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National Champion



ERIN'S PERFECT STORM

Brad Woodie, Owner | Luke Eisenhart, Handler | Sean Derrig, Breeder | Photo by Chris Mathan

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ISLAND DANCER

#F1699150 • English Setter Female • Sire: Ch. Islander • Dam: Island Girl

Jonathan Dunn, Owner • Photo by Morgan Smith

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

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

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

Qualifications: Details of the qualification requirements for the 2026 National Championship can be found in the NFTCA, Inc. Facebook post from October 1, 2025, and in the October 2025 issue of UKC® Field, page 13.

NOMINATIONS FOR DOGS NOW ELIGIBLE CLOSE FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Entry Fee: \$1,200.00

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE DOG COMPETES!

Drawing will take place on Friday evening, February 6, 2026, at the National Bird Dog Museum at 7:00 p.m. The drawing will be held online via Facebook and open to the public.

The 32nd Annual Winner of the Joe H. Hurdle Top Dog Award (as described in The American Field, page 1, November 6, 2010 issue) will be announced during the drawing ceremonies.

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

Judges: Rich Robertson Jr., Payette, ID; Greg Bain, Moulton, AL; and Bill Mason, Moundville, AL.

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

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SPECIAL NOTICE: All horses must have a current Coggins Test (less than 12 months) and health papers on out-of-state animals. Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture and officials will be checking papers. No stallions will be allowed in the gallery. While running is underway, traffic will be restricted on National Championship Drive and Turner Road from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

PURINA will sponsor a National Field Trial Championship kickoff party at the National Bird Dog Museum on Friday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m.

“Everyone Invited” Brunswick Stew on Thursday, February 12 at Bryan Hall immediately following the afternoon brace, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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• **Ames Plantation** will provide twice daily updates of each day’s running on the website below.

“Everyone Invited” Fish Fry on Tuesday, February 17 at Bryan Hall immediately following the afternoon brace, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Grand Junction will provide sausage and biscuits each morning at the Rhea Clubhouse while the supply lasts.

Women from the Hickory Valley, Grand Junction, Saulsbury, LaGrange, Bolivar and Middleton, TN Area will assist with refreshments in the Rhea Clubhouse each day.

Lunches will be provided daily from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Rhea Clubhouse by Glover’s Eats and Sweets.

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NATIONAL PRAIRIE CHICKEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Confident Nation Named Champion; Erin's Southern Comfort, Runner-up

By Ed Liermann | Bancroft, Wisconsin | September 22, 2025



National Prairie Chicken Championship: Ed Liermann, Mary Sue Schalk, Frank LaNasa with Confident Nation, Scott Jordan, and James Kleve.

The National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship ran as scheduled, starting on Monday, September 22, following the running of the National Amateur Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship. The weather was a bit cooler than normal. Thirty-two dogs navigated the robust cover. Birds were moved on every course as we witnessed many fine performances.

Judges for this year's championship were Mary Sue Schalk of Dixon, Kentucky, and James Kleve of Paris, Kentucky. Both judges bring a wealth of experience to the judicial saddle. They have trained and handled dogs and have been active in running field trials for many field trial clubs and organizations.

The Winners

The winner of the 2025 National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship was Confident Nation, owned and handled by Scott Jordan of Grant, Minnesota. The 7-year-old white and orange pointer male ran in the third brace on the first day of the running. He ran a very big, far-reaching forward race with a nice find at 42, where he swung out the front

and worked back into the wind with a precise, intelligent piece of bird work with high style. Handler fired with all in order, and he finished strong to the front.

The runner-up was Erin's Southern Comfort, a 5-year-old white and orange pointer male owned by Sean Derrig and Sean Patrick Derrig of Chicago, Illinois. Southern Comfort ran in the sixth brace of the Championship. Handled by Sean Patrick Derrig, Southern Comfort was away fast with a strong forward race. He had an unproductive at 28 with Haney's Southern Angel backing and had a nice find at 48. He backed Angel at 50 with all in order and had a nice finish.

The temperature was a bit cooler than normal throughout the trial, making it more tolerable for the dogs. But it was still a challenge to run here because of the sections of heavy cover.

A core group of people makes this trial a success. Thanks to Gary Wolfe, a Wisconsin DNR biologist and our dog wagon driver. Gary is spot on with all his duties and is a key member in running this championship. He also provided the

hard-boiled eggs that are a favorite and a trial tradition. Blocking road crossings is vital for safety during this trial and was attended to by Gary Wolfe, Terry Trzcinski, and Andy Lewandowski. Missing from our group this year were George and Ann Ihrke and Doug and Judy Reisner, who had scheduling conflicts. Many thanks to all who helped when needed, hauling horses, judges, and handlers to keep the trial moving: John Mathys, Frank LaNasa, Scott Jordan, Mark Johnson, Jared Bell, and Allison Bell; A great group always willing to help in any capacity.

We appreciate the support and our partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. For us, that starts with site manager Lesa Kardash. Lesa and her staff do a stellar job managing "The Grasslands" and are good friends who support this event. We moved a good number of birds this year and found birds on all courses.

As in past years, people traveled from all directions to get here. A great group of people, with some new faces, included Frank and Jean LaNasa, John Mathys, Scott Jordan, Sean Patrick Derrig, Todd Manns, Jared Bell, Allison Bell, Mark Johnson, Brian Gingrich, Jerry Moisson, and Tom Hennes.

Purina is a major sponsor of this Championship. On Tuesday evening, Purina sponsored our Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings. Thanks to Purina, Greg Blair, and Terry Trzcinski for supporting our trial and auction. SportDOG also sponsors our trial and auction by donating a Tek 1 tracking and training collar. Thanks to Jim Morehouse, a longtime friend and supporter of field trials, and to SportDOG, a major sponsor of this trial and auction. We thank them for their support.

In the running, we switch the morning and afternoon courses for

the Open Championship. Breaking away on Monday at 8:00 a.m. on Course 1, we cross Griffith and swing east.

Notorious Southern Son (Mathys) and Southern Confidence (LaNasa). Both dogs were out fast and made some big moves, strong to the front throughout the hour, but had no bird contact.

Dezasterous Silver Bandit (Gingrich) and Cedar Creek Anthem (Liermann). Bandit had a classy forward application throughout the hour, but no bird contact. Anthem ran a wide forward race throughout the hour, but no birds.

Confident Nation (Jordan) and Cole Fusion (Hennes). Confident Nation was mentioned earlier. Cole Fusion started out fast with a forward race. Not pleasing the handler, he was up at 35.

Due Respect (Tande) and Erin's Mighty Quinn (Derrig). Both dogs were out fast and forward with some nice casts. Due Respect was under birds at 7 and was up. Quinn had a nice find at 9 with all in order and another at 13, and finished the hour with some nice casts.

B G K's Luke (Bell) and Saginaw Luke Skywalker (Johnson). Both dogs were off to a nice forward race. Luke was strong on the ground with a bird at 22 with all in order. He was lost at 38. Skywalker hunted through heavy cover, but was not pleasing the handler, and was picked up at 32.

Haney's Southern Angel (Mathys) and Erin's Southern Comfort (Derrig). Angel had a strong forward race, backing Southern Comfort at 28. He had a nice find at 50 with Southern Comfort backing, with all in order. Southern Comfort was mentioned earlier.

Ramblin Rivers Double Dot (Gingrich) and Wiggins Pree Dawn Reward (Hennes). Dot started out nicely with some big moves. He was picked up at 28, not pleasing the handler. Pree Dawn Reward hunted hard through heavy cover throughout the hour.



Open Derby: Ed Liermann, Kristen Moisson, Jerry Moisson with Ramblin Rivers Double Dot, Brian Gingrich, Todd Manns with Prairiewood's Lone Survivor, James Kieve, and Mary Sue Schalk.

Erin's Redemption (Mathys) and Warbird (LaNasa). Both dogs were out fast and forward. Redemption had a nice forward race with some big casts, but had no birds. Warbird had a nice start but wasn't pleasing the handler and was picked up at 31.

Just Call Me Mo (Hennes) and Erin's Tin Lizzie (Johnson). Both dogs were out forward through heavy cover. Mo, not pleasing the handler, was up at 25. Lizzy hunted hard through heavy cover and finished the hour without bird contact.

Notorious Sweet Ginger (Mathys) and Hotdish (LaNasa). Both dogs were off to a nice start. Ginger had a nice forward race, backing Hotdish at 15 and scoring a find at 50 with all in order, and had a nice finish.

Pearl Jam Nation (Jordan) and Erin's Doc Holliday (Bell). Pearl Jam had a nice forward race going. Handler elected to pick up after a stop-to-flush at 49. Doc Holliday had a strong forward race with a stop to flush at 47 and finished the hour forward.

Cross Country Ryan (Hennes) and Cedar Creek Sixgun (Liermann). Ryan hunted the hour with a snappy application and an unproductive at 43. Sixgun had a nice forward with a nice find at 58, with all in order to finish the hour.

Notorious Dominator's Reserve (Mathys) and Ramblin Rivers Unplugged (Gingrich). Dominator's Reserve had a strong forward race with a stop-to-flush at 21 and a nice find at 40. Unplugged had a far forward race with some big casts. Handler asked for the tracker at 17.

Rip Nation (Jordan) and Erin's Ikon (Gingrich). Both dogs moved out quickly, fast and forward. Ikon pointed a skunk at 3 with Rip backing. Ikon had an unproductive at 22 with Rip backing. Ikon had a stop-to-flush at 35 and at 48.

Notorious Propane Jane (Mathys) and Cottonwood Bud (Hennes). Both dogs moved out fast and forward. Bud had an unproductive at 7. Divided find at 22 with all in order, and both dogs finished the hour.

Ramblin Rivers Natural (Gingrich) and Northern Confidence (LaNasa). Both dogs out fast, covering ground and making some nice casts throughout the hour.

Bancroft, Wis., September 22

**Judges: James Kieve and Mary Sue Schalk
NATIONAL PRAIRIE CHICKEN OPEN SHOOTING
DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]**

- 27 Pointers, 3 Setters, and 2 Irish Setters

Winner-CONFIDENT NATION, F1684546, pointer male, by True Confidence-Southern Songbird. Scott Jordan, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-ERIN'S SOUTHERN COMFORT, F1693833, pointer male, by Erin's Lone Star Law-Erin's Irresistible Jane. Sean & Sean Patrick Derrig, owners; Sean Patrick Derrig, handler.

OPEN DERBY - 5 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-RAMBLIN RIVERS DOUBLE DOT, F1709252, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-True Grace. Bill Stapleton, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.

2d-PRAIRIEWOOD'S LONE SURVIVOR, F1721613, pointer male, by Confident Nation-Upfront's Piper. Todd Manns, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.

3d-ERIN'S HIGH OCTANE, F1712754, pointer male, by Erin's Grey Ghost-Erin's Sweet Justice. Jared & Allison Bell, owners; Jared Bell, handler.

Sidelights

Saturday night, after the second day of running, we have our banquet on the grounds under the tent. Special guests included Cody Kamrowski, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, accompanied by partner Sophie Kube, Andy Lewandowski, Dog Committee Chairman of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, and Sharon Schwab, President of the Dane County Conservation League. Dane County Conservation League is a major landowner in the Prairie Chicken management area. One of the highlights of the evening is our "Chicken Championships" auction. This is where we raise funds for grounds improvements, provide continuing education for

DNR site staff, and award two \$500 scholarships to UW-Stevens Point students who are part of the Adopt-A-Wildlife Program and work on the Buena Vista grounds. We partner with the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation on the scholarship program. Also, because of our annual contributions to the DNR gift account, the site manager at Buena Vista, Lesa Kardash, was able to attend the Prairie Grouse Technical Council Conference this year in Valentine, Nebraska. Based on her experiences at Buena Vista, Lesa was asked to deliver a presentation titled "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: Public and Private Partnerships." We look forward to hearing from Lesa about her experience. We also took time to review the updates on the Vista Sands Solar Project.

As many of you know, we have been working on the Vista Sands Solar Farm Project, a \$2.4 billion project encompassing approximately 7,000 acres. A substantial portion of it will be adjacent to some of the traditional Prairie Chicken management sites, possibly affecting some of the existing leks and nesting areas. Naturally, this raised some concerns about the long-term effect this would have on the Greater Prairie Chicken population. What we were officially asking for was a one-mile buffer from the Leks and a ½-mile buffer from the nesting areas. Our coalition, led by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (WWF), the Dane County Conservation League, and the Central States Field Trial Club, has been engaged in a years-long struggle to protect the traditional Prairie Chicken grounds. The boundaries we are discussing

have been established since Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources biologists Frances and Fred Hamerstrom worked and lived on the grounds. Former WWF Executive Director George Meyer, Current WWF Executive Director Cody Kamrowski, Dane County Conservation League past President Sharon Schwab, and the Central States Field Trial Club led this team effort. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation spearheaded the legal effort. George Meyer led the legal team to address these concerns. After initial appearances before the Public Service Commission fell short, an appeal was filed in the Columbia County Circuit Court. In mid-2025, an agreement was reached, clearing the way and addressing the final concerns. The following is a brief overview of the settlement.

Key Elements of the Agreement:

As part of the agreement, Vista Sands Solar developer, Doral Renewables, is building on its existing commitments to restoring nearly 7,000 acres of native grasslands in the region, providing a \$2.1 million contribution to support the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Greater Prairie Chicken management plan, and funding for local university-led research to study how wildlife interacts with solar.

Seven hundred and fifty additional acres have been set aside specifically to address WWF's concerns for the Greater Prairie Chicken. This provision addresses the one-mile buffer from all leks and a ½-mile buffer from all established nesting areas. This component was essential to the settlement.

Vista Sands Solar has committed \$1 million to the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, specifically designated for habitat restoration and land acquisition in the Greater Prairie chicken management priority areas.

This settlement is being discussed as a model for future collaboration between stakeholder groups and energy developers throughout the country. Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Executive Director Cody Kamrowski gave a speech documenting the process from beginning to end at the Prairie Grouse Council Conference in Valentine, Nebraska, this past fall. He will also give a presentation on this project at the National Wildlife Federation Executive Directors Conference this spring and at Pheasant Fest this year, outlining the project and tips for future projects.

We will provide more updates as the program is implemented.

George Meyer recently passed away after a battle with cancer. A former WDNR attorney and WDNR Secretary, George was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved the outdoors. Having worked with George on several projects, I can say he was a man committed to conservation and was an advocate for the sporting dog community. He was a friend to all who loved the outdoors. In the last two years of his life, George dedicated his extensive legal and conservation expertise to the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation's intervention in the Vista Sands renewable energy docket, helping to secure a landmark settlement.

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NEW ENGLAND OPEN GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mohawk Mill Good Advice Named Champion; Chasehill Snoop Dog, Runner-up

By Jamie Welsh | Berlin, New Hampshire | September 23, 2025

The 101st running of the Setter Club of New England's Fall Championship took place during a fall wild bird season that saw drought cause the cancellation of the running of the Maritime Bird Dog Club's Fall Classic, the traditional start of fall wild bird trials in the Northeast. The continuous running of the North American Woodcock Championship was preserved in McAdam, New Brunswick, as restrictions were lifted just before the trial ran. Following the North American, the fall circuit heads to Fryeburg, Maine, before making its stop in New Hampshire for this trial and returning to mid-coast Maine to conclude the New England season.

The significant drought that affected the Northeast and Atlantic Canada this past summer also impacted the grounds at Kilkenny. Handlers and judges found the grounds much drier than the notoriously muddy courses can be. While the hills and undulating terrain remained, and rain did fall on the Championship, the courses were very dry to start the week.

For the second year running, Kelly Hays managed the stake with the support of Tom Jay, David Theroux, and Adam Dubriske. The hard work of running a championship was made to look easy. Courses were well marked, and the foresight of the group has led to thoughtful shifts to the three primary courses that the Championship runs on. As a renewed emphasis on cutting in Kilkenny seems to be taking place, the team's work and efforts will lead to a bright future for the New England Open Grouse Championship. Field trials exist because of the time and effort volunteers take to make them happen, and for that, we are all grateful.

Bill Bonnetti and John Olfson judged the Championship. Both Olfson and Bonnetti are



New England Grouse Championship (l-r): John Olfson (judge), John Stolgitis (handler) with Mohawk Mill Good Advice, Owen Comeau with Chasehill Snoop Dog, and Bill Bonnetti (judge).

no strangers to the grounds at Kilkenny, and having judged multiple championships there, they were up to the task of assessing a strong field of 14 pointers and 10 setters.

While birds were not abundant, they were present and with good distribution throughout the three Championship courses. The first day proved a stern test with only one dog producing birds, Mohawk Mill Marie Laveau, under the whistle of her owner and handler Owen Comeau, in the first brace of the Championship. Fortunately, the second day saw numerous dogs with bird work and a clear winner standing out. For the second year in a row, John Stolgitis handled both the champion and runner-up.

Mohawk Mill Good Advice, ("Blaze") delivered a commanding performance in the second brace of day two, exhibiting a near-perfect combination of style, manners, and race that left little doubt for the judges and gallery as to who the champion would be. Blaze's bell came to a stop eight minutes in, and he was located to the front, 75 yards off course, standing his first of three grouse finds during the brace.

Stolgitis strode confidently to the dog, with a grouse flushing off to the front right, observed by the judge and reporter. Stolgitis fired, Blaze standing as tall as he had prior to flush, with no letdown, and great style continued after being released back on course. The bell came to a stop again at 19. Once again, the find was executed with flawless perfection, high head and tail, never wavering. Stolgitis collared the dog back to the course, watered him, and released him. Making a strong move to the front to the edge of bell range, Blaze continued forward, handling the rolling terrain. At 32, Blaze was located after a brief search, 70-80 yards off course in a conifer and alder edge, standing resolutely, as Stolgitis flushed a grouse. Stolgitis returned to the dog, released him forward, where he solidified his performance with a strong forward race to finish, exhibiting no sign of relenting.

Championships are won by a combination of grit, stamina, and style; Mohawk Mill Good Advice exhibited all three. A tight and competitive group of dogs vied for the mantle of runner-up champion, testing the judges' eye to determine the most worthy dog. Strong

performances from Dave Theroux's Neo and Thor Kain's "Rosie" under John Stolgitis's whistle made their bids, but neither was quite enough as last year's champion, Chasehill Snoop Dog, which delivered a strong performance in the final brace of the Championship. Snoop ran a strong forward race, seeking likely objectives and delivering a woodcock find with exceptional manners at 14, providing the judge, reporter, and scout a clear view of the bird. Never flinching, "Snoop" stood nicely and was released onward in short order. He continued to the front, showing well with the style and power that have earned him multiple titles.

For the second year in a row, both the champion and runner-up were handled by John Stolgitis, adding to his impressive record at the Championship. Much history was shared by John Stolgitis, Craig Doherty, and Bob Lang of both dogs and championships past. As we move to the running, thank you to Purina and to all who have and continue to support this staple of New England cover dog field trials.

The Running

Elhew Snakewood (PM; O/H: Doherty) and Mohawk Mill Marie Laveau (PF; O/H: Comeau).

The Championship commenced at 7:24 a.m. on the Moosehorn Course with Craig Doherty breaking Elhew Snakewood away alongside Owen Comeau and his young pointer bitch, Mohawk Mill Marie Laveau. It was not to be Snakewood's day as he started hard, his race flattened, and in the cool but humid conditions, Doherty elected to pick the dog up at 14. Comeau's day began with more excitement. Miss Marie Laveau's bell stopped in cover a woodcock or grouse would likely find appealing at 8. After a reasonable search and effort to flush was made, Comeau elected to move the dog on. At 24, Comeau's dog stopped abruptly to the flush of a grouse and stood for the shot before being released with the manners of a young dog. At 38, the bell stopped again with the dog located and three grouse flushing

in the vicinity. All was in order, and the dog was watered, collared, and brought forward to finish the hour.

Chasehill Poison Ivy (PF; O: McFadden; H: Stolgitis) and Mooselook Texas Star (PM; O: McNulty; H: Dubriske). The second brace of the Championship began at 8:39 a.m. on the Ammonoosuc Course, which shares a start with the Moosehorn course. Early in the brace, the handlers separated with "Tex" under Dubriske's whistle, moving to the front, and Stolgitis working to the left in search of Ivy. Ivy came off the line with power, exhibiting the combination of speed and range that has brought her so much success. Unfortunately, this was not her day. Both dogs were picked up before the brace concluded.

Wild Apple Siri (PF; O/H: Rizza) and Fox Brook Top Secret (ESF; H: Dubriske). The third brace ran on the Goldenrod course. Trucks, handlers, judges, and dogs moved across the Kilkenny tract, and handlers broke their dogs away just after 10 a.m. Siri ran a typical race, handling nicely to the front with a comfortable eye for likely objectives, leaving few of them unsearched. Fox Brook Top Secret made a big and more significant opening cast before settling into a less ambitious pattern for the remainder of her hour. One wild grouse flushed from a tree at 30. Both dogs finished the hour.

Sunkhaze Vera Masardis (PF; O: Flewelling; H: Stolgitis) and Niantic River Ava (ESF; Dubriske). Moving back to begin the second cycle through the three championship courses, the fourth brace began at 11:40 a.m. on Moosehorn. Ava, a nicely built and graceful running setter, established early in the brace for an unproductive at 9. With no bird produced, the dog was moved on. Masardis began with a powerful cast to the front, and while her bell was occasionally picked up, Stolgitis requested the tracker at 21, thus ending her bid. Ava was also picked up prior to entering the course's runoff.

Wild Apple Pop's Dorothy (PF; O: Steingraber; H: Doherty) and Super Storm Nell (ESF; O: Kain; H: Dubriske). The second look at Ammonoosuc came shortly after lunch. Doherty's charge, "Dot," broke away nicely and maintained an elegant race exhibiting the right combination of range and stamina while she moved from likely objective to likely objective. With no bird work entering the final third of the brace, Doherty made the decision to end her effort. Nell, an equally class contender, started her race well, showing nicely but coming up from behind several times early in her bid. She settled in nicely during the middle of her run, but, like Doherty, with no birds entering the final stretch of the course, Dubriske made the call to also end her day early.

Higby Arcade Fire (PM; Stolgitis) and Lucy's Pride (ESF; O: Jay; H: Dubriske). The final brace of the first day returned to the Goldenrod course. "Cade" had a strong stretching race that did not produce any birds. He is a hard-running dog with class. Lucy, a diminutive setter bitch, under Dubriske's whistle, moved nicely, seeking likely cover and running a respectable race. Both dogs finished the hour without bird work.

Day Two: Mohawk Mill Miss You (PF; O: McFadden; H: Stolgitis) and Still Meadows Little Sunray (ESF; O: Hays; H: Dubriske).

The second day began at 7:35 a.m. with Hays' young female setter under Dubriske's whistle and McFadden's more veteran pointer female under the whistle of Stolgitis. Each dog broke away nicely in the cool rain. At 12, a wild grouse flushed off the edge of the trail, a sign that hopefully birds might be in greater abundance for Day Two. At 15, a search ensued for Stolgitis's dog with the handler, scout, judge, and scribe seeking the dog. After a five-minute search, the bell was heard, and with no fault, the dog continued on. Dubriske and Ray worked together with the young setter, showing nicely as she came into view of the gallery.

Mohawk Mill Good Advice (PM; O: McFadden; H: Stolgitis) and Pod Brook Doby (ESM/Dubriske (H).

This brace was described earlier.

Mohawk Mill Fired Up (PF; O: Kain; H: Stolgitis) and Henry's Susieq Dot (ESF; O/H: Theroux). Moving to Goldenrod for the first look at the course on the second day, judges, reporter, handlers, and the gallery now looked to see if a dog could rival Mohawk Mill Good Advice's strong performance in the prior brace. Theroux's stylish setter opened up nicely, showing speed and seeking the front. Mohawk Mill Fired Up also made a nice move to the front. Fired Up is a young, powerfully gaited dog that covers ground easily. Theroux's dog handled with ease, showing a nice race and sound stamina. She finished the hour with no birds. Fired Up located a pair of woodcock at 14 with appropriate manners for a young dog; a slight jingle of the bell, and some let down dampened the find. She showed nicely to the front with the power and speed of a dog that will be competitive as she matures.

