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# UKC TEAM IN THE FIELD

— An update from Domenick Muoio



# Happy New Year 2025

Happy New Year to our American Field family. As we ring in the new year, I am always reminded of the history of this great sport. This year will be the 151st anniversary. A sport and organization that has stood for over a century and a half is such an incredible accomplishment. It is, however, not an accomplishment for the governing body so much as it is an accomplishment for you, all the participants. You have kept this sport alive almost exclusively through tradition and precedence. The participation goes far beyond just those handling dogs at trials or the owners who pay to have their dogs entered. The title of American Field participant extends to the land owners, who graciously open up their gates to the trial community, the scouts who put in the saddle time for those dogs, the gallery riders who might just be pleasure riding without a dog in competition but go back home and recount the amazing talent of our dogs, and of course, the judges who donate their time to ride for each one of those dogs entered.

Each year is an opportunity to write a new chapter in American Field history and it wouldn't be possible without you all. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Hall of Fame induction in Grand Junction. Until then, I would like to issue my annual reminder to check your subscription status and renew if need be. Safe travels, good luck, and Happy New Year!

— *Domenick Muoio*  
Field Trial & Hunt Test Program Manager

# National Champion



## TOUCH'S GALLATIN FIRE

Alex Rickert, Owner | Mark McLean, Handler | Keith A. Wright, Breeder  
[Photo by Chris Mathan]

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## STYLISH CADILLAC JACK

#F1709701 • Sire: Haney's All In • Dam: Haney's Two Dozen Roses  
Tom Curtsinger, Owner

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

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

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

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

**Qualifications:** Details of the qualification requirements for the 2025 National Championship can be found in the NFTCA, Inc. Facebook post from October 8, 2024, and in the May 2024 issue of UKC® Field, page 4.

## NOMINATIONS FOR DOGS NOW ELIGIBLE CLOSE FEBRUARY 1, 2025

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

**ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE DOG COMPETES!**

**Drawing will take place on Saturday evening, February 8, 2025, at Bryan Hall on Ames Plantation at 7:00 P.M. The drawing will be held on Facebook “LIVE” and open to the public.**

The 31st 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.

**Reporter:** Tessa Hughes, Moulton, AL

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

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• **GARMIN INTERNATIONAL**, 1200 E. 151st St., Olathe, KS 66062—(913) 397-8200—(www.garmin.com)—will provide 3 Garmin Astro 430 Receivers & T 20 Collars; one unit each to the winning owner, handler and scout of the 2025 National Championship, as well as providing 4 Garmin Units for use during the competition by the handlers and officials. Garmin will also provide a Tri-Tronics Pro550 Remote Trainer and a Bark Limiter Deluxe to the winning handler.

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• **SportDOG Brand & Gun Dog Supply**, 17645 U. S. Hwy. 82, Mathiston, MS 39752—(800) 624-6378 or (662) 615-5520—(www.gundogsupply.com)—will provide a SportDOG Brand SD-1825 Sport Hunter to the handler of the 2025 National Champion and four \$25.00 gift certificates to be awarded in a drawing to handlers attending the trial.

• **The Saddle Guy**, 21110 Hwy. 59 South, Robertsdale, AL 36567—(334) 414-4228—(www.thesaddleguy.com)—will provide a Trooper Field Trial Saddle to the winning scout of the 2025 National Champion.

• **Tennessee Tractor LLC**, 11495 US-64, Somerville, TN 38068—(901) 465-9811—(www.tennesseetractor.com)—will furnish the use of two John Deere Gators for the trial. Come visit us for all your large AG and Small Compact Tractor needs!

• **John and Susan Ivester**, Charlotte, NC, owners of 2000 National Champion Marques Gold Rush, will provide owners, handlers and officials of the 126th Running, a commemorative hat pin, a one and only original designed by the late Barry Saunders.

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• **Mid-South Farmers Co-Op**, Bolivar, TN, is donating 4,000 lbs. of 11% Protein Horse Feed (327) to be used by officials involved with the trial for their horses. Compliments of Maylon Price.

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

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

**PURINA, Garmin and others**, will sponsor a National Field Trial Championship dinner & kickoff party at the National Bird Dog Museum on Monday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m.

“Everyone Invited” Brunswick Stew at Bryan Hall immediately following the afternoon brace, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Date to be determined).

**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** may assist with refreshments in the Rhea Clubhouse each day.

Lunches will be provided daily in Bryan Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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# NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE & NGSPA REGION 8 CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Back-To-Back Championships At Richardson Ranch*

By Keith Richardson | Cheyenne, Wyoming | September 13, 2024



*NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Open Shooting Dog Championship. Dan DiMambro, Terry Zygalski, Petter Coppens, Bobbi Richardson, Rich Robertson Jr., Colin Kennedy, Keith Richardson, April DiMambro with Slaterock's Mountain Heart, Radley Haberkorn, Reston Haberkorn, and Ray Larrondo with P W That Was Then This Is Now.*

The 23rd running of the “Hun” Championship, which ran from September 13-22, was a wonderful and fun event. Competitors appreciated the extra Handler of the Year points for a species trial.

The weather was near perfect for running dogs. It was a little warm some afternoons, but there was plenty of water on course. The Richardson Ranch is nearly 7,000 feet in elevation and very dry, and attendees are always advised to drink a lot of water and use ample sunscreen.

The “Hun” Championship and Region 8 are held back-to-back at the Richardson Ranch and are two of the premier NGSPA Championships. The challenging grounds and difficult birds provide an extreme test for dogs and handlers. The two courses are remarkably different, each with its challenges. The end of the day brings a relaxing time in the Bunkhouse, including a wonderful homemade meal, beverages of choice, friendship, and hospitality.

