scored a find at 20. He went on to have a beautiful allage race and finished to the front alongside his bracemate, Painted Owyhee Breeze, handled by Bridget Ledington. The afternoon brace turned loose at 1:35 p.m. under sunny skies and 74 degrees with a slight breeze. Lester's Shockwave, handled by Gary Lester, had a find at 28 beside the rock pile alongside Hell Creek, 42 in the second field down from the old house after the first creek crossing and 57 just past the silos. He finished the hour unlike his bracemate, Late Hit, handed by Tom Shenker, who was picked up in the mile-long bottom at 35. Luke, handled by Jarrett Bell, and Quail Woods Pine, handled by Randy Anderson, scored a divided find in the field on the other side of the pines by the church at 24. Luke went on to have another find at 32 before dropping into the bottom before the second road crossing behind the old house. Both dogs finished the brace. Como Thunder, handled by David Russell, and Ascension, handled by Korry Rinehart, had the last brace of the day. Ascension had a find at 38 in the second field after crossing the creek, and both dogs finished the hour. On the second day of running, we turned loose at 7:45 a.m. under partly sunny skies at 70 degrees. Coldwater Crackerjack, handled by Gary McKibben, and Full Ride, handled by Randy Anderson, had the first course. Full Ride was picked up in the mile-long bottom and Crackerjack finished the hour birdless. The second brace started off with a bang with a divided find for Lester's War Bird, handled by Gary Lester, and Coldwater Odyssey, handled by Gary McKibben for Weldon Bennett. Odyssey was picked up at 17 and Lester's War Bird went on to have a find at 43 at the road crossing behind the old house before finishing the brace close to the clubhouse. I'm Gallant, handled by Randy Anderson, ran as a bye-dog because Coldwater War Cry, handled by Weldon Bennett, scratched. I'm Gallant glided around the third course, and Anderson showed feathers at 22 when he was unable to produce birds at a find. He finished the brace. We turned the afternoon brace loose at 1:00 p.m. at 81 degrees. It was windy, sunny, and warm as Lester's Storm Surge scored three finds before finishing the brace by the silos...in the pines across the first road crossing at 18, in the cut at the mile-long bottom at 38. and in the second field down from the house at 44. His bracemate, Whippoorwill Vette, handled by Larry Huffman, was picked up at 20. Bonner's Bulletproof, handled by



Open Derby (I-r): David Russell with daughter Olivia Russell, Matthew Brown, Isaiah Todd (scout) with Brown's Sam, Kirk Loftin (judge), Sherri Tangsrud (judge), Ike Todd with Beeler's Rex, Gary Lester, Kyle Graves (scout) with Southern Pioneer, Mr. Jack, Allison and Jarrett Bell, and Brian Peterson.

Randy Anderson, and Miller's King Post, handled by Gary Lester, turned loose at the old house. Both dogs were picked up at :05 for a breach of manners.

The Derby stake began immediately following the conclusion of the all-age at the old house with Bud, handled by Gary Lester. Randy Anderson scratched Cour's Open Fire and Cour's Open Angel, so Bud ran as a bye-dog. Bud had a find in the second field down from the house at :05 and then went on to have an unproductive at the silos at 27 before finishing the brace. The last brace of the day consisted of a beautiful ground performance by Southern Pioneer, handled by Gary Lester. Both he and his bracemate, Arkansas Headliner, finished the brace.

We turned loose at 7:30 a.m. under windy conditions and overcast skies at 70 degrees for the final day of the trial. Erin's Katie Elder, handled by Korry Rinehart, had a find at 15 in the pines, and Southern Shadow's Sarge, handled by Ike Todd, backed. Both dogs finished the brace at the rock pile alongside Hell Creek. Haney's Slim, handled by Ike Todd, had a find at the gravel pit before both dogs finished the brace. Two out of three finds were scored by Dijohn's Buck in the third hour, handled by Ike Todd, who moved up because of a scratch and ran alongside "Sue," handled by Joe Don House. "Bob," handled by Gary Lester, and Dijohn's Rick, handled by Ike Todd, completed the fourth brace of the day birdless. Jack, handled by Gary Lester, and Brown's Sam, handled by Ike Todd, had a divided find at 12 before the Pines before Sam went on to glide around the edges of the third course and had another find in the first field on the left at the gap just across Hell Creek and another find at pick up just past the second Hell Creek crossing. Headed back towards the clubhouse for a lunch break, Ike Todd handled Beeler's Rex alongside Larry Huffman, who handled Intensive Aint She Purty. Rex scored a find at 25 to top off a beautiful, forward race in the field before the last Hell Creek crossing, and both dogs finished the brace. Korry Rinehart handled Haney's Live Wire alongside Ike Todd, who handled Desoto's Kane in the first brace after lunch. "Rue," handled by Joe Don House, had two finds before he and his bracemate, Haney's Bill, handled by Ike Todd, finished the eighth brace of the day. Brown's Cap, handled by Ike Todd, and Intensive Big N Fancy, handled by Larry Huffman, ran in the ninth and final brace of the trial.

Blue Mountain, Miss., November 2 Judges: Kirk Loftin and Sherri Tangsrud SUNFLOWER OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 22 Pointers

1st-HANEY'S HURRICANE SEEKER, F1698759, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. David Russell, owner and handler.

2d-B G K'S LUKE, F1690405, pointer male, by Dunn's Tried'n True-The White Pearl. Jarrett D. Bell, owner and handler.

3d-LESTER'S WAR BIRD, F1705485, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Gary Lester, owner and handler.

OPEN DERBY – 22 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-SUNSET SAM HOUSTON, F1705535, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Purpleline Sally. Matthew & Stacey Brown, owners; Ike Todd, handler.

2d-BEELER'S MASTER DESIGN, 1717898, pointer male, by Haney's Silver Dollar-Bandit's Hill Lady. Gordy Jones, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

3d-SOUTHERN PIONEER, F1718759, pointer male, by Bonner's Hot Rize-Orton's High Cotton. Chris Peek, owner; Gary Lester, handler.

KENTUCKY OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Great River Stallion Named Champion; Hirollins Bad Boy, Runner-up By Terry W. Boatright | Berea, Kentucky | November 2, 2024

he Kentucky Field Trial Association would like to thank our sponsors and everyone who came out to help and participate in the 2024 Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Championship. This trial would not have been the success it was without all those who came to help and to participate. A special thanks goes out to our judicial staff, Mike Crouse of Dixon, Kentucky, and Rich Meadows of Somerset, Kentucky. Donna Boatright took special care of all of us by providing breakfasts, lunches, and dinners for everyone, along with many other tasks necessary to make this trial succeed. November 2 saw what could be the rebirth of the prestigious Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Championship. For the past several years, this championship has either had very low entries or been canceled altogether due to low numbers. I would personally like to thank the Kentucky Field Trial Association for giving me the chance to host and rejuvenate this trial. After listening to the complaints and concerns about why participants were not attending, I took those concerns into consideration and set out to see if I could generate a renewed interest in this event. I believe the biggest change was moving from multiple courses to a single course with no road crossings; this, together with minor adjustments, proved to be what everyone had been waiting for to revive interest in this distinguished trial. The trial drew 50 shooting dogs for the championship, the largest entry this Championship has seen in many years.

The running started on Saturday, November 2, with a light frost. The



Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Championship: Great River Stallion with Doug Ray and Hirollins Bad Boy with Matt Basilone, joined by participants.

temperatures for this trial varied from cool temperatures in the mornings to the high 80s for the afternoon braces,

The newly crowned champion is Great River Stallion, a Pointer male owned by Great River Kennels and handled by Doug Ray.

Great River Stallion had four very well-placed finds during his hour, coupled with a strong forward race. He exhibited an outstanding shooting dog performance, coupled with a high head and tail running to all the right locations, and never cut his cast off early, running the edges to their fullness. This dog displayed exemplary style, both running and pointing. Never once did his style let down before, during, or after flush and shot, maintaining his high head and tail until collared by his handler. Both dog and handler showed a great eagerness to work together as a team. This was truly an amazing brace to watch and one to be proud of by both owners and the handler.

Hirollins Bad Boy, a Pointer male handled by Matt Basilone and owned

by Ed and Megan McCay of New Jersey, was named runner-up. Bad Boy also had four very well-spaced finds, with an outstanding run during his hour. On any given day, Bad Boy's performance would have been more than enough to be named champion; his ground performance and style on point was outstanding in its own right, just slightly short of the new champion.

There were several other dogs that came to try to win this championship as well, putting down championshipquality ground races and finds. Three honorable mentioned dogs were carried by the judges at one time. In no particular order: Little More Shine, an Irish Setter owned and handled by Tim Hammons; Aim High Elhew Hadley, a Pointer handled by Scott Hadley; and rounding out the honorable mentions was George Tracy and Raag's Rich and Rare, a Pointer.

All these dogs did outstanding jobs but fell just short of the champions. Owners and handlers should also be very proud of the dogs' performances.

Berea, Ky., November 2 – One Course Judges: Mike Crouse and Rich Meadows KENTUCKY OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 33 Pointers, 14 Setters, and 3 Irish Setters

Winner-GREAT RIVER STALLION, F1702396, pointer male, by B K Bonafide Stallion-B K Hirollins Wild. Great River Kennel, owner; Doug Ray, handler. Runner-Up-HIROLLINS BAD BOY, F1689634, pointer male, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Hirollins Fancy Lady. Ed & Megan McCay, owners; Matt Basilone, handler.

OPEN DERBY

The Open Derby concluded on Wednesday in a light rain. Setter Ridge Power Play, a Setter male, had a far-reaching derby race handling nicely for his handler James Kleve to be awarded first place.



Open Derby (front): Setter Ridge Power Play with James Kleve, Boatright's Renegade with Terry Boatright (owner), and High Magnitude with Scott Hadley. (Behind): Rich Meadows (judge) and Dr. Kris Hammons (judge).

Second place went to Boatright's Renegade, a Setter male handled by James Kleve. "Lou" had a good forward race but fell short of the

first-place derby.

In third place was High Magnitude, a Pointer handled by Scott Hadley. He had a nice forward and strong run to finish out the three derby placements.

Judges: Kris Hammons and Rich Meadows OPEN DERBY – 2 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st-SETTER RIDGE POWER PLAY, F1704698, setter male, by Cold Creek Hank-Cold Creek Belle. Brad Peterson, owner; James Kleve, handler. 2d-BOATRIGHT'S RENEGADE, F1710486, setter male, by Boatright's Maverick-Stardust Outcast Coco. Terry Boatright, owner; James Kleve, handler. 3d-HIGH MAGNITUDE, F1714086, pointer male, by Miller's Blindsider-Hadley's Honky Tonk Song. Tierra Hadley, owner; Scott Hadley, handler.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Fall Trial Held At Indian Creek Shooting PreserveBy Jillian Stuhr | Hardyston, New Jersey | November 2, 2024

n November 2, 2024, the Northern New Jersey Field Trial Club held its Fall trial on Indian Creek Shooting Preserve in Hardyston, New Jersey. Fall was surely in the air, and all welcomed the crisp morning. The puppies were first to greet the gathering by showing off their snap, crackle, and pop. Indian Creek Crossfire warmed things up with a screaming forward race, earning the top spot in the Open Puppy, followed by Indian Creek Arrowhead in second place and Indian Creek Stevie Nick staking third.

It was onto the Open Shooting Dog stake where first brace Burr Oak's Savvy, a speedy Vizsla, grabbed (and kept) the attention of judges on a beautiful pheasant find early in her run. She placed third for owner/ handler Jason Williams. Coming in hot was Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior hunting his way to the second spot with a pheasant find, two quail finds, and an impressive stop-to-flush on



Winners of the Open Shooting Dog stake with field trial participants.

a chukar near finish. Indian Creek Spur dug his heels in on his route to the blue with a classy forward race. His run included a very tempting but expertly handled pheasant find, racking up seven finds total for owner Black Meadow Kennels.

The afternoon Amateur Gun Dog stake brought a bit of a challenge due to dry scenting conditions. Up to the task was Indian Creek Storm Chaser having one well sought after find for owner/handler John Bleeker. K and J Stillwater Winston, Vizsla male, had a fired-up run and an enthusiastic three-find performance for owner/ handler Kurt Fedorko. Prevailing through the field was Pointer male Flash for handler Amanda Chiofalo. His composure on four finds made him the top choice for the hay bale podium. Congratulations to all owners and handlers! Thank you for the support of our sponsors: Purina, Garmin, OnX Hunt, Mule Gear, and Gun Dog Supply. Thank you to our judges and all participants!

Hardyston, N. J., November 2 Judges: Abigail Braman and Steve Chiofalo NBHA OPEN PUPPY – 6 Pointers

1st-INDIAN CREEK CROSSFIRE, F1716824, pointer male, by Pure Confidence-Indian Creek Daphne. Jillian Stuhr, owner; Garry Malzone, handler. 2d-INDIAN CREEK ARROWHEAD, F1716828, pointer female, by Indian Creek Spur-Indian Creek Mascara. Jilliam Stuhr, owner; Garry Malzone, handler. 3d-INDIAN CREEK STEVIE NICKS, 1716829, pointer female, by Indian Creek Spur-Indian Creek Mascara. Jillian Stuhr, owner and handler.

NBHA OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 16 Entries

1st-INDIAN CREEK SPUR, F1695312, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Legacy's Pride-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Black Meadow Kennels, owner; Garry Malzone, handler.

2d-MOHAWK MILL TRAIL WARRIOR, F1676193, pointer male, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Hirollins Fancy Lady. Jillian Stuhr, owner; Garry Malzone, handler. 3d-BURR OAK'S SAVVY, F1698523, Vizsla female, by Bangert's Red Baron-(dam not given). Jason Williams, owner and handler. Judges: Abigail Braman and Mike Imparato NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 8 Entries 1st-FLASH, unreg., pointer male, by Indian Creek Perfect Storm-Indian Creek High Tide. Steve Chiofalo, owner; Amanda Chiofalo, handler. 2d-K AND J STILLWATER WINSTON, unreg., Vizsla, male, by Ozy Highest Peak of Mill Pond Farm-Sterling Kava of Mill Pond Farm. Kurt Fedorko, owner and handler.

3d-INDIAN CREEK STORM CHASER, F1687325, pointer male, by Indian Creek Perfect Storm-Indian Creek Ramona. John Bleeker, owner and handler.



Amateur Shooting Dog (front): Abigail Braman (judge), Amanda Chiofalo with Flash, Kurt Fedorko with K and J Stillwater Winston, and John and Lori Bleeker with Indian Creek Storm Chaser. (Back): Lars Totton, Jillian Stuhr, Mike Imparato (judge), and Jason Williams.

PINEWOODS BIRD DOG CLUB

2nd Annual Nancy Pearce Youth Field Trial By Maria Bassham | Monticello, Florida | November 9, 2024

Pinewoods Bird Dog Club was proud to host our 2nd annual Nancy Pearce Youth Field Trial on November 9, 2024. Pinewoods Plantation Manager Jeff Arnold and staff worked hard to have the piney woods ready for the young field trialers. With both wild and pen-raised quail, coveys were plentiful for the three walking and six horseback braces. We had a full day of field trialing with 14 kids and 18 dogs in total. Of the 18 canine entries, 16 of the dogs were Pointers and two Setters.