Hifive's Sweet Basil (PF; O: Rizza; H: Stolgitis) and Sump's Murphy's Law (ESF; O/H: Sumple). Returning to Moosehorn, the 10th brace broke away at 12:35 p.m. Basil, a well-built pointer, ran a respectable race but was cursed with a series of unproductives at 12, 25, 40, and was leashed at 41. Sumple's young female setter demonstrated a nice combination of race and style. The dog established at 42, with a high head and tail in a likely spot; no bird was produced, and the dog worked deeper in. At 45, the dog established again, likely working a running bird.



Bill Kearns Memorial Open Derby Classic (l-r): Adam Dubriske, Deb Sloan with Hifive's Balvenie, Owen Comeau with Mohawk Mill Little Lady, Kelly Hays (judge), Dave Theroux (judge), and Deb Kennedy with Deb's Brio.

The bird was not produced, and the dog was cautiously released; through no fault of the dog, a bird got up away from the Murphy. The dog and handler elected to return to the course and not finish the brace.

Mohawk Mill Dreamer (PF; Stolgitis) and Neo (ESM; O/H: Theroux). The 11th brace of the Championship returned to the Ammonoosuc course. With conditions far wetter than the previous day, dogs were cut loose at 1:45 p.m. Both dogs started with solid casts to the front. Ch. Neo showed his strength and durability throughout the brace. Mohawk Mill Dreamer ("Tilly") had an unproductive at 23. Neo's bell stopped at 26 in a dense alder thicket. Scout, judges, and handlers worked in as Tilly came around to back. The tightly sitting bird held for a flushing attempt before Theroux opted to relocate the dog, and Stolgitis opted to collar his dog and move her out. After a successful relocation, Neo established nicely, with his tail slightly flat, to pin the woodcock. The bird was flushed, and all was in order. Both dogs were released and moved hard to

the front. At 45, Stolgitis called for the tracker and elected to conclude Tilly's championship. Neo finished the brace with a gritty performance, pushing and seeking up to the hour mark.

Chasehill Snoop Dog (PM; O: E. Stolgitis; H: J. Stolgitis) and Superstorm Cliff (ESM; O: Kain; H: Dubriske). This brace was described earlier.

Berlin, N. H., September 23

Judges: Bill Bonnetti and John Olsson
NEW ENGLAND OPEN GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 14 Pointers and 10 Setters
Winner-MOHAWK MILL GOOD ADVICE, F1685480, pointer male, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Hirollins Fancy Lady. William & Karen McFadden, owners; John Stolgitis, handler.
Runner-Up-CHASEHILL SNOOP DOG, F1703110, pointer male, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Erin Stolgitis, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

Bill Kearns Memorial Open Derby Classic

A quality entry of 10 young dogs provided judges Kelly Hays and Dave Theroux with a set of performances to evaluate on a soggy Thursday morning. Deb Sloan's young pointer Hifive's Balvenie was the judges' choice, running an expansive race. The dog worked just enough with handler Adam Dubriske to best Owen Comeau's Lady and Deb Kennedy's Brio in tough conditions.

Judges: Kelly Hays and David Theroux
**BILL KEARNS MEMORIAL OPEN DERBY
CLASSIC – 4 Pointers and 7 Setters**
1st-HIGHFIVE'S BALVENIE, F1709068, pointer female, by Little Traverse Django-Hifive's Top Shelf. Deb Sloan, owner; Adam Dubriske, handler.
2d-MOHAWK MILL LITTLE LADY, F1717691, pointer female, by Rocky River Halo-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Owen Comeau, owner and handler.
3d-DEB'S BRIO, F1713597, setter female, by Long Gone Dequan-Deb's McKeachie Road. Deborah Kennedy, owner and handler.

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MIDDLE ATLANTIC OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Miller's High Heat Index Named Champion; Erin's Envy, Runner-up

By Joe Lordi | Lacey Township, New Jersey | October 20, 2025



Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Karen Janiec, Mark Janiec, Mike Tracy, Casey Tracy, Mary Tracy with baby Mary Tracy, Bo Brewer with Miller's High Heat Index, Muriel Primm, Ernie Saniga, Haley Moreland with Erin's Envy, Bill Bonnetti (judge), Gus Alimonos (judge), Bill Primm, Sandy F., and George Tracy.

The Middle Atlantic Championship ran at Greenwood Wildlife Management Area in Lacey Township, New Jersey. The grounds received some much-needed cleanup during the off-season, removing many of the scrub pines that were starting to overtake the area. We would like to thank the state for all the work that was done to make these grounds as nice as any in the Northeast.

We are a small group hanging on with the goal of running a top-quality championship, and I believe we have accomplished that goal. Special thanks to Joe Cincotta, Muriel Primm, and Mark Janiec for all their hard work. We could not have run these stakes without their efforts. Special thanks also to Norman Basilone for planting birds during the Amateur Classic.

The Middle Atlantic Shooting Dog Championship started off this trio of stakes. Special thanks to Bill Bonnetti and Gus Aliminos for stepping in to judge. We appreciate their time in the saddle. Narrowing down the winners from the contenders is not always

easy, but they got the decision right, and everyone in attendance knew it.

A special thanks to our judges of the Bill Beyer Open Derby, Joe Cincotta and Joe Lordi, and to the judges of the Bill and Muriel Primm Amateur Shooting Dog Classic, David Creagan and Matt Basilone.

The winners, Miller's High Heat Index, crowned champion, and Erin's Envy, named runner-up champion, are on a roll. Both came off the same results in the Northeastern Championship the prior week.

Miller's High Heat Index, run by Mike Tracy and owned by Allen Linder, Casey Tracy, and Madison McDonald, ran a spectacular race. High Heat Index ran in the last brace as a bye and took full advantage of having the course to himself, scoring five outstanding finds with impeccable style and manners. He needed little, if any, scouting, blazed through the course, and was found standing many times. There was no doubt about the outcome when the hour was complete for all who witnessed this excellent performance.

Erin's Envy, handled by Mike Tracy, set the early standard in the fourth brace with a strong effort. He scored an early find, and when his bracemate faltered, he had the course to himself and took full advantage. He stood high and tight on all three of his finds. He was charged with one unproductive but also had a strong forward race to earn runner-up champion.

The Bill Beyer Open Derby had only eight dogs, but it was highly contested. George Tracy won it with Bryant's Sunset Silver Surfer, owned by Mark Janiec. Surfer bested the field with stylish bird work and a strong forward race. Hightailing Cindy was a close second for handler Mike Tracy and owners Kevin and Maureen Joyce. Cindy showcased a strong forward race with three finds. Peek A Bull took third with a strong race and multiple classy finds for owner/handler Ernie Saniga.

The Bill and Muriel Primm Amateur Shooting Dog Classic saw Marcus Ramseur win with a masterful job handling Fort River's Lucky Charm to the front, with six finds and a strong forward race for owner Gary Tavares from Southbridge, Massachusetts. Second, with two finds, was Red Alert Lane, handled by owner Ed McCay. In third was Newfield Primus, handled by owner Bo Mamounis, with four classy finds and a strong race.

Lacey Township, N. J., October 20 – One Course

Judges: Gus Alliminos and Bill Bonnetti

MIDDLE ATLANTIC OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]

– 27 Pointers and 4 Setters

Winner-MILLER'S HIGH HEAT INDEX, F1685674, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Allen Linder & Casey Hollander, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Runner-Up-ERIN'S ENVY, F1705275, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Erin's Miss Maggie. Joe McHugh, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

**Judges: Matt Basilone and David Creagan
MIDDLE ATLANTIC BILL AND MURIEL PRIMM
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC**

[One-Hour Heats] – 2 Pointers and 14 Setters

1st-FORT RIVER'S LUCKY CHARM, F1681132, setter male, by Mohawk Mill Lucky Charm-Fort River Jackie. Gary Tavares, owner; Marcus Ramseur, handler.

2d-RED ALERT LANE, F1700854, pointer male, by Lester's Prime Poison Lane-Southern Ritz Lane. Ed & Megan McCay, owners; Ed McCay, handler.

3d-NEWFIELD PRIMUS, F1704494, pointer male, by Little Wing Inked Up-Prison Break Turk. George Mamounis, owner and handler.



Middle Atlantic Bill and Muriel Primm Amateur Shooting Dog Classic (l-r): Melissa Basilone, Anneyel Buchanan, Matt Basilone (judge), Marcus Ramseur with Fort River's Lucky Charm, Ed McCay with Red Alert Lane, David Creagan (judge), Bo Mamounis with Newfield Primus, Muriel Primm, and Madison Mamounis.

**Judges: Joe Cincotta and Joe Lordi
BILL BEYER OPEN DERBY**

– 7 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-BRYANT'S SUNSET SILVER SURFER, F1708719, pointer male, by Haney's Silver Dollar-Bluemound's Charged Up. Mark Janiec, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

2d-HIGHTAILING CINDY, F1714947, pointer female, by Cheyenne Jack-Hightailing Maggie. Kevin & Maureen Joyce, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d-PEEK A BULL, F1712607, pointer female, by Bully Rock-Sandspur Belle. Ernie Saniga, owner and handler.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BIRD DOG CLUB

Horizon's Bea Wins Brock & Wells Amateur Shooting Dog Classic

By Sean Kelly | Hornitos, California | October 23, 2025

Horizon's Bea (ESF), handled by her owner, Terry Erickson, and DCR's Swift Justice (GSPM), handled by owner Don Pool, were braced together, producing the winner and second-place finisher. These two had multiple finds and mannerly backed each other.

The winner, Horizon's Bea, had a nice, fast, classy forward race. She handled easily, allowing handler to sit back and let her do her thing. She had finds at 5, 18, 27, and 45. All of her bird work was handled with excellent style and manners. She was also mannerly and with class, backing her bracemate at 23.

The Shorthair, DCR's Swift Justice, had well-mannered and stylish finds at 8, 23, and 40. DCR's Swift Justice also had mannerly backs at 5, 27, and 45. DCR's Swift Justice's race was also fast, forward, and at good range, but did require a bit more work from handler.

The third-place winner, Sleepless Force (PM), ran very fast and big shooting dog race, with a few casts pushing the limits. Although running



Winners of the Brock and Wells Amateur Shooting Dog: Horizon's Bea with Terry Erickson, DCR's Swift Justice with Don Pool, and Sleepless Force with Marc Cuneo, joined by participants.

big, he never needed scouting and always handled for owner Marc Cuneo. He had a stop-to-flush at 27 and a stylish find at 44.

All dogs in the stake had multiple finds. Thank you to our judges, John Keel and Jared Tappero, for sitting in the saddle. Special thanks to Purina and SportDOG for supporting our trial. Northern California Bird Dog Club also wants to say a special

thanks to landowner Paul Ichord.

Hornitos, Cal., October 23

**Judges: Terry Erickson and Tom Griffin
WESTERN OPEN DERBY CLASSIC**

– 9 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-IB GOLD RUSH, F1720139, pointer female, by Kelly's IB Purdy-Kelly's I.B. Ruby. Marc Cuneo, owner and handler.

2d-CUNEO'S IB SUCCESSION, F1711462, pointer male, by Brock Force-Louie's Nell. Marc Cuneo, owner and handler.

3d-INDIAN HEAD AFIRE, F1716428, setter male, by Highground Toby-Southwind Joy's Resurgence. Jared Tappero, owner and handler.

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Judges: Terry Erickson and Don Pool
OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers

1st-ROCKING J'S PETE, F1720132, pointer male, by Kelly's IB Purdy-Kelly's I.B. Ruby. Jarry Walton, owner and handler.

2d-KELLY'S IB CALI, F1720136, pointer female, by Kelly's IB Purdy-Kelly's I.B. Ruby. Sean Kelly, owner; Kay Kelly, handler.

3d-KELLY'S IB LUCKY, F1720134, pointer male, by Kelly's IB Purdy-Kelly's I.B. Ruby. Sean Kelly, owner; Kay Kelly, handler.

Judges: Kay Kelly and Jarry Walton
MACK SMITH OPEN ALL-AGE
– 6 Pointers and 2 German Shorthairs

1st-D C R'S TIZ THE LAW, F1721440, German Shorthair male, by Highpoint's Rusty Gold-MDK's Emma's Got Blue Mojo. Don J. Pool, owner and handler.

2d-PRIDE N JOY, F1703602, pointer male, by Quickmarksman's Ace-Sweet Child O Mine. Tom Griffin, owner and handler.

3d-SLEEPLESS FORCE, F1706223, pointer male, by Brock Force-Sleepless Money Maiden. Marc Cuneo, owner and handler.

Judges: Terry Erickson and Tom Griffin
OPEN SHOOTING DOG

– 3 Pointers and 4 German Shorthairs

1st-DCR'S SWIFT JUSTICE, F1703419, German Shorthair male, by MV'S Pretty Boy Hoyt-DCR'S Mojo Justice. Don J. Pool, owner and handler.

2d-WILDCATTER RIDEN HIGH-WAY 17, F1726731, German Shorthair male, by Cactus Jack Is On The Run-Morn Shadow's Smarty Pants. Celeste Cordoni, owner; Don J. Pool, handler.

3d-ROCKING J'S BILLY, F1706154, pointer male, by Brock Force-Sleepless Money Maiden. Jarry Walton, owner and handler.

Judges: John Keel and Jared Tappero
BROCK AND WELLS AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
[One-Hour Heats]

– 8 Pointers, 3 Setters, and 3 German Shorthairs
1st-HORIZON'S BEA, F1685955, setter female, by Northwoods Charles-Gertrude. Terry Erickson, owner and handler.

2d-DCR'S SWIFT JUSTICE, F1703419, German Shorthair male, by MV'S Pretty Boy Hoyt-DCR'S Mojo Justice. Don J. Pool, owner and handler.

3d-SLEEPLESS FORCE, F1706223, pointer male, by Brock Force-Sleepless Money Maiden. Marc Cuneo, owner and handler.

Judges: Tom Griffin and Jim Wolthuis
REGION 11 AMATEUR ALL-AGE DERBY

– 5 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-IB GOLD RUSH, F1720139, pointer female, by Kelly's IB Purdy-Kelly's I.B. Ruby. Marc Cuneo, owner and handler.

2d-ROCKING J'S PETE, F1720132, pointer male, by Kelly's IB Purdy-Kelly's I.B. Ruby. Jarry Walton, owner and handler.

3d-KELLY'S IB LUCKY, F1720134, pointer male, by Kelly's IB Purdy-Kelly's I.B. Ruby. Sean Kelly, owner; Kay Kelly, handler.

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INTERNATIONAL OPEN PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP

Haney's Storm Warning Named Champion; Haney's Silver Dollar, Runner-up

By Dr. Fred Corder | Hoffman, North Carolina | October 24, 2025



International Pheasant Championship (front, l-r): Luke Eisenhart posed with Haney's Storm Warning, and Judd Carlton posed with Haney's Silver Dollar. (Second row): Dr. Fred Corder, Lefty Henry, Mike Sweet, Whitley Stephenson (judge), Barbara Youngs, Bob Youngs, Claudia McNamee, Carl Owens, and Dr. Buck Neil (judge).

championship performance took place in the 10th brace, braced with Haney's Top Shelf. Top Shelf was out of pocket early, which allowed Haney's Storm Warning ("Speck") to take full advantage of the situation. He had impeccable bird work at 15, 36, and 52, maintaining his high form and stature that he has come to be well known for. His ground race was not as reaching, but his manners around game were beyond reproach, giving him the edge in the judges' book.

Runner-up was obtained in the 15th brace with Haney's Silver Dollar, owned by Chris Cagle Sr. and Chris Cagle Jr., handled again by Luke Eisenhart. He was braced with Game Heir, Dr. Fred Corder, owner/handler. They broke away together at the mile-long field. Haney's Silver Dollar ("Rex") was found at the end of mile-long field with Game Heir backing as we turned to head away from the clubhouse. Both dogs were found independently: Game Heir on the left with a covey, and Silver Dollar on the right, as two separate coveys were put to flight. Both dogs continued

The 66th running of the International Open Pheasant Championship took place from October 24 through October 26, 2025, with 36 dogs drawn in contention. It was contested in the sand hills of North Carolina on the J. Robert Gorden Field Trial Area in Hoffman, North Carolina. This year's

champion, Haney's Storm Warning, was handled by Luke Eisenhart, owned by Chris Cagle Sr. and Chris Cagle Jr. of Woodlawn, Tennessee. The Cagle dogs are well known to the winners' circle at Hoffman. Both the champion and runner-up came out of their Blue Hen, Haney's North Star. Haney's Storm Warning's

wide all-age races as we approached the sand road. Game Heir was found pointed, and Silver Dollar was found even deeper with another solid find. Dogs took off once again when released, and pick up was called shortly thereafter, with both dogs finishing the hour to the front.

Other dogs that impressed were Woodville's Long Hard Ride, handled by Mark McLean, owned by Carl Owens, and Game Surge, owned/handled by Dr. Fred Corder. Each had good forward two-find performances.

Judges who oversaw the championship were Dr. Buck Neil of Fort Worth, Texas, and Whitley Stephenson of Smithfield, North Carolina. Dr. Neil is a recently retired veterinarian who has had a successful career in the saddle as well. He flew out to look over this year's running and was greeted by fellow judge Whitley Stephenson, who successfully campaigns dogs at Hoffman. It was a very complimentary experience for both judges, lending their expertise in evaluating a dog, and with fresh eyes from Dr. Neil, complementing what is a familiar ride to Whitley.

Field trials without birds aren't a field trial. The North Carolina Field Trial Association works tirelessly to ensure this is not the case. Over 30 coveys were moved from the initial release in September. This team is headed up by John Ivester with help from Rob Henry, Greg Robinson, Gary Miller, Calvin Curnutte, Steve Mills, Bob Youngs, and Mike Hester. One particular notable is the fluidity



Tom Honecker Memorial Derby (front row, l-r). Dr. Fred Corder posed with Rester's Wildflower, Luke Eisenhart (handler) posed with Como White Lightning, and Judd Carlton (handler) posed with Erin's Dreamcatcher. (Second row): Carl Owens, Whitley Stephenson (judge), Claudia McNamee, Dr. Buck Neil (judge), and Mike Sweet.

of the dog wagon, which is manned by Greg Robinson. He has a first-class dog wagon provided by the NCFTA, and the grounds allow him to follow closely along the courses, allowing for quick movement if early pickups occur and ease in transition between braces. This year, John Ivester requested and was granted permission to follow behind the dog wagon with his electric side-by-side to retrieve lost dogs. This forethought allowed handlers, scouts, and braces to progress with little to no delay, as well as providing some respite for those handlers and scouts who ride most often every brace of each trial, allowing for increased morale all around.

Lunches were again sponsored by the Pheasant Championship Club, headed by Mrs. Corder on kitchen duties. Purina has long been a sponsor of the Pheasant Championship Club and joined in supporting the Carolina Jamboree this year, marking the third consecutive year. This Jamboree

kicks off the fall season of field trialing, allowing for four consecutive trials to be held back-to-back with incentives for handlers, owners, and recognition of the top dog.

Hoffman, N. C., October 24

Judges: Dr. Buck Neil and Whitley Stephenson
66th INTERNATIONAL PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 31 Pointers and 5 Setters
Winner-HANEY'S STORM WARNING, F1691416, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle Sr. & Chris Cagle Jr., owners; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

Runner-Up-HANEY'S SILVER DOLLAR, F1698758, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle Sr. & Chris Cagle Jr., owners; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

Tom Honecker Memorial Derby

The 2025 Tom Honecker Memorial Derby, which began at the conclusion of the International Pheasant Championship, had a respectable 15 entries consisting of 13 pointers and two setters. First-place winner Rester's Wildflower continued her winning ways with handler Luke Eisenhart and owners Pat and Julie Roach, as she's placed several times already this fall. Second place went to Como White Lightning, handled by Luke Eisenhart for owner David Russell. Third place was awarded to Erin's Dreamcatcher, handled by Judd Carlton for owner Mike Sweet. All dogs ran nice forward races and handled birds correctly.

TOM HONECKER MEMORIAL DERBY – 13 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-RESTER'S WILDFLOWER, F1718696, pointer female, by Rester's Johnny Ringo-Wynona's Funseeker Dixie. Pat & Julie Roach, owners; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

2d-COMO WHITE LIGHTNING, F1717168, pointer male, by Haney's Hurricane Seeker-Como Sis. David Russell, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

3d-ERIN'S DREAMCATCHER, F1712972, setter female, by Erin's Windy Hill-Gyrfarm's Baby Belle. Mike Sweet, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.

CENTRAL PRAIRIE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Fall Trial Held At New Site

By Dan Crunk | Orchardville, Illinois | October 25, 2025

On October 25 and 26, 2025, the Central Prairie Field Trial Club held its fall club field trial. This year, for the first time, we moved our trial site to the Hamilton County Fish and Wildlife

site. For many years, we were fortunate to host our trials at the Ellis farm in Orchardville, Illinois. The Ellis farm was a great venue, and we were so happy to be able to hold our trials at that location. Issues arose,

forcing us to find a new place to host our trials, and we were looking at several different sites. After looking at the Hamilton County site, we were excited to hold our trials on these grounds. Years ago, walking trials

were held there in the spring and fall. The grounds became so overgrown that holding a trial there became very hard. When we went down and looked at the grounds again, we were astonished by the amount of work the crew at Hamilton County Fish and Wildlife had done to make a really good place to hold a walking trial. Hats off to the crew there for all the hard work they have done restoring the grounds to its current condition. We held our NBHA Amateur stakes on Saturday and Open stakes on Sunday. We had good weather for both days, but scenting conditions were not good either day.

To have a good trial, good judges are necessary, and we really met that standard. Judges for the trial were Keith Lowery, Georgie Casey, Rick Stanford, and Dan Crunk. Meals for both days were prepared by Jae Crunk. Having the clubhouse available was also an asset.

Amateur Shooting Dog

The Amateur Shooting Dog was won by Don Heisner and his male setter, "Buck." Buck, a son of Shadow Oak Bo, has been a consistent winner for Don for several years. Buck had a forward-reaching race and always hunting those spots that should hold birds. He finished his brace with two finds. Ken DeLong had the second-place dog, "Freedom," a pointer male. Freedom runs with style and stays to the front. "Jack," Rob Warner's setter male, took third place hunting every minute.

Amateur Derby

Brian Stockrahm's pointer male derby took first in this stake with a really nice race, and although running big enough, handled really well for Brian. Second place went to Ken DeLong with his young pointer female, "Mercy." She ran a nice forward race for Ken and stayed to the front the entire brace. Third place went to your scribe, Dan Crunk, with his male pointer, "Jack." Jack had several extended absences, always showing to the front.

Amateur Gun Dog

There was only one finisher in this stake: "Diamond," our friend John Landolina's German Shorthair female. Usually, his daughter runs Diamond in the Gun Dog, but school activities caused her to miss this trial. We missed her, but Dad did a nice job handling Diamond in this stake.

Amateur Puppy

Your scribe judged the Puppy stake and commented on what a really nice group of puppies ran in this stake. Six really nice puppies ran in this stake, and placing the first three pups was difficult as the quality of the entries was so good. Awarded first was "Joker," Brian Stockrahm's young pointer male. Joker ran a big race but handled and stayed to the front. Georgia Casey brought two nice pups, and her pointer female, "Holly," finished in second with a nice race and stayed to the front. Third place went to Declan Wheat with his young pointer, "Scout." Declan's grandfather, Frank Christie, indicates Declan is doing all of the training on this young prospect.

Open Shooting Dog

The Open Shooting Dog was won by John Landolina's German Shorthair, Diamond, a broke dog always to the front and looking for birds. Diamond finished her 30 minutes with one find. Second went to "Boomer," Travis Patterson's young pointer male. Third place was awarded to Rob Warner's setter male, "Hawk."

Open Derby

Brian Stockrahm's pointer male, "Preacher," won the open Derby with a very nice race. Brian also had the second-place dog, Joker. Joker is only a puppy, but did a nice job for Brian in the Derby stake.

Open Gun Dog

The Gun Dog stake was really very competitive, with David Gate's setter female "Scout" taking home the first-place honors. Second place went to Diamond, John Landolina's German Shorthair female. Third place went to

"Auddie," a pointer female, for Brian Stockrahm.

Open Puppy

Like Saturday's Puppy stake, the Open stake was also filled with really competitive puppies. Again, Brian Stockrahm took first with his pointer male, Joker. Second place went to Megan Greathouse, handling Travis Patterson's young setter female, "Suzy." Third place went to Travis Patterson with "Buster," a pointer male.

The Central Prairie Field Trial Club would like to thank all the owners and handlers who supported our fall trial. We will be back in Hamilton County in March. Watch for our dates. We especially want to recognize and thank our sponsors: Purina and Gun Dog Supply.