We enjoyed the best lunches

and dinners of any trial in the country, expertly prepared by Marya Kerchner. Marya had the outstanding assistance of Diane Crabbs at all meals. Fine-aged wines from Keith’s cellar were served by Gary Kercher. We hope our official “Field Trial Sommelier,” David Quinn, will be able to join us next year. Other benefits of the facilities enjoyed by all were showers, laundry, electrical and water hookups, round pens and enclosures for horses, and ample areas for staking out dogs. Judges enjoyed first-class accommodations in either the Guest House or the Bunkhouse.

These two Championships provide unrivaled “on-the-job training.” The large number of challenging multiple chukar and Hun finds, running coveys, large explosive covey flushes, and concentrations of “old” scent will teach the dogs things that cannot be learned in training setups.

The “Hun” is the only trial in the American Field (and the entire country as far as we know) that uses pen-raised Hungarian partridges.

The birds were young, strong, great flyers, and remarkably like wild Huns. Large covey rises, with birds exploding in all directions, tested the steadiness of every dog. A dog making it clean through the Hun Habitat continues up Shooting Dog Draw along the rim of a steep plateau where mixed coveys of jumpy chukars and Huns lurk. The immense pressure of many difficult, multi-bird contacts places the Hun Championship at a level of difficulty arguably exceeding that of the wild bird trials. Dogs that survived the “bird cover” demonstrated their endurance during a mile of undulating prairie with a draw on one side and a drop to the Habitat on the other.

This year, we experimented with using Shooting Dog Draw instead of Derby Draw to reach the rim, and it worked so well that it has become our new course. It added more time to the “bird zone” and less to the open prairie at the end.

During our two weeks of Championships, we were pleased to have two pros in attendance: Dan DiMambro and Rich Robertson. We missed Josh Nieman, who has reorganized his trial schedule. We were happy to welcome a number of amateurs from outside of the region: Ray and Tami Larrondo (ID), Dr. Fred Ryan (OH), Hank and Dina Lewis (OH), Kirk Loftin (TX), Sherri Tangsrud (MO), Bill Padovano (IL), Peter Coppens (IL), Terry Zygalski (CA), and our “local” amateurs from Colorado included Keith Bryant and Robin Lambourn. Ziggy and his able assistant, Adolfo, also provided horses for judges and guests.

We had a slate of excellent judges, and our thanks go out to

each of them. Our Open Shooting Dog, Open Derby, and Amateur All-Age stakes were judged by Colin Kennedy (AB) and Peter Coppens (IL). Our Amateur Shooting Dog Championship was judged by Jadie Rayfield (SC) and Rich Robertson, who took over after Drew Bastian was injured. Jadie Rayfield (SC) and Drew Bastian (SC) judged our Open All-Age Championship.

The Hun course gives the judges an opportunity to evaluate a dog's "total package." The cast-off crosses a half mile of rolling short-grass prairie before entering the "Hun Habitat," which is a three-mile flowing line of dense willow-lined creek bottom bordered by large mown fields, stands of wild plum thickets and an irrigation ditch with dense grass and shrubs. The new course then heads towards the steep Shooting Dog Draw, allowing the dogs to reach to the slope to the east of the draw and hunt it before rounding the corner at the base of the draw. A right turn at the top takes the dogs along the Upper Rim, where a dog can hunt the rim or search the many pockets below the rim until reaching Suicide Bench, often loaded with large coveys all around its steep edges. The course continues along the Badlands with steep draws, which tend to draw the dogs backward. This demanding course finishes (time permitting) through the High Gate and along the edge to the right until reaching the main road to the Habitat and then flowing through the Habitat and possibly the Ferguson Gate until time is called.

We are grateful for our sponsors. Purina provided financial support and a pallet of Pro Plan for the winning dogs. We also welcome the sponsorship of SportDOG with their generous gifts of excellent training collars and bark collars. Our good friend, Jim Morehouse, continues

to generously support our events. Beautiful Hungarian partridge mounts, generous cash prizes, gift cards, Purina product, and SportDOG collars were among the gifts to champions and runners-up. Our good friends, Eldon and Terry Hongo, who own the local Bunkhouse Bar and Grill, kindly gave \$50 gift certificates to all champions.

A special thanks to the organizational abilities and hard work of Bobbi Richardson, without whom these trials would not be successful. A big thanks to all the other folks who helped: Joe and Japheth Frauendienst and Ty (bird catching, planting, feeding, and water sled filling); Gary and Chris Kercher (bird planting and organizational details). All participants were grateful to the "dog wagon team": Kaitlin Gaukel, Japheth Frauendienst, and Ty, who booted all dogs with best-in-class boots from Ruff-Wear to protect them from cactus. They also picked up dogs and helped keep us on schedule. Other behind-the-scenes "heavy lifting" was done by Justin Peppers and Brittiny Haberkorn, assisted by Nancy Kutchara.

### **NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Open Shooting Dog Championship**

#### ***Starters: 17 GSPs***

Huns can often be at a premium during the first stake of the trial, but this year, they were plentiful and flew as strongly as wild birds. The cover was good, but birds were often found feeding in the shorter grass, to the surprise of the unsuspecting dogs.

Slaterock's Mountain Heart (Rommel), handled by Dan DiMambro and owned by James and Andy Dynkiewicz, was named champion.

P W That Was Then This Is Now (Nova), handled by Rich Robertson, owned by Keith and Bobbi

Richardson, was named runner-up.