We would like to thank our judges, Michael Coats and Jeffery Houston Thompson, for spending their time in the saddle watching these young contenders. A huge thank you goes out to Pinewoods Plantation owners Fred and Sally Beshears for allowing us to run on their glorious plantation. Thank you to Erica and Bernard Parker for catering a fun lunch of chicken nuggets and tenders that both the kids and adults enjoyed during our lunch break. It was served in the beautifully renovated Pinewoods Plantation barn with one table dedicated in honor of Nancy Pearce. She was a dear friend and lover of dogs, horses,



Nancy Pearce Youth Field Trial Horseback Stake: Firstplace "Rose" with Harper King, second-place "Bill" with Emaria Parker, third-place "Lulu" with Kira Jenkins, and Honorable Mention "Stan" with Sawyer King. [Photo by Chris Mathan].

and field trialing. A huge thank you to Chris Mathan of the Youth Field Trial Alliance for presenting the three winners with rosettes, participation ribbons, and medallions for all the competitors. The second, third, and honorable mention winners were also awarded engraved plaques, and the winner received an engraved Champion's perpetual trophy bowl. Winning handlers receive points towards the NBHA Youth Handler of the Year Award.

We had a gallery full of spectators that followed along on horseback and on the dog wagons to cheer these kids on. Thank you to each and every family and friend for supporting them. They wouldn't be able to do what they love and learn about the sport without all of you.

The walking stake started bright and early at 8 a.m. that Saturday morning with six dogs eager to run. The first brace paired first-place winner Mackenzie Bach and "Sport" with third-place winner Emaria Parker and "Jace." It was an exciting brace for the two girls with plenty of birdwork. Mackenzie handled Sport well and had a successful 20 minutes on the ground with a total of four finds. Emaria and Jace were not far behind with two good finds and nice-sized coveys up. The second brace was Jalon Stover and "Zeus" and second-place winner Emmie McHugh and "Boxie." Boxie hunted close and enjoyed working for Emmie. She had two nice finds with birds seen. The third and final walking stake brace was Emmie McHugh and "Dakota" and Kayson Thompson and "Diamond." Although birds were not seen for these two contenders, they enjoyed learning more about the sport during their time on the ground.

The youth trial drawing braced brother and sister together in the first horseback stake of the day. First-place winner, "Rose," was run by Harper King, and "Eva" was run by younger brother, Warren. Rose ran a great race with three classy finds and lots of birds up. She also stopped to honor Eva at the brace end. Proud dad, Matt, rode along and helped scout for the siblings, and both dogs were with their young handlers when pick-up was called.

The second horseback brace was our Honorable Mention winner, Sawyer King and "Stan" and thirdplace winner, Kira Jenkins and "Lulu." Both dogs handled well, with plenty of birdwork. Lulu had two nice finds and honored Stan on one of his points. Stan ran a good, clean race and listened to his handler, Sawyer. He had one nice find on the top of the hill, and shot was fired. He also honored two of Lulu's points and had one unproductive when time was called, positioning himself as Honorable Mention.

After our short break for lunch, our third brace was Skylar Riley and "Kane" and Gavin Parrish and "Missy." This was Gavin's first field trial, and he was sharply dressed for the part. He handled Missy like a



Nancy Pearce Youth Field Trial Walking Stake Winners: First-place "Sport" with Mackenzie Bach, second-place "Boxie" with Emmie McHugh, and third-place "Jace" with Emaria Parker. [Photo by Chris Mathan].

pro but due to unseasonably warm temperatures, conditions were not in favor for either of the dogs. Kane did not complete the brace, and Missy was not able to locate birds.

The fourth brace was Madison Vinzant and "Bond, and secondplace winner Emaria Parker and "Bill." As with Kane, Bond was picked up early. Bill continued his solo race with two nice finds and was with his young handler when time was called.

The fifth brace was Hunter Hennecy and "Jag" and Kira Jenkins and "Buzz." Buzz had one nice find upon breakaway with Jag backing. Both dogs had one more point in their 20 minutes and were relocated with no birds present.

The sixth and final brace of the day was Skylar Riley and "Tom" and Kylah Hennecy and "Ben." Skylar, who barrel races, is no stranger to horses and is still learning and absorbing everything she can about dogs and her new sport. She and Tom did a tremendous job getting birds up on two different finds. One flush took time and determination to get the birds to move. She listened to her dog and didn't give up. At the halfway point of the brace, both dogs had one last find with coveys up, which concluded the exciting day.

Congratulations to all the kids and their canine athletes. They all did a fantastic job running their dogs and will continue to grow and learn in the sport of field trialing.

TEXAS OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & ED BEVERLY MEMORIAL DERBY

By John Van Horn | Conway, Arkansas | November 13, 2024

The Camp Robinson Field Trial Group convened at the conclusion of last season to focus on improving both the grounds and the bird population. We have come to understand that there is no single solution to perfect quail habitat management. It requires continuous oversight, adjustments, and timely modifications.

This year, several key changes were implemented. We switched bird suppliers to Seth Vick, ensuring higher-quality birds, and adjusted the release schedule to early morning at daylight rather than the midday heat—both critical improvements. Each release site included guartered watermelons to provide moisture and hold the birds, a necessary adaptation after the AG&F required the removal of barrel feeders. While we would have preferred retaining some feeders, we complied and adopted McCrary Habitat Feeders to distribute 2,500 pounds of feed every 14 days in strategically planted feed strips. Though this approach demands significantly more effort, the results were outstanding. These combined efforts resulted in the best bird crop in 20 years, with every brace experiencing bird work—even in the derby stakes. During the trials, 10 to 20 coveys were moved daily.

The event benefited from the expertise of judges Adrian Jackson from Boys Town, Texas, and Jeremy Gulick, both seasoned professionals well-versed in evaluating field trial competitors. Their vast experience ensured deserving winners were distinguished, even amidst occasional challenges such as heavy cover and frequent bird encounters.

Championship Highlights

Lester's Another Shockwave, a Pointer male owned by Tommy and Bonnie Hamilton and handled by veteran Shawn Kinkelaar, was named champion. Shockwave impressed with two finds—at the four-minute and 25-minute marks—paired with a strong, forward-moving ground effort.

Wynona's Nickleback Sugar, a Setter female handled by Allen Vincent, was named runner-up. Sugar showcased a classy ground effort and one find discovered by scout Matt Cochran after traversing the dove field south of the mountain. Owner Bruce Sooter was present to witness Sugar's remarkable performance, marking her second consecutive year as runner-up.

Conway, Ark., November 13 Judges: Jeremy Gulick and Andrew Jackson TEXAS OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 25 Pointers, 6 Setters, and 6 Vizslas

Winner-LESTER'S ANOTHER SHOCKWAVE, F1691812, pointer male, by Lester's Shockwave-Miller's Stitch In Time. Tommy & Bonnie Hamilton, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler. Runner-Up-WYNONA'S NICKLEBACK SUGAR, F1690017, setter female, by T's Nickleback-Carpenter's Don't Ya. Bruce Sooter & Brad Tilson, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.

Ed Beverly Memorial Derby

The Derby commenced on Saturday morning, with standout performances.

The winner, Wynona's Rebel, handled by Allen Vincent and owned by Bruce Sooter, secured victory with a find at 7:34.

In second place, Wild Rum Jack, handled by Matt Cochran, earned the spot through a strong ground performance.

Jeremy Gulick's entrant was also recognized for its ground effort for third place.



Texas Open Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Mike Lemon, Ronnie Miller, Shawn Kinkelaar, Johnny Taylor, Brian Gingrich, Virgil Moore with Lester's Another Shockwave, Robby Robinson, Allen Vincent, Matt Cochran with Wynona's Nickleback Sugar, Bruce Sooter, Adrian Jackson (judge), Jeremy Gulick (judge), Sandy Van Horn, and John Van Horn.

Judges: Adrian Jackson and Rick Thone

ED BEVERLY MEMORIAL DERBY - 11 Pointers 1st-WYNONA'S REBEL, F1717783, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-White Smoke's Angel. Bruce Sooter, owner; Allen Vincent, handler. 2d-WILD RUM JACK, F1715157, pointer male, by Big N Wild-Rum's Irresistible Rose. Matt Cochran, owner and handler.

3d-BRIAN, unreg., pointer male, breeding not given. Jeremy Gulick, owner and handler.

The smooth execution of the trial was made possible by Roger Martin, who expertly managed dog wagon logistics, even handling unexpected challenges like a broken wagon bearing with minimal delays. Exceptional lunches, prepared by Sandy Van Horn, ensured no one



Ed Beverly Memorial Derby (I-r): Robby Robinson, Ronnie Miller, Allen Vincent with Wynona's Rebel, Rick Thone (judge), Bruce Sooter, Matt Cochran with Wildlife Rum Jack, Adrian Jackson (judge), Jeremy Gulick with "Brian," John Van Horn, and Sandy Van Horn.

went hungry; diets were certainly on hold this week! Additionally, the event was generously sponsored by Purina and Sporting Dog Specialties, with prizes including dog food, training collars, and bark collars for winners and runners-up.

Looking Ahead

Field trial grounds across the country have faced challenges in recent years, and Camp Robinson is no exception. However, the dedication and hard work of local field trailers have set us on a positive trajectory. Collectively, our group invests over \$30,000 annually in birds, habitat improvements, and feeding programs, funded in part by the \$35-per-dog entry fee. We encourage everyone to join us in Conway to experience the exceptional bird work and facilities. Every entry makes a difference.

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VIRGINIA AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

Annual Trial Held At Cutawhiskie Farm

By Gene Hogge | Ahoskie, North Carolina | November 14, 2024

Trial Association held its annual trial over the grounds generously provided by the late field trial hall of fame member, Dr. Aubrey Morgan, near Ahoskie, North Carolina, on November 15-17. It had been a very dry fall with unusually mild weather up until the start of the trial when several inches of rain fell on Thursday night.

Judging the trial were two gentlemen from Virginia's middle peninsula—Jim Jones of Gloucester, Virginia, and Ashby Morgan of Mathews, Virginia. Both are experienced field trialers and judges who gave their attention to each entry. They are to be commended for the pace they set and the decisions they made.

Many thanks go to the folks behind the scenes who made this trial a success. Barbel Fetkoter raises the birds for the trial and manages the early release program. We can always count on strong, excellent flyers. We can also count on being well fed as she prepares breakfast and lunch for all in attendance. Ellen and her husband Gary Winall drove to North Carolina to pick up the quail chicks and put in over eight hours of time on the tractors to make sure the courses were well groomed. They also provided a BBQ dinner on Saturday night in honor of last year's one-hour all-age winner, Mohawk Mill Jacked Up. Skip Brown wore several hats by doing the drawing, driving the dog wagon, and preparing a barbeque chicken dinner on Friday night that was enjoyed by all. J. Parke Brinkley spends a lot of time working on the grounds throughout the year and also filled in picking up dogs after



Verle Farrow Amateur Puppy Classic (I-r): Buffalo Junction Jack with Gene Hogge, Rawlinson's Confident Nation with Worth Lewis, and Buffalo Junction Holly with Alan Dahl. (Back row): Jim Jones (judge), Barbel Fetkoter, and Ashby Morgan (judge).

their brace was over. Darrell Miller was the chief bird planter and did his usual great job making sure birds were out each morning and throughout the trial. Lee Flanders provided two steady mounts for judicial use. Gene Hogge was the stakes manager and did a great job, as well as assisting Barbel in feeding the pre-released birds during the season and some bush hog work.

One of the goals of the Virginia Amateur is to have the best possible grounds for a trial, whether it be an all-age, shooting dog, or walking dog contest. Lots of tractor time had the grounds groomed into top condition. The bird situation keeps improving as more early released and wild coveys were pointed in this trial than any other in memory. Even puppies



Parke Brinkley Amateur Derby Classic (I-r): Mohawk Mill At Dawn with Ellen Winall, Mohawk Mill Lady Justice with Gary Winall, and Mohawk Mill Jet Stream with Rob Maguire. (Back row): Jim Jones (judge), Kimberly Maguire, Barbel Fetkoter, Lee Flanders, and Ashby Morgan.

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pointed birds.

There have been a number of great dogs that have run in this trial over the club's 100+ year history that are too numerous to mention but include Purina Dog of the Year award winners, multiple champions including at least two National Champions, notably Home Again Mike and A Rambling Rebel. Hopefully, this line of great field trial performers continues with the likes of Mohawk Mill At Dawn, a Pointer female still in her derby year, owned and handled by Gary Winall and scouted by his wife, Ellen. Dawn was entered in three stakes and won all three. The Parke Brinkley Derby Classic, the one-hour all-age, and the Open Derby were all decisively won by this amazing young dog. Certainly, good things are in her future, and it will be fun to watch her progress.

The Verle Farrow Puppy Classic is a 30-minute puppy stake that kicks off the trial. The judges felt that this was a quality stake with all winners acquitting themselves well with very aggressive races. Buffalo Junction Jack, a Pointer male handled by Alan Dahl, was consistently forward and showed at good range. Rawlinson Confident, a Pointer male handled by Worth Lewis, was a very close second with an effort that would have won many other trials. Buffalo Junction Holly, a Pointer female also handled by Alan Dahl, had a very good 30 minutes to take third.

The Parke Brinkley Amateur Derby Classic was a clean sweep for Gary and Ellen Winall's talented group of youngsters. Mohawk Mill At Dawn ran a big 30 minutes with two finished finds. Mohawk Mill Lady Justice impressed as well, standing



Amateur All-Age (I-r): Mohawk Mill At Dawn with Gary Winall, Mohawk Mill King Pen with Ellen Winall, and Mohawk Mill Hawkeye with Rob Maguire. (Back row): Jim Jones, Kimberly Maguire, Barbel Fetkoter, Lee Flanders, Ashby Morgan, Ashley Lewis, Worth Lewis, and Kyle Whitfield.

tall as her bracemate helped the birds get aloft, and Mohawk Mill Jet Stream ran a good race with one good find for third.

The one-hour Amateur All-Age saw the Mohawk Mill contenders continue their winning ways with Mohawk Mill At Dawn, precocious derby, setting a standard that was one of the best performances ever witnessed on these grounds. She ran big, almost too big, and needed some good scouting from Ellen. Pointed an early September released covey after crossing into the piney woods, had a single below the dam in the backfield, and topped it all with a wild covey on the hedge by the hard-surfaced road. She finished far, far to the front. Mohawk Mill King Pen ran well and had multiple finds to take second. Mohawk Mill Hawkeye had a more moderate race with four finds to take third. Closest to the winners was I Dream of Jeannie, a Setter female handled by Kyle Whitfield with multiple finds, a stop-to-flush, and a classy, tailcracking race.

Mohawk Mill At Dawn was back to claim the Open Derby with another top-notch effort on the ground and on game. Mohawk Mill Lady Justice was second with class on the



Open Derby (I-r): Mohawk Mill At Dawn with Gary Winall, Mohawk Mill Lady Justice with Ellen Winall, and Dollar's Belle with Gene Hogge. (Back row): Jim Jones, Barbel Fetkoter, Ashby Morgan, and Lee Flanders.

ground and on game. Dollar's Belle, a Pointer female handled by Gene Hogge, rounded out the placements with one finished find and a more moderate race.

The Open All-Age was a competitive stake that Mohawk Mill King Pen took control of with solid bird work to go along with a nice ground effort. Lee Flanders piloted his Setter male, Chippokes Cracker Jack, to second with a good ground effort and a big covey at time. Gary Miller's Pointer female, Dominator's Rebel Heiress, won with good bird work to claim third.