Orchardville, Ill., October 25

Judges: Georgie Casey and Keith Leway

NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 14 Entries

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

2d-MAY'S LEGACY OF JUSTICE, F1695469, pointer male, by Faith's Maximum Justice-Chasehill Mighty May. Kenric DeLong, owner and handler.

3d-WARNER'S UTAH JACK, F1701466, setter male, by T's American Gunfighter-T's Whistling Dixie. Robert Warner III, owner and handler.

Judges: Georgie Casey and Rick Stanford

NBHA AMATEUR DERBY

– 5 Pointers and 1 Setter

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

2d-LUCY'S JUST HAVE MERCY, F1723542, pointer female, by Highbanks Final Justice-Highbanks Diamond Lucy. Kenric DeLong, owner and handler.

3d-JD'S HAPPY JACK, F1712298, pointer male, by Phillips Linebacker-Bluemounds White Reign. Dan Crunk, owner and handler.

Judges: Georgie Casey and Dan Crunk

NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 4 Entries

1st-NO LIMITS LITTLE SLICK, F1702850, Gordon setter female, by Right Stuff's Rock N Roll-Outbak's Attitude. John Landolina, owner and handler.

Judges: Dan Crunk and Rick Stanford

NBHA AMATEUR PUPPY

– 5 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-PB JOKERS WILD, F1720600, pointer male, by Small's White Drifter-Blue Mounds Ransom Fee. Brian Stockrahm, owner and handler.

2d-HOLLY, unreg., pointer female, breeding not given. Georgie Casey, owner and handler.

3d-WHEAT'S SCOUT, F1717649, pointer male, by I'm Gallant-Huber's Ice Queen. Declan Wheat & Frank Christie, owners; Declan Wheat, handler.

NBHA OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 8 Entries

1st-NO LIMITS LITTLE SLICK, F1702850, Gordon setter female, by Right Stuff's Rock N Roll-Outbak's Attitude. John Landolina, owner and handler.

2d-SONIC BOOM VOM HUBER HAUS, F1701297, pointer male, by Mac Rhoads-Lacee Jane Elhew Blackhawk. Aaron Travis Patterson Jr., owner and handler.

3d-SKY HAWK'S LITTLE RASCAL, F1670670, setter male, by Hytest Palladin-Sky Hawk's Blues Traveler. Robert R. Warner III, owner and handler.

NBHA OPEN DERBY – 4 Pointers and 2 Setters

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

2d-PB JOKERS WILD, F1720600, pointer male, by Small's White Drifter-Blue Mounds Ransom Fee. Brian Stockrahm, owner and handler.

NBHA OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 6 Entries

1st-DAVE'S MISS SCOUT, F1698467, setter female, by Toby Rock Gaffney-Swift Rock Paint. David Cates, owner and handler.

2d-NO LIMITS LITTLE SLICK, F1702850, Gordon setter female, by Right Stuff's Rock N Roll-Outbak's Attitude. John Landolina, owner and handler.

3d-PB COPPER STRIKE, F1705727, pointer male, by Erin's Southern Comfort-Three Stripe's Bullseye. Brian Stockrahm, owner and handler.

NBHA OPEN PUPPY – 5 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-PB JOKERS WILD, F1720600, pointer male, by Small's White Drifter-Blue Mounds Ransom Fee. Brian Stockrahm, owner and handler.

2d-HUBER'S GATLING GIRL, F1720922, setter female, by Boatrights Iron Eagle-Boatright's Texas Tornado. Aaron Travis Patterson & Megan Greathouse, owners; Megan Greathouse, handler.

3d-HUBER'S GUT BUSTER, F1717651, pointer male, by I'm Gallant-Huber's Ice Queen. Aaron Travis Patterson, owner and handler.

REGION 11 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Pride N Joy Named Champion

By Tom Griffin | Hornitos, California | October 25, 2025

The Region 11 Amateur All-Age Championship commenced on Saturday, October 25. The Championship was hosted by the Northern California Bird Dog Club and followed that Club's full complement of 30-minute qualifier stakes and the Brock Wells Shooting Dog Classic. The trial was held at the J. Ichord Hornitos Ranch. The terrain is classic Central California cow country—oak-studded hillsides, grassy ridgelines bordering long, creek-lined valleys, and distinct rock outcroppings. The ranch is acknowledged to be an exceptional venue for showcasing all-age performances. We thank the Ichord family for allowing us to run our dogs on these grounds.

Eight dogs competed in the Championship. The small entry was disappointing. Unfortunately, over the past several seasons, this has become more the norm than the exception. Jim Wolthuis and John Keel judged the Championship. Jim knows the grounds and all-age performances well, having handled and scouted numerous winning performances there. Over the past five-plus years, John Keel has judged many of the major trials in the Region and is well respected for his judicial acumen. The Region officers greatly appreciate their services.



Region 11 Amateur All-Age Championship (front row, l-r): Terry Erickson, John Keel (judge), Tom Griffin with Pride N Joy, Kay Kelly, and Julie Kelly. (Back row): Marc Cuneo, Sean Kelly, and Kara Kelly.

Pride N Joy, a three-year-old pointer male owned and handled by Tom Griffin, was named the winner. No runner-up was named. "Lite" ran a far-reaching forward race with three well-spaced finds. At 25, he disappeared over the high ridge above the barbed wire fence that marks the boundary of the Ichord property. A dog who makes that move is prevented from regaining the front as the course turns southwest toward the cowboy gate by sheep fencing. The handler called and waited at the corner post where the barbed wire transitions to sheep fencing. After several long minutes,

Lite was spotted returning along the stone wall fence, having found a way around the sheep fencing in the woods half a mile away. Lite ended the hour beyond the cattle pond at the end of course one.

A super big thanks to Team Kelly. Sean, his wife, Dr. Julie Kelly, his two daughters, and his friends helped in so many ways. They handled the dog wagon, bird releasing, lunches, and so many of the details that made for a smooth-running trial. Special thanks also go out to Greg Blair and Purina for their generous sponsorship.

Hornitos, Cal., October 25
Judges: John Keel and Jim Wolthuis
REGION 11 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 8 Pointers
Winner-PRIDE N JOY, F1703602, pointer male, by
Quickmarksman's Ace-Sweet Child O Mine. Tom
Griffin, owner and handler.

WEST COAST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Pride N Joy Named Champion; Horizon's Sage, Runner-up

By Tom Griffin | Hornitos, California | October 26, 2025



West Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship (front row): Tom Griffin with Pride N Joy and Terry Erickson with Horizon's Sage. (Back row): Cory Harrison (judge), Marc Cuneo, Kay Kelly, Ed Mayhew (judge), Sheldon Twer, Sean Kelly, Kara Kelly, and Julie Kelly.

The San Joaquin Valley English Setter Club hosted the West Coast Shooting Dog Championship on the J. Ichord Hornitos Ranch. The running kicked off on October 26 under near-perfect conditions—overcast sky, 50 degrees, and a light breeze. These grounds, which have been well described in previous reports in the Field, were in excellent condition. There was ample cover, water in the creeks, and an absence of cattle. The breakaway for the Shooting Dog course was moved from the gate at the lower trailer parking area to cattle mineral tubs behind and above the trial headquarters at the red barn. The dogs now start the hour on an open expanse of rolling pasture with rock outcroppings and shallow gullies, traveling toward the main gate and creek at the bottom of the ranch. This change added substantial ground to the first course,

allowing the traverse through the narrow gap from the “back” of the second course to the bowl behind the cowboy gate to be eliminated. The handlers agreed this change was a definite improvement.

The judges for the Championship were Ed Mayhew and Cory Harrison. Ed is a well-known and respected trialer. He has judged championship stakes throughout the Western Regions and successfully competes with his own dogs in both the shooting dog and all-age arenas. His partner, Cory Harrison from Napa, California, competes on the AKC circuit. His judicial services are highly sought after in that circuit, as he is an astute judge of class bird dog performances. Their decision was well received. The Club is grateful and appreciative of these men's time and expertise.

Ten dogs were drawn for the championship. Several factors

contributed to the low number of entries. Professional trainer Sheldon Twer's recent retirement from field trialing was one. Sean Kelly and Jim Rose were sidelined with injuries, and their entries were missed. Also missing was Bill Owen's string of top-notch dogs due to his decision to start his Southern foray earlier this year. Finally, the distances and increasing expenses make it increasingly difficult to draw entries from Regions 9 and 10.

This writer's 3-year-old male pointer, Pride N Joy (“Lite”), was named champion. Lite ran a far-reaching shooting dog race with purpose. He was rewarded with three stylish finds. At time, he was found on point well to the front beyond in the quarry rock waste piles. Terry Erickson's female setter, Horizon's Sage, took runner-up honors. Sage ran a smooth, consistent hour with four impeccable finds.

The Club greatly appreciates the support and participation of Jarry Walton, Marc Cunio, and Jared Tappero. Thank you, Sean and Kay Kelly. Your contributions from planning through conclusion were essential to the trial's success. Finally, a shout-out to Purina Pro Plan and Greg Blair for their support of this trial and all they do for the field trial community.

Hornitos, Cal., October 26
Judges: Ed Mayhew and Cory Harrison
WEST COAST OPEN SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 7 Pointers and 3 Setters

Winner-PRIDE N JOY, F1703602, pointer male, by
Quickmarksman's Ace-Sweet Child O Mine. Tom
Griffin, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-HORIZON'S SAGE, F1701690, setter
female, by See Johny Run-Horizon's Americus. Terry
Erickson, owner and handler.

INDIANTOWN GAP TRIALS

Keystone and Indiantown Classics & The Region 2 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship
By Ernie Saniga | Alexandria, Pennsylvania | October 27, 2025

The Indiantown Gap Club ran its fall trial at the club grounds owned by the Keystone Bird Dog Trust near Petersburg, Pennsylvania, from October 27 to November 2. The featured stakes were the Keystone Open Shooting Dog Classic, the Indiantown Open Derby Classic, and the Region 2 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship.

Purina was very generous with their support.

We had seasonable weather throughout the trial. Art Hower manages the farming, the grounds, and the houses. He is also the treasurer. Greg Strausbaugh is the chairman and manages the trial. He was here for a week on his own time. Ted Foust and Greg Strausbaugh plant birds every brace and before the first brace is run each morning. This is done for a week.

Mary Tracy cooks breakfast and lunch and prepares dinners, as well as some lunches donated by many of us.

George and Mike Tracy supply judges' horses when needed.

Our two open judges were Chris Catanzarite and Bart Hastings. Both have years of experience, and both have judged here before. The Amateur Championship was judged by Joe Sikorski and Jameson Crandall, both experienced field trialers, and both making their first trip to this mountain country with big valleys. All decisions were applauded.

Eight placements were awarded in the three stakes; interestingly, they all went to pointer females.

Faithful, Susan Duerksen's 7-year-old pointer female, won the Keystone Open Shooting Dog Classic with a fine forward race to go with a strong finish. Taking advantage of a bracemate that erred, she scored



Keystone Open Shooting Dog Classic (first row): Hailey Moreland with Faithful, Mark Hughes with Miller's Special Upgrade, and Bo Brewer with Steel Valley Raven. **(Second row):** Bart Hastings, George Tracy, Dave Hughes, Ted Foust, Stacy Goodie, Chris Catanzarite, Greg Strausbaugh, and Mike Tracy.

at 3, 9, 21, 29, 33, 40, and 52. Her game was always dead ahead, and she had a high-tight style on all her work. Mike Tracy was her handler.

Second went to Miller's Special Upgrade, Carlos Escalante's coming 6-year-old pointer female. She was handled by Mark Hughes. Upgrade stuck her edges, was sharp on her game, and pointed birds where others did not. She had finds at 5, 9,

13, 26, 31, 38, 49, and 55. She also backed her bracemate at 43.

Third place went to Steel Valley Raven, which was handled by Mike Tracy. Ted Foust and Bill and Muriel Primm own the 5-year-old pointer female. Raven had stylish finds at 4, 11, 22, 43, 49, and 52 to go with a strong effort on the ground. Raven was gone at 55 but came on after time on her own.

First and third in the Indiantown Gap Derby went to Kevin and Maureen Joyce's pointer females, Hightailing Pink and Hightailing Cindy, respectively. Pink had three stylish, finished finds to go with a smooth race on the edges. Ditto for Cindy with two sharp finds. Mike Tracy handled.

Sunset Creek Uptown Girl was second, handled by George Tracy. Girl, owned by Mark and Karen Janiec, had a classy race with two finds, finished on the first and derby manners on the second.



Yankee Derby Classic (first row): Bo Brewer with Hightailing Pink, Mark Hughes with Sunset Creek Uptown Girl, and Hailey Moreland with Hightailing Cindy. **(Second row):** Bart Hastings, Dave Hughes, Ernie Saniga, Greg Strausbaugh, Ted Foust, Stacy Goodie, Chris Catanzarite, George Tracy, and Mike Tracy.

Alex Smith was the winning handler in the Region 2 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship with Calico's Country Strong. Calico Kennels owns the 8-year-old pointer female. Strong ran in good conditions and took advantage of it with a good forward race, handling easily in the hard turns, to go with five finds, a back, and an unproductive. Her work on game was stylish and mannerly.

Runner-up was Backcountry Champagnesupernova, a 3-year-old pointer female, handled by her owner, Chris Catanzarite. Like the winner, she had a really good ground race, which started at the stone wall, going down into the club property. Nova spaced five mannerly and upright finds throughout her hour.



Region 2 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (first row): Brayden Smith, Tiffani Smith, Alex Smith with Calico's Country Strong, and Stacy Goodie with Backcountry Champagnesupernova. (Second row): Ted Foust, Jameson Crandall, Joe Sikorski, George Tracy, Greg Strausbaugh, and Chris Catanzarite.

Alexandria, Pa., October 27 – One Course
Judges: Chris Catanzarite and Bart Hastings
KEYSTONE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC
[One-Hour Heats] – 26 Pointers and 3 Setters
1st-FAITHFUL, F1684597, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Steel City Karen. Dr. Roger & Susan Duerksen, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.
2d-MILLER'S SPECIAL UPGRADE, F1695107, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Carlos Escalante, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.
3d-STEEL VALLEY RAVEN, F1696173, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Steel City Karen. Ted Foust, Muriel & William Primm, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

YANKEE OPEN DERBY CLASSIC – 9 Pointers
1st-HIGHTAILING PINK, F1714949, pointer female, by Cheyenne Jack-Hightailing Maggie. Kevin & Maureen Joyce, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.
2d-SUNSET CREEK UPTOWN GIRL, F1713966, pointer female, by Double Deuce Zeke-Braggabull. Mark & Karen Janiec, owners; George Tracy, handler.
3d-HIGHTAILING CINDY, F1714947, pointer female, by Cheyenne Jack-Hightailing Maggie. Kevin & Maureen Joyce, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Judges: Jameson Crandall and Joe Sikorski
REGION 2 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 17 Pointers
Winner-CALICO'S COUNTRY STRONG, F1679850, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Calico's Touch of Class. Calico Kennels, owner; Alex Smith, handler.
Runner-Up-BACKCOUNTRY CHAMPAGNESUPERNOVA, F1701699, pointer female, by Dragonfly-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

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Top 20 Points Earners for the 2026 Running

Joe Cammisa, GNG Invitational Secretary

The 2026 Invitational Championship will be held at Black Moshannon State Forest in Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania. The drawing will be on Tuesday, April 7; the trial will run Wednesday, April 8, and Thursday, April 9, with callbacks on Friday, April 10.

The following is a list of the Top 20 Grand National Grouse & Woodcock Invitational points earned as reported for the dogs and their owners.

*1.) Snyder's Fireside Ed
Steve Snyder

*2.) Northwoods Cedar
Eric and Lindsay Saetre

*3.) Birdogn True Confidence
Ben Fleischacker

**Automatic*

4.) Ralph's Chasehill Rip
Brian Ralph, 1512

5.) Mohawk Mill Good Advice
Bill & Karen McFadden, 1152

6.) Millers Dusty Version
Mike Husenits, 1120

7.) Stan The Man
Tom Fruchey, 992

8.) Springpond Rockin Sidney
Leeann Parnell
& Roger Johnson, 954

9.) Over The Hill Try
Rod Lein, 832

10.) Resin
Kevin Lahoda, 720

11.) Lake Effect Ali
Tim Kaufman, 680

12.) Chasehill Snoop Dog
Bill & Karen McFadden, 648

13.) Paucek's Little Tommy Tucker
Kellie Short, 592

14.) Chasehill Poison Ivy
Bill & Karen McFadden, 576

15.) Back Creek Lucy
Steve Graham, 536

16.) Mohawk Mill Miss You
Bill & Karen McFadden, 528

17.) Grouse Trails Warrior Cat
John McKellop, 512

18.) Big Big Energy
Jordan Pharris, 510

19.) Planet Queen
Scott Anderson, 504

20.) Grouse Trails Bathilda
John McKellop, 504

Congratulations to all the dogs, owners, trainers, and handlers; their hard work and dedication have paid off.

NATIONAL OPEN PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP

Haney's Silver Dollar Named Champion; Woodville's Long Hard Ride, Runner-up

By Rhonda Lee | Hoffman, North Carolina | October 28, 2025

The 56th running of The National Open Pheasant Championship took place October 28 through October 31, 2025, with 40 dogs drawn and run over the six one-hour courses in the sand hills of North Carolina on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Area in Hoffman, North Carolina. The 2025 champion, Haney's Silver Dollar, handled by Luke Eisenhart and owned by Chris Cagle Sr. and Chris Cagle Jr., came from the second brace of the stake. They came to win and set the bar very high for those that followed. A strong, four-find performance that flowed throughout the course; finds were recorded at 15, 38, 46, and 49, with high style and impeccable manners. His race was only forward and required very little scouting, being found to the front always after being out of sight.

The runner-up champion, Woodville's Long Hard Ride, handled by Mark McLean for owner Carl Owens, who was riding in the gallery, came from Brace 18. The judges saw a very forward ground searching race marked by finds at 13, 22, and 33. All of the finds demonstrated excellent style and good manners.

The judges mentioned that they witnessed 36 bird contacts pointed by the dogs during the Championship. Birds that were ridden up by gallery, handlers, and scouts were not counted in that figure. They also noted that three other dogs with strong performances could have placed in the winners' circle most weeks, but not quite enough this week to beat the two named winners.

Their comments in order of running: From Brace 3, Miller's Heat Advisory, handled by Judd Carlton, ran a large, mostly forward race for owner Mike Sweet, riding in the gallery to see his dog. Finds were spaced out at 36, 47, and 53. At pickup, the dog was out of sight but located pointing to the front at 62 in a



National Open Pheasant Championship (front row, l-r): Judd Carlton posed with Haney's Silver Dollar and Jerry Raynor posed with Woodville's Long Hard Ride. (Second row): Lefty Henry, Dr. Fred Corder, Bubba Spencer (judge), Luke Eisenhart (handler), Mark McLean (handler), and Carl Owens. (Back row): Til Hinkley, John Ivester, Chris Weatherly, Claudia McNamee, Steve Croy, Mike Sweet, Greg Robinson (dog wagon driver), Bob Youngs, and Fred Potts.

known covey location. Unfortunately, no birds could be produced, and a non-productive was added to the tally.

From Brace 4, Touch's Shadow Rider had a good forward race with finds at 4 and 44 with style for handler Mark McLean.

From Brace 9, Game Surge ran a strong all-age ground performance, mostly forward. He had two finds at 28 and at 44 for owner/handler Dr. Fred Corder.

Marshaling duties were shared this year by Dr. Fred Corder, Carl Owens, and Bob Youngs. Since the judges were new to these grounds, the marshals were helping the judges to keep on course, as well as the gallery. All went very smoothly throughout the entire trial.

The Judges

This year's running saw two very capable men come to the Hoffman grounds, who had never seen this area before. It is always great to see two judges who come, get along great, watch the dogs intently, and work after each brace to discuss

what they had just watched and keep their books in order. Chris Weatherly came to us from home in Grand Junction, Tennessee, where he works on the Ames Plantation. Bubba Spencer lives in Hickory Valley, Tennessee, and recently retired from his Game Warden work. Both men have been bird dog guys and have seen many in the past. We enjoyed them and appreciated their time with us.

The Helpers

The Championship is sponsored by Purina as a qualifying Purina Points trial, and we appreciate their help with the National Pheasant Championship and the Jamboree. Purina hats and literature were all around, and the winners carried bags of Purina Pro Plan home. Lots of sample bags were passed out to spectators and trial participants.

Meals were wonderfully prepared each day, with Mrs. Corder heading up the food kitchen duties. This year, the National Pheasant Club provided lunches and some evening meals for the handlers and many local guests

who come to watch and/or visit with friends they see a few times a year. Mrs. Corder was always busy preparing some special delight for us to eat at lunch, and her chili was a great success on a couple of the cooler mornings. The hot chili and corn bread were extra special.

A trial does not run smoothly without the dogs, handlers, and judges on the line. Greg Robinson drives the dog wagon and begins and ends our days at Hoffman. He starts picking up dogs at 7:30 a.m. and drops off dogs as we get back from the morning running, and repeats again about 1:15 p.m., getting the afternoon dogs as well as dropping the dogs back off at their respective kennels between 5 and 6 p.m. as we all return from the afternoon running. Spectators are driven around the courses in the dog wagon to see the action and are sometimes entertained by Greg singing or sharing "Greg" stories. He's always Johnny-on-the-spot when we need to pick up dogs at the end of braces or to be at a logical point to break the next brace away. This year, Greg is keeping the bird count with his helper, Barb Youngs, as they follow every brace. They record finds and ridden up coveys to have a tally for the end of the year.

The Grounds

For decades, many of the best dogs in the country have been tested over the sandy, pine tree rimmed rolling hills and fields of the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Area outside Hoffman, North Carolina.

In the late 1940s, several field trialers realized that large tracts of land were disappearing, being sold off for development. Realizing this, the group turned to the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission for the possibility of help. The Commission approached the U.S. Army to lease a large parcel of land outside Hoffman, known as Camp Mackall (McCall), for the purpose of developing a set of field trial grounds or course, as they called it then. This 8,000-acre tract in the middle of 50,000 acres of DOD land saw clearing begin in 1949 for the clubhouse, barn, and kennels—all completed between 1950 and 1953. The clubhouse and barn area still serve as headquarters for the field trials run today.

The first field trial at the Hoffman Grounds was run in 1953. The NCFTA saw participation grow from two clubs in 1953 to six clubs by 1961. In 1966, the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Area and the NCFTA hosted the National Amateur Quail Championship. Today, we have 22 Association Clubs competing over these hallowed grounds.

Today, the grounds consist of six one-hour courses, approximately six miles long, each with varying cover. The courses are maintained by dedicated NC Wildlife employees who plant the feed plots and do the mowing. The six courses all offer a varied but similar makeup of open fields, millet and grain sorghum feed plots, piney woods line all the courses, and the cover varies with dog fennel, switchgrass, ragweed, bicolor, panic grass, and love grass.

Throughout the courses, we find water in the form of creeks and waterholes, both man-made and natural.

Field trials without birds would not be fun or productive, and the NCFTA works hard with a modern, aggressive pre-release and supplemental program. Several members of the association spend days and weeks preparing release sites, putting out Milo and water ahead, and then actually releasing birds. This team is led by John Ivester, with Rob Henry, Greg Robinson, Gary Miller, Calvin Curnutte, Steve Mills, Bob Youngs, and Mike Hester. Last year, more than 5,000 birds were released from September through March. This year, the initial release saw 180 coveys, released with 20 birds per covey. Cover is abundant due to the very welcome but plentiful rains we received in June, July, and August, providing lots of "home" cover and harboring an abundant supply of food such as grasshoppers and other bugs, and lots of seed from various plant life for the birds. Regular feeding takes place throughout the year by Rob Henry and is filled in by Bob Youngs.