The champion and runner-up came from Brace 7, the first brace of day two. The morning was sunny and cool, and both dogs put on a show. They cast off with speed and took direct courses to the front across the prairie and into the Habitat. Both dogs disappeared to the front as they headed into the Ferguson course. Both dogs were found standing at 14 with Nova backing Rommel. After passing through the double gate, Nova took the left willow line, and Rommel took the right side of the course. Both dogs had what looked like a divided find at 23 near the end of Habitat, but after working the dense willow stand, both handlers took an NP and moved on. Both dogs were sent up Derby Draw, with Rommel making a fast, powerful move to the steep bench on the right, flowing through the dense mountain mahogany stands and large rocks as he hunted to the top of the draw and rounded the corner to Suicide Rim where he was found pointing. In the meantime, Nova headed up the left side of the draw, taking a bit longer to get lined out before making a nice move to the top of Chukar Hill and around to Suicide Rim, where she backed Rommel. Both dogs were released. Rommel had a stop-to-flush at 31, and both dogs had stops-to-flush at 34, with Roma dropping down the hill and having a nice find at 37 with Rommel backing her. Nova had her final find on a covey below Cathy's Bench at 49, with Rommel coming in for a back. Both dogs had a strong finish. It was an exciting brace to watch as both dogs were very consistent, always hunting, always to the front, running with speed and power as strongly at the cast-off as at the finish. Their birdwork was flawless as they were presented with some difficult situations. The judges had to split hairs and, in the end, named Rommel champion because

of his stronger move up Derby Draw.

### **Other Notable Performances**

Canyon Creek High Tide (“Dylan”), handled by Ray Larrondo and owned by Ray and Tami Larrondo.

Dylan held first place all through day one with nice finds at 22 and 42. She had an excellent shooting dog performance but slowed down during her finish.

Right Stuff’s Rock N Roll (“Rock”), handled by Dan DiMambro and owned by Bill Padovano.

Rock had finds at 16 and 45, handling his game nicely and showing plenty of power and speed consistently throughout his race. He was hurt by an extended absence.

**Cheyenne, Wyo., September 13**

**Judges: Peter Coppens and Colin Kennedy**  
**NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE OPEN SHOOTING**  
**DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]**  
– 17 German Shorthairs

*Winner-SLATEROCK’S MOUNTAIN HEART, F1675343, German Shorthair male, by Hi N’s Bodacious-Slaterock Mattie Clark. James Dynkiewicz, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.*  
*Runner-Up-P W THAT WAS THEN THIS IS NOW, 1685385, German Shorthair female, by Rio’s Rising Renegade-P W Extraordinaire. Keith Richardson, owner and handler.*

### **NGSPA Hungarian Partridge** **Open Derby Classic**

**Starters: 11 GSPs.**

The Derby is run on an out-and-back course from one end of the Habitat to the other, and there are some wide-open vistas so the bigger-ranging dogs can be easily seen. There is no cactus, so the dogs do not need to be booted.

PW Tall Dark and Dashing (“Tallie”), handled by Rich Robertson and owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson, earned first place.

Chicoree’s Willie B Front (“Willie”), handled and owned by Dr. Fred Ryan, earned second place.

Tallie and Willie were braced together in the second brace. Both dogs took off fast and strongly to the front, hunting along the way. They



*NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Derby. Rich Robertson Jr., Colin Kennedy, Bobbi Richardson, Peter Coppens, Keith Richardson, Dan DiMambro, Ray Larrondo with PW Tall Dark and Dashing, Dr. Fred Ryan with Chicoree’s Willie B Front, and April DiMambro with Deuces Are Wild.*

were seen at 10 standing near each other but on separate birds, and both dogs stood through the shots as both handlers fired simultaneously. Tallie had a second nearly broke find and a stop-to-flush, and Willie had a second find. Both dogs looked great on their birds and were nearly broke. They were consistently forward with good ground races, and they hunted the cover. Tallie had a bit better application and range.

Deuces Are Wild (“Deuce”), handled by Dan DiMambro and owned by Arthur Grant, earned third place.

Deuce had a nice race throughout the 30 minutes with no birds. Her ground race was good but not as strong as the first two dogs.

### **NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE OPEN DERBY** **CLASSIC – 11 German Shorthairs**

*1st-PW TALL DARK AND DASHING, F1715698, German Shorthair female, by P W Been There Done That-P W That Was Then This Is Now. Keith & Bobbi Richardson, owners; Rich Robertson, handler.*

*2d-CHICOREE’S WILLIE B FRONT, 1716795, German Shorthair male, by High Standing Cuttin Edge-Chicoree’s Glitter And Gold. Fred Ryan, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.*

*3d-DEUCES ARE WILD, unreg., German Shorthair male, by Jagermeisters Rockin Rexinator-Dezasterous Times A Wastin. Arthur Grant, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.*

### **NGSPA Hungarian Partridge** **Amateur All-Age Championship**

**Starters: 14 GSPs.**

Twin Creeks Running Rocky (“Rocky”), handled and owned by Kirk Loftin, was named champion.

In true all-age fashion, Rocky blasted across the prairie and

disappeared over the ridge into the Habitat. He was not seen until 9, when he was spotted to the front, hunting the willow line before the double hills. After the handlers passed through the double gate, Rocky was not seen, but his bracemate was found standing at 18. Loftin continued riding to the front and was excited to finally see Rocky on point at the very end of the Habitat at 23. It was the culmination of what could only have been a huge all-age move. In the meantime, his bracemate caught the front and backed Rocky. All was in order, and both dogs were brought to the water troughs and sent up Shooting Dog Draw. Rocky took a direct line to the distant slope leading to Shooting Dog Draw, which he hunted nicely, going on point at 35 in the rocky cover high above the corner. His last find was at 48 along the top of the rim. He went on to work all available cover, including the draws of the Bad Lands, before passing through the High Gate and finishing deep into the Prairie, where he was spotted below Ziggy’s trailer at time. During his entire run, Rocky did not use the roads; he was always to the front and he ran with power and all-age range from start to finish. His birdwork was immaculate with high tail and intensity.