Ahoskie, N. C., November 14 – One Course Judges: Jim Jones and Ashby Morgan VERLE FARROW AMATEUR PUPPY CLASSIC – 9 Pointers

1st-BUFFALO JUNCTION JACK, F1714959, pointer male, by Crouse's Pond River Gus-Buffalo Junction Holler Point. Alan Dahl, owner and handler. 2d-RAWLINSON'S CONFIDENT SECRET, F1716235, pointer male, by Confident Nation-Rawlinson's Big Secret. Worth Lewis, owner and handler. 3d-BUFFALO JUNCTION HOLLY, F1714947, pointer female, by Crouse's Pond River Gus-Buffalo Junction Holler Point. Alan Dahl, owner and handler.

PARKE BRINKLEY AMATEUR DERBY CLASSIC - 12 Pointers

1st-MOHAWK MILL AT DAWN, F1706911, pointer female, by Imagine-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary & Ellen Winall, owners; Gary Winall, handler. 2d-MOHAWK MILL LADY JUSTICE, F1706908, pointer female, by Imagine-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary & Ellen Winall, owners; Gary Winall, handler. 3d-MOHAWK MILL JET STREAM, F1710281, pointer male, by Cas Slim Speedy Halo-Gigi Broken Halo. Gary & Ellen Winall, owners; Gary Winall, handler.



Open All-Age (I-r): Gary Winall, Mohawk Mill King Pen with Ellen Winall, Chippokes Cracker Jack with Lee Flanders, and Dominator's Rebel Heiress with Gary Miller. (Back row): Jim Jones, Barbel Fetkoter, Ashby Morgan, and Gene Hogge.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] – 9 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-MOHAWK MILL AT DAWN, F1706911, pointer female, by Imagine-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary & Ellen Winall, owners; Gary Winall, handler. 2d-MOHAWK MILL KING PEN, F1703198, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Big Stuff-Mohawk Mill Dolly.

Gary Winall, owner and handler. 3d-MOHAWK MILL HAWKEYE, F1703193, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk-Full Effect.

Gary Winall, owner and handler.

OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers

1st-MOHAWK MILL AT DAWN, F1706911, pointer female, by Imagine-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary & Ellen Winall, owners; Gary Winall, handler. 2d-MOHAWK MILL LADY JUSTICE, F1706908, pointer female, by Imagine-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary & Ellen Winall, owners; Gary Winall, handler. 3d-DOLLAR'S BELLE, F1710219, pointer female, by Haney's Silver Dollar-New Hope May. Gene Hogge, owner and handler.

OPEN ALL-AGE – 6 Pointers

1st-MOHAWK MILL KING PEN, F1703198, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Big Stuff-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary Winall, owner and handler. 2d-CHIPPOKES CRACKER JACK, F1691321, setter male, by Skyview New Edition-Grid Iron's Sorrell's Penny. Lee S. Flanders, owner and handler. 3d-DOMINATOR'S REBEL HEIRESS, F1705982, pointer female, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Erin's Pearl Agin. Gary Miller, owner and handler.

TALL TIMBERS YOUTH FIELD TRIAL

Sawyer King Takes First With "Rose"

By Maria Bassham | Greenville, Florida | November 17, 2024

all Timbers was proud and honored to present its very first youth trial on the hallowed grounds of Livingston Place (formerly known as Dixie Plantation) in Greenville, Florida. The 14 kids that were entered to run were thrilled to experience such a special and memorable event! The winning handlers receive points towards the Dixie Trace FTA Youth Handler of the Year award. Sixteen dogs were braced together to run that morning: 15 Pointers and one English Setter. The temperatures were favorable at breakaway, and the large gallery that followed along on horses and dog wagons was excited to watch and support all the youth. Crystal Davis Rice, Development Director at Tall Timbers, was there to cheer the kids on and participate in all the fun.

We are incredibly grateful to Tall Timbers and Livingston Place for allowing these kids such a grand opportunity. The youth trial was hosted by the Continental Amateur Field Trial Club along with the Continental Amateur Classic, which concluded that Sunday morning as well. Thank you to Livingston Place Manager John Michael McCormick for marshaling and setting the course for these young trialers and their canine athletes. It was so enjoyable to run on some of their hunting courses and get to experience some different grounds of the glorious 9,125-acre plantation. A wonderful lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs was served by Gloria Hagan and Christina Burns at the legendary "Commissary," which has served as the "Lunch Place" for field trialers for over 80 years. Thank you to husbandand-wife Jim and Mary Ann Womack of Meigs, Georgia, for spending



Tall Timbers Youth Field Trial: First-place "Rose" with Sawyer King, second-place "Buzz" with Kira Jenkins, and third-place "May" with Griffyn Long. [Photo by Chris Mathan].

their time in the judicial saddles for the morning. We wouldn't be able to hold trials like these if it weren't for all the adults who love and encourage these kids. Jim and Mary Ann have a wealth of knowledge and experience and are always up for teaching and training the young trialers. They enjoyed watching the sportsmanship and comradery these kids already exemplify. It is, after all, a "Gentleman's Sport." Thank you to Ben Melvin, who spearheaded the idea and approached Chris Mathan of Youth Field Trial Alliance last Spring, asking how to conduct a youth trial at Livingston Place. He spent countless hours researching and attending other youth trials to get this inaugural Tall Timbers Youth Trial off the ground. I know it was thrilling for him to ride along and watch his vision come to fruition. Purina awarded the handlers with bags filled with Purina goodies. Chris Mathan presented rosettes and leather leashes to the winners, and the AFTCA and Tall Timbers awarded caps.

The first brace of the morning started off strong as "Bo" with Emaria Parker and "Lady" with Kaidence Cumbie had exciting individual finds at three minutes in. They both had nice-sized coveys up, and shots were fired. The girls did a fantastic job singing to their dogs and keeping them on course. Both dogs were with their young handlers when time was called.

The second brace saw third-place winner "May" with Griffyn Long and first-place winner "Rose" with Harper King. These two also had a strong, exciting brace stopping at 9 with Rose out front. Both dogs had birds flushed for them, and shots were fired. Rose had another beautiful find at 15, holding steady to wing and shot.

In the third brace was "Jag" with Makenzie Bach and "Ben" with Cadence Knect. These two young handlers did a great job calling their pointers and keeping them on course. Unfortunately, no birds were found during their time on the ground.

In the fourth brace were "Patch" with Ellis McCall and "Bond" with Kira Jenkins. Patch had a find early in his brace with birds up at 6. Later, Bond stopped, with Patch backing, and was relocated to no avail. Granddad John Milton enjoyed his time in the saddle helping young Ellis with Patch. Both dogs were with their handlers at pick-up.

The fifth brace saw second-place winner "Buzz" with Kira Jenkins and Heatwave Lulu with Madison Thompson. Buzz handled well for his handler and had a nice, classy find with a sizable covey up. Lulu had a find with birds getting up before the judges' arrival. Both dogs were seen at pick-up.

In the sixth brace were "Jr" with Warren King and "Bill" with Emaria Parker. As the morning temperatures continued to rise and birds shut down, these two bracemates did not have any birdwork but did a phenomenal job handling their Pointers.

In the seventh brace were "Joey" with Grant McCall and "Mo" with Jacob McCormick. This brace paired two of our young men handlers together with their fine canine athletes. This was Jacob's first field trial, and Dad, John Michael, proudly rode beside him, giving him pointers

along the way. The boys handled their dogs well and kept them on course. There was no birdwork during their time on the ground, but we know they loved every minute.

The eighth and final brace saw "Stan" with Sawyer King and "Tom" with Skylar Riley. Both dogs stopped early in their brace, but birds did not get up. They handled well and had good races, staying out front

for their handlers. Both dogs were seen at pick-up, bringing the exciting youth trial to its conclusion.

It was a thrilling day for all the kids and adults alike. We are so grateful for the parents, friends, and family that continue to support and encourage these youth and help keep the sport of field trialing alive and thriving!

NGSPA TEXAS CHAMPIONSHIPS Triple Header Held At Bedrock Ranch

By Terry Bomer | Hico, Texas | November 19, 2024



NGSPA Texas Amateur Shooting Dog Championship: David O'Brien, Terry Bomer with O B's Stick In The Mud, James Messer, James Juergens, Brandon Blum with M S R's Kiss My Lily, James Messer, and Meredith Mays.

The Bedrock Ranch is at the edge of the Texas Hill Country with native rolling terrain and river bottoms. This runs in a continuous course as the course is about two hours long for shooting dogs and an hour and a half for the all-age dogs.

The Amateur Shooting Dog was the first stake to run, with 25 dogs drawn and 25 broke away. Meredith Mays of Arab, Alabama, and James Juergens of Mount Ayr, Iowa, judged the stake. Birds were plentiful, and scenting conditions were good in the morning, but the wind shifted to the east, and scenting conditions were a little rough in the afternoon and into



NGSPA Texas Open All-Age Championship: Joe and Natalie Archer, Amy and Chad Inderman, Mark Wasserman with Llano's Game On Greta, James Juergens, Terry Bomer with B M B's Free Ride, Brandon Blum, and Meredith Mays.

the next morning. O B's Stick In The Mud ("Stick"), owned and handled by David O'Brien and scouted by Terry Bomer, was named champion after having a quality forward race with multiple bird contacts. M S R's Kiss My Lily ("Lily"), owned by James and Sarah Messer, handled by James Messer, and scouted by Brandon Blum, was named runner-up.

The Open All-Age was the next stake to run, with 10 dogs drawn and 10 dogs running. The stake was judged by Meredith Mays and James Juergens. Llano's Game On Greta ("Greta"), owned and handled by Chad Inderman and scouted by Mark Wasserman, was named champion.



NGSPA Texas Open Shooting Dog Championship: Chad Inderman with Chisholm Creek's Cut'er Loose, Mark and Emily Wasserman, Jerry Langford, David O'Brien, James Messer, Terry Bomer with O'Brien's III Gotten Gains, and Richie Rogers.

Greta had several bird contacts with a good forward race. B M B's Free Ride ("Lewey"), owned and handled by Brandon Blum and scouted by Terry Bomer, was named runner-up.

The Open Shooting Dog was the last stake to run, with 19 dogs drawn and 19 competing. This stake was judged by Jerry Langford from Pilot Point, Texas, and Richie Rogers of Wills Point, Texas. Chisholm Creek's Cut'er Loose ("Lucy"), owned and handled by Mark Wasserman and scouted by Chad Inderman, was named champion. Lucy had several bird contacts with a good forward race. O'Brien's III Gotten Gains ("Bonnie"), owned and handled by David O'Brien and scouted by Terry Bomer, was named runner-up.

A big thank you to our sponsor, Purina. Thank you to all the participants, judges, and everyone there who helped with running the trial.

Hico, Tex., November 19 Judges: James Jurgens and Meredith Mays NGSPA TEXAS AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 25 German Shorthairs

Winner-O B'S STICK IN THE MUD, F1687879, German Shorthair male, by B D K's Sam I Am-B D K Allie's Little Miss Sassy Pants. David O'Brien, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-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.

NGSPA TEXAS OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 10 German Shorthairs

Winner-LLANO'S GAME ON GRETA, F1679141, German Shorthair female, by Llano's Game On Dude-H K Angie's Slick Image. Chad Inderman, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-B M B'S FREE RIDE, F1660979, German Shorthair male, by Kimber Tactical-Time To Pay The Piper. Brandon & Jennifer Bum, owners; Brandon Blum, handler.

Judges: Jerry Langford and Richie Rogers NGSPA TEXAS OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 19 German Shorthairs

Winner-CHISHOLM CREEK'S CUT'ER LOOSE, F1683348, German Shorthair female, by Chisholm Creeks Cuttin Loose-Uodibar's Lorrie Darlin. Mark Wasserman, owner and handler. Runner-Up-O BRIEN'S ILL GOTTEN GAINS, F1685653, German Shorthair female, by B D K's Gold Mine Claim Jumper-B D K's Jazz's Sylvania

Blue. David O'Brien, owner and handler.

REGION 6 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

By William Rogers | LaVergne, Tennessee | November 29, 2024



Region 6 Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship (I-r): Taylor Henley (judge), Courtney Henley, Grayson Fox, Mike Fox with Foxy Lady Sadie, Terry Boatright, J. D. Waters, Aaron McAfee with My Way Coal Train, Buddy Morrison, and Cliff Monroe.

t was a great way to work off Thanksgiving, and everyone had a good time! A great bunch of amateur handlers and fun-loving dog lovers came to see 22 shooting dogs put on a show! Plenty of birds, good weather, great grounds, and knowledgeable judges make for an awesome championship.

First, I'd like to thank Taylor and

Buddy, our esteemed judges. They did a great job and were very helpful and attentive. Their knowledge of bird dogs was evident by how they handled the trial! Good judges make for a great trial.

I would especially like to thank Donna Boatright for her help with everything at the clubhouse. Her homemade lasagna was the best I had ever eaten. That was the opinion of everybody there on Saturday. So, if you missed lunch, you missed a real treat! One camper even took three days' worth to his camper for the next three days! Also, I would like to thank her husband, Terry, for coming, riding, and helping. For you all who don't know, they just put on the very successful Kentucky Open Shooting Dog at Berea. Their help was most welcome.

We appreciate Sportsman's Pride for their support. Thanks for the 800 lbs. of dog food. With the help of Cliff Monroe and Garmin, the winner and runner-up received a Garmin TT-25 collar; the collars were well received. Not only did Taylor judge, he brought the birds, much appreciated. Courtney came and drove the dog wagon, which was good for her and us! Everyone that came helped out, and it made for a great trial.

Every dog entered was good enough to win and showed that in their brace. Unfortunately, a lot of them were over-exuberant! Twenty-two dogs came to the line; all deserved the judges' attention. An athletic pleasing group of competitors. A fun trial to watch!

The champion and runner-up ran together in the fourth brace. It was very exciting with Mike Fox's Foxy Lady Sadie putting down a strong race always to the front. She had four finds, an unproductive, and a nice back. She stood out and made it rough on all the other contestants. My Way Coal Train, also in the fourth brace, found two quail and had a couple of backs to gain runner-up for the dynamic duo of owner J. D. Waters and handler Aaron McAfee. Congratulations to these two dogs and their owners and handlers. They bested a really good field!

Several dogs pushed pretty hard, especially Redbud's Southern Boy, a Pointer male in the first brace for owner Aaron McAfee. He had four finds and stood through a tough situation when his bracemate didn't back. He ran a huge race, unfortunately lost at time. The ninth brace had a couple of nice dogs for Isenberg and McAfee that were doing good until they wrecked on birds. In the last brace, Bluegrass Unbridled had a nice go with four finds but too much movement on birds at flush. Again, thanks everyone for coming and helping!

Lavergne, Tenn., November 29 – One Course Judges: Taylor Henley and Buddy Morrison REGION 6 AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 13 Pointers,

7 Setters, and 2 Irish Setters

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

Runner-Up-MY WAY COAL TRAIN, F1700554, pointer male, by Bonner's Excalibur-Hirollins Canadian Mist. J. D. Waters, owner and handler.

TENNESSEE VALLEY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Gentry's Little Jane Wins Amateur Shooting Dog By William Rogers | LaVergne, Tennessee | December 6, 2024

e had a very successful one-hour Purina points stake with 16 entries. Unfortunately, the Open had to be canceled due to handlers having transportation problems. I want to thank the judges, Terry Boatright and Justin Crook, who rode hard and gave every dog their undivided attention. Thanks to Jimmy Gentry, our esteemed bird planter and dog wagon driver. He made it all possible along with Allen Linder, who kept him straight and had snacks, too! A special thanks to Donna Boatright who came and did lunch.