Hoffman, N. C., October 28

Judges: Bubba Spencer and Chris Weatherly
56th NATIONAL OPEN PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 35 Pointers and 5 Setters

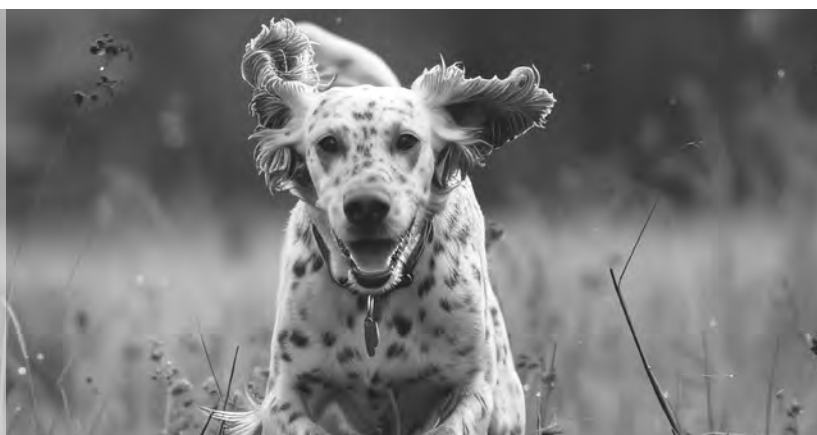
Winner-HANEY'S SILVER DOLLAR, F1698758, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle Sr. & Chris Cagle Jr., owners; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

Runner-Up-WOODVILLE'S LONG HARD RIDE, F1705218, setter male, by Woodville's Saddle Tramp-Yukon Gold Rush. Carl & Ashley Owens, owners; Mark McLean, handler.

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REGION 13 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Erin's Southern Comfort Named Champion; Erin's Mighty Quinn, Runner-up

By Jim Cipponeri | Ionia, Michigan | November 1, 2025

The Ionia Field Trial grounds were groomed to perfection this summer/fall. The management plan implemented by Grounds Coordinator Bill Branham, the IFTGA member clubs, and volunteers was followed to a tee. Four hundred quail were released two weeks prior to our trial in conjunction with the Brittany National Gun Dog Championship. This resulted in the establishment of several coveys taking up residence on the two one-hour continuous courses. Birds were supplemented each day, and braces as well.

These individuals need to be singled out as part of our crew that helps the trial run smoothly and efficiently. Our group strives to provide a cordial, competitive event that people wish to attend year after year. Bird planters were Jeff and Matt Haggis, Blake Rizzo, Kelsey Hajec, and Joe Guzman. Dog/Gallery wagon driver Ron Williams is indispensable as usual! This year, he had assistance from Paul Putro, Evan Touissant, and Don Knight. They all rode the "Logan Wagon" on both days of the Championship. The two Cagles and Sean Patrick Derrig loaned out extra horsepower as needed. Christy Helms provided donuts during our coffee breaks on the courses.

Judges Mark McKinley and Phil Daniels take their assignments very seriously and offer a wealth of knowledge in judging these all-age dogs. They do so with a pleasant, personable demeanor that makes the chairman's task trouble-free. We thank the AFTCA for their sponsorship and, of course, Purina and Greg Blair for their continued support for this trial and so many others in our region.

Erin's Kennels swept the 2025 Region 13 All-Age hosted by the Grand Valley Bird Dog Club. Runner-up honors went to Erin's Mighty



Region 13 Amateur All-Age Championship (l-r): Jim Cipponeri, Matt Haggis, Kelsey Hajec, Joe Guzman, Brian Sheehan with Erin's Mighty Quinn, Phil Daniels (judge), Don Knight, Jeff Haggis, Ron Williams, Sean Patrick Derrig with Erin's Southern Comfort, Bill Branham, and Mark McKinley (judge).

Quinn. This young 2-year-old ran in the first brace with Mike Small's classy pointer, Phillips River Line. Both dogs started strong, with Mighty Quinn first being spotted in the Box fields off breakaway. From there, he took the swamp edge and faded out of sight, only to be gathered up near the Dog Leg crossing. Meanwhile, River Line charged forward, pushing the Ionia boundaries to the limits and had a polished find near the Hires' Property along Ainsworth Trail.

Both pointers hunted the vast bottom area near the Boy Scout Bridge and continued eating up the course along Riverside Drive. Quinn was next seen crossing the dam and coming from a section of the course used for the Michigan Shooting Dog Championship. He was running with style and purpose with that youthful exuberance that gets one's blood pumping! The rain and hail did not seem to deter or slow down his aggressive pursuit of game. He was rewarded with a picturesque pose at the 58-minute mark, far to the front. This makes two runner-up championships in less than 30 days for the Derrig namesake.

Christened champion was Erin's Southern Comfort; the 5-year-old standard bearer is the son of Erin's Lone Star Law and Erin's Irresistible Jane. He has been knocking on the door of this championship for several years and is a multiple-time champion. The seventh and final brace of the day was unleashed from the "Old Oak Tree" parking lot near Fletcher's Pond. The breakaway provides a beautiful panoramic view of the westernmost property of the Ionia Trial grounds. Blake Rizzo's Highwaters Arias was Southern Comfort's brace mate.

Point was called in the apple orchard for Arias at 5 as she was found standing to the front after rimming the woods line that flows forward heading east. Southern Comfort was also found standing about 200 yards away, also on the edge of the apple orchard. Everything in order for both pointers. Arias was charging hard to the front when she swapped ends on a single. She did her best to resist the temptation of a walking/strutting Bobwhite, but the temptation was too much as she severely marked the bird at flush. Comfort continued

forward with sizable casts leading to the Tibbets Creek crossing. He was found standing in the Christmas tree field with a nice covey erupting. Comfort tallied a total of three perfect finds with impeccable style and location while showing in all the correct places in true all-age fashion. Minimal scouting was needed as the new champion seemed to flow through the fields, tree lines,

and hay fields effortlessly and in communication with his handler. A superb performance.

Other dogs with notable performances were Highwaters Lex Luther, Erin's Rebel Attraction, and Shagtime Bill. Hope to see many of you this April for the Michigan Open Shooting Dog Championship and the Region 13 Shooting Dog

Championship.

Ionía, Mich., November 1

Judges: Phil Daniels and Mark McKinley

**REGION 13 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats]**

– 18 Pointers, 3 Setters, and 1 German Shorthair
Winner-ERIN'S SOUTHERN COMFORT, F1693833, pointer male, by Erin's Lone Star Law-Erin's Irresistible Jane. Sean Derrig & Sean Patrick Derrig, owners; Sean Patrick Derrig, handler.
Runner-Up-ERIN'S MIGHTY QUINN, F1712921, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Whitesmoke Ellie. Sean Derrig, owner; Sean Patrick, handler.

GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE FUTURITY

Seldom Rest Legend Wins 2025 Running

By Kelly Hays | Oxford, New York | November 2, 2025

Awarded first place was "Legend" (PM), bred by John McKellop, owned and handled by Brian Ralph. Legend, a very striking black and white male pointer of sizable height, began like a shot and had a forward run for his 30 minutes. He established point early on at 12 down to the left in a thick multiflora patch. Due to the nature of this tangled vine, it took some time for Brian Ralph to reach him, although Legend was visible to the gallery. A woodcock was flushed for him with exceptional fall derby manners. Legend didn't move far before establishing point on his second woodcock find, all in good order. Legend stayed forward and was always found in likely bird cover with minimal handling and direction. He had another woodcock find at 23. He would not be denied first place.

Second place went to Watch Me Whip (ESM), bred by Steve McKalko, owned by Dr. Pershke, and handled by Mark Hughes. Whip, a small black and white setter male, ran his 30 minutes with as much style and

grace as you would like to see in a setter. Despite his size, he had great presence with his run and was a pleasure to watch. He ran forward and showed himself nicely and handled with ease. He ran his 30 minutes without any bird contact and was chosen for a callback on quail. Whip was released onto the quail field by handler Mark Hughes and cautiously approached and pointed with a lofty head and mile-high tail.

Third place went to Seldom Rest Pork Chop (PM), bred by John McKellop, owned and handled by Brian Ralph. Pork Chop, like the first-place dog, has a sizeable presence and is a well put together liver and white male pointer. Chop ran deep and forward but always stayed in contact with his handler. Pork Chop was chosen for the quail callbacks. Pork Chop pointed his quail with respectful derby manners.

Fourth place went to Tuscarora Timber Ghost (ESM), bred by Ronnie Eldridge, owned by Andy Wert and Matthew Null, handled by Matthew

Null. Ghost, a tri-colored male setter, is a young dog who is co-owned by an amateur handler. This dog hunted hard and worked in relatively close proximity to his handler. Ghost is no stranger to the grouse woods and is reflected in his style and the way in which he approaches appropriate cover. Ghost stopped at 20 and self-relocated; a grouse was flushed behind him with impeccable derby manners.

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Oxford, N. Y., November 2

Judges: Bill Bonnetti and Kelly Hays

GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE FUTURITY

– 23 Pointers, 13 Setters, and 1 Irish Setter

1st-SELDOM REST LEGEND, F1710621, pointer male, by Toth's Tornado Reloaded-Grouse Trails Warrior Cat. Brian Ralph, owner and handler.
2d-WATCH ME WHIP, F1711113, setter male, by Cash Van Pioneer Scouts Man-Ann Van Fruchey Ranch. Tim Pershke, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.
3d-SELDOM REST PORK CHOP, F1712849, pointer male, by Ralph's Chasehill Rip-Grouse Trails Firestorm. Brian Ralph, owner and handler.
4th-TUSCARORA TIMBER GHOST, F1711236, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Eldridge's Beauty And Beast. Matthew Null & Andrew Wert, owners; Matthew Null, handler.



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CONECUH STATION FIELD TRIAL CLUB

The Gray Ghost Reigns At Conecuh

By Lisa Littell | Union Springs, Alabama | November 3, 2025

The 2025–2026 season for the Conecuh Station Field Trial Club came out of the gate in memorable fashion with the 2025 Conecuh Station Open Shooting Dog Classic, run on November 3, 2025. Sixty-seven shooting dogs from across the country answered the call, setting the stage for a classic worthy of the storied grounds at Conecuh Station.

Judging duties were in the accomplished hands of Keith St. John and Joe Hughes, whose long hours in the saddle and steady, thoughtful consideration of each entry are greatly appreciated. Their fair and knowledgeable eye ensured that this strong field was judged at the highest level.

When the dust settled, it was The Gray Ghost (“Leo”), a striking black-and-white setter male, who stood unmistakably above the rest. Expertly handled by Matt Basilone, owned by Smoot Carter of Winchester, Virginia, and scouted by Squire Lee, Leo delivered a performance that left little room for debate. He made his intentions clear from the first cast and never relinquished control of the course. From breakaway to “Pick ‘em up!” Leo never faltered. He hunted with intelligence, confidence, and a presence that separated him from an outstanding field. When time expired, there was no doubt this was the race by which the rest of the stake would be measured.

Running a bold, stylish ten-and-two race, The Gray Ghost displayed the kind of reach, purpose, and composure that defines a true shooting dog champion. His bird work was equally impressive, producing three clean finds; the first at 20, the second at 35, and a decisive final find at 36, perched dramatically on the ridge overlooking the lake. Leo was all class, sealing a hands-down victory and announcing himself as a dog to beat.



Conecuh Station Open Shooting Dog Classic (front, l-r): Robert Moorer, Steve Hutto, Matt Basilone, Squire Lee with The Gray Ghost, Hunter McDuffie with Late Hit, Casey Tracy, Amelia Stewart, Mike Tracy with Miller's Heat Seeker, Joe Hughes, Keith St. John, Cammi St. John, and Morgan Brewer holding baby Mary Tracy. (Back, l-r): Ban Stewart and Jeff Gibbons.

With this dominant victory, The Gray Ghost continues to build a formidable résumé, carrying his momentum forward with a recent placement at Conway's Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic and reaffirming his place among the elite shooting dogs in the country.

Second place went to the venerated champion Late Hit (“Jay”), owned by Christ Campbell of Shreveport, Louisiana, and handled by Tom Shenker. Jay delivered his signature all-star performance, running with authority and confidence. He was found stylishly on point by scout Hunter McDuffie on the ridge at 12, followed by a strong final find at the far end of the dove field at 45. Jay finished the morning with power and purpose. As the defending National Open Shooting Dog Champion, Jay proved once again that his title was no accident. His performance at Conecuh Station is a reminder that greatness is measured not just by wins but by consistency, class, and the ability to answer the call every time he hits the ground.

Multi-champion Miller's Heat

Seeker (“Woody”) and Mike Tracy took third after a well-run race, delivering two solid finds, executed with confidence and style, proving that true class does not fade with time. Woody turned in a gritty, determined performance in unseasonable heat. Under conditions that test the resolve of even the toughest competitors, Woody made it look easy. His trademark orange ears, exceptional conformation, and particular demeanor make him nothing short of a legend who continues to show up and show out for George and Mike and his owners, Bill and Muriel Primm, Dennis Hood, and Jack and Fran Miller.

Following the Classic was the inaugural running of the Brian Sanderson Memorial Open Shooting Dog Derby. Keith St. John and Marty Robinson judged the Derby stake. We sincerely appreciate Marty Robinson for stepping in on short notice and for his and Keith's continued dedication.

Brian was a member of our club and a dearly loved friend. He embodied generosity, sportsmanship,



Tony and Becky Gibson.



Brian Sanderson Memorial Open Shooting Dog Derby (front, l-r): Squire Lee, Matt Basilone, Keith St. John, Kaley Anne, Brian Gingrich, Steve Hutto, and Marty Robinson. (Back, l-r): Cade Sanderson, April Sanderson, Amelia Stewart, Allison Stewart, Ban Stewart, Martha Neely, John Neely, and Robert Moorer.



Brian Sanderson.

and what true friendship really means. He never met a stranger, and he always had that signature smile on his face. He truly loved this sport and these grounds, and he was committed to this club and the sport of field trials in a way that does not come around every day. He lives on with us in spirit, but he is loved and missed by all of us every day.

The first dog to win in his honor was World Class Whiplash, owned by Mick Marietta and handled by Squire Lee. This prodigy of multi-champion and winner of the 2023 National Championship, Miller's Blindsider, hit the ground running with vim and vigor. He delivered a powerful race and, after scoring a perfect find, finished strong. It was a performance that surely would have made Brian's smile even wider.

Second place went to Red Mesa's Second Line, handled by Brian Gingrich and owned by Bart Hicklin, after a strong forward race capped by a good find at the pond dam.

John Neely and Neely's Tophat put

on the razzle dazzle with a spirited race and clean bird work to round out the placements in third.

We hope we made you proud, B!

There are truly no words sufficient to thank Becky and Tony Gibson for their unwavering generosity and devotion to these trials. They are genuine champions of our sport and tireless stewards of its future. We appreciate them more than they will ever know.

Thank you also to our sponsors: SBHA, Purina, Eukanuba, SportDOG, and Jinks Crow, PC, without whom our trials just wouldn't be the same.

Also, thanks to Ban and Allison Stewart and their 5 Strings catering for top-notch lunches and dinners.

Thank you also to George Cole and Steve Hutto for cooking a hearty breakfast for everyone every morning.

Another big thank you to Hutto for manning the dog wagon and overall keeping things moving smoothly.

You do a lot that people don't see, and we appreciate you.

Allison and Tony both continue to improve, so please keep the prayers coming!

Union Springs, Ala., November 3

Judges: Joe Hughes and Keith St. John

CONECUH STATION OPEN SHOOTING DOG

CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats]

– 60 Pointers and 7 Setters

1st-THE GRAY GHOST, F1696927, setter male, by Caladen's Davinci-Woodmont Virginia Shelby. W. Smoot Carter, owner; Matt Basilone, handler.

2d-LATE HIT, F1687601, pointer male, by Miller's Blindsider-Abigail Lil. Christopher Campbell, owner; Tom Shenker, handler.

3d-MILLER'S HEAT SEEKER, F1674886, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Bill & Muriel Primm, Dennis Hood & Fran & Jack Miller, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Judges: Marty Robinson and Keith St. John

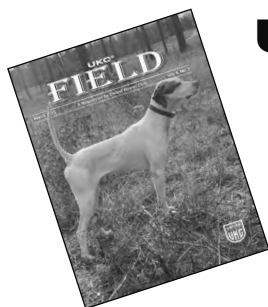
BRIAN SANDERSON MEMORIAL OPEN

SHOOTING DOG DERBY – 25 Pointers

1st-WORLD CLASS WHIPLASH, F1723500, pointer male, by Miller's Blindsider-World Class Dialing Out. Michael Marietta, owner; Squire Lee, handler.

2d-RED MESA'S SECOND LINE, F1720180, pointer male, by Boumeester's Evangelist-Upfront's Blinding Light. Brian Gingrich, owner and handler.

3d-NEELY'S TOPHAT, F1725536, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Neely's Razzle Dazzle. John Neely, owner and handler.



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SANDLAPPER FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Fall Trial Held At Mid-Carolina Grounds

By Katie Courtney | Camden, South Carolina | November 6, 2025

The Sandlapper Field Trial Club kicked off its fall trial on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at the historic Mid-Carolina Field Trial Grounds in Camden, South Carolina. Clear, cool air greeted handlers and horses at the 8 a.m. breakaway, setting the stage for a fantastic weekend of competition. With 17 Open Shooting Dogs, eight Open Derbies, one Open Puppy, 24 Amateur Shooting Dogs, five Amateur Derbies, and 10 Puppies on the books, this was one of Sandlapper's strongest fall entries in recent memory.

The sport was well-represented by familiar faces and newcomers alike. Special recognition goes to Amateur Bradley Collins, who made the five-hour haul from Tennessee to ride in his very first horseback trial. We also welcomed a dog owner from as far west as Missouri (Mr. Ronnie), reminding all in attendance how wonderfully far the love of field trialing can travel.

Open Stakes

The Open Stakes were judged by the dynamic duo of Tom Brigman Jr. and Kyle Boone, whose steady horsemanship and watchful eyes set a high bar for the weekend. Thursday's courses ran under clear, dry skies with limited bird contact, yet the dogs made the most of it and showed plenty of heart and range.

Friday morning's Open Derby told a different story—the birds were out and moving. From coveys to singles, the young dogs were given ample opportunity to demonstrate manners and potential, making for an exciting start to the day.

Amateur Stakes

The Amateur program commenced on Friday at 1 p.m. as trialers lined up and filled the grounds with

anticipation. Amateur Shooting Dog judges were led by Calvin Curnutte with support from rotating judges Judith Hamilton (ASD), Ed Jesson (Derby), and Katie Courtney (Puppy). A special thank you is owed to Calvin not only for competing but also for judging and sharing wisdom on running a successful trial—a true demonstration of sportsmanship.

After five Amateur Shooting Dog braces on Friday afternoon, daylight and chores called the day to a close. Saturday dawned overcast with excellent scenting conditions, and bird work was abundant. A large gallery turned out, from seasoned horsemen to young riders experiencing their first field trial from horseback. All three placements in the Amateur Shooting Dog would ultimately come from this strong Saturday slate, with multiple dogs delivering notable races and stylish finds.

Derby and Puppy Stakes

Following a hearty lunch of BBQ chicken and Perlo prepared by Matt White of Turbeville, South Carolina—a beloved fixture on the field trial catering circuit—handlers enjoyed a crowd-pleasing banana pudding prepared by Mrs. Gaye Lilly, whose desserts have become part of the Mid Carolina tradition.

The Amateur Derby featured five promising youngsters who showed the kind of drive and composure that bode well for future shooting dog careers. The Puppy stake rounded out the day in dramatic fashion: the final brace finished as the sun slipped below the tree line, and if the pups hadn't been white, they might have disappeared into the dusk entirely.

Acknowledgments and Closing

This event was successful thanks

to many hands. Tim Ruff and Nick Mellon handled bird planting. Dog wagon duties were supported by Tim Ruff, Mr. Ronnie of Missouri, Mac Stidham, Jammie and Scott Miller, Trey Courtney, and Butch Lilly. The Sandlapper Field Trial Club extends sincere appreciation to Purina and the AFTCA for their event sponsorship, providing Pro Plan dog food for placements and underwriting ribbons and awards.

This year's trial benefited greatly from the outstanding quality of birds supplied by Hunter Run Farms of Chesterfield, South Carolina. Their strong-flying quail were a highlight of the weekend—energetic, healthy, and exceptionally well-conditioned.

The Mid Carolina grounds are in excellent shape this season, offering a beautiful blend of cover and open country that highlights a dog's range and style. With this trial in the books, the race is officially underway to qualify for the South Carolina Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational in March at the storied Little Hobcaw Plantation. Follow ASCFTC on Facebook for more details!

Camden, S. C., November 6 – One Course
Judges: Kyle Boone and Tom Brigman Jr.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

– 12 Pointers and 5 Setters

1st-HIROLLINS TALKIN SMACK, F1678552, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Scott Miller, owner; Scott Miller, handler.

2d-ZERO TOLERANCE, F1716832, pointer male, by Haney's All In-Haney's Two Dozen Roses. Marty Moore, owner; Scott Miller, handler.

3d-OLIVER'S FAST CASH, F1702064, pointer male, by Hirollins B K Unforgettable-Moehill's Carolina Dial In. Kerry Oliver, owner; Scott Miller, handler.

OPEN DERBY- 7 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-THE BUNKER BUSTER, F1711280, pointer male, by Haney's Silver Dollar-Hainline's Silver Jill. Marty Moore, owner; Scott Miller, handler.

2d-RAYNE'S SAM, F1720821, pointer male, by Miller's Blindsider-Tennessee Coldwater Gal. Rick Thone, owner; Scott Miller, handler.

3d-MISS REVLON, F1708534, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-Miss Clinique. Gary Miller, owner and handler.

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Judges: Calvin Curnutte and Judith Hamilton
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

– 22 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-HARBOR CITY MOON, F1704585, pointer male, by Harbor City Crusher-Waybetter Bella. Tom Brigman Jr., owner and handler.

2d-RESTER'S BAYOU BANDIT, F1722228, pointer male, by Touch's Blue Knight-Rester's Katie Lee. Kyle T. Boone, owner and handler.

3d-MUNSON POND FLO, F1702881, pointer female, by Scape'ore Rip-Cane Savannah Becca. Katie Courtney, owner and handler.

Judges: Calvin Curnutte and Ed Jesson
AMATEUR DERBY – 3 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-HAINLINES RAW HONEY, F1708726, pointer female, by Small's White Charger-Blue Mound's Mainstreet. Trey Courtney, owner and handler.

2d-HIROLLINS GAME CHANGER, F1716498, pointer male, by Hirollins Gone and Doneit-Hunter Run's Hirollins Shug. Warren Parrott, owner and handler.

Judges: Katie Courtney and Calvin Curnutte
AMATEUR PUPPY – 7 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st-DOT, unreg., pointer male, breeding not given. Drew Bastian, owner and handler.

2d-SPOOK, unreg., pointer male, breeding not given. Nathan Hanchey, owner and handler.

3d-DUKE, unreg., breeding not given. Bradley Collins, owner and handler.

GEORGIA-FLORIDA INVITATIONAL FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Fall Handlers' Trial Held At Ring Oak Plantation

By Maria Bassham | Tallahassee, Florida | November 7, 2025



Open Shooting Dog (front, r-l): Dustin Kirby with One Day Wayne, Jason Loper with Tallokas New Business, Tommy Rice with Panther Creek Rosie, joined by spectators.

The Georgia-Florida Invitational Field Trial Club's annual Fall Handlers' trial was held on Ring Oak Plantation in Miccosukee, Florida, the last weekend of October 2025. Handlers from local South Georgia and North Florida plantations entered to run their dogs on the beautiful grounds that border Lake Miccosukee. Lunch was provided by Golden Brothers of Thomasville and was catered by Fallin's BBQ. The delicious meals were enjoyed by everyone in attendance on both days! We want to thank the landowners and all the sponsors for contributing to the successful weekend. Thank you to judges Jason Williams and Shon Powell for spending their time in the saddle watching these fine bird dogs in action.

In the first brace of the Open Shooting Dog stake was "Joe" with handler Ben Stringer and "Georgia" with Trey Mills. Georgia had one find at 11 with birds seen. Both dogs

stopped a little later but moved on and continued their race. Georgia stopped one more time before the brace's end but moved on once again.

In the second brace were Nonami's Easy Does It with Ray Pearce and "Margie" with Dustin Kirby. Easy ran an impressive brace with four finds and an unproductive. Margie had a stylish find with a covey rise and a stop-and-flush later in the brace.

In the third brace were "Russ" with Trey Mills and "Ben Lately" with Ray Pearce. Both dogs were found standing 27, with Ben out front and Russ backing. Birds were flushed, and both handlers fired their guns. Russ had one more find at 31, and baby quail were seen. Ben had four additional finds during his time on the ground. With a little extra excitement on his last point, Ray requested the tracker.