Hi N’s Curtain Call (“Charlie”), handled and owned by Hank Lewis, was named runner-up.

Charlie cast off across the prairie to the Habitat, where he was briefly seen and did not show up again until he was found on point at 13 above the depression before the double hills. The Huns were quickly put into the air, and manners were perfect. His next find was at 23 at the plum thicket one-quarter mile from the end of the Habitat. He was watered and sent towards Shooting Dog Draw, where he had a find at 33 at the corner of the draw. He coursed well



to the front all the way around the upper rim until breaching the High Gate and continuing through the prairie for a strong finish. Charlie's birdwork was exquisite, with a high tail and exemplary intensity, and his run showed consistent power and range. His use of the roads detracted from his performance.

### **Other Notable Performances**

Chicoree's Glitter and Gold ("Glitz"), handled and owned by Dr. Fred Ryan, was braced with the champion. She had a strong cast off across the prairie and disappeared into the Habitat, where she was not seen until spotted on point at 18. She possessed wonderful style and bird work. She had a back at 38 where she took a few steps during the flush and was picked up. Until that time, she was looking really good.

**NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 14 German Shorthairs**

*Winner-TWIN CREEKS RUNNING ROCKY, F1685652, German Shorthair male, by Twin Creeks Running Ruger-P J Wildfire's Little Lexi. Kirk Loftin, owner and handler.*

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

### **NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Amateur Shooting Dog Championship**

#### **Starters: 16 GSPs.**

Early in the running of this stake, our judge, Drew Bastian, had a horse wreck and was taken to the hospital in Cheyenne to make sure he was okay. In the meantime, Rich Robertson was selected to finish judging the stake for Drew. It turned out that Drew was OK, but the two days off were good therapy, and he returned to the judge's saddle for the Open All-Age. It was a tough stake because of the difficulty of the birds. The weather was good, and the Huns were often out in the open around a corner where the dogs couldn't see them until it was too late. The Huns were very explosive and didn't take much pressure to fly;



*NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. Rich Robertson Jr., Jadie Rayfield, Kirk Loftin, Keith Richardson, Drew Bastian, Ali Bastain, Dr. Fred Ryan with Hi N's Curtain Call and Sherri Tangsrud with Uodibar's Robbi Jo.*

it was too much pressure for many of the dogs to handle.

Hi N's Curtain Call ("Charlie"), handled and owned by Hank Lewis, was named champion.

Charlie ran in the second brace of the first day when Drew Bastian was still judging. Throughout his performance he showed himself to be a very intelligent dog, hunting every minute of the hour with birds on his mind. He was mindful of his handler and was beautiful on his birds. On the cast-off, he stayed front until dropping into the Habitat, where he hunted his way along the willow line the entire way through the Habitat. Near the end, at 25, he had a really showy find, and immediately after being released, he had a picture-perfect natural back. Charlie continued forward up Shooting Dog Draw and along the upper bench, where he was lost to the front for a while. Scout and handler worked their way forward searching all of the likely cover without finding him. He was eventually spotted deep in the cover at the bottom of a steep draw for what the judge described as a "dinger"—one of those best in-stake finds that sets a dog apart. Handler produced a covey of over 10 birds, and Charlie's manners were perfect. He had a strong finish through the High Gate. Overall, Charlie exhibited a consistent, powerful run with solid shooting range.

Uodibar's Robbi Jo ("Robbi"), handled by Kirk Loftin and owned by Sherri Tangsrud, was named runner-up.

Robbi had four finds at 33, 45, 51, and 57, all with good style and manners. She had a good forward race and handled nicely. She lost some time in the Habitat where she was gone for a while but showed near the spot where the judge saw her go in. She hunted the cover nicely and had a good forward race handling kindly throughout, with good shooting dog range. She didn't match the power and range of the Champion.

### **Honorable Mention**

Windjammers Gemma ("Gemma"), owned and handled by Terry Zygalinski, had a really nice run. She was forward and hunted the cover intelligently with good shooting dog range, and the handler let her "do her thing" without any need to hack or scout. She stayed off the roads and was always seen searching for birds. She backed her bracemate but had to be "whoa'ed" into it, and she loosened up a bit while the handler was flushing out of sight. Judges weighed these against Robbi's absence. Gemma was a "hair's width" from winning the runner-up title.

**Judges: Jadie Rayfield and Rich Robertson Jr. NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 16 German Shorthairs**

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

*Runner-Up-UODIBAR'S ROBBI JO, F1662507, German Shorthair female, by Uodibar's Against All Odds-B D K's Sin City Casino. Sherri Tangsrud, owner; Kirk Loftin, handler.*

### **NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Open All-Age Championship**

#### **Starters: 16 GSPs**

This was a high-quality all-age stake. There were four dogs that were worthy of being named champion, except for the dogs that

ran before them. It was a difficult course, with the dogs having to “beat the prairie” to show a good finish. They all showed strong all-age races with plenty of endurance. They showed consistent power throughout the hour with strong finishes. However, the two placing dogs “owned the course” with two brilliant performances. They exhibited excellent rapport with their handlers, and they had “no quit” in them. The judges were also impressed with the quality of the trial and the people involved. Everything flowed smoothly and on time. Meals were outstanding and the booting of the dogs was fast and flawless. They observed that the dogs were unaffected by the boots.

P W Race To The Front (“Raycee”), handled by Rich Robertson and owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson, was named champion.