The conditions were good, and the weather was nice, although quite cold early each day. Birds were plentiful, and each dog had an opportunity on them. Leading off the winners was Gentry's Little Jane, a Pointer female, handled



Amateur Shooting Dog (I-r): Justin Crook (judge), Jimmy Gentry, Tim Hammons with Little More Shine, Allen Linder, Kris Hammons, Terry Boatright (judge), Madison McDonald with Miller's Flower And Lace, and Buddy Morrison.

by Taylor Henley in the first brace Friday afternoon. She garnered four well-spaced finds and a very fluid well-to-the-front pattern. She stood her birds great with composure and still. She set the mark and held till the end. Second went to Tim and Kris Hammons' Little More Shine; the Red Setter female is very accomplished and proved to be worthy with five finds, one of which was a woodcock. She ran a big race and was pushing the limit as to time, especially at pickup, where she was found way to the front after time expired! Madison McDonald and Miller's Flower and Lace, a Pointer female, make for a great team and gained third on a strong bird-finding performance.

Thank you to Purina and Greg Blair for the dog food and the support through AFTCA.

LaVergne, Tenn., December 6 Judges: Justin Crook and Terry Boatright AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]

- 9 Pointers, 4 Setters, and 3 Irish Setters 1st-GENTRY'S LITTLE JANE, F1678592, pointer female, by Gentry's Sam-Walden's Susie Q. Jimmy Gentry, owner; Taylor Henley, handler. 2d-LITTLE MORE SHINE, F1671392, Irish setter female, by Red Rock-Covered In Red. Kristine & Tim Hammons, owners; Tim Hammons, handler. 3d-MILLER'S FLOWER AND LACE, F1696283, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Allen R. Linder, owner; Madison McDonald, handler.

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ALL JAPAN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Riverfield M Angels Too Named Champion; Mr. Yukichi, Runner-up By Yoshiharu Akisada | Ibaraki Pref., Japan | December 8, 2024



38th All Japan Open Shooting Dog Championship (front row, I-r): Riverfield M Angels Too with Mr. Noboru Taguchi (handler) and Mr. Yukichi with Nobumasa Takeishi (handler). (Standing): Mr. Sugai, Mr. Masuda, Mr. Ishino, Mr. Yamazaki, Mr. Tanaka, Mr. Suzuki, Mr. Nagase, Mr. Kobayashi, Mr. Tsutsumi, Mr. Nagao, Mr. Harada, and Mr. Shirasu.

The 38th All Japan Open Shooting Dog Championship was held December 8 at Tone River Field of Ibaraki Pref.

With an entry of nine Pointers

and one Setter, judges Yoshiharu Akisada and Norio Yamazaki named Riverfield M Angels Too the winner.

Angel Too started in the first pair at 7:15 a.m. The temperature was

3 degrees, the wind was light, and after 25 minutes, the point was found in front of the right. Mana handled well in style and then showed the back to the opposing dog. He scored a point and finished with a strong run at the end.

Runner-up Mr. Yukichi trimmed the starting course well in the third group and finished with a point in front of him until the end.

Ibaraki, Pref., December 8 Judges: Yoshiharu Akisada and Norio Yamazaki 38TH ALL JAPAN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 9 Pointers and 1 Setter

Winner-RIVERFIELD M ANGELS TOO, F1681339, pointer female, by Richfield Charlie-Yu's Wild Rega. Minoru Masuda, owner; Noboru Taguchi, handler. Runner-Up-MR. YUKICHI, F1681738, pointer male, by Heisei Blisters Rebel-Heisei Covey Up Ribbon. Kiyokazu Katada, owner; Nobumasa Takeishi, handler.



BAMA QUAIL BILL HARKINS MEMORIAL YOUTH TRIAL

22nd Youth Trial

By Darron Hendley | Tuskegee, Alabama | December 8, 2024



Participants and spectators.

ongratulations to all the kids who participated in the Bama Quail Youth Field Trial on Sunday, December 8, 2024, in Tuskegee, Alabama. This was the 22nd consecutive Bama Quail youth trial on these grounds, making it the longest consecutively run youth field trial on the same grounds in America! The Bama Quail Club lost a valuable founding member this year, Mr. Bill Harkins. The Club voted to rename the youth stake in his honor. We had a great turnout of support for the kids and the sport they love so much! A huge thank you to the judges. We were privileged to have father and son team Cambo Lanier and Little Cam Lanier in red vests. Both these men are very well experienced in quail hunting and field trialing. In fact, Little Cam is a former youth handler and ran dogs on these grounds as a youngster. They made it fun for the kids, and their decisions were well-received. Meridith Street and Kara Anne Beatrous had a tasty, hot meal ready to enjoy during the lunch break. Stake Manager Darron Hendley marshaled the trial. Oak Hill

Quail Farm donated birds. Chris and Cindy Sellers of Selmer, Tennessee, graciously paid the entree fees for every dog. This is a handler of the year points trial for AYFTA, Dixie Trace, and SBHA.

The weather was pleasant, and Bobwhites were active. Eight aspiring youngsters brought 12 dogs to compete. They were Clair Street, Reese Green, Hayes Green, Addison McDuffie, William McFerrin, Hayden Lee, Maddy Tilley and Shelby Street. All but three dogs found birds.

Lulu, a pretty little female English Pointer handled by Addison McDuffie from Cecil, Alabama, took first place. Lulu laid down a front running wellhandled race, highlighting it with an impressive find on a covey. Lulu placed second here last year for Addison. Haves Green of Union Springs, Alabama, claimed second with his handsome Pointer "Jack." Jack had a nice forward race and was rewarded with two finds and a back. Reese Green of Union Springs, Alabama, took third with her Pointer "Cotton" for a good forward race and a clean find. Reigning Junior Handler of the Year, Hayes Green, took top dog in the junior division with Jack. Bill Harkins' son, Lee Harkins, and two grandsons were on hand for the announcements.

Alabama started hosting youth field trials on a regular basis over 40 years ago. The Alabama Youth Field Trial Association (AYFTA) was formed and placed into competition a revolving trophy for the annual Alabama Youth Handler of the Year. In 2009, the Hartley Carter Foundation was funded to provide a \$1,000 post-high school educational scholarship to each subsequent youth handler of the year. Just a few years ago, a revolving trophy for the runner-up youth handler of the year was placed in competition. Three vears ago, a \$500 Hartley Carter Foundation annual scholarship was instituted for the runner-up Handler of the Year. A Junior Division for handlers 12 and under has also been started. Each youth trial names a top dog in the Junior Division. The top Junior Division handler will be recognized and awarded for their success at the annual summer meeting.

Alabama has led the way nationally in youth field trials. In the last few years, the Southern Bird Hunters Association and Dixie Trace Field Trial Association have started providing opportunities for youngsters to field trial and have annual awards for top youth handlers. The Youth Field Trial Alliance was started to promote youth field trials nationwide on the internet. They have a nice Facebook page. Please check it out! There is no denying that these endeavors pay off. Former youth handlers are now involved in all aspects of the sport as dog trainers, judges, scouts, owners, handlers, hunting guides, hosts, and reporters. Children of former youth handlers are now field trialing! Thank you to all the friends, family, and parents of these kids who love and encourage them to keep this sport alive! There's nothing like watching the excitement of a young handler bounce back on his horse with a smile the size of Texas after his dog held steady to wing and shot.

Anyone interested in participating in or promoting youth field trials

may contact Darron Hendley, points secretary for the Alabama Youth Field Trial Association, at 334-300-5836. Our annual fundraiser will be the last week of February. Donated items for a silent auction are greatly appreciated.

NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP *Haney's Hurricane Seeker Wins 44th Renewal; Como Thunder, Runner-up* By Jim Atchison | Grand Junction, Tennessee | December 9, 2024

The 12 highest point-winning amateur all-age dogs in the nation were invited to Ames Plantation, where the AFTCA sponsored the 44th renewal of its National Amateur All-Age Invitational Championship. Piper Huffman organized and oversaw the three-day endurance contest, which started with the drawing on Sunday, December 8, and ran the following Monday through Wednesday.

David Russell from Como, Mississippi, dominated as he handled his Haney's Hurricane Seeker to win the championship and handled Como Thunder, co-owned by Russell, his wife Rachel, Billy Blackwell, and Doug Arthur, to win runner-up.

Judges for the championship were Ric Peterson from Germantown, Tennessee, and Bill Mason from Moundville, Alabama. Their commitment to fulfilling their judging duties was unquestioned, and their services were appreciated.

The event was kicked off with a social hour held at the Rhea Reception Center at Ames, followed by Piper Huffman's welcoming remarks and the drawing for the order of running. She expressed appreciation to the Trustees of the Ames Foundation for permitting the use of the National Championship courses for the contest, explicitly addressing thanks to Matt Backus,



The Winners (front, I to r): David Russell with Haney's Hurricane Seeker and Mike Lemons with Como Thunder. (Back, I to r): Brody Byrd, Ryan Braddock, Jamie McKemie, Ken Blackman, Matt Backus, Billy Blackwell, Bill Mason (judge), Chris Weatherly, Ric Peterson (judge), Rachel Russell, and Piper Huffman.

the new Center Director, Ryan Braddock, and Chris Weatherly, who were present representing the Trustees, and who also rode throughout the running, serving as marshals and ensuring that the needs of their guests were accommodated.

Next, Huffman thanked long-time sponsors Purina and Garmin for their continuing generosity. Purina's long tradition of sponsorship included significant financial assistance, which included the Monday night Purina Awards Dinner and Purina Pro Plan given to all dog owners, plus significantly larger amounts to the champion and runner-up. Garmin continued their generous spirit, awarding their outstanding tracking and training collars as prizes to the champion and runner-up.

She also welcomed new sponsors who provided outstanding products for those attending and/or owners of the winners. Three new Event Level sponsors were included. Ultra Cruz provided generous quantities of their equestrian fly spray, canine flea and tick sprays, and shampoos for both horses and dogs. Nutrena provided certificates for equestrian feed for the champion and runnerup. Kevin Parrish (The Saddle Guy) provided AFTCA embossed judges' book covers for the judges.

Huffman, the well-organized administrative secretary of the AFTCA, then conducted the drawing, assisted by Ken Blackman. She also announced that Blackman would



National Amateur All-Age Invitational Championship (front, I to r): Dr. Fred Corder with Game Heir, Jim Pendergest with Imagine, Matt Pendergest with Storm's End, Ken Blackman with Haney's Storm Warning, Kent Cantrell with Touch's Lone Dominator, Chris Cagle Jr. with Haney's Silver Dollar, David Russell with Haney's Hurricane Seeker, David Williams with Rebel Survivor, Mike Small with Phillips Linebacker, Gary McKibben with Coldwater Crackerjack, Cecil Rester with Rester's Cajun Justice, and Mike Lemons with Como Thunder (Back, I to r): Megan Pendergest, Bill Mason (judge), and Ric Peterson (judge).

manage the dog wagon and that a deputy sheriff from the Fayette County Sheriff's Department would provide security at the numerous road crossings on the morning courses. Additionally, sausage biscuits were promised at the end of the first morning brace each day.

On Monday evening the Purina Awards Dinner was held following a social hour at the National Bird Dog Museum. Callbacks were announced at the Ames Manor on Tuesday night, following a social hour and heavy hors d' oeuvres. Museum Director Tonya Brotherton welcomed everyone and Gail Haynes prepared the dinner at the Museum. After the meal, Piper presented certificates to the owners for each competing entry, reported the number of qualifying points earned by each, and listed the wins and placements that earned the points. The longstanding tradition of announcing the callbacks at the Ames Manor was enjoyed as Center Director Matt Backus poured into the Mr. Ames gunroom and was joined by his wife, Kristin, and their children, Jones and Penny. After enjoying the roast beef, shrimp, remaining buffet, and desserts, the callbacks were announced, and Piper advised that the first brace of Wednesday morning would begin at 9 a.m.

Champion and Runner-up

Haney's Hurricane Seeker, the champion owned and handled by David Russell, hunted in the sixth brace on Monday, the third brace

on Tuesday, and the second brace on Wednesday morning. Thus, he was on three different courses and with three different bracemates. On Monday afternoon, he ran a strong race, with some absence, and had one find just prior to entering the area of the afternoon loop that courses past several historical markers. That find came at 47 and was handled well on both the point and flush. On Tuesday morning, he again ran a commendable race but found no birds. His performance that won the championship was during the callback. During that hour, he found birds at 9 and again at 38. The first find was at the intersection of the Turner House Field and the adjoining Turner Field. From there, he continued his stylish and strong race until finding the second covey in route to finishing the hour on the Mary Scott Loop. At the end of the hour, Russell put his champion in a road harness, was seen by the judges on time, and imprinted the judges' decisions in their minds that they had their champion.

Como Thunder, now almost six years old, won runner-up for David Russell and his co-owners, continuing his history of successful performances. He stopped only once during his fifth brace performance on Monday afternoon, and that stop was unproductive at 56. His style was consistently good during the unsuccessful flushing effort. On Tuesday, Russell flushed a covey from milo along the east side of Turner Road at 22. Those were the only birds found during the hour. During the callback, Thunder had a delay crossing Buford Ellington, failing to make a 90-degree turn on the first hour course. He did return after a lengthy absence and finished the hour but found no birds, with time running out near National Championship Road.

Others Called Back

Haney's Storm Warning, owned by Chris Cagle and handled by Chris Cagle Jr., was called back in the first callback brace. He was strong and impressive during all three hours but was unfortunately eliminated when Cagle could not recover him within the allotted time at the end of the callback. Storm Warning had two finds in brace five on Monday; the first at 36 along the south edge of the Chute and the second after making the 90-degree turn at the Agronomy Unit. He had no birds during the second brace on Tuesday but ran an impressive ground race, as he did during all three performances. Storm Warning handled great again for Cagle during the callback, with one find at 25 along the north edge of the Turner House Field, but was then eliminated when he could not be located within the allotted time at the end of the hour.

Rebel Survivor, owned and handled by David Williams, was the fourth dog called back. He had no birds on the fifth hour course Monday afternoon but backed Como Thunder during an unproductive. On the third hour course, Tuesday morning, Williams flushed birds three times, at 3, 13, and again at 46, thus producing the largest number of coveys of any entry during a onehour effort. During the callback, he pointed at 13 along the east side of Turner Road, but when no birds were immediately flushed and asked to relocate, he left and continued to run the course, circling the Avent House and overtaking the gallery and competing brace mate.

The Other Contenders

As we think about these remaining eight dogs, we are reminded that they are among the nation's 12 outstanding amateur all-age dogs that earned numerous wins and placements to merit being invited to compete in this championship. The order in which they are reported herewith is the order in which they were drawn to compete on the first day of the championship.

Haney's Silver Dollar, owned by Chris Cagle and handled by Chris Cagle Jr., ran on the first hour course on Monday. He was late crossing Buford Ellington Road, seen only briefly, at 28, along the north edge of the Turner Field and not seen again during the hour. On Tuesday, he had an unproductive at 48, and Cagle asked for his tracker after several relocation efforts.

Phillips Linebacker, owned by Nathan Phillips and Orin Ingram, was handled by Mike Small. Linebacker did not make the turn necessary to cross Buford Ellington Road and was not seen during the remainder of the hour on Monday. On Tuesday afternoon, he had birds immediately, at 2, along the edge of Ames Road. He backed an unproductive of his bracemate at 8 but located no other birds during his remaining effort.

Touch's Lone Dominator, owned and handled by Kent Cantrell, DVM, found no birds in either of his appearances but managed well during both and was great to watch as he ran an amazingly strong race on the sixth course to finish the Tuesday afternoon competition.