In the fourth brace were "Sister" with Dustin Kirby and "Reba"

with Tommy Rice. Reba had an unproductive at 10 and continued her hunt. She had a large-sized

covey rise a few more minutes in and held steady to wing and shot. One last point was called, but there was a little confusion as to where the dog was located. Sister was not performing to her handler's liking, and the tracker was requested at 19.

Coming from the fifth brace was our second-place winner, "Chance" with Jason Loper, and "Willie" with Devin Harden. Chance ran an impressive race with three clean, stylish finds during his time on the ground. Willie had an unproductive, a stop-to-flush, and one find with two minutes remaining in the brace.

"Lucy" with Ben Braswell and "Nell" with Tommy Rice were in the sixth brace. Both dogs were picked up by their handlers.

Coming from the seventh brace was our third-place winner, "Rose" with Tommy Rice, and "Merle" with Eathan Whiddon. Rose started out strong with a find at 5 with a nice covey rise. She and Merle had two divided finds later in the brace with both handlers flushing birds up. Rose had one last find near the brace end where a nice-sized covey took flight. Merle was picked up by his handler.

In the eighth brace were "Captains Blackbelt Buddy" with Danny Tankersley and "Rick" with Jason Loper. Buddy had an exciting race with three nice finds, two unproductives, and a stop-to-flush.

Rick was picked up by his handler at 18.

The first brace on Saturday morning and the ninth brace of the Shooting Dog stake paired Melrose Big John with Terry James Chastain Jr., and Johnny Come Lately with Ray Pearce. Big John had three finds in his time on the ground and one unproductive. Johnny Come Lately was picked up by his handler, Ray, early in the brace.

Coming from the 10th brace was our first-place winner, "Wayne," with Dustin Kirby and "Mack," with Ben Stringer. Wayne ran a very impressive race with two extremely clean, classy finds with flight of birds both times. He held steady to wing and shot and left the judges and

gallery wanting more. Mack was picked up by his handler.

In the 11th and final Open Shooting Dog brace were "Miller" with Ben Stringer and Hunt's Centerfold with Justin Hunt. Neither dog had a pleasing run for their handlers.

Eleven derby dogs were paired to run after lunch on Saturday, November 1. Our first- and second-place dogs were braced together in the third brace that afternoon. Both male pointers pleased the judges with a nice, clean race, and each of them had one find with a flight of birds. Nonami's Easy Does It, with handler Ray Pearce, placed first, and Merrily Rebel Cash, with Terry James Chastain Jr., placed second. Tommy Rice and "Lil" came in third with two

finds during his time on the ground.

Tallahassee, Fla., November 7

Judges: Shon Powell and Jason Williams

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 29 Pointers

1st-ONE DAY WAYNE, F1715425, pointer male, by One Day Lucky Strike-Panda Express. Payton Gunby, owner; Dustin Kirby, handler.

2d-TALLOKAS NEW BUSINESS, F1701627, pointer male, by Miller Unfinished Business-Tallockas Sun Dial. Tallockas Kennels, owner; Jason Loper, handler.

3d-PANTHER CREEK ROSIE, F1691574, pointer female, by Panther Creek Merlin-Pineywood's Belle Aire. Frank Rutland, owner; Tommy Rice, handler.

OPEN DERBY – 12 Pointers

1st-NONAMI'S EASY DOES IT, F1710178, pointer male, by Miller's Blindsider-Nonami's Jean. R. E. Turner, owner; Ray Pearce, handler.

2d-MERRILY REBEL CASH, unreg., pointer male, by Dogwood Cash-Meander Georgia On My Mind. Daphne Wood, owner; Terry James Chastain, handler.

3d-BLUEGRASS PUNCHLINE LILLY, F1710225, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-Strongdog Rebel Annie. Garland Lewis, owner; Tommy Rice, handler.

NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Chisholm Creek's Cutter Loose Named Champion; Stylish Miss Bell, Runner-up

By Douglas Meyer | Abilene, Kansas | November 7, 2025

The National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship came to Kansas for the 2025 renewal. The AFTCA selected the beautiful prairie venue at Holler Point Farms, south of Abilene, Kansas, for this renewal. Rodney and Diane Shoemaker have spent countless hours and dollars developing their farmland and adjoining Flint Hill pastures into an excellent multi-course venue to show a class dog. Rodney initially purchased the farm and, a couple of years later, added more acreage from Diane's family holdings and other neighbors. Recently, Mark Wasserman contributed another quarter section to the courses with the purchase of adjoining acreage. The locale provides a varied terrain where a dog can be asked to course the open prairie and, alternatively, negotiate fencerows and woodlot edges in their pursuit of game. Wild Prairie chickens, pheasants, and Bobwhite quail coveys are supplemented with a pre-release program. For this championship running, additional Bobwhites were released to make



National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Emily Weiss and Mark Wasserman with Chisholm Creeks Cut'er Loose, Dr. Buck Neil and Tom Curtsinger with Stylish Miss Bell. (Back): Dr. Alex Jacocks (judge), Luke Topp, Howard Burbach (judge), and Rodney Shoemaker (trial chairman). [Photo by Diane Shoemaker].

sure adequate game contacts would occur. Rodney grooms these grounds and spends hours creating food plots and discing to feed the game birds. The winners and many others had multiple finds.

In addition to the grounds, Rodney has developed a clubhouse and corrals with water for horses, plus

mowed parking for rigs. Diane and Rodney are super hosts providing hot lunches and evening meals for all. Smoked meats and homemade sides are the norm, and this trial was no exception.

Judges Howard Burbach and Dr. Alex Jacocks are very experienced in various venues, including all-age

and shooting dog championships, and were well qualified for this assignment. I've judged with Alex a number of times and have run under Howard as well, and know they could handle the decisions involving this field of 35 contenders.

The Running

Friday morning brought pleasant conditions with an afternoon high reaching 70. Texas Cool (Buck Neil) was scratched due to injury. Brady's Fresh Starter (John Van Horn) ran a good race but didn't have birds. Chisholm Creeks Sweetie Pie (Mark Wasserman) had an unproductive at 24, a find at 41, and finished her hour. This shorthair female ran big at times but also checked back frequently. Miller's Concealed Weapon (Bill Owen) had an unproductive at 30 and backed his bracemate at 41. The setter didn't finish the hour. Bridgers Open For Business (John Holt) required the tracker at 20. High Enchantress (Matt Griffith) was running around pretty well, but self-relocated during the flush and was picked up. Bells Yellowstone Pride (Keith Anderson) backed at 11 but suffered a breach of manners when birds were flushed. Stylish Miss Bell (Tom Curtsinger) had finds at 2, 11, 41, and 56. She ran big but handled kindly with little scouting to annex the runner-up champion in this trial. Big Whiskey (Neil) had a clean find at 25 but took steps on a second find at 42. Southern Shadow's Burnin' Sky (Klaus Schmidt) suffered two unproductives and was leashed. Caladen's Struttin Bode (Holt) was a scratch. Worsham's Spitfire (Joe Worsham) had a find at 4, an unproductive at 15, and another at 43, ending his day.

Saturday morning brought another good weather day, similar to the first day, with highs around 70. Rebel Country Spectre (Lynn Oxendine) had an unproductive at 24 and then a breach of manners after flush ended his run at 40. Topp's First J R (Luke Topp) had a stop-to-flush at 25, a find at 43, and finished the hour, although a bit hard to handle. Southern Twist (Neil) had a bird issue at 40 and was

picked up. H P Social Distancing (Rodney Shoemaker) required the tracker at 22. Chisholm Creeks Cuttin Loose (Wasserman) had mannerly finds at 16, 24, 38, and 59. The German shorthaired pointer also had an unproductive at 40 with a nice forward race to be named champion. Two Seamer (Colby Tackett) had a find at 4 but required the tracker at 30. Nemaha Lima Bean (Pat McInteer) finished his hour without bird work. Game Street (Van Horn) was scratched, and the bye dog, Touch's Steely Dan (Van Horn), moved up from the 18th brace. Dan ran a solid race but took steps on a find at 45 to end his day. Erin's Grey Ghost (Owens) had a find at 45, but his race was erratic, and he was not seen often. Griffs Hackberry's Zack was scratched by handler. Millstar's Lion Rampart (Laura Miller), the Vizsla, was up at 27 for character around game. Haney's I. B. Fancy (Schmidt/Sonny Clark) was lost at 20.

Sunday was a very different weather day, with a cold front moving through and blustery winds. Freezing temperatures in the 20s only rose to the upper 30s, while the Kansas wind howled at 30 mph+. Ready or Not (Keith Anderson) had unproductives at 12 and 42 and was leashed. Reed's Super Spirit (Jason Super) had an aggressive race with finds at 42 and 52 and a good shooting dog finish. H P Cottonmouth (Shoemaker) was picked up at 10 in tough conditions for handler and dog. Business Man (Rick Thone) had an uneven race with a stop-to-flush at 21 and finds at 30 and 44 in the wind. Bridgers Insane Bolt (Holt) was lost at 20 in the wind. Baja Blues (Neil) had a find at 14 but was picked up by the handler, who was unsatisfied with his race. Chisholm Creek's Speak Easy (Wasserman) ran a big race without birds, ending at 50 when the handler threw in the towel. Miller's Newest Version (Owens) had a find at 11 and bird contact at 45 with a big running race. Erin's Four Roses (Topp) was scratched. Ain't Easy Being Me (Neil) had a stop-to-flush at 24 and an unproductive at 27, ending

the field trial.

The Winners

Chisholm Creek's Cut'er Loose ("Lucy") is a 5-year-old German shorthaired pointer out of Mark Wasserman's long-deceased National Champion, Chisholm Creeks Cuttin Loose. John Ravidou is credited with whelping the litter through artificial insemination in Abilene, Kansas, and Mark picked Lucy as his stud-fee pup. Lucy and Mark won the AKC GSPCA National Championship with a 70-dog entry back in 2022, as well as a runner-up in another GSP championship. Lucy had an excellent forward race in strong winds to be found to the front, pointed three different times with Mark's wife Emily Weiss scouting the dog. Lucy's last 15 minutes were commendable for punching straight into that wind and adding a fourth find, all with perfect composure around her game. Mark was very active trialing up through 2012 while living in the Wichita, Kansas area, including the aforementioned Cuttin Loose, winning the GSPCA National. Mark moved to Florida for eight years before returning to Wichita in 2020 to restart his field trial activities. Mark and Emily bought 160 acres adjacent to the grounds here to add more real estate to the courses, as well as help run events on the grounds.

Stylish Miss Bell ("Bell") is a 5-year-old pointer female who is a littermate to Haney's Storm Warning. Tom Curtsinger bought Bell as a 5-month-old pup from her breeder and has enjoyed great success with her, including winning the Ozark Open Shooting Dog Championship with a 60-dog entry. She qualified for both the Open Shooting Dog Invitational and ran in the National Open Shooting Dog Championship under Tom's whistle. Buck Neil scouted Bell, who had three beautiful broke finds, never moving a hair while holding her dramatic pose until collared each time. She ran in 70-degree temperatures and showed no let-up throughout her hour during a nice forward race to be the runner-up champion.

Abilene, Kan., November 7
Judges: Howard Burbach and M. Alex Jacocks
NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]

– 34 Pointers and 1 German Shorthair

Winner-CHISHOLM CREEK'S CUTER LOOSE, F1683348, German Shorthair female, by Chisholm Creeks Cuttin Loose-Uodibar's Lorrie Darlin. Mark Wasserman, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-STYLISH MISS BELL, F1691586, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Tom Curtsinger, owner and handler.

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HANOVER FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

Chippokes Cracker Jack Wins Waverly Coleman Amateur Shooting Dog

By Kirk Regensburg | King William, Virginia | November 8, 2025



Amateur Puppy (l-r): Mike McIntyre with Charm City Marlo, Tyler Wolf with Solomon's Creek Mr. October, and Jenna Johnson with Vector De La Source D'Hannahatche.



Amateur Derby (l-r): Frankie Barnes with Mohawk Mill Reckless Jack and Kirk Regensburg with Kirk's Ray of Joy. (Standing): Butch Haywood and Garrett Preis. [Not pictured: Roll On Hawkeye and Darrel Miller].



Waverly Coleman Amateur Shooting Dog (l-r): Lee Flanders with Chippokes Cracker Jack and Jameson Crandall with Sorrows of Satan. (Standing): Butch Haywood and Garrett Preis.

The Hanover Field Trial Association's Fall U. S. Complete trial was held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at the Cohoke Shooting Preserve. The Association would like to thank the Gottwald family for allowing the trial to be held on their private shooting preserve.

Dennis Bosewell had the facilities in good condition for the field trial. The Club is fortunate to have use of these pristine grounds for field trials. It was a beautiful sunny day, a good day to run dogs.

We would like to thank Purina for being the National Sponsor of the U. S. Complete weekend and championship trials. Purina is providing discount coupons for their dog food to all dogs who have earned placements in the various stakes.

Several club members pitched in to make this field trial a success. David Coleman and Kirk Regensburg

planted birds. Retta Ramkey typed the program. Hall Carter drove the dog wagon to transport both dogs and handlers to the starting line. The gallery wagon was provided by Pat Brooks. Dennis Kivikko drove the truck that pulled the gallery wagon.

Charlotte Regensburg provided lunch. The Hanover club is fortunate to have many members and wives who help make this trial a success. We appreciate everyone's help in making our trial a success.

There were nine dogs in the Puppy stake, four in the Derby, and 11 were entered in the Shooting Dog. Judging the Puppy stake were Jameson Crandall and Kirk Regensburg. Garrett Preis and Butch Haywood judged both the Derby and Shooting Dog stakes.

"Marlo," a setter male, took first in the Puppy stake. Owned and handled by Mike McIntyre, Marlo started with a big run and handled very well from beginning to end.

He hunted objectives purposefully and was very impressive. Marlo is very attractive on the ground. Second was "Reggie," a pointer male. Handled by Tyler Wolf, he had a big run but not as strong as the first-place dog. Reggie is a nice, pretty running dog on the ground. Third place was "Vector," a French Brittany female. Handled by Jenna Johnson, Vector did not have as strong a start, but she finished with a strong run at the end. All three dogs were impressive, showing very good running on the ground.

In the Derby stake, "Tuss," a pointer male, took first place. Handled by Frankie Barnes, Tuss had a strong run and hit all his objectives. Second place was "Kelly," a pointer male, handled by Kirk Regensburg. Kelly had a strong run and handled very well. Third place was "Hawkeye," a pointer male. He was handled by Darrel Miller. Hawkeye had a big run. He handled well with a nice finish.

The Shooting Dog stake was highly competitive, with dogs and handlers showing the judges and gallery a number of high-class bird dogs and terrific sportsmanship among handlers. The grounds at Cohoke can be challenging as they are not that big and are tight at times. At the same time, between big turns in the course and the ups and downs of the terrain, it can be easy to lose a dog, especially on foot. The winning dogs in this stake were always forward but stayed in touch with their handlers and consistently showed themselves, with style and composure, on a lot of impeccable bird work.

In the Shooting Dog stake, "Jack," a setter male, took first. Jack was handled by Lee Flanders. Jack chewed up the course with gusto while handling kindly. Throughout the entire course, Jack appeared to be a happy dog, cracking his tail with vigor and covering lots of ground with a nice rhythm between finds. Jack was always forward, exhibited perfect manners, and stood like a statue on his birds.

"Mavis," a pointer female, was second. Handled by Jameson Crandall, she had five finds and one unproductive. Mavis showed her maturity and class as three birds flushed around her before Crandall could get to her. Mavis covered a lot of ground and found birds by a cedar tree, where she was found on point and finished her nice run.

"Jack," owned and handled by Lee Flanders, was named Dog of the Day, winning the Waverly Coleman Shooting Dog trophy.

The Club would like to thank all the participants and guests for coming. The Association looks forward to its next U. S. Complete trial, scheduled for the spring.

In closing, we would like to pay tribute to two long-time members of the Hanover Field Trial Association who we have sadly lost: Art Mourino (April 9, 2025) and George Ramkey (December 8, 2025). Both Art and George were instrumental in putting on our trials. Always there to help with whatever was needed. They will

be greatly missed.

King William, Va., November 8
Judges: Jameson Crandall and Kirk Regensburg
AMATEUR PUPPY

– 4 Pointers, 3 Setters, and 2 Brittanys
 1st-CHARM CITY MARLO, F1721340, setter male, by Boatright's Maverick-Outcast Siren Song. Michael McIntyre, owner and handler.
 2d-SOLOMON'S CREEK MR. OCTOBER, F1722464, pointer male, by Carolina's Winning Ace-Ringo's Sweet Heart. Michael Wolfe, owner and handler.
 3d-VECTOR DE LA SOURCE D'HANNAHATCHEE, F1714967, Epagneul Breton male, by Shirleys Britt From Saratoga-O'Hannahatchee Sur La Delavan. John Hutwagner, owner and handler.

Judges: Butch Haywood and Garrett Preis
AMATEUR DERBY – 4 Pointers

1st-MOHAWK MILL RECKLESS JACK, F1713921, pointer male, by Daddy's Little Boy Butch-Mohawk Mill Double E. Gary & Ellen Winall, owners; Frankie Barnes, handler.
 2d-KIRK'S RAY OF JOY, F1714961, pointer male, by Rocky River Loaded-Sadie Ridge Sally. Kirk Regensburg, owner and handler.
 3d-ROLL ON HAWKEYE, F1714962, pointer male, by Rocky River Loaded-Sadie Ridge Sally. Darrel Miller, owner and handler.

WAVERLY COLEMAN AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
– 9 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-CHIPPOKES CRACKER JACK, F1691321, setter male, by Skyview New Edition-Grid Iron's Sorrell's Penny. Lee Flanders, owner and handler.
 2d-SORROWS OF SATAN, F1681535, pointer female, by Mohawk Mill Pirate-Mohawk Mill Honey. Jameson Crandall, owner and handler.

BEAR POND FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Nonami's Johnny Come Lately Wins Robin Gates Memorial Open All-Age Quail Classic
By Claudia McNamee | Leslie, Georgia | November 10, 2025

The sixth edition of the Robin Gates Memorial Open All-Age Quail Classic and The "Big" Derby was held for the sixth time on the beautifully maintained and impressive grounds of Round Pond Plantation in Leslie, Georgia. Once again, the autumn weather was anything but normal; however, this year, it wasn't dry and warm conditions that challenged contenders but rather dry and frigid temperatures in the 30s and 40s during most of this event. The Open began on Monday, November 10, and continued through Wednesday, November 12, with 35 contenders vying for three top-dog placements. The Derby stake began and finished on Friday, November 14, showcasing 18 newcomers to the field. The



Open All-Age (l-r): Clayton Cook, Ray Pearce, Lee Phillips with Nonami's Johnny Come Lately, Debbie Doty, Betty Shearouse (judge), Trey Mills, Luke Eisenhart, Judd Carlton with Erin's Code of Honor, Darron Hendley (judge), Neil Walker, Claudia McNamee (reporter), Tracy Swearingen, Jerry Raynor with Haney's Double Down, Heath Morey, and Mark McLean.

number of dogs competing in each stake increased 25% and 30%, respectively, from last year, which is welcome news!

The judicial saddles for both the Open and the Derby were filled by two highly experienced bird hunters and field trialers, Betty Shearouse of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Darron Hendley of Pike Road, Alabama. These judges watched all contenders with keen interest and an appreciation for the sport's nuances. They openly enjoyed the responsibility they'd undertaken, and we're grateful for their time and attention.

Heartfelt thank you to the Walker family for their hospitality and for allowing us to experience these top-tier grounds and amenities. There are few field trial locations with Round Pond's offerings, and we're all fortunate to experience such a quality venue. Quail were plentiful

but elusive throughout the trial, with birds found on all courses. An estimated 30 coveys were put into flight over the four days of running. Thank you to Neil Walker, Stephens Walker, Tracy Swearingen, Luke Eisenhart, and Landon Collver for readying the property, taking care to maintain rerouted course legs for better flow and scouting. Thanks to Stephens Walker, Tracy Swearingen, Luke Eisenhart, and Judd Carlton for marshaling in between running or scouting dogs, and Clayton Cook for driving the dog wagon. Christy Swearingen and Debbie Hofer prepared hot daily lunches and prepared dinners for the judges; meals were delicious, and no one went hungry! A special treat was a fresh-fish fry dinner (snapper & grouper from Carrabelle, Florida) caught and prepared by Neil Walker; always the best fried fish this writer has ever eaten! This year, two sponsors helped make this event possible: Bennett Feed & Seed of Albany, Georgia, and, of course, a big round of applause and heartfelt thank you to Purina and Greg Blair's team for all they do to support this sport!

Before describing this year's winning performances, this writer would like to acknowledge that the unusually dry and cold conditions put all contenders to a greater test. Scenting was more challenging, and birds were hunkered down for warmth, which made for a higher competitive bar, clearly separating winners from their cohorts. Having said that, all of these athletes demonstrated what Robin always strived for in his own dogs—a strong, forward race with consistent hunting and pushing to the edge of course limits. Style and intensity on game with knockout finishes were always a Robin Gates hallmark.

Open All-Age Winners

Thirty-four pointers and two setters were entered. Thirty-three pointers and two setters competed.

Nonami's Johnny Come Lately claimed top honors with four finds, a strong race, and a memorable finish

in the second morning brace on the third and final day of running. This 7-year-old pointer male is owned by T. E. Turner, was handled by Ray Pearce, and scouted by Justin Hunt. His performance was punctuated by four nicely timed covey finds at 20, 41, 49, and 54, with an unproductive at 26 that didn't derail his objective to snag that first place! John exhibited the hunting prowess of a seasoned bird-finder, with style and class on the ground. Traversing in strong fashion the entire hour, he finished with determination and made his handler proud of himself and John's owner!

Erin's Code of Honor ("Tip") earned second place for the second year in a row with two finds timed at 17 and at pickup in the last afternoon brace on the first day of running. Owned by Allen Linder and handled by Luke Eisenhart, Tip hunted intentionally, with uninterrupted focus on the task at hand. His bird work was stylish and flawless, showing in all the right places. He finished in strong fashion with a covey find at pickup. At nearly 6 years old and in his prime, Tip continues to be a compelling force to contend with on the all-age open circuit.

Haney's Double Down ("Slim") earned third place with two finds late in the hour and a strong ground race, proving he's got what it takes to compete with the "big boys" on the all-age circuit. Owned by Alex Rickert, handled by Mark McLean, and scouted by Jerry Raynor, Slim covered the course he drew with confidence, style, and skill beyond his years. He hunted up a single quail in a tree at 43 and a nice-sized covey at 47, ran a formidable race, and finished out front with energy to spare. Nice job!

Honorable Mentions

This stake also showcased six other contenders who notably impressed the judges and this reporter, and deserve mention here in order of their running.

Haney's Top Shelf (O: David & Andy Freiburger; H: Mark McLean),

Rester's Johnny Ringo (O: Cecil Rester & Dr. Reuben Richardson; H: Luke Eisenhart; Erin's Three Amigos (O: Mike Sweet; H: Judd Carlton); Mayhaw's Georgia Time (O: Mayhew Plantation; H: Trey Mills), Haney's All In (O: Stacy & Steve Croy; H: Mark McLean); and Woodville's Long Hard Drive (O: Carl Owens; H: Mark McLean).

The all-age circuit is one of the toughest arenas to compete in because of the high standards placed on an increasingly smaller aggregate of dogs and handlers. We often overlook how incredibly skilled all of the contenders are and what they bring to the sport and to breeding programs around the country. This writer would like to commend all 35 athletes and their teams of humans who competed in this event and will give it their all in future contests. Bravo!

Leslie, Ga., November 10

Judges: Darron Henley and Betty Shearouse
OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]

— 35 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-NONAMI'S JOHNNY COME LATELY, F1694190, pointer male, by Ransom-Pinewood's Jenny Bell. R. E. Turner, owner and handler.

2d-ERIN'S CODE OF HONOR, F1696057, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Miss Maggie. Allen Linder, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

3d-HANEY'S DOUBLE DOWN, F1715340, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Alexander Rickert, owner; Mark McLean, handler.

The "Big" Open Derby

Seventeen pointers and one setter were entered. Sixteen pointers and one setter competed.

Seventeen young contenders were brought to the line for the "Big" Open Derby on Friday, November 14. Thank you again to judges Betty Shearouse and Darron Hendley for their time and experience in watching these young hopefuls and placing the three who they thought had the most enthusiasm and future potential. This portion of the event was run in continuous 30-minute heats.