Raycee immediately grabbed the eye of the judges with her ground speed and the direct line she took from cast-off, disappearing over the hill several minutes ahead of the handlers and judges. No other dog matched this start. She remained unseen due to her distance to the front until she was finally spotted after handlers passed through the double gate. She was briefly seen on the south side of the habitat willow line to the distant front. She crossed back to the inside (north) of the line and was seen on point at 25 at the far end of the Habitat. Handler produced the bird after taking only a few steps into the cover, and her manners were perfect and intense with no letdown. After watering, she again took a fast, direct line to the base of Shooting Dog Draw, where she disappeared into the cover and was found on point by the handler, with a covey of birds running all around her. She handled this difficult situation beautifully. After release, she was immediately out of sight



**NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Open All-Age Championship.** Rich Robertson Jr., Bobbi Richardson, Keith Richardson, Jadie Rayfield, Dan DiMambro, Drew Bastian, Ali Bastian, Ray Larrondo with P W Race To The Front and April DiMambro with Chicoree's Riden High Trixie.

until five minutes later; she was briefly seen working the cover on Chukar Hill, where she disappeared again. She was seen working the draws in the Badlands, and a glimpse of her was caught as she passed through the High Gate, where she finished at the end of the course. Every cast was a huge all-age move, and she was mindful of her handler who merely sang and road. She ran with birds on her mind from start to finish with no use of the roads. By all measures, Raycee put on a true all-age show.

Chicoree's Riden High Trixie (“Trixie”), handled by Dan DiMambro and owned by Rondal Alexander, was named runner-up.

Trixie ran in the third brace of the first day and made a huge opening cast, making a move that no other dog had made. She coursed to the right, working the hillside above the Habitat before she dropped into it, taking the willow line. She was spotted far to the front a few times while working the cover until she was seen on point near the end of the Habitat. The birds proved elusive, and the handler could not produce them despite a snappy relocation.

Her next move was a speedy line to Shooting Dog Draw, where she worked the cover before moving up the draw. She was seen periodically as she worked the edge of the steep plateau. A judge spotted her pointed

on a steep edge, and she exhibited excellent manners and style. She rolled on through the Badlands and the High Gate and finished strong deep into the prairie. Throughout her run, Trixie possessed consistent all-age range, power, and endurance, handling exceptionally well for Dan, requiring no hacking and very little scouting. She was hunting throughout her brace, refusing to take the roads, and had a huge finish. The judges agreed that she had set the bar, but she was edged out by Raycee who ran in the next brace. Both dogs ran in the heat with a very strong wind.

**Judges: Drew Bastian and Jadie Rayfield**  
**NGSPA HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]**

– 16 German Shorthairs

*Winner-P W RACE TO THE FRONT, F1669441, German Shorthair female, by Slicks Cuttin Wild-P W Fast Forward. Keith & Bobbi Richardson, owners; Rich Robertson Jr., handler.*

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

### **NGSPA Region 8 Championships**

The Region 8 Championship was a success, with a good entry in all stakes and participants from all over. Most of the competitors also attended the NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Championship that was held previously.

The venue is not only scenic but also provides great objectives for dogs to hunt and display their ability to find and handle difficult game birds. The course is unlike any other in the country. The cast-off is over several hundred yards of prairie to Suicide Hill, named for the large number of birds inhabiting it and the fact that most infractions may be seen one-quarter mile away. Then, around the hill's base, there is a cove defined by the steep escarpment of a curving high bench about a mile long with a steep escarpment holding large rocks and dense shrub cover. We pass Derby Draw, which cuts through the high bench, and

continue along the bottom of the escarpment until heading up at Shooting Dog Draw. We climb to the top of the bench and spend 15 to 20 minutes hunting the upper brushy edges of this steep chukar habitat anchored by the extensive rim along Suicide Bench. The next leg offers a run through the prairie on the left or a steep series of draws on the right known as the Badlands. The High Gate is entered, and the dog finishes on the prairie, but time permitting, the dogs may be brought into the Habitat heading west towards the cast-off. The finish allows the judges to clearly observe the stamina and range of the dogs.

During their run, the dogs will experience running coveys, large explosive covey flushes of 20 or more chukar, with birds flying back over their heads, and concentrations of "old" scent left by recent coveys that have flown off. The birds are healthy, young, and strong fliers. Any dog that completes this course is ready for Eureka, a few weeks away!

We were pleased to have had several pros in attendance: Dan DiMambro and Rich Robertson. We missed Josh Nieman who has rearranged his Championship schedule. We were also happy to welcome a number of amateurs: Keith Bryant (CO), Brandon Blum (CO), Robin Lambourn (CO), Kirk Loftin (TX), Shari Tangsrud (MO), Hank and Dina Lewis (OH), and Ray and Tami Larrondo (ID). We were happy to see Diane Crabbs (WY), who was a big help in the kitchen. Terry Zygalski (CA) and his protégé, Alfonzo, brought horses for the judges and gallery.

We had excellent judges, but due to last-minute cancellations, we really appreciate John Bonner offering to judge all of our broke dog stakes. He was very attentive and a pleasure to have around. Rich Robertson and Terry Zygalski, very



*NGSPA Region 8 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. John Bonner, Brandon Blum, Rich Robertson Jr., Keith Richardson, Kirk Loftin, Adolfo Gamboa with B M B's Madison Avenue, and Sherri Tangsrud with Uodibar's Robbi Jo.*

experienced judges, stepped up to help us.

We are grateful to our sponsors. Purina provided financial support and a pallet of Pro Plan for the winning dogs. Their support of the Purina Handler of the Year program is also very important, as contenders often travel to championships hoping to earn points. We encouraged all contestants to feed Purina. We also welcome the sponsorship of SportDOG with training collars and bark collars. Cash purses, gift certificates, Purina food, and SportDOG collars made up the offering of prizes.