Coldwater Crackerjack, owned and handled by Gary McKibben, had no birds on Monday afternoon's second hour course. He then had a productive hour on Tuesday afternoon. That hour started with a stand that produced no birds at 8, followed by finds at 17 and 28. Those finds were made immediately after crossing Buster Graves' driveway and along the south side of Ames Road. The hour was a good one.

Game Heir entered the championship as the highpoint dog invited to participate. Owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder, Game Heir was nice to watch, but he had no birds during the third brace on Monday and was gone the last quarter of the hour. On Tuesday, in the sixth brace, he had a stop to flush early in the hour, ran a great race, but found no other birds.

Rester's Cajun Justice, owned and handled by Cecil Rester, exhibited plenty of effort but produced no birds during either of his hours, on the third course or the fifth.

Imagine, owned and handled by Jim Pendergest, competed in the fourth hour on Monday and the first hour on Tuesday. He was gone a lot during the Monday appearance and did not finish the hour on Tuesday, as Jim asked for his tracker at 54, near National Championship Road.

Storm's End, owned and handled by Matt Pendergest, found no birds during the last hour of Monday afternoon. Then, he did not run Tuesday.

Conclusion

The generosity of the Ames Foundation Trustees, the hospitality of the Plantation personnel, generous sponsors, excellent judges, and outstanding dogs, all overseen masterfully by Piper Huffman, came together smoothly to produce an excellent 44th renewal of this very respected championship. Well done!

Grand Junction, Tenn., December 9 Judges: Ric Peterson and Bill Mason NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL

CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] - 12 Pointers Winner-HANEY'S HURRICANE SEEKER, F1698759, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. David Russell, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-COMO THUNDER, F1687714, pointer male, by Skyfall-Catch Me Dot. D. Arthur, Billy Blackwell & David Russell, owners; David Russell, handler.

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Congratulates the 2023-24 Dog of the Year Winners and Runners-up By Brian Sheehan | Jacksonville, Illinois

The Field Trial Clubs of Illinois would like to congratulate all the 2023-2024 Dog of the Year winners and runners-up. We celebrated their accomplishments in July at our DOTY banquet in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Thanks to Nestlé Purina, Greg Blair, and Terry Trzcinski for their continued support of our organization, especially our Junior Handler program.

Our Junior Handler competition resulted in a tie this year. Congratulations to the winners, Myah Landolina and Ben Foster.

Brittany Horseback & Walking Winners and Runners-up

Compiled by Neveta Salmons

Amateur All Age: Wr: Hill's Bell O' The Ball, BF Sam Thompson Open Gun Dog: Wr: CH Sovereign Legendary Power, BM Doug & Christine Ziegler/Bob Burchett R-U: CH FC Stellar Fifty One, BF Barry & Petra Steinmetz/Bob Burchett

Open Derby: Wr: KJ's Eva the Diva, BF Kim Thompson Runners-up: DC's This Better Be The One, BM Burton McCandless/Bob Burchett Find A Bird's Dixie, BF Chris Selix/Bob Burchett

Open Puppy: Wr: Twister A Roo, BM George Beasley/Bob Burchett Runners-Up: Endellion's Garden of Fire Hailey, BF Gould & Lilli Wert/Hailey Gould Fernhill Attitude Cover Me in Sunshine, BF Anne Phillips & Colleen Erinmyers / Bob Burchett

Open Walking Gun Dog: Wr: Bantam'N Dr. Jac's Shooter, BM Mike Magnoson & Diane Hedstrom / Mike Magnoson R-U: DWGDC, NAWGDC, GFC, RFC, FC, AFC Dogwood's Moose, BM Christopher Logan Amateur Walking Gun Dog: Wr: DWGDC, NAWGDC, GFC, RFC, FC, AFC Dogwood's Moose, BM Christopher Logan R-U: CH Cedar Glen Disruptin The Peace, BM William & Halina Jones / Bill Jones

Amateur Walking Puppy: Wr: Endellion's Garden of Fire, BF Hailey Gould & Lilli Wert / Hailey Gould

Continental Breeds Winners and Runners-up

Compiled by Mike Vicari

Amateur Walking Gun Dog: Wr: No Limits Little Slick, GSPF J. Landolina

Open Walking Puppy: Wr: Black Watch Go Head Make My Day, WPGM Thomas Mathis

Amateur Walking Puppy: Wr: Wind Rivers Figment of Your Imagination, GSPF Kim Foster R-U: Wind Rivers Gabriella's Dream, GSPF Gary & Robin Bird / Gary Bird

Horseback Pointer & Setter Winners and Runners-up

Compiled by Brian Sheehan

Open Shooting Dog: Wr: RU CH Alliwood's Never Say Never, PF Adam DeLude R-U: CH, RU CH Lawless Georgie Girl, PF Jim Lawless

Amateur Shooting Dog: Wr: CH, RU CH Thumper's Anything But, PF Mike & Suanne DuVall / Mike DuVall R-U: RU CH Alliwood's Never Say Never, PF Adam DeLude

Open Derby: Wr: Creative Lady, PF Bob & Catherine Reynolds / Chuck Stretz Runners Up: Joho's Hipoint Breeze, PF John Hott Rolling Hills Mike, PM Jeff Wagoner Amateur Derby: Wr: Joho's Hipoint Breeze, PF John Hott

Walking Pointer & Setter Winners and Runners-up

Compiled by Brad Hargis

Amateur Shooting Dog: Wr: CH Beaucoup Creek Buck, ESM Don Heisner R-U: CH Craig's Runin Roxie, PF Craig Hiatt

Amateur Gun Dog: Wr: No Limits Little Slick, GSPF J. Landolina R-U: Sky Hawk's Little Rascal, ESM Rob Warner Amateur Derby: Wr: Warner's Utah Jack, ESM Rob Warner R-U: Elm Hills To The Trigger, PM Steve Fuess Amateur Puppy: Wr: Beaucoup Creek Abby, ESF Don Heisner R-U: Huber's Ice Queen, PF

Travis Patterson

Congratulations to all the participants in the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois Dog of the Year program and Junior Handler program, and we hope to see you all again this year. Check the calendar in the American Field for a field trial coming up in 2025 near you. See you soon.

The FTCI would also like to thank all the DOTY catalog advertisers who purchased an ad to support our Dog of the Year program. Nestlé Purina-Greg Blair **Crouse Kennels** and Terry Trzcinski The Western Pointer Club **Region 5 AFTCA Erin Kennels and Stables** Championships Hainline Kennels SportDOG Western Irish Setter Club **Rend Lake Shooting Complex Stellar Kennels** Petersburg Veterinary Clinic Joho Kennels **Riverbank Lodge** Hawknest Kennels Spoon River Bird Dog **Freeport Ford** Training and Hunt Club The National Red Setter Illinois Open Shooting Dog **Field Trial Club** Championship Collar Clinic Saginaw Bird Dogs **Redbud Kennels Killagain Kennel** Central Prairie NGSPA-Region 5 **Field Trial Club Haggis Saddles Mid-South Bird Hunters** Piasa Pointer and Setter Club **Hargis Pointers**



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Judges: To be announced

Contact: JEFF WAGONER 14402 W. Notzke Rd., Brimfield, IL 61517

Phone: (309) 657-2536 • Email: rollinghillskennel@vahoo.com on is at their own risk. and that the South

All ads must be submitted and approved by

4:30 p.m. (EST), Wednesday, February 5.

WEST KENTUCKY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

February 21-22, 2025

Amateur All-Age & Derby Invitational Points Trial

Grounds: West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area, 10535 Ogden Landing Rd., Kevil, KY 42053, twelve miles west of Paducah, KY. Multiple courses. Lunch will be provided. **Drawing:** Tuesday, February 18, 6:00 p.m. (CST), at the home of Mary Sue Schalk.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:	
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)	\$65.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)	\$45.00
AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour)	
Judges: Donnie Duckworth, Morganfield, KY;	

Ty Vincent, Henderson, KY; and Michael Stovall, Hawesville, KY.

PURINA

Entries to: MARY SUE SCHALK · Phone: (270) 625-0196



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Pennsylvania Coverdog Classic — Walking Trial

PURINA

SHENANDOAH CLASSIC YOUTH FIELD TRIAL Saturday, March 8, 2025, 10:00 A.M. 2 Shenandoah Plantation, Union Springs, AL For directions, please visit: www.ShenandoahPlantation.com [Lunch will be available] ALABAMA YOUTH HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS For handlers 17 and younger • 20-Min. Braces • Continuous courses Dogs judged on Horseback Gun Dog standards. Three placements plus Top Dog in Junior Division. Drawing: Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 p.m., at Shenandoah Plantation. Entry fees have been graciously paid for by Chris & Cindy Sellers, Selmer, TN. Judges: Cecil & Holly Rester, Angie, LA · Reporter: Anna Grace Thompkins Entries to: HUNTER McDUFFIE-(334) 207-3887 -or- DARRON HENDLEY-(334) 300-5836 Special thanks to our generous sponsors: Union Springs Home Center, Phillips Feed, Seed & Fertilizer, Shawn Kinkelaar, and Eric Leisy

Fundraising auction for AYFTA and Hartley Carter Foundation to follow trial! Club officials, organizers, members, landowners and entrants are not responsible for accidents or injuries to persons or animals or loss of any kind.



February 28*-March 2, 2025 • Walking Trial • Starts 8:00 a.m.

Bowden Tract of NC Gamelands, Old Laurel Hill Rd., Hoffman, NC

*Start date and time dependent on entries. Directions to Grounds: From Hoffman BP Station, south on Rt. 1 to Old Laurel Hill Rd. on the left (first left after the Hoffman Post Office). Approx 3 miles down on left, follow the signs. Lunch provided each day. Dinner Saturday night. Entries Close: Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m. Drawing: Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 p.m., at Joyals Garage.

OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Time permitting; 50% minus fees divided 50-30-20	.\$30.00
OPEN DERBY (30 min)-50% minus fees divided 50-30-20	.\$45.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 min)-50% minus fees divided 50-30-20	.\$60.00
AMATEUR PUPPY (20 min)—Time permitting; Gift and Purina Coupons	.\$30.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 min)—Gift and Purina Coupons	.\$40.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 min)—Gift and Purina Coupons	. \$50.00
Judges: Mack Hilliard, Nan Hilliard, Tim McClurg, and others to be announced.	

PURINA

Information and entries contact: LYNNE LEITCH

Phone/Text: (802) 373-1747 • Email: lynne.leitch@gmail.com [Texts or emails preferred. Accepted email and text entries require confirmation.] An entry is accepted as a waiver of any claim for injury, loss, or damage from the sponsoring club and officers.



HANOVER FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION Member USCSDA & AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

MARCH 1, 2025 • STARTS 7:30 A.M.

Grounds: Cohoke Shooting Preserve, 10004 Mt. Olive Cohoke Rd., King William, VA. **Drawing:** Thursday, February 27, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Kirk Regensburg—(804) 730-8433.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

*AMATEUR PUP	РҮ	\$25.00
AMATEUR DERE	3Y	\$45.00
WAVERLY COLE	MAN AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG	\$50.00
*Puppy stake rui	n at the club's discretion and may be run on a	a separate course
_	All Continental Breeds welcome	
PURINA	Judges: To be announced	PURINA
	Entries to: KIRK REGENSBURG	

Home: (804) 730-8433 • Cell: (804) 543-3470

Email: regensburglinwood@gmail.com

No texts or emails day of the drawing • Please make checks payable to L. K. Regensburg Club, officers and landowners are not responsible for accidents, injury or loss incurred to any person, horse, dogs or equipment.



CENTRAL PRAIRIE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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

MARCH 8, 2025 • ORCHARDVILLE, IL

Grounds: Located 5.7 miles off Rt. 161 at Orchardville, on CR 250 E, 1.2 miles west on CR 250 N. Follow signs. GPS: County Road 1250 N, Keenes, IL 62851. Lunch will be served on the grounds. **Drawing:** Wednesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the chairman.

BUTCH SPELBRING MEMORIAL

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Plaques	\$50.00
AMATEUR DERBY—Plaques	
AMATEUR GUN DOG—Plagues	
AMATEUR PUPPY—Plagues	\$30.00
Judges: To be announced	

Entries to: RICK STANFORD • (618) 838-6762

Club and landowners are not responsible for accidents.





CENTRAL ALABAMA SHOOTING DOG ASSOCIATION Member SBHA, AFTCA, AFTA & Dixie Trace FTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!	
February 13-16, 2025 Continuous Course JIMMY HINTON MEMORIAL JIMMY HINTON MEMORIAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG STAKE COURTERN	
A Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award & Amateur Invitational Points Trial	
Horseback Trial • All stakes at club's discretion AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour)\$ 85.00 AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)\$ 60.00 *AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)\$125.00 *Usable prizes to winners	
Grounds: Hinton Family's Sedgefields Plantation, Alberta, AL. Lunch and dinner will be served daily on the grounds. Drawing: Monday, February 10, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Chris Koutras, 1174 Perryville Rd., Selma, AL 36701.	G
Judges: Schley Rutherford, Mobile, AL; Dr. Justin Howard, Sardis, AL; Chris Koutras, Suttle, AL; and others to be announced.	F m
Entries to: CHRIS KOUTRAS, Secretary Call or Text: (334) 259-9598 Email: CASDAsecretary@gmail.com [Include AFTCA Number]	A A A
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MARCH 9, 2025 • ORCHARDVILLE, IL

Grounds: Located 5.7 miles off Rt. 161 at Orchardville, on CR 250 E, 1.2 miles west on CR 250 N. Follow signs. GPS: County Road 1250 N, Keenes, IL 62851. Lunch will be served on the grounds. **Drawing:** Wednesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the chairman.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Plaques	\$50.00
AMATEUR DERBY—Plaques	\$50.00
AMATEUR GUN DOG—Plaques	\$50.00
AMATEUR PUPPY—Plaques	\$30.00
Judges: To be announced	

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Entries to: BRAD HARGIS • (618) 292-1798



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Visit the Calendar at www.americanfield.com, search the event listings and download the PDF!



— Mid-South Amateur Field Trial Association — Member of AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

FEBRUARY 13-16, 2025 • BLUE MOUNTAIN, MS



Points Trial for National Amateur All-Age, Shooting Dog & U. S. Amateur Derby Invitationals, Purina Amateur All-Age Award, Region 6 & Mid-South Amateur Field Trial Association

PURINA

Grounds: Hell Creek WMA, Blue Mountain, MS. Drawing: Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 p.m. (CST), at the home of Amy Spencer. AFTCA membership number must accompany entry.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour)	\$75.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)	\$75.00
AMATEUR DERBY	\$45.00
Judges: Adrian Jackson, Jeremy Taylor,	

Bubba Spencer, and Amy Spencer

Entries to: AMY SPENCER, Secretary • Phone/Text: (731) 343-0561 Club officials and landowners are not responsible for accidents, injury, or loss. Ride at your own risk.



Hosted by Lowcountry Bird Dog Association and Clarendon Farms





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

A QUALIFIER FOR THE NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Starting Wednesday, March 5, 2025 Clarendon Farms at Yadkin Ridge 1339 Miller Creek Rd., Allendale, SC

Courses: Six, one-hour courses. **Drawing:** Friday, February 28, 7:00 p.m., at Clarendon Farms, Beaufort, SC. Entries must be in by noon, February 28. All entered dogs must provide registered name at time of drawing.