In first place, Desert Storm, owned by Mike Sweet and handled by Judd Carlton, ran in the first brace of the stake and took off at the breakaway with a mission to win! He showed off his thorough and fancy hunt style the entire 30 minutes, stopping only to point a nice-sized covey

off the beaten path at 13 with his head cranked up to the sky, looking exceptional. Great job!

Red Hills All In Nation, owned by Stacy and Steve Croy and handled by Mark McLean, ran in the eighth brace to snag second place with two finds at 8 and then at pickup. With an all-age-worthy race and two dug-up finds, this young contender is one to watch...lots of potential here!

In third place, Code of Law, owned by Kirk Law and handled by Tom Shenker, hunted intently and made a couple of impressive casts. As he was crossing a big field at 10, this



The "Big" Open Derby (l-r): Judd Carlton, Clayton Cook, Luke Eisenhart with *Erin's Desert Storm*, Betty Shearouse (judge), Darron Hendley (judge), David Melnick, Jerry Raynor with *Red Hills All In Nation*, Christy Swearingen, Neil Walker, Mark McLean, Stephens Walker with *Code of Law*, Tracy Swearingen, Claudia McNamee (reporter), and Tom Shenker.

young hopeful stopped confidently for his one find, and his handler flushed about 20 birds...a beautiful sight! At 29, his bracemate stood tall on point, and Code of Law backed stylishly. Given his running pattern and forward reach, this new contender has great promise!

OPEN DERBY – 17 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-*ERIN'S DESERT STORM*, F1711735, pointer male, by Erin's Perfect Storm-Erin's Pearl Agin. Michael Sweet, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.

2d-*RED HILLS ALL IN NATION*, F1716099, pointer male, by Haney's All In-Pearl Jam Nation. Stephen Croy, owner; Mark McLean, handler.

3d-*CODE OF LAW*, unreg., pointer male, by C S Code Blue-Quicksilver Whiskey Girl. Kirk Law, owner; Tom Shenker, handler.

DIXIE OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC & DERBY

Haney's Double Down Snags Top Honors

By Claudia McNamee | Leesburg, Georgia | November 15, 2025

Before describing this field trial event in the usual way, we'd like first to remember our dear friend and secretary of this club, Kate Morton of Sasser, Georgia. Kate was a horse trainer, dog lover, and devoted field trialer who had a big heart and a contagious smile. Her passing on November 11 has saddened an entire Georgia community of bird dog enthusiasts, friends, and family. She will be deeply missed, but always in our hearts. RIP Kate.

The 2025 edition of the Dixie Open All-Age Classic and Derby was held on the beautifully maintained and impressive grounds of Round Pond Plantation in Leslie, Georgia, and ran directly following the Robin Gates Classic. The Dixie had always been run in February until this year; however, the autumn weather was anything but normal, with extremely dry and warm conditions making bird scenting challenging at best. The Open began on Saturday, November 15, and continued through Monday, November 17, with 33 contenders vying for three top-dog placements. The Derby stake began and finished on Tuesday, November 18, showcasing 22 newcomers to the field.



Open All-Age (l-r): Brent Cox (judge), Mark McLean, Jerry Raynor with *Haney's Double Down*, Alex Rickert, Tracy Swearingen, Christy Swearingen with *Tee's Crazy Train*, John David Smith (judge), Stephens Walker with *Dominators Rebel Mark*, Claudia McNamee (reporter), Jamie Daniels, and Judd Carlton.

The judicial saddles for both the All-Age and Derby were filled by two experienced dog men, Brent Cox of Mathews, Alabama, and John David Smith of Union Springs, Alabama. These judges watched all contenders with keen interest and enjoyed the responsibility they'd undertaken. We're most grateful for their time and attention.

Heartfelt thank you to the Walker family for their hospitality and for allowing us to experience these top-tier grounds and amenities. There are few field trial locations with Round Pond's offerings, and we're all fortunate to experience such a quality venue. Quail were plentiful

but elusive throughout the trial, with birds found on all courses. An estimated 30 coveys were put into flight over the four days of running. Thank you to Neil Walker, Stephens Walker, Tracy Swearingen, Luke Eisenhart, and Landon Collver for readying the property, taking care to maintain rerouted course legs for better flow and scouting. Thanks to Stephens Walker, Tracy Swearingen, Luke Eisenhart, and Judd Carlton for marshaling in between either running or scouting dogs; Clayton Cook and Heath Morey for driving the dog wagon; and Dan DiMambro for jumping in to drive the second dog buggy during the Derby running. Christy Swearingen and Debbie Hofer prepared hot lunches daily and prepared dinners for the judges; meals were delicious, and no one went hungry! A collective and heartfelt thank you to Purina and Greg Blair's team for sponsoring this event and all they do to support this sport!

Open All-Age Winners

Haney's Double Down ("Slim") snagged top honors after earning third place in the preceding Robin Gates Classic, and owner Alex Rickert, who rode to watch both

performances, was beaming! During this second brace, Slim hunted the country in style with his first find dug up at 18, where his handler, Mark McLean, easily flushed a good-sized covey. His second and final find would be shared with his bracemate, Erin's War Eagle, at 55. Always to the front, Slim put on an impressive performance throughout his hour and finished strong just as an all-age winner should!

Tee's Crazy Train ("Rip") earned second best with three finds at 10, 35, and 44 on Sunday in the final brace of the day. Owner/Handler Tracy Swearingen handled his charge with intensity and finesse, partnering with Rip to the finish line. Temperatures had risen into the low 80s, and how Tee continued his quest in the heat was exceptional and noteworthy. He completed his hour with honors!

Dominators Rebel Mark ("Big") was brought to the line by handler Jamie Daniels, and his three owners watched from the gallery with great anticipation. It was the first brace on Sunday morning, and Big broke away with strength and determination. He pointed birds at 10, 54, and 59 and was easily spotted throughout his hour. Fancy running and stylish on his game, he certainly impressed!

Honorable Mentions

In addition to the three winners, several other performances were worthy of mention and are listed here in order of their running: Woodville's Long Hard Ride (O: Carl Owens; H: Mark McLean); Erin's War Eagle (O: Dr. Bill Bruchey & Claudia McNamee; H: Luke Eisenhart); Haney's Silver Dollar (O: Chris Cagle & Chris Cagle,



Open Derby (l-r): Debbie Ozner, George Hickox, Claudia McNamee (reporter), Brent Cox (judge), Luke Eisenhart with Silver W Orange Crush, John David Smith (judge), Tracy Swearingen, Stephens Walker with Great River Titan, Christy Swearingen, Judd Carlton with CK Playmaker, Neil Walker, and Heath Morey.

Jr.; H: Luke Eisenhart); Touch's Shadow Rider (O: Bruce & Karen Norton & Dr. Reuben Richardson); H: Mark McLean); Erin's High Note (O: Mike Sweet; H: Judd Carlton); Erin's Copper Colt (O: Mike Sweet; H: Judd Carlton).

Leesburg, Ga., November 15
Judges: Brent Cox and John David Smith
OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]
- 35 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-HANEY'S DOUBLE DOWN, F1715340, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Alexander Rickert, owner; Mark McLean, handler.

2d-TEE'S CRAZY TRAIN, F1699147, pointer male, by Touch's Red Rider-Tee's Funseekin Belle. Tracy & Christy Swearingen, owners; Tracy Swearingen, handler.

3d-DOMINATORS REBEL MARK, F1712527, pointer male, by Miller's Blindsider-Raymond's Daisy. Jamie Daniels, owner and handler.

Open All-Age Derby Winners

Twenty-two young contenders were brought to the line on Tuesday, November 18, of which three rose to the top on this day. This portion of the event was run in continuous 30-minute heats. All three winners ran in the final hour of the stake in the late afternoon. The first- and second-place dogs ran as bracemates in Brace 11, and the third-place dog came out of Brace 10. Scenting

conditions continued to be difficult, and birds seemed to have smartened up as well—a real test for these up-and-coming hopefuls. But in spite of the odds against finding game, each of them managed to locate birds which were flushed by their handlers and seen by the judges and gallery!

In first place, Silver W Orange Crush ("Cowboy"), owned by Debbie Ozner, Baker Hubbard, and Tom Jackson and handled by Luke Eisenhart, broke away with zeal and a mission to win! His race was impressive, and he dug up birds at 17. Cowboy finished his 30 minutes in strong fashion and made his owners proud!

In second, Great River Titan ("Patch"), owned by Great River Kennels and handled by Tracy Swearingen, was equally as impressive as his bracemate, both pushing each other and making for an exciting 30 minutes. Patch pointed a nice-sized covey soon after the breakaway at 4 and then was marked for an unproductive at 19. He finished with style and strength!

In third, CK Playmaker ("Hawk"), owned by David Melnick and handled by Judd Carlton, also put on a memorable performance with a beautiful find at pick up, minimizing the importance of an earlier unproductive earlier at 20. Hawk was there to be noticed, and that he was!

OPEN DERBY - 23 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-SILVER W ORANGE CRUSH, F1719746, pointer male, by Miller's Blindsider-Silver W Thunderbolt's Boom. Debbie Ozner, Baker Hubbard & Tom Jackson, owners; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

2d-GREAT RIVER TITAN, F1718692, pointer male, by Rester's Johnny Ringo-Wynona's Funseeker Dixie. Brian Sanchez, owner; Tracy Swearingen, handler.

3d-CK PLAYMAKER, F1709284, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Just Wanna Have Fun. David Melnick, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.

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PENINSULA BIRD HUNTERS CLUB

Fall Trial At Cutawhiskie Farm

By Ashby Morgan | Ahoskie, North Carolina | November 16, 2025

The Peninsula Bird Hunters held its trial on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at Dr. Aubrey Morgan's Cutawhiskie Farm in Ahoskie, North Carolina. As always, the grounds were in great shape. It takes a lot of work to keep the field trial grounds where you can ride through while still having enough cover to hold birds. Barbel Fetkoter wears many hats at Cutawhiskie, but her number one job is the bird program. She made sure the right number of birds were released just before the trial.

We appreciate all the help we receive during the trial and would like to thank Purina for its sponsorship, and Barbel Fetkoter, Gary Winall, Ellen Winall, Park Brinkley, Gene Hogge, and Skip Brown for the grounds. Thanks to Lee Flanders, Donna Flanders, Jim Jones, and Nathan Hatchery for another great seafood lunch; to Steve Graham for planting and bringing food for the trial; and to our dog wagon drivers, Steven Moore, Julie Moore, Judy Jones, and Mert Jones.

The Puppy and Derby stakes were both judged by Gary and Ellen Winall. Gary and Ellen always jump in and help in any way that they can. We really appreciate all that they do.

The Puppy stake was won by Charm City Marlo, a setter male owned and handled by Michael McIntyre, who ran a strong, independent race. Second was Nomads Silent Reaper, a pointer male owned by Worth Lewis and handled by Nathan Hatchery. Reaper was strong and animated on the ground. Third went to Jenna Johnson's Sunrise Shooting Star, a setter male. Star ran strong and to the front.

The Derby was won by Bob's Elhew Coco, owned and handled by Bobby Phillips. Coco had four nice finds, never forgetting her manners or her handler. Third place was Ubetcha, a pointer male handled by Jameson Crandall. Ubetcha was a nice-looking dog on the ground and handled well for Jameson.

The judges for the Shooting Dog were Jeff Smith and George Doyle. These two are very generous with their time and very knowledgeable and professional in their job. We were lucky to have them judge for us. The Shooting Dog stake drew 20 dogs. Winning first place was Chippokes Kate, owned and handled by Lee Flanders. Kate ran a good shooting dog race and had two nice finds. Second was Mohawk Mill Big Stuff, owned by Gary Winall and handled

by Ashby Morgan. Big ran strong to the front and had two good finds. Third was Jake The Joker, owned and handled by Frankie Barnes. Jake is a sleek-looking pointer male with a nice gait and had two good finds.

Ahoskie, N. C., November 16

Judges: Ellen Winall and Gary Winall

AMATEUR PUPPY

– 5 Pointers, 3 Setters, and 1 Brittany

1st-CHARM CITY MARLO, F1721340, setter male, by Boatright's Maverick-Outcast Siren Song. Michael McIntyre, handler.

2d-NOMADS SILENT REAPER, F1720164, pointer male, by Haney's Silver Dollar-Haneys Pretty Poison. Worth Lewis, owner; Nathan Hatchery, handler.

3d-SUNRISE SHOOTING STAR, F1721030, setter female, by Sunrise Star-Mia Star. Jennifer Johnson, owner and handler.

OPEN DERBY – 4 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-BOB'S ELHEW COCO, F1708921, pointer female, by Tenacee Cooper-Bob's Elhew Smokie. Bobby Phillips, owner and handler.

2d-BACK CREEK ROXY. [Placement Voided].

3d-BK UBETCHA BK, F1717708, pointer male, by B K Armoured Tank-Field Cricket Frenzie. Robert Spillman, owner; Jameson Crandall, handler.

Judges: George Doyle and Jeff Smith

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

– 10 Pointers, 9 Setters, and 1 Brittany

1st-CHIPPOKES KATE, unreg., pointer female, by Miller's Grey Street-Touch's Grey Street. Lee Flanders, owner and handler.

2d-MOHAWK MILL BIG STUFF, F1691821, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Hirollins Fantasy Girl. Gary Winall, owner; Ashby Morgan, handler.

3d-JAKE THE JOKER, F1693052, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Legacy's Pride-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Jimmy Crandall, owner; Frankie Barnes, handler.

CARROLL COUNTY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Amateur Trial

By Jim Atchison | Huntingdon, Tennessee | November 20, 2025

The Carroll County Field Trial Club hosted the running of their annual Amateur stakes November 20-23 near Huntingdon, Tennessee, on land owned primarily by and maintained by David Williams. The three excellent one-hour courses cover land used for the growing of cotton, corn, soybeans, and wheat, plus large areas of conservation reserve type land. Williams' efforts

are complemented and expanded by the work of several local club members and others who travel from other states.

Gary McKibben, Phillip Barnett, Lebob Stanfill, Vince Taylor, Michelle Clark, Lisa Little, Jim Atchison, and others worked together with Williams to enable the Thursday through Sunday event to flow smoothly.

Shooting dogs competed first, starting on Thursday afternoon, with eight entries. All-Age competitors went next, with 20 entries. The derbies competed last, with 18 dogs competing and finishing on Sunday afternoon.

Amateur Shooting Dog

Gary McKibben, from Hernando, Mississippi, and Mike Small, from



Amateur Shooting Dog (l-r): Phillip Barnett, James Heimdal with Big Creek's Coldwater Frank, Mike Small (judge), Bubba Spencer, Kent Walker with Bat Man, Greg Tapp, Joe Hughes with J Maple Jester, and Gary McKibben (judge).

Evansville, Indiana, judged the Shooting Dog stake. First place was awarded to Big Creek's Coldwater Frank, owned and handled by James Heimdal from Lebanon, Tennessee. The first-place winner had three finds and one back while hunting the first-hour course.

Bat Man, an English setter owned by Robert Englert and handled by Bubba Spencer, won second place. J Maple Jester, owned by Joe and Tessa Hughes, won third. Bat Man had one find, and Jester had two finds while they were braced together, competing on the first-hour course.

Huntingdon, Tenn., November 20

Judges: Gary McKibben and Mike Small

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]

– 7 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-BIG CREEK'S COLDWATER FRANK, F1678773, pointer male, by Coldwater Warrior-Big Creek's Free. James Heimdal, owner and handler.

2d-BAT MAN, F1721141, setter male, by Woodville's Yukon Cornelius-Lady Godiva. Robert Englert, owner; Bubba Spencer, handler.

3d-J MAPLE JESTER, F1675700, pointer female, by J Maple Jake-Coldwater Queen Kate. Joe & Tessa Hughes, owners; Joe Hughes, handler.



Amateur All-Age (l-r): Gary McKibben with Coldwater Crackerjack, David Williams with Rebel Gold, and Brian Peterson with Southern Shadows T-Bird. (Rear, l-r): Joe Hughes, Scott Little, Michelle Clark, and Lance Servais.

Amateur All-Age

Bubba and Amy Spencer from Hickory Valley, Tennessee, judged the All-Age stake. Coldwater Crackerjack was determined to be the best of the field of 19 pointers and one English setter. Crackerjack, owned and handled by Gary McKibben, scored four successful finds and ran an excellent all-age race during his one-hour effort.

Rebel Gold, owned and handled by David Williams, won second, while Southern Shadows T-Bird, owned and handled by Lance Servais, won third. Both the second- and third-place winners performed impressively to earn their places on the winners' table.

Judges: Amy Spencer and Bubba Spencer

AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]

– 19 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-COLDWATER CRACKERJACK, F1702009, pointer male, by Coldwater Odyssey-Coldwater Fancy Like. Gary McKibben, owner and handler.

2d-REBEL GOLD, F1701829, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Rebel Maiden. David Williams, owner and handler.

3d-SOUTHERN SHADOWS T-BIRD, F1705877, pointer male, by Southern Shadows T Rex-Southern Ritz Lane. Lance Servais, owner and handler.



Amateur Derby (front, l-r): Jim Pendergest with Pendy's Next Chapter, Brian Peterson with Southern Shadows Fly, and David Williams with Rebel Gambler. (Rear, l-r): Matt and Megan Pendergest, Scott Little (judge), Joe Hughes (judge), Michelle Clark, and Lance Servais.

Amateur Derby

Joe Hughes and Scott Little judged the Derby stake. Pendy's Next Chapter won the stake for her young Kentucky owner, Matt Pendergest. Southern Shadows Fly, owned by Lance Servais and handled by Brian Peterson, won second. Rebel Gambler won third for owner/handler David Williams. All of the winners and many of the other 15 entries showed excellent all-age potential during their half-hour periods of judgement.

Judges: Joe Hughes and Scott Little

AMATEUR DERBY – 18 Pointers

1st-PENDY'S NEXT CHAPTER, F1712004, pointer female, by Imagine-Cocklebur Dragon Tattoo. Matt Pendergest, owner and handler.

2d-SOUTHERN SHADOWS FLY, F1714715, pointer female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Southern Shadows Story. Lance Servais, owner; Brian Peterson, handler.

3d-REBEL GAMBLER, F1717637, pointer male, by Miller's Blindsider-Rebel Belle. David & Angela Williams, owners; David Williams, handler.



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ALABAMA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Miller's Family Tradition Named Champion; Dominator's Wild Bill, Runner-up

By Lisa Littell | Union Springs, Alabama | December 1, 2025

The Alabama Open Shooting Dog Championship started on December 1, 2025, drawing an impressive collection of some of the best shooting dogs in the country. With championship expectations high, the grounds once again proved worthy of the title they host.

We appreciate Debbie Ozner and George Hickox for their time and consideration in judging. We thank them both for their professionalism, fairness, and dedication to the sport.

Miller's Family Tradition and Squire Lee claimed the title of Alabama Open Shooting Dog champion. Owned by Pat and Julie Roach, this stylish shooting dog delivered a performance that left no doubt as to his place in the winner's circle.

Miller's Family Tradition turned in a stellar ground race, displaying reach, balance, and intelligence from start to finish. His race was forward and purposeful, covering the course with confidence and ease. He backed that performance with two solid finds, handled with composure and authority, cementing his championship run. Scouted by Jamie Daniels, the dog required little assistance, making his own



Alabama Open Shooting Dog Championship (front row, l-r): Squire Lee, Tony Reynolds with Miller's Family Tradition, Lisa Littell, George Hickox, Jeff Gibbons, Jeff Arnold, Ben Stringer with Dominator's Wild Bill, Nathan Dawn, Gene Brown, and Hunter McDuffie. (Back row, l-r): Ban Stewart, Debbie Ozner, and Steve Hutto.

race and standing on his own merits throughout, the hallmark of a true champion.

Runner-up Champion honors went to Dominator's Wild Bill, handled by Jeff Arnold and owned by Jeff Arnold and Gene Brown. Wild Bill delivered a phenomenal ground race, marked by power, application, and consistency. He produced a notable find behind Raven's, adding bird work to an already impressive showing. His performance exemplified the quality and competitiveness of this championship stake.

We extend our sincere thanks to Becky and Tony Gibson for their continued generosity and

unwavering support of our field trials. Their dedication plays a vital role in preserving and promoting this sport we all care so deeply about.

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

Thank you as well to Ban and Allison Stewart and 5 Strings Catering for providing excellent meals throughout the trial, and to George Cole and Steve Hutto for cooking breakfast each morning. A special thank you to Steve Hutto for expertly handling the dog wagon and keeping everything running smoothly.

It is the collective effort of these individuals and supporters that ensures the continued success of our championships, and we are truly grateful for each and every one of them.

Union Springs, Ala., December 1
Judges: George Hickcock and Debbie Ozner
ALABAMA OPEN SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
- 43 Pointers and 2 Setters

Winner-MILLER'S FAMILY TRADITION, F1718205,
pointer male, by Miller's King Poast-Bryson's Dialing
On Line. Al Bryson, owner; Squire Lee, handler.
Runner-Up-DOMINATOR'S WILD BILL, F1695466,
pointer male, by Miller's Blindsider-Dominator's Red
Wine. Jeff Arnold & Gene Brown, owners; Jeff Arnold,
handler.

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MISSOURI BIRD HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

Tenacee Shelby Named NBHA National Amateur Invitational Champion

By Christian Ogle | Grovespring, Missouri | December 3, 2025

This year's Bob Catlett Open Shooting Dog Classic, hosted by the Missouri Bird Hunters Association, was held at the Sportsman's Association Grounds in Grovespring, Missouri, December 3-4. We had cool temperatures on the first day, with a wind chill of 18°. Our dedicated judges were Doug Watt from Iowa and James Ogle from Missouri. It was so nice when they were done to hear people comment on how they watched the dogs so well.

Our third-place finisher was Miller Creek's On The Horizon ("Reyna"), a German Shorthair female. She is owned and handled by Matt Miller of Wisconsin. Reyna was in the second brace on the first day.

Second place was T S Blindsides Ransom ("Cye"), owned and handled by Mark Dunlap of Oklahoma. Cye had five well-spaced finds and one UP. Cye hunted the edges well and found all the birds in the right places.

Our 2025 Bob Catlett winner was Kenny Snow's pointer male, Hey Mr. Tin Man. Tin Man ran in the first brace of Day Two. His bracemate was picked up early for an infraction. Tin Man had his first find in the back of the big field across from Andy's. The second find was a pair produced with him standing tall and proud in the field before the road crossing. At 34, he was standing by the big chute in Sycamore Bottoms. His fourth find at 42 was a single before entering the little vine loop. No. 5 would be under a cedar tree on the hill with scrub oaks; No. 6 would be a stop to flush. Tin Man put down a championship performance—race, solid bird work, and style. Congratulations, Mr. Snow.



NBHA National Amateur Invitational Championship (l-r): (Front row): Greg Isenberg with Tenacee Shelby and Matt Miller with Miller Creek's On The Horizon. (Standing): Rob Warner, Kevin Western, Jack Glover, Matthew Puckett. Judges: Tim Penn (judge), Doug Watt (judge), Randy Zimmer, Joe Zimmer, and Jim Ogle.

Grovespring, Mo., December 3 Judges: James Ogle and Doug Watt NBHA BOB CATLETT OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 18 Entries

1st-HEY MR. TIN MAN, F1680641, pointer male, by Crazy Train-My Lil Whiskey Girl. Kenny Snow, owner and handler.

2d-T S BLINDSIDES RANSOM, F1697449, pointer male, by Texas Cool-Wiggins Super Sin. Mark Dunlap, owner and handler.

3d-MILLER CREEK'S ON THE HORIZON, F1693677, German Shorthair female, by Greyrock's Mile Marker-Outbak's Purdy Slick. Matt Miller, owner and handler.

Larry Carpenter Amateur Derby and Puppy

Kevin Western, Joe Zimmer, Randy Zimmer, and Jack Glover are some of the hardest-working guys you will find. Thank you, gentlemen, for being away from your families to make this an enjoyable trial for all.

These classes, also hosted by the Missouri Bird Hunters Association, were held on Saturday with Doug Watt and Matthew Puckett judging the derbies. We had 13 entries fired up and ready to find birds. Our first-place dog, Red With No Receipts, a pointer male owned and handled by Joshua Pool, showed to have all the tools to be a winner. Joshua also took second with CCR's Captain Show Time, a very nice male pointer owned by Tim Thornton. Third place was Aaron (Travis) Patterson and

his young male pointer, Huber's Gut Buster.