A special thanks to the organizational abilities and hard work of Keith and Bobbi Richardson. A big thanks to the other folks who helped: Joe Frauendienst and Japheth Frauendienst (many tasks including catching and planting birds), Gary and Chris Kercher (bird planter and paperwork). Marya Kirchner prepared the best lunches and dinners at any field trial in the country. Diane Crabbs was a big help to Marya. Our ranch crew helped in many ways, often unseen but always with a smile: Justin Peppers, Brittiny Haberkorn, and Nancy Kutchara. Kaitlin Guakel was indispensable as the official dog booter and dog wagon operator.

## **NGSPA Region 8 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship**

**Starters: 16 GSPs.**

B M B's Madison Avenue ("Madison"), owned and handled by Brandon Blum, was named champion.

Madison ran in the first brace of day two. She quickly reached Suicide Hill where she had a find at 3 and was solid with no movement and a high tail. She had a divided find at 10 in the depression before Derby Draw with all in order. She then hunted the cover in the hills and worked her way up to the rim, where she had a find at 16. Handler produced a big covey of chukar that ran all around Madison and then flushed like little rockets. Madison remained solid and intense with perfect manners. They dropped back down to the course, and she had another find at the top of Shooting Dog Draw. Her fourth find was at 32 further along the rim, and everything was good. After Madison was released, she worked the draws of the Badlands and entered the prairie through the High Gate. She had a big finish, but before time at 56, she was down in the Habitat working her way up the hill when Brandon rode up some birds that flushed over her head. She immediately froze for a perfect stop-to-flush. She had a strong finish past Cathy's Bench, hunting the rim. Brandon did a nice job handling Madison. He simply rode in front of the judges at a steady distance and pace with little vocalization. Madison ran a perfect shooting dog race. She was always to the front maintaining a consistent fast pace with appropriate range. Birds were her focus, and she hunted the cover intelligently without using the roads. All in all, Madison ran an attractive shooting dog race with outstanding birdwork, clearly earning her the championship.

Uodibar's Robbi Jo ("Robbi"),

handled by Kirk Loftin and owned by Sherri Tangsrud, was named runner-up.

This was two years in a row that Robbi earned runner-up. Her first find was on Suicide Hill at 5, with excellent manners and style. Her second find was in the depression before Derby Draw at 10. She crossed the draw, went around Chukar Hill, and hunted the steep escarpment, climbing to the top for her third find at 20. After her excellent birdwork, she was taken back to the bottom, where she had a back at 27 at the corner of Shooting Dog Draw. Her fourth find was on the upper rim at 33. She was sent on and Robbi was out of sight for a while and was found standing deep in the draw at the end of Suicide Bench for her fifth find. After a nice piece of birdwork, she worked the Badlands and passed through the High Gate. She had a nice finish past Cathy's Bench along the rim. During her run, Robbi applied herself very nicely to the cover. The handler needed to handle her hard at times, especially to turn her, which detracted from her performance. Otherwise, her run was very close to that of the Champion.

### **Other Worthy Performances**

Canyon Creek High Tide ("Dylan"), handled by Ray Larrondo and owned by Ray and Tami Larrondo, and BMB's Supernova ("Nova"), handled by Brandon Blum and owned by Tim Heydorff and Karen Bravender.

Dylan and Nova were braced together, and they both caught the attention of the judges as they continued to run "neck and neck" for the whole hour. Both handled kindly, with the handlers holding a good pace in front of the judges. Their range and power were of solid shooting dog quality, and they both had challenging birdwork and handled it well with nice style. All four dogs were pretty equal on the

ground. The main difference was that the placing dogs had a bit more birdwork.

**Cheyenne, Wyo., September 23**  
**Judges: John Bonner and Rich Robertson**  
**NGSPA REGION 8 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]**  
**– 16 German Shorthairs**

*Winner-B M B'S MADISON AVE, F1670283, German Shorthair female, by Trueblu's B D K Ace Inthe Hole-Time To Pay the Piper. Brandon Blum, owner and handler.*

*Runner-Up-UODIBAR'S ROBBI JO, F1662507, German Shorthair female, by Uodibar's Against All Odds-B D K's Sin City Casino. Sherri Tangsrud, owner; Kirk Loftin, handler.*

### **NGSPA Region 8 Open All-Age Championship**

#### **Starters: 19 GSPs.**

P W Race to the Front ("Raycee"), handled by Rich Robertson and owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson, was named champion.

Raycee ran in the first brace and quickly set the bar for the stake. On the cast-off she went around the bottom of Suicide Hill and had her first find at the corner of Shooting Dog Draw. In between, she was seen periodically at a great distance, working quickly through the cover. Her second find was along the rim at 24, and after release, she sped around the rim and was seen briefly on Chukar Hill, where she dropped down and climbed back up the base of Derby Draw and was spotted pointing her third covey around the corner of Suicide Bench at 33. All three pieces of birdwork were flawless, with intense high head and tail and no letdown. She took the difficult path through the Badlands and was pointed out briefly as she passed through the High Gate into the prairie. When the handler got to that spot, he was able to point her way out on the right of the prairie, where she dropped into the Habitat, worked her way forward, and was seen at time along the far fence. It was a huge, powerful finish with no reduction in speed, range, or power throughout her race. Her run was all-age in its entirety, and all the handler

needed to do was ride and sing. He never blew the whistle nor in any way had to push her along.

B M B's Free Ride ("Lewey"), handled and owned by Brandon Blum, was named runner-up.

Lewey took a direct line to Suicide Hill when he was cast off and was rewarded with a find at 4. His manners were perfect with great style, and after being sent on he was seen pointed in the Hun Habitat. The handler could not produce the birds after a long time trying and sent him on a relocation. Lewey finally found the birds, and all was in order. His third find was on the rim above Shooting Dog Draw at 33, and his fourth find was at the far end of Suicide Bench. Lewey had a big finish and ended the hour with his fifth find in the draw below Cathy's Bench at 58. All Lewey's birdwork was flawless and he ran the course from start to finish with consistent speed and power despite a very strong wind. His range was all-age but less than that of the champion. Brandon and Lewey were well connected, with Brandon riding and remaining quiet while Lewey put on a show.