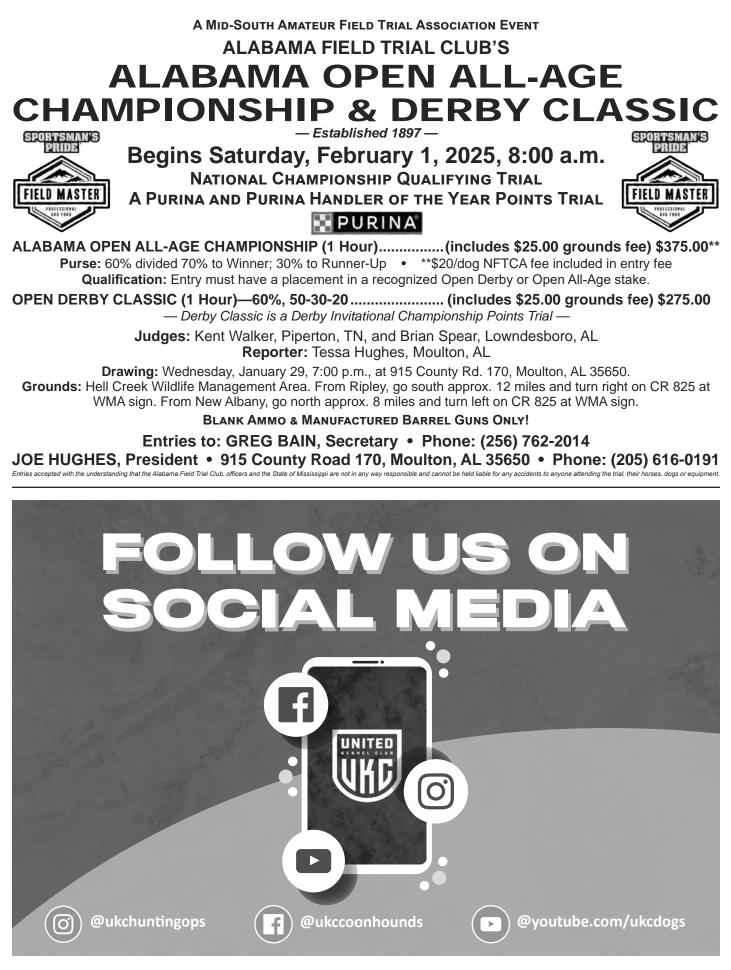
OPEN HORSEBACK SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (One-Hour) Entry Fee: \$225.00* • Purse: 50% of entry divided 50-30-20

*Entry fees must be paid prior to running. Judges: Buck Daniels, Yemassee, SC, and Drew Bastian, Mt. Pleasant, SC

Reporter: To be announced

For information and entries, contact: BILLY KERR (843) 473-5464 • Email: Billy.Kerr@coxinc.com

Clarendon Farms, club members and landowners are not responsible for any accidents or injury to person, animal or property. Handlers must provide own retrieval unit.









Smoke Rise Jake 2024 Champion Fred Rose, Owner

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Starts Thursday, February 6, 2025 Robert Gordon Field Trial Area, Hoffman, NC

Entry Fee: \$225.00

Purse: 50% (less bird, dog wagon, and grounds fees) plus additional \$500 provided by USCSDA, divided 70-30

Winner will receive an oil painting, 12 bags of Purina, and a Garmin 550 Pro E-Collar;

Runner-up will receive 6 bags of Purina and a bark collar by Garmin.

Judges: Ashby Morgan, Hudgins, VA, and Lee Flanders, Vienna, VA Field Trial Chairman: Tony Bingham • Reporter: Margaret Drew

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (45 Min.)

Entry Fee: \$100.00 • Purse: 50% (less bird, dog wagon, and grounds fees) divided 70-30

Qualifications: Entrants must have an Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog placement. All participants should have their state hunting license. **Accommodations:** Best Western—(910) 692-0640, Southern Pines, NC. **Meals:** A Handlers' Dinner will be hosted on Friday, February 7; A Purina sponsored dinner will be held Saturday, February 8. **Drawing/Entries Close:** Monday, February 3, 7:00 p.m.

Entries to: JAMESON CRANDALL • Phone: (804) 577-3788 • Email: jameson.crandall@gmail.com U.S. Complete Shooting Dog Assn. handicap rule applies. Horseback scouting permitted. Gallery wagon will be provided. All entries accepted as a waiver of any claim for loss or damage from the sponsoring club, officers or state.



Starts February 12, 2025 • Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, Hoffman, NC Entry Fee: \$200.00 • Purse: 50% (less bird, dog wagon, and grounds fees) divided 60-40

— Starting at the conclusion of Championship —

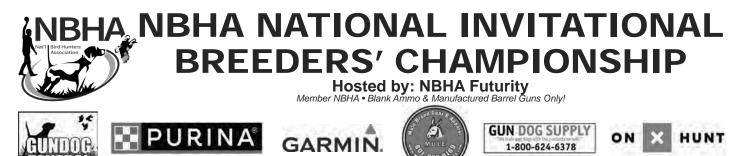
PAUL WALKER OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (45 minutes)

Time for running of the Classic may be reduced to 30 minutes if reasonably necessary to meet time constraints. Entry Fee: \$100.00 • Purse: 50% (less bird, dog wagon and grounds fees) divided 50-30-20 Judges: Jim Jones, Newport News, VA, and Bob Youngs, Hoffman, NC Drawing: Sunday, February 9, 6:00 p.m., at 120 Coquina Dr., Wilmington, NC. A handlers' dinner will be provided on Friday, February 14 by Dennis and Hope Beaufort,

Charles Timmerman, and Richard Cooke, owners of last year's champion, Erin's Battle Cry.

Entries to: DAVID HUFFINE, Trial Chairman 120 Coquina Drive, Wilmington, NC 28411 Text: (910) 620-2970 • Email: dhuffine1951@gmail.com — Accepted email and text entries require confirmation —

Entries accepted with the understanding that the club and officers are not responsible for accidents, injuries or loss to person, dogs, horses or equipment.



Wednesday, February 12, 2025* • Grovespring, MO • Breakaway 8:00 A.M. One-Hour • Entry Fee: \$190.00

*If entries warrant, will start Tuesday, February 11

Purse: 40% (less \$30 grounds fee) divided 70-30 to Winner and Runner-Up. Winner will receive cash purse, Garmin E-collar, Purina Pro Plan, OnX Hunt certificates and Trophy; Runner-Up will receive cash purse, Purina Pro Plan and Trophy.

- BONUS CASH PRIZE

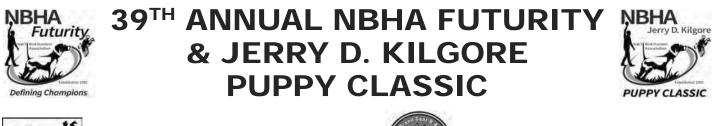
If the Champion was a past Futurity participant, the owner will receive an additional \$2,000 cash prize.

Judges: Howard Burbach, Pleasant Hill, MO, and Brian Kennedy, Shelby, IA

Grounds: Located at 10321 Parks Creek Rd., Grovespring, MO 65662 (Clubhouse is one mile north). **Early Drawing:** Monday, February 3, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Futurity Director Christian Ogle. **Qualification:** Any dog with an Open NBHA Shooting Dog or Derby placement from the previous trial season, Fall 2023—Spring 2024; Or any Shooting Dog or Derby that is from an NBHA Futurity Nominated litter that has a current American Field recognized Open trial placement. **Lodging:** Available in Lebanon, MO, and limited bunks in the clubhouse. Electrical hook-ups for an additional \$10/day available at the grounds. Horse corrals and dog kennels available on a first come basis.

JIM OGLE, Futurity Director 17430 Thorn Rd., Jasper, MO 64755 Phone: (417) 388-0734 Email: jojosenglishsetters@gmail.com TIM PENN, NBHA Secretary 50578 State Hwy. 6, Edina, MO 63537 Phone: (660) 341-1165

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February 14-16, 2025, following the NBHA Breeders' Invitational • Grovespring, MO

Grounds: Located at 10321 Parks Creek Rd., Grovespring, MO 65662 (Clubhouse is one mile north). **Early Drawing:** Monday, February 3, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Futurity Director Christian Ogle. **Lodging:** Available in Lebanon, MO, and limited bunks in the clubhouse. Electrical hook-ups for an additional \$10/day available at the grounds. Horse corrals and dog kennels available on a first come basis.

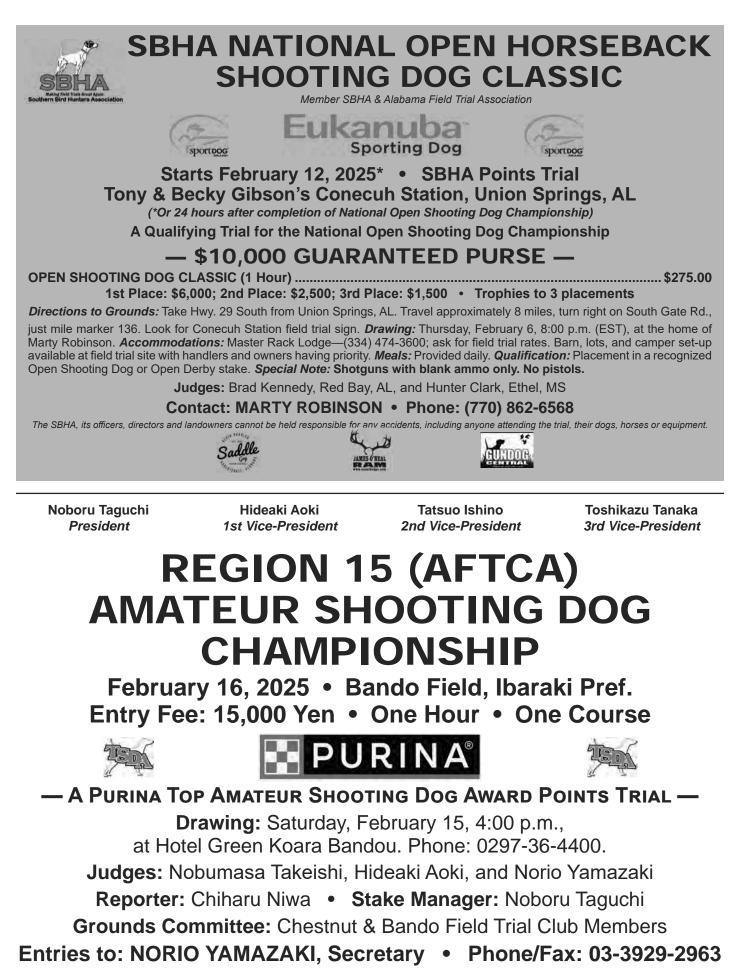
39th ANNUAL NBHA FUTURITY (30 Min. Qualifier; One-Hour Final)......\$150.00 JERRY D. KILGORE PUPPY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—To be run following the initial series of Futurity......\$90.00

Judges: Futurity & Puppy Classic-Mike Poehler, Buffalo, MO, and Dr. Brent Hoehns, Knoxville, IA

Awards: 100% payback to be split between Winners and Breeders. Futurity winner will receive an oil painting, Garmin E-Collar, Purina Pro Plan and plaque. Jerry Kilgore Classic winner will receive a print, Garmin E-Collar, Purina Pro Plan and plaque. Qualifications: All Futurity and Jerry Kilgore Classic participants must be from an NBHA nominated litter. Handlers' Dinner & Auction: Friday night, February 14.

CHRISTIAN OGLE, Futurity Director 17430 Thorn Rd., Jasper, MO 64755 Phone: (417) 388-0734 Email: jojosenglishsetters@gmail.com TIM PENN, NBHA Secretary 50578 State Hwy. 6, Edina, MO 63537 Phone: (660) 341-1165

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REGION 5 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Only solid or plugged barrel guns with blank ammo may be used!



February 21-23, 2025 • Starts 8:00 A.M. Pyramid State Park (Captain Unit), Cutler, IL

Entry Fee: \$125.00

Judges: Jay Lewis, Ashland, MO, and Ed Liermann, Palmyra, WI Scouting to look for a dog on point with permission from the judges. No harassment of the judges or officials will be tolerated!

Grounds: Located on first road north approximately ¹/₄ mile west of Denmark Church (at Purina sign), 2262 Pyatt Cutler Rd., Cutler, IL. **Drawing:** Wednesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m., at the home of the chairman. AFTCA Win Certificate number required for dog and handler. **Lodging:** Oxbow B&B, 3967 IL-13, Pinckneyville, IL—(618) 790-4369; Fairgrounds Inn, DuQuoin, IL—(618) 542-5000.

Entries to: BRAD HARGIS, 3308 Lazy Acres Rd., Salem, IL 62881 • Phone: (618) 292-1798

An entry is accepted as a waiver of any claim or demand for any loss or damage incurred from the sponsoring club; Region Five; AFTCA, Inc.; their employees, agents, and officers.

REGION 8 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & DERBY

209 Primer or .32 caliber or larger blank ammunition required

Starts Friday, February 21, 2025, 8:00 a.m. Double D Ranch, Woodward, OK







QUALIFYING TRIAL FOR THE NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP A Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award Points Trial Derby is an OFTCA Points Trial

Drawing: Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Brandon Johnson. Entries must have a qualifying win and be entered by their registered name. **Accommodations:** Candlewood Suites—(580) 254-5200.

Championship Judges: Brandon Johnson, Guthrie, OK, and Alex Jaycocks, Edmond, OK

Prizes: Trophies to Champion and Runner-Up

Bob Gum, President • Bob Rankin, Vice President • Tim Thornton, 2nd Vice President

Entries to: BRANDON JOHNSON • (405) 973-5244

Region 8, AFTCA, OFTCA, Oil Capital Field Trial Association, Double D Ranch and their officers and directors are NOT liable for injuries or damages to persons, animals or equipment during the field trial. All who wish to participate, observe or otherwise enter onto the grounds do so at their own risk.

SOUTHEASTERN QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sponsored by Southeastern Field Trial Club Contested over the Abigail, Chickasaw and Ecila Plantations

Purse: 60% of entry fees divided 65-35

A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING TRIAL

A PURINA TOP DOG AWARD, PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD AND DIXIE TRACE FTA POINTS STAKE

Judges: Justin Hunt, Blakely, GA, and George Kimbrell, Fort Mill, SC Reporter: Claudia McNamee, Chattahoochee Hills, GA

Pre-Draw: Thursday, February 27, 7:00 p.m., at Chickasaw Plantation Lodge, Houston Grove Church Rd., Dawson, GA.

Phone: (478) 955-7823 • Email: rondeal@bellsouth.net Email entries will be acknowledged if received!

Directions: From Albany or Dawson, GA, take U.S. Hwy. 82 to Sasser. Located at 716 Houston Grove Church Rd., Dawson, GA (USE Apple or Google maps; DO NOT USE Waze maps).

ABSOLUTELY NO TRAFFIC THROUGH PLANTATIONS

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For information, contact: DR. RON DEAL—(478) 955-7823 -or- LAMAR CHILDERS—(404) 790-2944

45th MISSOURI OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP







Starting Monday, March 3, 2025

Hosted by the Missouri Shooting Dog Association

- This Trial Qualifies for Purina Top Shooting Dog and Purina Handler of the Year Awards -

MISSOURI OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)

Entry Fee \$220.00 + \$30 Grounds fee • Purse: 50% divided 70-30 (less Grounds fee and ad cost)

Qualification: An Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby placement recognized by UKC / AMERICAN FIELD.