Our puppy class was judged by Doug Watt and Tim Penn. We had six entries for this stake. Coming in first was Erin's Cisco of Timbercreek. This pointer male is owned by Chuck Leonard and handled by Aaron Patterson. Second was Chuck Maxson's tricolor setter, Live Wire. Finishing out the class was Huber's Gatling Girl. This little setter female is owned by Aaron Patterson and was handled by Megan Greathouse. With plenty of birds on the course, there was no shortage of action in this stake. Congrats to you all who participated and to the winners.

Judges: Matthew Puckett and Doug Watt NBHA LARRY CARPENTER AMATEUR DERBY CLASSIC – 7 Pointers and 6 Setters

1st-RED WITH NO RECEIPTS, F1711696, pointer male, by Texas Wild Rex-Hard Rock April Showers. Joshua Pool, owner and handler.

2d-CCR'S CAPTAIN SHOW TIME, F1719957, pointer male, by Wahoo's Black Rail-T D Sugar Show. Tim Thornton, owner; Joshua Pool, handler.

3d-HUBER'S GUT BUSTER, F1717651, pointer male, by I'm Gallant-Huber's Ice Queen. Aaron Patterson, owner and handler.

Judges: Tim Penn and Doug Watt
NBHA LARRY CARPENTER AMATEUR PUPPY
CLASSIC – 3 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st-ERIN'S CISCO OF TIMBERCREEK, F1724380, pointer male, by Erin's Grey Justice-Erin's Miss Daisy. Charles Leonard, owner; Aaron Patterson, handler.
2d-LIVE WIRE, F1721474, setter female, by LMD's Can't Touch This-Pretty Packaging. Chuck Maxson, owner and handler.

3d-HUBER'S GATLING GIRL, F1720922, setter female, by Boatrights Iron Eagle-Boatright's Texas Tornado. Aaron Patterson & Megan Greathouse, owners; Megan Greathouse, handler.

NBHA National Amateur
Invitational Championship

We started with 12 invited dogs for this championship, with our callback being run on Sunday morning.

The championship breakaway was at 8:01, misty and 40°. Both dogs were anticipating the breakaway. When the whistle blew, it was time for business. Both of these dogs were fun to watch. Speed and class were in no shortage. Miller Creek's On The Horizon ("Reyna") is a German Shorthair female owned and handled by Matt Miller from Wisconsin and scouted by Jack Glover. Bandit Hill Bess is a pointer female owned and handled by Klaus Schmidt of Kansas and scouted by Matthew Puckett. Bess would be first up with a find 300 yards to the front. The drive going to the cemetery would hold a single that flushed right over her head. Holding steady, all was good. At 8:16, Bess was standing again with Reyna backing. The walnut strip in Breakaway Bottoms would contain another single; both dogs stood solid.

Handlers gathered their dogs to reset. As they broke away, Bess would go to the right side near the briar thicket. She slammed point on the edge. She stood solid as Klaus

tried to flush in the thicket. Not being able to produce a bird, he went back to relocate Bess. One step in and a tap on the head, the bird flew from under her nose. Bess was picked up.

At 8:35, we crossed the road and found Reyna standing on the hill in a briar patch. Matt kicked up a single, all an order. Entering Sycamore Bottoms, Reyna went up the south hill into the timber. After a very lengthy flushing attempt, Matt had to continue on without producing a bird. Reyna's first up. At 8:49, she was pointing a small covey in the dry creek bed. At 8:54, she was pointing on the hill with some scrub oaks. Matt elected to collar her, believing there were no birds, and move on. Reyna ended the hour hunting hard to the front.

Our second brace was Jack Glover's female setter, Glover's Pepper Shaker. She was scouted by Matthew Puckett. Bracemate was Greg Isenberg's pointer female, Tenacee Shelby. She was scouted by Matt Miller. They were released from the Little Vine Road.

Thirteen minutes in, Shelby was pointing up the hill in the scrub oaks. Greg kicked up a single with all in order. Shelby's next find was in the dry creek bed, pointing one of the stragglers from the covey the brace before. At 17, Pepper was pointing on the edge of the CRP grass. Jack kicked up a single, and they moved on. At 9:41, Shelby was pointing in a small field in Sycamore Bottoms. As Greg got close, the birds flushed wildly. At 9:50, Pepper was picked up as a covey flushed wild, and she didn't stop. At 9:52,

Shelby was pointing where the covey flushed. Greg elected not to flush, believing all the birds were gone. After crossing the road at the 9:57 mark, Shelby was pointing along the Walnut strip. Greg kicked up a single. Shelby finished the hour to the front, hunting the edges.

A special thank you to Doug Watt from Iowa and Tim Penn from Missouri for judging.

Congratulations to this year's National Bird Hunters Association National Invitational Champion, Tenacee Shelby, owned and handled by Greg Isenberg.

And to our runner-up champion, Miller Creek's On The Horizon, owned and handled by Matt Miller.

In closing, please remember to always thank our judges and trial hosts. These people are giving their time to you and expect nothing in return. So, if you forget to pick up your trash or clean a dog pen, muck out your horse stall, these are the people that still have to make sure it's done before they go home.

Please support our sponsors when possible: Purina Pro Plan, Garmin, Gun Dog Supply, Gun Dog Central, OnX, and Mule Brand Clothing. Without the support of these fine organizations, we know we would all struggle. Please support them when you can. Thank you very much.

NBHA NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]- 12 Entries
Winner-TENACEE SHELBY, F1683044, pointer female, by Elhew Moneymaker-Cantor's Coco. Greg Isenberg, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-MILLER CREEK'S ON THE HORIZON, F1693677, German Shorthair female, by Greyrock's Mile Marker-Outbak's Purdy Slick. Matt Miller, owner and handler.



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SOUTH CAROLINA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Miller's Special Cinderella Named Champion; Harbor City Express, Runner-up

By Members of the ASCFTCs | Cheraw, South Carolina | December 4, 2025

The South Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship was conducted at the H. Cooper Black Memorial Field Trial Grounds in Cheraw, South Carolina, beginning on Thursday, December 4, 2025. The Championship drew a competitive field of 46 dogs, showcasing many strong performances. Despite persistent rain, cold temperatures, and challenging ground conditions, the South Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship was a success and a true testament to the quality of dogs, owners, handlers, and the dedication of everyone involved.

Several dogs demonstrated noteworthy efforts during this trial. From the second brace, Smoke Rise Hanna (Tony Bingham) showed bird work at 21 and 53 while finishing the hour with a nice race. In the third brace, Oliver's Fast Cash (Scott Miller) recorded a find at 28 and completed the hour after being out of sight early. The fourth brace saw Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk (Tony Bingham) post a find with successful relocation and later back its bracemate, finishing the hour. Miller's Lock and Loaded (Mike Tracy) had four stylish finds at 4, 18, 33, and 45. From the fifth brace, Erin's Envy (Mike Tracy) recorded two nice finds late in the hour and finished strong.

As running progressed, bird work remained plentiful despite the wet conditions. Trackers were seldom requested, and as the stake advanced, the judges had many dogs under consideration. From the sixth brace, Zero Tolerance (Scott Miller) produced multiple finds early with a good race. In the 10th brace, Trumped (Mike Tracy) handled the rain well, finishing the hour with three nice finds.

Saturday's running began with the 13th brace, which proved exciting to watch! B K Bonafide Stallion (Tony Bingham) delivered a solid hour



South Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Lane Hodges, Mike Tracy, Katie Courtney, Darcy Hodges, Bo Brewer with Miller's Special Cinderella, George Tracy, Mark Janiec, Jammie Miller, Tom Brigman Jr. with Harbor City Express, Paul Kelly, Kyle Boone, Mac Stidham, Scott Miller, and Drew Bastian.

with three finds and a back, while his bracemate Waybetter Rebel (Mike Tracy) showed consistency, backing bracemates and finishing strong to the front. The 15th brace featured Erin's Demolition Man (Scott Miller) and Faithful (Mike Tracy), both logging multiple stylish finds and demonstrating determination and reach, giving the judges more to compare in the race for champion and runner-up honors.

Later, braces continued to produce strong efforts. Smoke Rise Jake (Tony Bingham) and Bittersweet War Cry (Mike Tracy) both finished their hours with multiple finds and strong finishes at the top of the hill. Backcountry Jacob (Mike Tracy) and Hirollins Talkin Smack (Scott Miller) recorded extensive bird work and completed the hour.

Sunday morning was delayed due to heavy fog, but once running resumed, the action quickly returned. In the 21st brace, Cool Hand Luke (Mike Tracy) produced two finds and finished with a strong hilltop effort. His bracemate, Harbor City Express, owned and handled by amateur Tom Brigman Jr., put together a

powerful ground race with wide casts that repeatedly caught the judges' attention. He showed stylish finds at 19 and 32, a non-productive at 11, and sealed his runner-up position with a strong finish, maximizing the course to its fullest potential with a stylish find at 58.

One performance rose clearly to the top. From Friday's running, Miller's Special Cinderella, handled by George Tracy and owned by the Primm family, consistently displayed outstanding style, manners, and forward race throughout the course. She produced stylish finds at 33, 45, and 57, ran hard despite the rainy conditions, and finished strongly up the hill. Her overall performance left no doubt, and she was named champion.

Cheraw, S. C., December 4

Judges: Darcy Hodges and Lane Hodges
SOUTH CAROLINA OPEN SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]

— 42 Pointers and 4 Setters

Winner-MILLER'S SPECIAL CINDERELLA, F1696287, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. William & Muriel Primm, owners; George Tracy, handler.
Runner-Up-HARBOR CITY EXPRESS, F1695399, pointer male, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Mohawk Mill Zena. Tom Brigman Jr., owner and handler.

Open Derby

Following the conclusion of the Championship on Sunday evening, Derby stakes were run on Monday. A total of 16 Derby entries competed, and these young dogs showed promise and maturity under challenging conditions.

OPEN DERBY – 15 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-SUNSET CREEK UPTOWN GIRL, F1713966, pointer female, by Double Deuce Zeke-Braggabull. Mark Janiec, owner; George Tracy, handler.

2d-HIGHTAILING PEACH, F1714950, pointer female, by Cheyenne Jack-Hightailing Maggie. Kevin Joyce, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d-BULLY BUDD, F1712603, pointer male, by Bully Rock-Sandspur Belle. Ernie & Karen Saniga, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

The Association of South Carolina Field Trial Clubs extends sincere thanks to judges Lane Hodges and Darcy Hodges, who rode with outstanding attitudes throughout the trial. Their constant laughter and positive spirits never wavered despite the miserable weather and



Open Derby (l-r): Lane Hodges, Mark Janiec's friend, George Tracy, Mark Janiec with Sunset Creek Uptown Girl, Darcy Hodges, Katie Courtney, Bo Brewer with Hightailing Peach, Paul Kelly, Mike Tracy with Bully Budd, Scott Miller, and Mac Stidham.

were greatly appreciated by all involved.

We also gratefully acknowledge the support of sponsors, whose contributions were instrumental in the success of this Championship. Purina Pro Plan provided a generous amount of dog food for all who placed. Their Event Sponsorship Program through the AFTCA contributed financial support that allowed the club to purchase

quality trophies and judges' gifts. Kalmbach Feeds (Tribute Equine Nutrition) continued its commitment to field trialing in South Carolina for the second consecutive year by providing financial support for this event. Southern Pines Land & Timber generously sponsored meals throughout the Championship, ensuring that participants, judges, and volunteers were well cared for despite the challenging weather conditions.

Many thanks are also due to the ASCFTC committee for their hard work in planning and executing the event: Mac Stidham, President; Drew Bastian, Vice President; Gray Watson, Vice President; Paul Kelly, Treasurer; and Katie Courtney, Secretary. Honorable mention goes to Jadie Rayfield, whose assistance with many tasks was invaluable!

ALL-JAPAN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

39th Running

By Yoshiharu Akisada | Ibaraki Pref., Japan | December 14, 2025



39th All-Japan Open Shooting Dog Championship (kneeling, l-r): Flair Comanche Chee with Hiroko Sugai (owner/handler) and Mr. Yukichi with Nobumasa Takeishi (handler). (Standing): Mr. Kobayashi, Tatsuo Ishino (chairman), Kengi Shirasu (judge), Yoshiharu Akisada (judge), Mr. Sonoda, Mr. Takada, Mr. Tanno, Mr. Sekioka, Mr. Taguchi, Mr. Tanaka, and Mr. Kikuchi.

This event was held in horrible weather conditions; however, the winning dogs performed well. Unfortunately, the champion and runner-up placements were withheld, and the dogs placed first and second. Flair Comanche Chee, who placed first, is a renowned

dog with 10 championship titles. Her handler, Hiroko Sugai, is a hardworking and enthusiastic woman. Today, Flair Comanche Chee competed in Heat 2. After 25 minutes, she made her first find on the left cover, completing it with style and ease. Forty minutes later, she

also made another effort with ease, running forward and making third and fourth finds. However, poor weather prevented her from winning smoothly, and the flow of the competition changed, resulting in her falling short of the champion and coming in first place. Mr. Yukichi, second place, was last year's runner-up champion and is also a veteran dog, with professional trainer and handler Takeishi Nobumasa starting in Heat 1. He found the find after the first 30 minutes and completed it safely and in good style. He then handled it safely around the 40-minute mark and finished in the final race.

Ibaraki, Pref., Japan December 14

Judges: Yoshiharu Akisada and Kengi Shirasu
39TH ALL-JAPAN OPEN SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]

– 9 Pointers and 1 Setter

[Title Withheld]

1st-FLAIR COMANCHE CHEE, F1679635, pointer female, by Richfield Charlie-Yu's Wild Rega. Hiroko Sugai, owner and handler.

2d-MR. YUKICHI, F1681738, pointer male, by Heisei Blisters Rebel-Heisei Covey Up Ribbon. Kiyokazu Katada, owner; Nobumasa Takeishi, handler.

REGION 6 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Coldwater Paradise Named Champion; Bryant's Give It A Rip, Runner-up

By Kent Walker | Grand Junction, Tennessee | December 19, 2025

Twenty contenders came to the line to test their skills on the historic grounds of the Ames Plantation, located in Grand Junction, Tennessee, home of the National Championship. The trial was run December 19-20, 2025.

Winning this year's event was Coldwater Paradise, a 7-year-old veteran performer for owner Gary McKibben of Hernando, Mississippi. Runner-up laurels went to Kenton Bryant's young setter, Bryant's Give It A Rip. The winner was credited with five finds during her hour, with one unproductive stand coupled with a smooth, well-handled ground race. The runner-up had two finds along with one unproductive to go with a strong forward race.

During the event, there were a total of 35 coveys seen; 33 by the dogs and two others ridden up. The weather was favorable for the trial, with morning temperatures in the mid-30s reaching near 60 in the afternoon. The Ames Plantation has undergone some well-received changes in the off-season. The parking area at the Rhea building and horse barn has new gravel everywhere, creating additional parking, and it really looks good. Many road crossings have been cleaned up, and additional mowing has been done. There has also been one major course renovation on the third hour that vastly improved the flow. The Ames crew has definitely been busy. Judging this year's



Bryant's Give It A Rip, Runner-up in the Region 6 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship.

event were Mike Lemons and David Russell. Both gentlemen successfully campaigned their own dogs on both the amateur and pro circuits and gave each contestant their full attention. Their decisions were well received.

As always, there are many people



Coldwater Paradise, Winner of the Region 6 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship.

to thank for making a trial a success. Hats off to Lisa Little for all the great meals and for her role as secretary of Region 6. Mr. Ken Blackman drove the dog wagon, and Chris Weatherly marshaled. My thanks again to Matt Backus and the Ames Plantation for allowing us the opportunity to run, and to our ongoing and faithful sponsor, Sportsman's Pride Dog Food, for all they do for this trial and for others throughout Region 6.

**Grand Junction, Tenn., December 19
Judges: Mike Lemons and David Russell
REGION 6 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]**

– 14 Pointers and 6 Setters

Winner-COLDWATER PARADISE, F1684062, pointer female, by Coldwater Spectre-Coldwater Belle. Gary McKibben, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-BRYANT'S GIVE IT A RIP, F1701553, setter male, by Erin's Wild Atlantic Way-Cline's Live Oak. Kenton Bryant, owner and handler.

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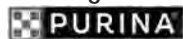
Field Trials

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February 7-8, 2026 • Puppy Derby Classic

Babcock Webb Wildlife Management Area, Punta Gorda, FL



Continuous courses with native Bobwhite quail. Trial to be run in accordance with "Guidelines to Field Trial Procedure and Judicial Practice." Negative Coggins required. **Drawing:** Friday, February 6, 8:00 p.m., in the clubhouse. Bring-your-own-meat cookout Saturday evening. Grounds will be open through February 10.

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) \$50.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) \$50.00
OPEN PUPPY (30 Min.) \$50.00
OPEN ALL-AGE (30 Min.) \$50.00

— No cash purse, prizes only —

Judges: Justin Muzyinski and John Castelli • **Chairpersons:** The Muzyinski Family
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FEBRUARY 14-15, 2026



Grounds: Jim Edgar Panther Creek, Chandlerville, IL. **Drawing:** Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Jeff Wagoner. Phone: (309) 657-2536.

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—40% divided 50-30-20 \$50.00

OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—40% divided 50-30-20 \$60.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Prizes \$50.00

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

— \$7.00 grounds and bird fees deducted from purses —

Judges: To be announced

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

Phone: (309) 657-2536 • **Email:** rollinghillskennel@yahoo.com

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FEBRUARY 19-22, 2026 • STARTS 8:00 A.M.



AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL

U.S. AMATEUR ALL-AGE DERBY INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL

Grounds: Pyramid State Park, Captain Unit, Cutler, IL. **Drawing:** Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Jim Lawless.

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.) \$40.00

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) \$80.00

The 2026 U.S. Amateur Derby Invitational Central Region Super Qualifier follows the Amateur All-Age.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour) \$80.00

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: JIM LAWLESS, 8760 County Line Rd., Sparta, IL 62286

Jim's Cell: (618) 317-7811 • **Kay's Cell:** (618) 443-8275

Email: lawlesskennels@yahoo.com



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 • STARTS 7:30 A.M.

— **U.S. COMPLETE POINTS TRIAL** —

Grounds: Sabine Hall Plantation, Sabine Hall Rd., Warsaw, VA.

Drawing: Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Jimmy Crandall, 383 Waverly Ave., Kilmarnock, VA 22482. **Lodging:** Quality Inn, Warsaw, VA—(804) 333-1700.

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

AMATEUR DERBY \$45.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG \$50.00

Judges: Katherine Shorter, Gloucester, VA, and one to be announced

Entries to: JIMMY CRANDALL—(804) 761-1517



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MARCH 7, 2026 • STARTS 7:30 A.M.

Grounds: Cohoke Shooting Preserve, 10004 Mt. Olive Cohoke Rd., King William, VA. **Drawing:** Thursday, March 5, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Kirk Regensburg—(804) 730-8433.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

*AMATEUR PUPPY \$25.00
AMATEUR DERBY \$45.00
WAVERLY COLEMAN AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG \$50.00

**Puppy stake run at the club's discretion and may be run on a separate course*

— All Continental Breeds welcome —



Judges: To be announced



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.



SHENANDOAH CLASSIC

YOUTH FIELD TRIAL

Saturday, March 14, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

Shenandoah Plantation

1193 Wildlife Trail, Union Springs, Alabama

[Lunch will be available]

ALABAMA & SBHA YOUTH HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS

For handlers 17 and younger • Continuous 20-Min. Braces

Dogs judged on Horseback Gun Dog standards.

Three placements plus Top Dog in Junior Division.

Drawing: Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 p.m., at 1081 Merrywood Dr., Pike Road, AL.

Entry fees have been graciously paid for by Chris Sellers, Selmer, TN.

Judges: Cecil Rester and Woody Watson

Entries to: DARRON HENDLEY—(334) 300-5836

-or- HUNTER McDUFFIE—(334) 207-3887

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DELAWARE VALLEY BIRD DOG CLUB

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Sunday, March 15, 2026 • Bernville, PA

Pennsylvania Woodcock Classic — Walking Trial



— A PURINA COVERDOG POINTS TRIAL —

Grounds: State Game Lands 280. Stakes run on multiple courses on native woodcock. **Entries close:** Sunday, March 8, 12:00 p.m.

Drawing: Thursday, March 12, 8:00 p.m., at 32 Crimson Dr., Norristown, PA 19401.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Ribbons & Plaques.. \$60.00

Judges: James Humes Sr., Norristown, PA,
and James Humes Jr., Norristown, PA

Entries to: JAMES HUMES JR., Founder & President

32 Crimson Dr., Norristown, PA 19401

Phone: (484) 550-2957 • Email: jphjr1215@gmail.com

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

Grounds: Palmetto Quail Club, 364 E. Shirley Rd., Pamplico, SC 29583. **Drawing:** Monday, February 2, 6:00 p.m., at the Palmetto Quail Club.

— HORSEBACK TRIAL —

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—Awards...\$100.00

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

**Time permitting*

Judges: Jadie Rayfield, Mt. Pleasant, SC,
and Carl Owens, Awendaw, SC

Entries to: RODNEY POSTON

Phone: (843) 319-4814

Email: Rposton1023@gmail.com

DELAWARE VALLEY BIRD DOG CLUB

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Sunday, March 22, 2026 • Coolbaugh, PA

Greater Northeast Woodcock Classic — Walking Trial



— A PURINA COVERDOG POINTS TRIAL —

Grounds: State Game Lands 127. Stakes run on multiple courses on native woodcock and ruffed grouse. **Entries close:** Sunday, March 15, 12:00 p.m. **Drawing:** Thursday, March 19, 8:00 p.m., at 32 Crimson Dr., Norristown, PA 19401.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Ribbons & Plaques.. \$60.00

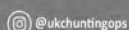
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AG PRESERVE CLASSIC



February 17, 2026, to Conclusion

Hosted by AG Preserve Field Trial Club

Member SBHA

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

Grounds: Located at 191 Still Rd., Glenwood, GA 30428. From I-16, take Exit 54 (off Hwy. 19) 27 miles to the intersection of 280 and turn right; AG Preserve is two miles on the left.
Drawing: Monday, February 16, 8:00 p.m. (EST), on the grounds.

*OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)..... \$ 50.00
*OPEN RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)..... \$ 75.00
*OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour)..... \$200.00
*Purse: 50%, divided 50-30-20 • \$10/dog Grounds Fee

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: PAYTON GUNBY • Phone: (404) 392-3511



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Under the auspices of American Red Setter Field Trial Club

FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2026

Open to all FDSB/UKC Pointing Breeds

— A U.S. COMPLETE POINTS TRIAL —



Grounds: Run on H3 Farms, thanks to the generosity of the Steve Howard Family, 2517 Register Sutton Rd., Rose Hill, NC 28458. (Google Maps: 34.823312454137344, -78.2911064399825). Run on native and planted quail. **Drawing:** Wednesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the Trial Chair, 1405 Old U.S. 701, Ingold (Clinton), NC.

OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Awards..... \$25.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Awards..... \$35.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20 \$50.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Awards..... \$35.00

JOE ALLEN EDWARDS AMATEUR

SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour)—Awards \$75.00

Judges: Mike Harryman, David Huffine, Andy Weik,
Daniel Bell, Sean Melvin, Nick Mellon

Entries to: ALLEN FAZENBAKER, Trial Chair

Phone: (440) 969 0273

Please have your AFTCA Member Number available when entering Amateur dogs.
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Trial chair may change the order of stakes to accommodate judges or weather conditions.
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MID-STATE BIRD DOG CLUB

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FEBRUARY 21-22, 2026

JIM EDGAR PANTHER CREEK, CHANDLERVILLE, IL

— This is a rescheduled date from the postponed Fall trial —

Drawing: Wednesday, February 18, 8:00 p.m., at the home of the secretary.
*OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20..... \$50.00
*OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20..... \$60.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Prizes..... \$50.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Prizes..... \$50.00

*\$5 deducted from purse for grounds fees

Judges: To be announced



FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 2026

JIM EDGAR PANTHER CREEK, CHANDLERVILLE, IL

— Run in conjunction with the Region 5 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Championship, which takes precedence. —

Drawing: Wednesday, February 25, 8:00 p.m., at the home of the secretary.
*OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20..... \$50.00
*OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20..... \$60.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Prizes..... \$50.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Prizes..... \$50.00

*\$5 deducted from purse for grounds fees

Judges: To be announced

All entries to: JEFF WAGONER

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ILLINOIS AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

Hosted by Mid-State Bird Dog Club

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DERBY STARTS FRIDAY, MARCH 6*, 2026

JIM EDGAR PANTHER CREEK, CHANDLERVILLE, IL

**Depending on weather and entries*

PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS TRIAL

AFTCA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG POINTS TRIAL • FTCL DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL



MAX ELDRED OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) \$ 75.00
Purse: 50% divided 50-30-20 and Purina Pro Plan to the winners.