**Judges: John Bonner and Terry Zygalski**  
**NGSPA REGION 8 OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**[One-Hour Heats] – 19 German Shorthairs**  
*Winner- P W RACE TO THE FRONT, F1669441, German Shorthair female, by Slick's Cuttin Wild-P W Fast Forward. Keith & Bobbi Richardson, owners; Rich Robertson Jr., handler.*  
*Runner-Up-B M B'S FREE RIDE, F1660979, German Shorthair male, by Kimber Tactical-Time To Pay The Piper. Brandon Blum, owner and handler.*

### **NGSPA Region 8 Open Shooting Dog Championship**

#### **Starters: 15 GSPs.**

Chicoree's Four Leaf Clover ("Chloe"), handled by Dan DiMambro and owned by Dr. Fred Ryan, was named champion.

Chloe ran as a bye-dog in the second brace of the second day. She headed to Suicide Hill and worked the lower area before moving on. She continued to work the steep

hillside cover of dense mountain mahogany and large rocks as she hunted, staying to the front. Her first find was at 18 on Chukar Hill on the other side of Derby Draw. She looked beautiful with a high head and tail and was rock steady throughout. She went on to have her second find at 26 on the corner of Shooting Dog Draw. It was a nice covey of running birds, and her style was perfect. Her third find was on the corner of Suicide Bench above Derby Draw at 32, and her fourth find was on the far side of the Bench at 36. All of her finds demonstrated beautiful style and intensity. She passed through the High Gate with 11 minutes left to run in the prairie, where she finished strong. During her run, Chloe kept in touch with her handler and flowed around the course with eye-catching grace, never using the roads. She required very little handling or



**NGSPA Region 8 Open Shooting Dog Championship:** Dan DiMambro, John Bonner, Linda Waterhouse, Terry Zygalski, Keith Richardson, April DiMambro with Chicoree's Four Leaf Clover, and Cary Waterhouse with Heaven Scent's Red Raider.

scouting and ran a classic shooting dog race.

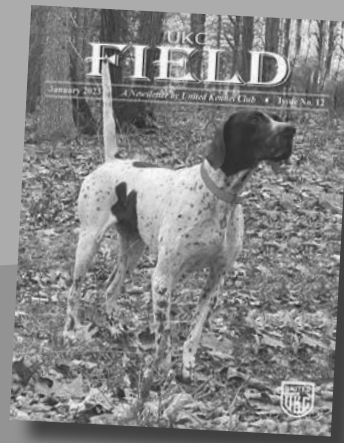
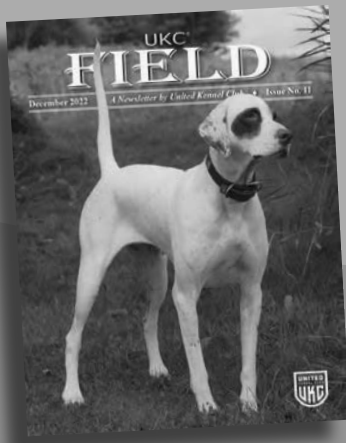
Heaven Scent's Red Raider ("Raider"), handled by Dan DiMambro and owned by Cary and Linda Waterhouse, was named runner-up.

Raider ran in the last brace of the first day. Raider's first find was at the point before Shooting Dog Draw at 16. Manners and style were

impressive. He then worked the rim, hunting the cover nicely, and had a UP at 32 at the corner, beginning Suicide Bench. Raider hunted the rest of Suicide Bench and dropped into the Badlands, which he rolled through before breaching the High Gate, where he finished with a strong run through the prairie, cresting the ridge by Cathy's Bench and dropping into the Habitat where time was called. Raider handled kindly with very little scouting and had a consistent shooting dog race with excellent application to the course. His stamina was impressive, with no letdown at the end.

**NGSPA REGION 8 OPEN SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats] – 15 German Shorthairs**  
**Winner-CHICOREE'S FOUR LEAF CLOVER, F1706674,** German Shorthair female, by Twin Creeks Running Rocky-Hi N's Allison Miranda. Fred Ryan, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.  
**Runner-Up-HEAVEN SCENT'S RED RAIDER, R335-530,** German Shorthair male, by Jauch's Ace In The Hole-Heaven cent's Ocho Mojo. Cary & Linda Waterhouse, owners; Dan DiMambro, handler.

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# GRAND VALLEY BIRD DOG CLUB

## Fall Trial

By Jim Cipponeri | Highland, Michigan | September 21, 2024



Open Derby (front, l-r): Wildland Nick of Time with Eric Munden, Backwoods Dine and Dash with Mark Hughes, and Christys Kaylee Girl with Christy Helmes. (Back): Bryan Wood.

I would like to thank our judges for volunteering to judge the many stakes we offered. The entry was better than expected, considering it was opening weekend of grouse and woodcock hunting here in the Wolverine state. The event drew participants from Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and, of course, Michigan. Paul Tutro assisted with the bird planting after picking up the birds and delivering them with his customary donuts and coffee. Bryan Wood was at the starting line announcing dogs and making sure the bird bag was filled.

The course was in good shape thanks to the mowing done by Tom Vanecek, John Hall, Bill Darr, and Ron Sposita this past summer. Unfortunately, the DNR wasn't able to get a burn in due to the dry windy weather that was prevalent during the burn season. Cover was down, and the sightline for the bigger running dogs was not hampered by the lack of a quality burn. All the braces had birdwork, and even a few small coveys were established by the end of each day's running.