Judges: Mike Poehler, Buffalo, MO, and Mark Johnson, Albany, WI

Marshals: Adam DeLude, Jerry Hailey, Mark Johnson, and Tony King

Grounds: Sportsmen's Club of S.W. Missouri, Grovespring, MO. 2,600 acres, including a clubhouse, 36 horse stalls, outside pens, and 50 kennels. Bunks in clubhouse and other facilities are on a first come, first served basis. Six braces run per day. **Directions:** From I-44 and Hwy. 5 at Lebanon, MO, take Hwy. 5 south approx. 20 miles to Meadowlark Lane (a bird dog silhouette points the way); turn right, and follow road 1¹/₂ miles to grounds. **Drawing:** Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Tony King. **Accommodations:** Hampton Inn—(417) 533-3100 and Super 8 Motel—(417) 588-2574. Ask for trial rates.

Entries to: TONY KING—(573) 239-1665 -or- ADAM DELUDE—(920) 579-0344 No harassment of the judges will be tolerated! Entries accepted with the understanding that the club, its officers, 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.

37th MIDWESTERN STATES SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY



Sponsored By Ross B. Youwe - Art Studio -





following the conclusion of Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship Hosted by the Midwest Shooting Dog Futurity Field Trial Club

- THIS IS A *BONUS* POINTS TRIAL FOR THE PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG DERBY OF THE YEAR AWARD -

37th MIDWESTERN STATES SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY Entry Fee \$150.00 + \$30 Grounds fee • Prizes to Breeders and Owners

Purse: 50% split 40, 30, 20, 10 to four places (less Grounds fee and ad cost)

Qualification: Derby dogs from Litters whelped on/after January 1, 2023, and nominated in the 37th Midwestern States Shooting Dog Futurity Program. The Futurity has 30-Minute Qualifying Heats and 1-Hour Callbacks to win. Derbies will be judged on Shooting Dog Standards and Callback dogs at the discretion of the judges.

Judges: Mark Poehler, Buffalo, MO, and Mark Johnson, Albany, WI **Marshals:** Adam DeLude, Jerry Hailey, Mark Johnson, and Tony King

Grounds: Sportsmen's Club of S.W. Missouri, Grovespring, MO. 2,600 acres, including a clubhouse, 36 horse stalls, outside pens, and 50 kennels. Bunks in clubhouse and other facilities are on a first come, first served basis. Six braces run per day. **Directions:** From I-44 and Hwy. 5 at Lebanon, MO, take Hwy. 5 south approx. 20 miles to Meadowlark Lane (a bird dog silhouette points the way); turn right, and follow road 1¹/2 miles to grounds. **Drawing:** Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Tony King (or following the drawing of the Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship). **Accommodations:** Hampton Inn—(417) 533-3100 and Super 8 Motel—(417) 588-2574. Ask for trial rates.

Entries to: TONY KING—(573) 239-1665 -or- ADAM DeLUDE—(920) 579-0344



March 6-9, 2025 • Booneville, AR \$1,000 Added Purse!

Grounds: From intersection Hwy. 10 and Hwy. 23 in Booneville, AR, go 3 blocks south, turn left on Hwy. 217, go 7.3 miles. Turn left between graveyard and church house, go ¹/4 mile to clubhouse. Drawing: Monday, March 3.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG	\$150.00
OPEN DERBY	\$ 80.00
OPEN PUPPY	\$ 50.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG	
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Judgment ceases at flush	
AMATEUR DERBY	
AMATEUR PUPPY	
Judges: Eddie Smith, Fruitvale, TX, and Dickie Sorrell, Hubbard, TX	

Entries to: GLENN CUMBIE • Phone: (479) 461-5509









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MIDWEST SHOOTING DOG FIELD TRIAL CLUB ASSOCIATION'S

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MARCH 11, 2025 **TO CONCLUSION**



WESTFALL BROTHERS RANCH **ELK CITY, KS**

Directions: From Independence, Kansas, go West on 160 for 18 miles to road 1300, then North 3/4 mile to Road 5800, then West 1 mile. From Longton, Kansas, go East on 160 to Blackjack Road, then 1 mile. Drawing: Friday, March 7, 7:00 p.m., at the home of David Taylor. Phone: (712) 310-7882. Lodging: Super 8, Independence, KS-(620) 620-6003.

MIDWEST OPEN DERBY (30 Minutes)—Continuous Courses; Shooting Dog Standards \$125.00 Entry fee includes \$15.00 grounds fee and \$2.00 Midwest Dog Tax • Payback 50% after grounds fee and dog tax **Purse:** Divided 50% to 1st; 30% to 2nd; and 20% to 3rd.

— A Purina Top Shooting Dog Award Points Stake —

Entry fee includes \$25.00 grounds fee and \$2.00 Midwest Dog Tax • Payback 50% after grounds fee and dog tax Purse: Divided 70% to Champion and 30% to Runner-Up, if named.

Qualification: A recognized placement in an Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake

Judges: Jon Humphrey, Oologah, OK, and Austin Bryan, Collinsville, OK • Reporter: David Taylor, Neola, IA

Garvin Collins, Trial Chairman • Bob Reynolds, Dog Wagon Driver

Phone entries to: DAVID TAYLOR, Secretary • Phone: (712) 310-7882 • No voicemails

Field Trial Committee: Bob Reynolds, Garvin Collins, Harold Gearhart, David Taylor, Scott Hadley, Tierra Hadley Westfall Brothers and/or Midwest FTA will not be held responsible for losses or injuries to livestock or individuals.

Jim Pendergest President Kenton Bryant 1st Vice President Tim Hammons 2nd Vice President Mary Sue Schalk Secretary/Treasurer

REGION 4 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP & DERBY*

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

March 14**-16, 2025 • Pinckneyville, IL • Starts 7:30 a.m. (CST) Hosted by Rend Lake Field Trial Club



QUALIFYING TRIAL FOR THE NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL & PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD

*If time permits. **Not to start before the conclusion of the Rend Lake Open. **Grounds:** Pyramid State Park (Captain's Unit), Pinckneyville, IL. **Drawing:** Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 P.M. (CST). **Accommodations:** Fairgrounds Inn, DuQuoin, IL—(855) 516-1090. **Awards:** Champion, Runner-up Champion, and Derby winners will receive an award **Qualifications:** Entries must have a qualifying win and be entered by their registered names. Handlers must provide their AFTCA member number with their entries.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP Entry Fee: \$150.00

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Phone or text entries to: JIM PENDERGEST • Phone: (859) 552-3972

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Jim Pendergest President Kenton Bryant 1st Vice President Tim Hammons 2nd Vice President Mary Sue Schalk Secretary/Treasurer

REGION 4 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & DERBY*



March 20**-23, 2025 • Berea, KY • Starts 7:30 a.m. (EST) Hosted by Commonwealth Bird Dog Club

AN AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL

If time permits. **Start date will depend on number of entries.* **Grounds: Miller-Welch WMA, Berea, KY. **Drawing:** Tuesday, March 18, 6:00 P.M. (CST). **Accommodations:** Quality Inn, 365 Peggy Flats Rd., Berea, KY—(859) 986-9627. **Awards:** Champion, Runner-up Champion, and Derby winners will receive an award. **Qualifications:** Entries must have a qualifying win and be entered by their registered names. Handlers must provide their AFTCA member number with their entries. **Meeting:** At the conclusion of the running on Saturday, March 22, in the clubhouse on the field trial grounds.

Text entries to: KENTON BRYANT • Phone: (270) 361-1122

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United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship

Winning handler prize package includes:

- \$8,000 Guaranteed Purse
- Garmin Astro tracking and Tri-Tronics units

Winning owner prize package includes:

- Ross B. Young original oil painting
- Montana Silversmiths belt buckle

Trial starts February 15, 2025

Drawing: February 14, 5:30 p.m., at the Camp Robinson Wildlife Management Area clubhouse, Conway, AR.

Activities

Friday: Cocktails, Dinner, Drawing & Calcutta (5:30 p.m.) Saturday: Cocktails & Dinner (5:30 p.m.) Sunday: Cocktails & Dinner (5:30 p.m.)-hosted by Johnny and Joyce Taylor, owners of the 2024 Invitational winner, Absolute Dominator.

Invitational Entry Fee: \$300

Judges

Robby Robinson, Dardanelle, AR Everett Brannan, Powderly, TX

Reporter

Joyce Taylor, Paron, AR

Purina Top Shooting Dog Award Points 400 Bonus Points Purina Top Handler of the Year Award Points



2024 Invitational winner Absolute Dominator with handler Doug Ray, scout Kayleigh Ann Lee, and owners Johnny and Joyce Taylor

Invitational Sponsors

Nestlé/Purina Garmin SportDOG Witt & Carol Stephens Leather Brothers The Collar Clinic Dr. Debbie Ozner & George Hickox

Tucker Saddlery Tri-Tronics World Class Kennels Dr. Jeff & Melanie Hale Haggis Saddle Company Farmers Association

Lee Cruse Charlie & Linda Jackson Randy & Lynn Potter

Invitational Benefactors

Ron Prewitt Jack, Audrey & Brian Sanchez Johnny & Joyce Taylor

For more information

Johnny & Joyce Taylor 32000 Kanis Rd., Paron, AR 72122 Johnny: (501) 681-0125 or Joyce: (501) 681-8580







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Confirmed Participants

Absolute Dominator Owners: Johnny & Joyce Taylor Handler: Doug Ray

Panther Creek Rosie Owner: Frank Rutland Handler: Tommy Rice

Lester's Another Shockwave Owners: Dr. Tom Jackson, Jerry Moisson, Lance Schulz, Bjorn Peterson, and Todd Mann Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

Silver W Jill Z Owner: Dr. Debbie Ozner Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

Upfront's Southern Star Owner: Lance Schulz Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

Smoke'N'Mirrors Owners: Richard Gillis and Stacey Goodie Handler: Matt Basilone

Owners: Luke & Rita Topp

Handler: Harold Gearhart

CS Four Season's Gunner

Handler: Doug Ray

Hale's High Flyer

Owner: Dr. Jeffrey Hale

Hale's Smooth Touch Owners: Dr. Jeffrey Hale

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

Stylish Miss Bell

Owner: Bruce Sooter

Topp's Ice Chip

Handler: Allen Vincent

Owner: Tom Curtsinger

Handler: Tom Curtsinger

Wynona's Nickleback Sugar

Handler: Eddy Taylor



The Invitational participants have been selected on the basis of the Purina Top Shooting Dog Award for 2023/24. All braces to run one-hour heats on two consecutive days, 90-minute heats for finals on third day. The number of dogs called back for finals is entirely at the discretion of the judges. Champion only, no Runner-Up.

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THE NATIONAL AMATEUR FREE-FOR-ALL CHAMPIONSHIP

A qualifying and bonus points trial for the National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational and Purina Top Amateur shooting Dog Award bonus points trial

A Member of the AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA • 410 ga. shotgun with AFTCA approved blank ammo!

Presented under the auspices of the National Amateur Free-For-All Championship Association, Inc. — Sanctioned by the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America —

TO BE RUN STARTING FEBRUARY 22, 2025 AT UNION SPRINGS, ALABAMA







Judges: Virgil Moore, Arkansas, and Eddie Taylor, Mississippi Reporter: Morgan Brewer, Wetumpka, AL

Pre-Drawing will be Thursday, February 13, 2025, at the Sedgefields Plantation Field House at 7:00 p.m. (CST) Running to begin at 8:00 a.m., February 22, 2025



Entry Fee: \$300 • AFTCA Membership Number required with all entries!

Qualifying Heats will be 45 minutes; and the Finals will be one and one half hours. A Champion and a Runner-Up will be named. Also, the most outstanding dog in the Qualifying Series will be selected. Defending Champion, One Day Queen Bee, is automatically qualified for the first brace of the finals.

tritronics*Pro 500 collar to the Winner and a Sport 50 collar to the Runner-Up.

MEMORIAL TROPHIES

The A.H. "Bill" Hembree, the J.F. "Tobe" Stallings, the Hoyt Henley Sr. and the Kevin "Bubba" Goolsby Rotating Memorial Trophies (Winner's name engraved on trophies and kept in Amerifirst Bank at Union Springs, AL)

Sterling Silver Trophies to Champion, Runner-Up and "Best Dog" in Qualifying Series.

Social activities will be announced at the drawing. Lunches served daily in Field House. The National Amateur Free-For-All Championship Association, Inc., its officers and directors, and the owners of Sedgefields Plantation are in no way responsible for any accident of any kind on the grounds. You are welcome at your own risk. <u>NO</u> PISTOLS ALLOWED. Blanks not furnished by the club.

EARLY ENTRIES WITH NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER-HANDLER, INCLUDING PHONE NUMBER AND INFORMATION ON DOGS ENTERED, WILL BE APPRECIATED. AFTCA MEMBER NUMBER REQUIRED.

All entries should be sent to: RICK STALLINGS, President

P.O. Drawer 70040, Montgomery, AL 36107

Phone: (334) 244-2093 • No text or email entries accepted

SHIRLEY VARNER • Phone: (334) 224-4888

— No telephone entries AFTER 3:00 p.m. (CST), February 13, 2025 —

Tony King President Ric Peterson 1st Vice-President Larron Copeland 2nd Vice-President

AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA PRESENTS THE 104th Running of the NATIONAL AMATEUR QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

.32 cal or larger, .410 shotguns allowed with AFTCA approved blank ammo.

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Starts Monday, February 24, 2025 Livingston Place, Greenville, FL 90-Minute Heats • Entry Fee: \$250.00

A PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD POINTS TRIAL

Judges: William Smith, Moscow, TN, and Chip Pendergest, Dayton, TN

Reporter: Maria Bassham, Quitman, GA

— There will only be one brace on standby at the end of each day —

Qualifications: For qualification, a dog shall have placed, under an amateur handler, in an all-age stake held by an active member of this corporation under its regulations; or winner or runner-up in the National Amateur Derby Championship sanctioned by this corporation. According to The AMERICAN FIELD, no dog or handlers suspended by The AMERICAN FIELD or *FDSB* will be declared a winner. All horses must have a current Coggins Test (less than 12 months) and health papers on out-of-state animals. **Entries Close** (**both events**): Thursday, February 20, 6:00 p.m. (CST). **Drawing (both events):** Friday, February 21, 9:00 a.m. (CST), at the office of the secretary. Must be an individual member of AFTCA to enter. Please have your AFTCA membership number and win certificate number when entering. Drawing will be posted on AFTCA website before noon. **Dinner:** Sponsored by Purina to be announced.

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NATIONAL AMATEUR DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP

.32 cal or larger, .410 shotguns allowed with AFTCA approved blank ammo.

One–Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$175.00

Judges: Hoyt Henley Jr., Haynesville, AL, and Brian Spears, Lowendale, AL

Reporter: Maria Bassham, Quitman, GA

— There will only be one brace on standby at the end of each day —

GARMIN collars to the Winners and Runners-Up. But for sculpted game bird plaques to Winners and Runners-Up.

Contact: PIPER HUFFMAN—(662) 471-1700

[Entries will be taken by phone calls or texts ONLY, no email entries accepted. All entries will be confirmed.]

Larron Copeland 2nd Vice-President

AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA PRESENTS THE NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP

Only Manufactured barrel blank guns with blank ammo to be used.



March 3, 2025 Ames Plantation, Grand Junction, TN

(Start date dependent upon entries)

Those in attendance are special guests of the Ames Plantation and will be asked to comply cooperatively with staff concerning traditional running rules on the Ames Plantation.