Following the Max Eldred Memorial Open Derby:

ILLINOIS AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour)..... \$125.00

Multiple Courses • AFTCA Membership required

Prizes: Ribbons and Purina Pro Plan to the winners.

Judges: Dave Capstick, Jonesboro, MO, and Jack Alexander, Vienna, OH

Chairman: Jeff Wagoner • **Marshals:** Mark Johnson and Aaron McAfee

Drawing: Monday, March 2, 6:00 p.m., at the trial chairman's home.

Hotel: River Bank Lodge, Petersburg, IL—(217) 632-0202. Ask for field trial rate.

For information and entries, contact:

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

Cell: (309) 657-2536 • Email: rollinghillskennel@yahoo.com

GPS Coordinates: 39.95769, -90.06964

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ABHA MIDWEST OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by West Kentucky Field Trial Club

Member AFTCA, ABHA & KFTA



February 3-5, 2026 (Depending on entries)

West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area, Kevil, KY

GPS Address: 10535 Ogden Landing Road, Kevil, KY.

Drawing: Saturday, January 31, 6:00 p.m. (CST), at the home of Mary Sue Schalk.

***WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (One-Hour).....\$150.00**

***DERBY STAKE (30 Min.)—If entries warrant\$ 75.00**

***Payout: 50-30-20 after dog taxes**

Judges: Buddy Morrison, McMinnville, TN, and Scott Kermicle, Dawson Springs, KY

Entries to: MARY SUE SCHALK • Text or call: (270)625-0196

[**Note:** The Region 4 Amateur All-Age Championship will follow this event at the West Kentucky WMA, Kevil, KY.]



NBHA WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

February 5-6, 2026 (depending on entries) • A Region 7 Points Trial

Hosted by Valley View Field Trial Association

Grounds: Valley View Field Trial Association Grounds at LBJ Grasslands, located 14 miles from Decatur, TX. The main gate to the camp and trial grounds are on CR 2777 near the intersection of CR2675 and CR2777. The VVFTA pavilion is on CR2777 (blacktop road). There is a vehicle/family usage fee and is not included in your entry fee (\$10/day). **Hotels (in Decatur):** Hampton Inn, LaQuinta Inn, Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites, and Holiday Inn Express. Campsites are available and are primitive (no power). There is a windmill with water for horses; horses can be staked out. Please take your trash back out with you (no dumpster on site). Lunches served on grounds daily for \$10.

Drawing: Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m., at Ken Sauer's home. Dogs' registered names, FDSB numbers, and AFTCA membership number required at entry. **Courses:** We have two units to run on and may elect to utilize both units. They do connect as continuous one-hour courses. They will be used as overflow courses and not run continuously. Both courses have been manicured thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Park Cities Quail Coalition (PCQC). **Qualifications (NBHA Western Regional Championship):** A recognized placement in an American Field Open Shooting Dog or Derby stake. **Events:** Some companion events may not be held due to time and number of entries and is at the discretion of the hosting club. The Championship is the main event and supporting NBHA companion stakes.

(Thurs., Feb. 5) NBHA WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP—Purse: 50% of entries divided 70-30..... \$185.00

— Custom Buckles by Champions Choice to champion and runner-up —

NBHA OPEN WALKING DERBY—Depending on time and entries; Prizes \$ 50.00

NBHA OPEN WALKING PUPPY—Depending on time and entries; Prizes \$ 45.00

Judges: Dr. Chris Cornman, Georgetown, TX, and Jason Super, Keller, TX

Contact: KEN SAUER • Phone: (281) 960-2508 • Email: kfsauer@sbcglobal.net

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

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February 6*-8, 2026 • Kevil, KY • Starts 7:30 a.m. (CST)



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

Starting date will depend on number of entries.* **Grounds: West Kentucky WMA, 10535 Ogden Landing Rd., Kevil, KY. **Drawing:** Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m. (CST). **Awards:** Champion and Runner-up Champion will receive a trophy and Purina dog food compliments of our sponsor, Purina and Greg Blair. **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**
AMATEUR DERBY **Entry Fee: \$ 50.00**

Judges: Brett Towery, Murray, KY, and Donnie Duckworth, Morganfield, KY

Entries to: MARY SUE SCHALK • Call/Text: (270) 625-0196

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REGION 7 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



**February 7*-8, 2026 • A Region 7 Points Trial
Hosted by Valley View Field Trial Association**



**Start date depending on entries and after the conclusion of the NBHA Western Regional Championship and companion stakes.*

Grounds: Valley View Field Trial Association Grounds at LBJ Grasslands, located 14 miles from Decatur, TX. The main gate to the camp and trial grounds are on CR 2777 near the intersection of CR2675 and CR2777. The VVFTA pavilion is on CR2777 (blacktop road). There is a vehicle/family usage fee and is not included in your entry fee (\$10/day). **Hotels (in Decatur):** Hampton Inn, LaQuinta Inn, Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites, and Holiday Inn Express. Campsites are available and are primitive (no power). There is a windmill with water for horses; horses can be staked out. Please take your trash back out with you (no dumpster on site). Lunches served on grounds daily for \$10. **Drawing:** Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m., at Ken Sauer's home. Dogs' registered names, FDSB numbers, and AFTCA membership number required at entry. **Courses:** We have two units to run on and may elect to utilize both units. They do connect as continuous one-hour courses. They will be used as overflow courses and not run continuously. Both courses have been manicured thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Park Cities Quail Coalition (PCQC). **Qualifications:** A recognized placement in an AFTCA or American Field Amateur Shooting Dog or Derby stake plus an AFTCA membership number.

REGION 7 WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP **\$185.00**
— **Custom Buckles by Champions Choice to champion and runner-up —**

Judges: Dr. Chris Cornman, Georgetown, TX, and Jason Super, Keller, TX

Contact: KEN SAUER • Phone: (281) 960-2508 • Email: kfsauer@sbcglobal.net

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NBHA NATIONAL INVITATIONAL BREEDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by: NBHA Futurity

Member NBHA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



Wednesday, February 11, 2026* • Grovespring, MO • Breakaway 8:00 A.M.
One-Hour • Entry Fee: \$200.00 (includes \$30 grounds fee)

*If entries warrant, will start Tuesday, February 10

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: Mike Poehler, Strafford, MO, and Doug Meyer, Tonganoxie, KS

Grounds: Located at 10321 Parks Creek Rd., Grovespring, MO 65662 (Clubhouse is one mile north). **Early Drawing:** Monday, February 2, 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 2024—Spring 2025; 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. **Social:** A Handlers' Dinner and fundraiser will be held Friday night, 7:30 p.m.

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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40TH ANNUAL NBHA FUTURITY & JERRY D. KILGORE PUPPY CLASSIC



Starts immediately following the NBHA Breeders' Invitational* • Grovespring, MO

*Possible start date, Friday, February 13

Grounds: Located at 10321 Parks Creek Rd., Grovespring, MO 65662 (Clubhouse is one mile north). **Early Drawing:** Monday, February 2, 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.

40th ANNUAL NBHA FUTURITY (30 Min. Qualifier; One-Hour Final).....\$150.00**

(Sat.) JERRY D. KILGORE PUPPY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Immediately following the Futurity\$ 90.00**

**Grounds fees included in entry

Judges: Futurity—Mark Livingston, Central City, IA, and Bob Burchett, Grovespring, MO;

Classic—Tim Penn, Edina, MO, and Jacob Starnes, Derby, KS.

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 13.

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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SBHA NATIONAL OPEN HORSEBACK SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

Member SBHA & Alabama Field Trial Association

Eukanuba
Sporting Dog



Starts February 10, 2026* • SBHA Points Trial
Tony & Becky Gibson's Conecuh Station, Union Springs, AL

(*Or 24 hours after completion of National Open Shooting Dog Championship)

A Qualifying Trial for the National Open Shooting Dog Championship

— \$10,000 GUARANTEED PURSE —

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour) \$275.00

1st Place: \$6,000; 2nd Place: \$2,500; 3rd Place: \$1,500 • Trophies to 3 placements

Directions to Grounds: Take Hwy. 29 South from Union Springs, AL. Travel approximately 8 miles, turn right on South Gate Rd., just mile marker 136. Look for Conecuh Station field trial sign. **Drawing:** Wednesday, February 4, 8:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Marty Robinson. **Accommodations:** Master Rack Lodge—(334) 474-3600; ask for field trial rates. Barn, lots, and camper set-up available at field trial site with handlers and owners having priority. **Meals:** Provided daily. **Qualification:** Placement in a recognized Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby stake. **Special Note:** Shotguns with blank ammo only. No pistols.

Judges: Doug Hinton, Dacula, GA, and Dennis Beauford, Troy, SC

Contact: MARTY ROBINSON • Phone: (770) 862-6568

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REGION 17 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

February 13*, 2026 to Conclusion • Starts 8:00 a.m. each day
Hosted by Kansas Red Setter Club

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

***If entries warrant, Championship may start February 14.**



**A PURINA TOP AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD, NATIONAL AMATEUR,
AND U.S. DERBY INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL**

Grounds: NE Kansas Field Trial Grounds, near Onaga, KS, at intersection of Lincoln and Fairview Roads, located 2 miles south and 2 miles west of intersection of 63 and 16 Hwys., as Hwy. 16 goes to Holton. Continuous courses on native and liberated quail, pheasant and prairie chicken. Lunch will be available on the grounds. **Drawing:** Monday, February 9, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Diane Shoemaker.

REGION 17 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—National Amateur Points Entry Fee: \$150.00

To be run prior to the Championship:

DERBY STAKE (30 Min.)—U.S. Derby Invitational Points Entry Fee: \$ 75.00

Judges: Kevin White, Choctaw, OK, and Jason Super, Fort Worth, TX

JAY LEWIS, Trial Chairman—(573) 489-4373

Entries to: DIANE SHOEMAKER, Region 17 Secretary • Phone: (816) 309-4773

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

U.S. COMPLETE SHOOTING DOG ASSOCIATION



U.S. COMPLETE SHOOTING DOG ASSOCIATION OPEN INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Dogs listed are the Top Qualifiers, not necessarily the final entry.*

Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk

Gary & Ellen Winall, Owners
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Smoke Rise Jake

Fred Rose, Owner
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Carlos Escalante, Owner
Mark Hughes, Handler

Hirollins Gone and Doneit

Warren Parrott, Owner & Handler

Mohawk Mill Shake Up

Cliff Monroe, Owner & Handler

Sweet Grass Skeeter

David Huffine, Owner & Handler

February 17-19, 2026
Starts 8:00 A.M. each day
Mid-Carolina Field Trial Grounds,
Camden, SC

Drawing: Monday, February 16, 6:30 p.m.,
at the grounds clubhouse.

Judges: Ronnie Rogers, New Market, TN,
and Phil Morgan, Newport, TN

Stake Manager: Cliff Monroe, Mooresboro, NC

Inquiries to: JAMESON CRANDALL, Secretary

Phone: (804) 577-3788

Email: jameson.crandall@gmail.com

Double Deuce Zeke

Doug McMillen, Owner
Mark Hughes, Handler

Super Storm Cliff

Mike Rosano, Owner
Adam Dubriske, Handler

Buck of Piney Woods

Richard Warters, Owner
Robert Ecker, Handler

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John Stogitis, Handler

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Justin Mason, Owner
Mark Hughes, Handler



REGION 3 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

February 20-21, 2026

Sabine Hall Plantation, Sabine Hall Rd., Warsaw, VA



Entry Fee: \$150.00

Judges: Grace Ann Lawson, Powhatan, VA, and Johnny Lewis, Quinton Oaks, VA

Drawing: Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. **Qualifications:** Entries must have an Amateur Derby or Amateur Shooting Dog AFTCA Win Certificate. Handlers must have an AFTCA number. **Lodging:** Quality Inn, Warsaw, VA—(804) 333-1700.

Entries to: JAMESON CRANDALL • Phone: (804) 577-3788



NBHA NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by the NBHA National Committee & West Tennessee Field Trial Club

February 24, 2026 (pending on entries) • **Entry Fee: \$195.00**

West Tennessee Field Trial Grounds, Dancyville, TN

\$1000 added to this year's overall purse!

Top Dog in First Round receives an ADDITIONAL \$500!

(\$300 to Handler and \$200 to Owner)



Payout, Trophies, Pro Plan Dog Food, Garmin products, Mule Brand Gear, and onX Hunt gift certificates.

Qualification: Placement in an American Field recognized Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake.

NATIONAL OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Payout & Trophies.....\$90.00

NATIONAL OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Run at club's discretion; Payout & Trophies\$65.00

Championship has both a first and second series to name a Champion and Runner-up. Derby and Puppy are single series.

Championship Judges: Mike Lemons, Conway, AR, and David Russell, Como, MS

Grounds: Currie Farms, Miller Rd. and Blalock Dr., Dancyville, TN 38068. Negative Coggins test required for all horses.

Accommodations: Comfort Inn—(731) 734-2676; Days Inn—(731) 439-8611; or Econo Lodge—(731) 772-4082. All located at I-40 and Hwy. 76, Exit 56. **Drawing:** Saturday, February 21, 6:00 p.m. (CST), at the home of Greg Blair.

Contact: GREG BLAIR—(262) 939-2775 • Email: glblair5@gmail.com

Entries accepted with the understanding that NBHA, their officers, directors, members, and the landowner(s) are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents or occurrences involving anyone attending the trial, their animals or equipment. No motorized vehicles.

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REGION 5 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

— Run in conjunction with the Mid-State Bird Dog Club weekend horseback trial. —

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



February 27-March 1, 2026 • Starts 8:00 A.M.

Jim Edgar Panther Creek, Chandlerville, IL

Entry Fee: \$125.00

Judges: Lori Rezzardi, Iuka, IL, and Zach Hilton, Effingham, IL

Scouting to look for a dog on point with permission from the judges.

No harassment of the judges or officials will be tolerated!

Public Drawing: Wednesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the chairman. AFTCA Win Certificate number required for dog and handler. **Lodging:** Riverbank Lodge, Petersburg, IL—(217) 632-0202.

Entries to: KAY MORRISON, Trial Chairman, 8760 County Line Rd., Sparta, IL 62286

Phone: (618) 443-8275 or (618) 317-7811 • Email: lawlesskennels@yahoo.com

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.

Midsouth Amateur Field Trial Association Hosts
**CARROLL COUNTY
FIELD TRIAL CLUB**

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

Starts Saturday, February 21, 2026, 8:00 a.m. • Huntingdon, TN



Grounds: Located at 1431 Smyrna Rd., Huntingdon, TN. **Drawing:** Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m., at 4133 Chamberlin Oaks, Hernando, MS. **Reservations (recommended):** Heritage Inn, Hwy. 22, Huntingdon, TN—(731) 986-2281.

LYNN TAYLOR OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC (1 Hour)—60%, 50-30-20\$250.00**
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**

PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR & PURINA DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL
****\$20 per dog for National Championship not included**

OPEN DERBY (30 Minutes)—60%, 50-30-20.....\$150.00
DERBY INVITATIONAL & PURINA DERBY OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL

Judges: Tim Hammons and Jim Pendergest

Entries to: DAVID E. WILLIAMS • Cell: (901) 871-9430

-or- GARY McKIBBEN • Cell: (901) 268-4568

4133 Chamberlin Oaks, Hernando, MS 38632

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**REGION 15 (AFTCA)
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP**

March 1, 2026 • Bando Field, Ibaraki Pref.
Entry Fee: 15,000 Yen • One Hour • One Course



— A PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS TRIAL —

Drawing: Saturday, February 28, 4:00 p.m.,
at Hotel Green Koa Bando. Phone: 0297-36-4400.

Judges: Hideaki Aoki and Yoshiharu Akisada

Reporter: Yoshiharu Akisada

Grounds Committee: Chestnut Bird Dog Club Members

Entries to: NORIO YAMAZAKI, Secretary • Phone/Fax: 03-3929-2963

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

ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP—Starts Sunday, March 1, 2026 Entry Fee \$300.00*

*Must have a placement in either a recognized Open All-Age or Open Derby stake • *\$20/dog tax not included in entry fee*

A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING TRIAL

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

Judges: Joe Hughes, Moulton, AL, and Jeff Gibbons, Deatsville, AL

Reporter: Claudia McNamee, Chattahoochee Hills, GA

Pre-Draw: Friday, 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

The club, its officers and landowners disclaim all responsibility for loss, accident or injury to visitors, participants, their animals and equipment. Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

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



Carolina Celebration

Hosted by Lowcountry Bird Dog Association and Clarendon Farms

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



Eukanuba
Sporting Dog



Starting Saturday, March 7, 2026

Clarendon Farms at Yadkin Ridge, 1339 Miller Creek Rd., Allendale, SC



A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD

& PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS TRIAL

A QUALIFIER FOR THE NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Courses: Six, one-hour courses. **Drawing:** Monday, March 2, 6:00 p.m., at Clarendon Farms, Beaufort, SC.

Entries must be in by noon, March 2. 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: Cameron Schultz, Kingsville, TX, and Chris Cornman, Georgetown, TX • **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.

MIDWEST SHOOTING DOG FIELD TRIAL CLUB ASSOCIATION'S MIDWEST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns only!



MARCH 10, 2026*
TO CONCLUSION



WESTFALL BROTHERS RANCH
ELK CITY, KS

**Will not start before March 10. Directions:* From Independence, Kansas, go West on 160 for 18 miles to road 1300, then North ¾ mile to Road 5800, then West 1 mile. From Longton, Kansas, go East on 160 to Blackjack Road, then 1 mile.
Drawing: Friday, March 6, 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 \$130.00

Entry fee includes \$20.00 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.

MIDWEST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—Continuous courses \$260.00

— A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS STAKE —

Entry fee includes \$30.00 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: Scott Thielen, Council Bluffs, IA, and Ken Chenoweth, Fair Grove, MO • **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.

NBHA CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Bluegrass Walking Shooting Dog Club

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

March 12-15, 2026 (pending entries) • Miller Welch WMA, Berea, KY



Drawing: Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. (CST).

CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—50% after dog tax, 60-40 Entry Fee: \$180.00

DERBY (30 Min. or Course)—50% after dog tax, 50-30-20..... Entry Fee: \$ 60.00

PUPPY (20 Min. or Course)—Awards Entry Fee: \$ 45.00

Judges: Tim Hammons, Berea, KY, and Art Terstage, Shelbyville, KY

Entries to: MARY SUE SCHALK • Call/Text: (270) 625-0196

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



NGSPA REGION 16 CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Starts following the Southern Open Brittany Regional
Championship, but not before February 1, 2026**

Showtime Plantation, Bronwood, GA

**A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR
& AFTCA AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL**



AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP \$210.00

Trophies to Champion and Runner-up

Judges: Stan Williamson, Lewistown, MO, and Ken Chenoweth, Fair Grove, MO

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP \$210.00

Purse: \$500 to Champion and \$250.00 to Runner-up • **Trophies** • 24-dog minimum

Judges: Stan Williamson, Lewistown, MO, and Colt Copeland, Bronwood, GA

OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP..... \$210.00

Purse: \$500 to Champion and \$250.00 to Runner-up • **Trophies** • 16-dog minimum

Judges: Ken Chenoweth, Fair Grove, MO, and Colt Copeland, Bronwood, GA

DERBY—To be run as time permits..... \$100.00

Trophies

Judges: To be announced

**Please mail entries to: DIANE COPPENS, Field Trial Secretary
2208 Motel Road, Highland, Illinois 62249**

Phone: (618) 604-4377 • Email: rakersd14@gmail.com

— All entries due by 6:00 p.m., Sunday, January 25 • All email entries will be confirmed —

Entries must include *FDSB* and DNA numbers. Open to German Shorthaired Pointers only.

Drawing(s): *Amateur Shooting Dog*—Wednesday, January 28, 4:00 p.m., at 2208 Motel Rd., Highland, IL;

All other drawings will be held at the grounds. Entry fees must be paid before dog enters the starting line of each stake.

Check-in to grounds Saturday, January 31 after 12:00 p.m. Three one-hour courses.

No electricity. We will have access to clubhouse. Most lunches will be provided.

— Thank you to our sponsors, Purina and SportDOG —

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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 14, 2026

Drawing: February 13, 5:30 p.m., at the Camp Robinson Wildlife Management Area clubhouse, Conway, AR.

Activities

Friday: Dinner, Drawing & Calcutta (5:30 p.m.)

Saturday: Dinner (5:30 p.m.)

Sunday: Dinner (5:30 p.m.)—hosted by Doug Swingley, owner of the 2025 Invitational winner, Thunder's Wild Agin.

Invitational Entry Fee: \$300

Judges

Gary Hill, Hext, OK

Kevin White, Oklahoma City, OK

Reporter

Joyce Taylor, Paron, AR

Purina Top Shooting Dog Award Points

400 Bonus Points

Purina Top Handler of the Year Award Points

Confirmed Participants

Thunder's Wild Agin

Owner: Doug Swingley

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

Hale's Smooth Touch

Owner: Dr. Jeffrey Hale

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

A Buccaneer

Owner: Jett Ferebee

Handler: Doug Ray

CS Dirty Harry

Owners: Tony & Becky Gibson

Handler: Steve Hurdle

LMD's Can't Touch This

Owner: Donna Markey

Handler: Virgil Moore

Big Man On Campus

Owners: David Sylvester and Shannon Smith

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

Late Hit

Owner: Christopher Campbell

Handler: Tom Shenker

Topp's First J R

Owner: Luke Topp

Handler: Harold Gearhart

Lester's Another Shockwave

Owners: Tom Jackson, Jerry Moisson, Lance Schulz, Bjorn Peterson, and Todd Mann

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

RT Big Iron

Owners: Jim Mills, Steve Lightle, and Natalie McDonald

Handler: Allen Vincent

Melrose Big John

Owner: Daphne Wood

Handler: Terry Chastain Jr.

Touch's Steely Dan

Owner: John Van Horn

Handler: Virgil Moore



2025 Invitational winner Thunder's Wild Agin with handler Shawn Kinkelaar, scout Matt Basilone, and owner Doug Swingley.

Invitational Sponsors

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The Invitational participants have been selected on the basis of the Purina Top Shooting Dog Award for 2024/25. 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.

Find us on  US Shooting Dog Invitational Championship
www.usshootingdog.com



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AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA PRESENTS THE
105th Running of the

NATIONAL AMATEUR QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

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



**Immediately following the Southeastern Quail
Championship, but not before March 4, 2026
Chickasaw Plantation, Dawson, GA**

90–Minute Heats • Entry Fee: \$250.00

A PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD POINTS TRIAL

Judges: Jeff Gibbons, Deatsville, AL, and Chris Peek, Albany, GA

Reporter: William Smith, Moscow, TN

Directions to Grounds: 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). **Qualifications:** A dog shall have won a place, under an amateur handler in a stake held by an active member club of this corporation and hold a winner's certificate for the placement. According to The AMERICAN FIELD/UKC, no dog or handlers suspended by The AMERICAN FIELD/UKC 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):** Saturday, February 28, 6:00 p.m. (CST). **Drawing (both events):** Sunday, March 1, 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.

— *immediately followed by the* —

NATIONAL AMATEUR DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP

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

One–Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$175.00

— **Invitational Points Trial** —

Judges: Squire Lee, Union Springs, AL, and Harrison Lee, Union Springs, AL

Reporter: William Smith, Moscow, TN

GARMIN collars to the Winners and Runners-Up. | *Bruce Fox* 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.]

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



Starting Monday, March 16, 2026
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 14, 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. Lunches available at clubhouse. Horse corrals and stalls for handlers (first come, first served).

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 2027 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)

QUALIFYING STAKE FOR THE 2027 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualification for Championship: Open Derby, Open All-Age, or Championship placement.

Judges: *Open All-Age & Open Derby*—Justin Hess, Exira, IA, and Eddy Smith, Fruitvale, TX;
Missouri Open Championship—William Smith, Moscow, TN, and Rich Barber, Reynolds, IL.

Reporter: Bonnie Hidalgo

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

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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February 17, 2026 / Conway, AR
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