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$175

Judges: Frank Vicari, Hampshire, IL, and Mike Vicari, Hampshire, IL

— immediately followed by the —



Tony King

President

NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

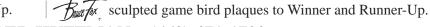


One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$200

Judges: Frank Vicari, Hampshire, IL, and Mike Vicari, Hampshire, IL Reporter: Piper Huffman

Entries Close: Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 p.m. (CST). **Drawing:** Thursday, February 27, 9:00 a.m. (CST), at the office of the secretary. Must be an individual member of AFTCA to enter. Please have your AFTCA membership number and win certificate number when entering. No dog or handler suspended by UKC/The AMERICAN FIELD or *FDSB* will be declared a winner. **Social:** Purina will host a dinner; Day and time to be announced.

GARMIN collars to the Winner and Runner-Up.



Contact: PIPER HUFFMAN—(662) 471-1700

[Entries will be taken by phone calls ONLY, no email entries accepted. All entries will be confirmed, no messages accepted.]

MISSOURI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented and Hosted by Missouri State Field Trial Association

MISSOURI OPEN ALL-AGE AND OPEN DERBY

Field Trial Sportsmen's Association of Southwest Missouri

PURINA®

Starting Monday, March 17, 2025 Sportsmen's Association, Inc. Field Trial Grounds Grovespring, MO

— A Purina Points and Purina Handler of the Year Points Program —

Pre-Drawing for all stakes: Saturday, March 15, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Andy and Sharleen Daugherty. **Headquarters:** Super 8 Motel, Lebanon, MO—(417) 588-2574. Ask for field trial rates.

MISSOURI OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)—60% (less fees) divided 50-30-20 Entry Fee: \$275.00 (includes Grounds & NFTCA Fees) QUALIFYING STAKE FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

DON FOX MEMORIAL DERBY (30 Minutes)—60% (less fees) divided 50-30-20 Entry Fee: \$100.00 (includes Grounds Fee)

MISSOURI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—60% (less fees) If runner-up declared, purse divided 75-25 plus Globe Democrat Trophy Entry Fee: \$350.00 (includes Grounds & NFTCA Fees) AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Qualification for Championship: Open Derby or Open All-Age placement.

Judges: Open All-Age & Open Derby—Mark Livingston (IA), and Tim Pen (MO); Missouri Open Championship—Harold Woodward (AR) and Stan Wint (KS).

Reporter: Bonnie Hidalgo

Mail entries/monies to and for information, call: SHARLEEN DAUGHERTY 10321 Parks Creek Rd., Grovespring, MO 65662 • Phone: (417) 462-3695

Make checks payable to: "State Field Trial Club"

Entries are accepted with the understanding that neither club officers nor landowners are responsible for any accident or injury to people involved with or attending the trial.

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National German Shorthaired Pointer Association

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RECOGNIZED FIELD TRIALS

Alabama Open All-Age Championship & Derby Classic February 1 / Blue Mountain, MS Contact: Greg Bain Phone: (256) 762-2014 Associated Field Trial Clubs of Florida Super Bowl Trial February 1 / Punta Gorda, FL Contact: Paul Daniel Phone: (813) 477-4104 NGSPA Savannah River Championships February 2 / Bronwood, GA

Contact: Diane Coppens Phone: (618) 604-4377 Email: rakersd14@gmail.com National Open Shooting Dog Championship

February 3 / Union Springs, AL Contact: Heather Klinck Phone: (334) 207-9422 Email: hsklinck@gmail.com Region 5 (AFTCA) Amateur

Shooting Dog Championship February 7 / Grovespring, MO Contact: Eddie Berendzen Phone: (573) 268-6921

NGSPA Region 7 Championships February 8 / Ardmore, OK Contact: Terry Bomer Phone: (281) 413-2149 Email: terrybomer@gmail.com

Region 17 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship February 8 / Moline, KS Contact: Diane Shoemaker Phone: (816) 309-4773

The 126th National Championship February 10 / Grand Junction, TN Contact: Matt Backus Phone: (901) 878-1067 Email: mbackus@amesplantation.org Fort Mill Field Trial Club February 13 / McBee, SC

Contact: Tom Brigman Phone: (410) 908-4428 Georgia Amateur Celebration February 13 / Waynesboro, GA

Contact: Nell Mobley Phone: (706) 554-2991 or (706) 466-2991

West Tennessee Field Trial Club February 13 / Dancyville, TN Contact: J.P. Hathcock Phone: (731) 443-0050 Wolf River Field Trial Club February 13 / Blue Mountain, MS

Contact: Amy Spencer Phone: (731) 343-0561

NVA Eastern Shooting Dog Classic February 14 / Cheraw, SC Contact: Brandon Johnson Phone: (757) 784-1626 Email: bwjohn@icloud.com

West Valley Bird Dog Club February 14 / Valley Springs, CA Contact: Jan Corbitt Phone: (209) 613-5327 Email: Ladymarten@aol.com

Associated Field Trial Clubs of Florida Puppy Derby Classic February 15 / Punta Gorda, FL Contact: Beth Brown Phone: (941) 737-3660

Region 11 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship February 15 / Valley Springs, CA Contact: Jan Corbitt Phone: (209) 613-5327 Email: Ladymarten@aol.com

Southwestern Field Trial Club February 15 / Chandlerville, IL Contact: Jeff Wagoner Phone: (309) 657-2536 Email: rollinghillskennel@yahoo.com

United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship February 15 / Conway, AR Contact: Joyce Taylor Phone: (501) 681-8580

Delaware Valley Bird Dog Club February 16 / Bernville, PA Contact: James Humes Jr. Phone: (484) 550-2957 Email: jphjr1215@gmail.com

Region 15 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship February 16 / Bando Field Contact: Norio Yamazaki Phone: 03-3929-2963

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Shady Grove Field Trial Club February 18 / Conway, AR Contact: Jim Martin Phone: (501) 336-7218 Northeast Arkansas Pointer & Setter Club February 20 / Mayflower, AR Contact: Marty Moore Phone: (870) 240-6612

Region 8 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship February 21 / Woodward, OK Contact: Brandon Johnson Phone: (405) 973-5244

Carolina Amateur Field Trial Club February 20 / Hoffman, NC Contact: Calvin Curnutte Phone: (910) 995-7902

Region 5 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship February 21 / Cutler, IL Contact: Brad Hargis Phone: (618) 292-1798

National Amateur Free-For-All Championship February 22 / Union Springs, AL Contact: Rick Stallings Phone: (334) 244-2093

Chestnut Bird Dog Club February 23 / Ibaraki, Japan Contact: Kouzou Sakanashi Email: kouzoulilly@gmail.com

Eastern Kanto Field Trial Club February 24 / Sakaethyo Field, Tiba-Pref. Contact: Kazumi Sekioka Phone: 090-3542-5087

Illinois Shooting Dog Championship February 24 / Chandlerville, IL Contact: Jeff Wagoner Phone: (309) 657-2536 National Amateur Quail

& Derby Championships February 24 / Greenville, FL Contact: Piper Huffman Phone: (662) 471-1700

Delaware Valley Bird Dog Club March 1 / Bernville, PA Contact: James Humes Jr. Phone: (484) 550-2957 Email: jphjr1215@gmail.com

Masters Open Shooting Dog Championship March 1 / Albany, GA Contact: Polly Moore Phone: (229) 873-2436 Email: moorepolly16@gmail.com

Southeastern Quail Championship March 1 / Dawson, GA Contact: Dr. Ron Deal Phone: (478) 955-7823 Email: rondeal@bellsouth.net

Central Field Trial Club March 2 / Bando Tone Field Contact: Tatsuo Ishino Phone: 053-925-3029

Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship March 3 / Grovespring, MO Contact: Tony King Phone: (573) 239-1665

National Amateur Shooting Dog Championships March 3 / Grand Junction, TN Contact: Piper Huffman Phone: (662) 471-1700

Masters Open Quail Championship March 4 / Albany, GA Contact: Woody Watson Phone: (229) 886-0422 or (229) 903-1217

RECOGNIZED FIELD TRIALS

Midwestern States Shooting Dog Futurity March 4 / Grovespring, MO Contact: Tony King Phone: (573) 239-1665 Association of South Carolina Field Trial Clubs Carolina Celebration March 5 / Allendale, SC Contact: Billy Kerr Phone: (843) 473-5464 Email: Billy.Kerr@coxinc.com Eastern Open Shooting Dog Championship

& Derby March 6 / Ahoskie, NC Contact: Tommy Starrell

Contact: Tommy Stargell Phone: (434) 960-2651 Willie "Byrd" Owens Puppy & Derby

March 6 / Union Springs, AL Contact: Hunter McDuffie Phone: (334) 207-3887 All-America Championships

March 7 / Cutler, IL Contact: Nathan Phillips Phone: (812) 499-0418 Holler Point Field Trial Club

March 7 / Abilene, KS Contact: Diane Shoemaker Phone: (816) 309-4773

The Smith Celebration March 7 / Waynesboro, GA Contact: Joe Cincotta Phone: (908) 812-5587

Mid-State Bird Dog Club March 8 / Chandlerville, IL Contact: Jeff Wagoner Phone: (309) 657-2536 Email: rollinghillskennel@yahoo.com

South Carolina Open All-Age Classic March 10 / Cheraw, SC Contact: Calvin Curnutte Phone: (910) 995-7902

Midwest Open Shooting Dog Championship March 11 / Elk City, KS Contact: David Taylor Phone: (712) 310-7882

Larry Smith Heartland Open All-Age March 12 / Gentry, MO Contact: Steve Auxier Phone: (402) 730-2711

9A Field Trial Club March 13 / Union Springs, AL Contact: Hunter McDuffie Phone: (334) 207-3887

North Carolina Field Trial Association March 14 / Hoffman, NC Contact: John Ivester Phone: (704) 641-1570 Region 4 (AFTCA) Amateur

All-Age Championship March 14 / Pinckneyville, IL Contact: Jim Pendergest Phone: (859) 552-3972

Tsukuba Field Trial Club March 16 / Sakaecho Field Contact: Susumu Yagami

Jayhawk Open Shooting Dog Championship & Derby Classic March 17 / Elk City, KS Contact: Luke Topp Phone: (402) 239-8167

Missouri Open Championship March 17 / Grovespring, MO Contact: Sharleen Daugherty Phone: (417) 462-3695 National Amateur Pheasant All-Age Championship March 20 / Gentry, MO Contact: Piper Huffman Phone: (662) 471-1700

Region 4 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship March 20 / Berea, KY Contact: Mary Sue Schalk Phone: (270) 625-0196

Cedar Valley Open Shooting Dog Classic March 21 / Hoffman, NC Contact: Calvin Curnutte Phone: (910) 995-7902

Kansas Open Derby & Open Puppy Classics March 21 / Dexter, KS Contact: Don Beauchamp Phone: (316) 542-0103 or (316) 772-3684 Email: donbeauchamp1@gmail.com

Big Sky Field Trial Club March 22 / Great Falls, MT Contact: Dave Noell Phone: (406) 861-6818 Email: dnjnoell@gmail.com

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American Derby Invitational Championship March 23 / Grovespring, MO Contact: Steve Auxier Phone: (402) 730-2711

Chickahominy Field Trial Association March 23 / Jarrett, VA Contact: Meredith Jones Phone: (804) 512-7567 or (804) 769-9292 Email: fewpointers@gmail.com

Kanto Pointing Dog Club March 23 / Fujioka-City, Gunma Pref. Contact: Nobumasa Takeishi Phone: 0299-69-2915

Pacific Coast Championships March 24 / Maupin, OR Contact: Chase Cochran Phone: (541) 760-0446 Email: chase@turfmerchants.com

Region 5 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship March 27 / Pinckneyville, IL Contact: Jon Lam Phone: (618) 967-5906 Email: Jonlam17@yahoo.com

Eastern Iowa Shooting Dog Association March 29 / Melbourne, IA Contact: Doug Watt Phone: (515) 238-5116

Egyptian Open Shooting Dog Championship March 31 / Cutler, IL Contact: Jim Lawless Phone: (618) 317-7811

California Championships April 1 / Cathey's Valley, CA Contact: Jim Wolthuis Phone: (916) 715-2526

Big Sky Open Shooting Dog Championship April 2 / Winnett, MT Contact: Keith Anderson Phone: (406) 839-5112

The Virginia Classics April 3 / Scottsville, VA Contact: Tommy Stargell Phone: (434) 960-2651

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Region 7 (AFTCA) Amateur

Walking Shooting Dog Championship April 4 / Decatur, TX Contact: Ken Sauer Phone: (281) 960-2508 Email: kfsauer@sbcglobal.net

Region 14 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship

April 4 / Winnett, MT Contact: Austin Turley Phone: (406) 860-7161

Broomhill Open All-Age Classic April 6 / Winnett, MT Contact: Austin Turley Phone: (406) 860-7161

Region 3 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship April 6 / Scottsville, VA Contact: Tommy Stargell Phone: (434) 960-2651

Big Sky Field Trial Club April 7 / Winnett, MT Contact: Austin Turley Phone: (406) 860-7161

Western Championships April 10 / Reno, NV Contact: Jared Tappero Phone: (530) 927-8164

ABHA TRIALS

ABHA Central Region Championship February 6 / Moline, KS Contact: Frank Schoenborn

Phone: (316) 641-8144 West Kentucky Field Trial Club February 21 / Kevil, KY Contact: Mary Sue Schalk Phone: (270) 625-0196

NBHA TRIALS

NBHA National Invitational Breeders' Championship February 11 / Grovespring, MO Contact: Jim Ogle Phone: (417) 388-0734 Email: jojosenglishsetters@gmail.com

RECOGNIZED FIELD TRIALS

NBHA Futurity & Jerry D. Kilgore Puppy Classic

February 14 / Grovespring, MO Contact: Christian Ogle Phone: (417) 388-0734 Email: jojosenglishsetters@gmail.com NBHA Western Regional Championship February 20 / Inola, OK Contact: Jesse Lambert Phone: (337) 412-2356 Email: jesse.lambertjr@gmail.com

NBHA National Open Championship

February 25 / Dancyville, TN Contact: Greg Blair Phone: (262) 939-2775 Email: glblair5@gmail.com

NBHA Central Regional Championship March 6 / Booneville, AR Contact: Glenn Cumbie Phone: (479) 461-5509

Central Prairie Field Trial Club March 8 / Orchardville. IL Contact: Rick Stanford Phone: (618) 838-6762

Mid-South Bird Hunters Club March 9 / Orchardville, IL Contact: Brad Hargis Phone: (618) 292-1798

West Coast Bird Hunters Club March 22 / Cedar Fort, UT Contact: Barratt Gorshe Phone: (801) 836-7291 Email: bgorshe12@gmail.com

Valley View Field Trial Association April 4 / Decatur, TX Contact: Ken Sauer Phone: (281) 960-2508 Email: kfsauer@sbcglobal.net

Coalfield Bird Dog Club April 11 / Dixon, KY Contact: Mary Sue Schalk Phone: (270) 625-0196

SBHA TRIALS

SBHA National Open Horseback **Shooting Dog Classic** February 12 / Union Springs, AL Contact: Marty Robinson Phone: (770) 862-6568

Central Alabama Shooting Dog Association February 13 / Alberta, AL Contact: Chris Koutras Phone: (334) 259-9598 Email: CASDAsecretary@gmail.com Southeastern Continental Breed

Shooting Dog Championship February 19 / Waynesboro, GA Contact: Heather Miller Phone: (864) 607-7922 Email: SeCBCH1@gmail.com

USCSDA TRIALS

Lancaster County Field Trial Association February 1 / Regina, VA Contact: Jimmy Crandall Phone: (804) 761-1517

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