I would like to thank Nestlé Purina for their ongoing support of the Grand Valley Bird Dog Club.

Highland, Mich., September 21

Judges: Bill Branham and Joe Guzman

OPEN DERBY – 4 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-HANEY'S HAMMERIN HANK, F1706891, pointer male, by Haney's All In-Haney's Two Dozen Roses. Jim & Connie Cipponeri, owners; Jim Cipponeri, handler.

Judges: Bill Branham and Ron Sposita

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 5 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-WICKED QUICK, F1674810, pointer female, by Dunn's Tried'n True-Dunn's Get Out Sue. Kelsey Hajek & Sandy McLean, owners; Kelsey Hajek, handler.

2d-WINDFALL MACKINAW STRAIGHTS, F1701992, pointer male, by Knight's Last Chipster-Windfall Queen of Soul. Joe Guzman, owner and handler.

3d-HIGHWATERS BRUNO MAGLI, F1706777, German Shorthair male, by Wildfire's Royal Flush-Hi N's Allison Miranda. Louis Rizzo, owner and handler.



Bird Planter Paul Tutro and his 27-year-old Tennessee Walker, Buddy.

Judges: Bill Branham and Ron Williams

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 5 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-HIGHWATERS ARIAS, F1703634, pointer female, by Greypointe Nubarron-Drowning Creeks Tilda. Louis Rizzo, owner and handler.

2d-WINDFALL LAST STAND, F1705328, pointer by Knight's Last Chipster-Windfall Queen of Soul. Joe Guzman, owner and handler.

3d-HIGHWATERS BRUNO MAGLI, F1706777, German Shorthair male, by Wildfire's Royal Flush-Hi N's Allison Miranda. Louis Rizzo, owner and handler.

Judges: Blake Rizzo and Ron Williams

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 11 Pointers, 1 Setter, and 1 Irish Setter

1st-BEAVER MEADOW BIT, F1696577, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Beaver Meadow Rose. Joe Cammisa, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

2d-WARRIOR ZEKE, F1668664, pointer male, by Erin's War Creek-Brave Heart Cassie. Mike Husenits, owner; Eric Munden, handler.

3d-MILLER'S HOPPED UP VERSION, F1695106, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Carlos Escalante, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

Judges: Tom Vanecek and Ron Williams

OPEN PUPPY – 1 Pointer, 1 Setter, 1 Brittany, and 1 Irish Setter

1st-PINEY RUN AMAZING GRACE, F1706506, Brittany female, by Piney Run Jake-Piney Run Stella. Michael Petkowitz, owner; Cindy Petkowitz, handler.

2d-WHIP VAN PONDEROSA MAC SCOUT, F1711113, setter male, by Cash Van Pioneer Scouts Man-Anna Van Frutchey Ranch. Thomas A. Van Fleteren, owner and handler.

Judges: Blake Rizzo and Tom Vanecek

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 8 Pointers, 2 Setters, and 2 Irish Setters

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

2d-SPEED DIALING KAIA, F1696795, pointer female, by Miller's Speed Dial-Phantom's Santo Sun. John P. Jones, owner and handler.

3d-FOXY ABRALENA, F1682017, Irish setter female, by Zansett Simply Red-Foxy's Lil Red Missy. Mike Fox, owner and handler.

Judges: Jim Cipponeri and Blake Rizzo

OPEN DERBY – 4 Pointers, 5 Setters, and 1 Brittany

1st-WILDLAND NICK OF TIME, F1705670, pointer male, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Wildland Warrior. Eric & Krysta Munden, owners.

2d-BACKWOODS DINE AND DASH, unreg., pointer male, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Apple Annie Sweet Delight. Justin Mason, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

3d-CHRISTYS KAYLEE GIRL, R331-522, Brittany female, breeding not given. Christy Helmes, owner and handler.

# NATIONAL PRAIRIE CHICKEN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

*Nine To Five Nation Named Champion; Pearl Jam Nation, Runner-up*

By Ed Liermann | Bancroft, Wisconsin | September 22, 2024

The 2024 renewal of the National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship started on September 22, following the Amateur Championship. The setting was a little different this year as a wet spring produced an abundance of cover; the goldenrod especially had a robust growing season that presented some challenges for the dogs and handlers. Chickens were plentiful, and we moved them on all of the courses.

Our judges were Jay Lewis from Ashland, Missouri, and Eddie Berendzen from Higbee, Missouri. Both men are well-traveled and bring a wealth of experience in handling their own dogs and judging championships. It was a pleasure riding with them.

## **The Winners**

Breaking away at King's Ranch in the second brace, Nine To Five Nation, coming 4-year-old white and orange female Pointer, emerged as the new champion with a powerful, attractive race and four finds for owner and handler Dave Moore from Big Lake, Minnesota. She had a find at 15 after crossing the road, then again at 30, 46, and again at 57 after a huge cast down the left side of the course with a nice covey find to finish the hour and be named champion.

The runner-up was Pearl Jam Nation, a coming 3-year-old white and orange female Pointer owned and handled by Scott Jordan. Pearl Jam ran a far-reaching forward race with a nice find at 59 with all in order to end a strong hour on the ground and garner runner-up.

Every field trial has a cadre of people who work tirelessly to



*National Prairie Chicken Open Shooting Dog Championship: Erin Grossman, Mary Anne Womack, Jim Tande, Eddie Berendzen (judge), John Mathys, Scott Jordan with Pearl Jam Nation, Jay Lewis (judge), Jim Womack, Dave Moore with Nine To Five Nation, Allen Dunbar, Lewis Peterson, Mark Johnson, and Ed Liermann.*

make the trial work seamlessly. We appreciate Doug and Judy Reisner for helping out at road crossings throughout the day, along with Terry Trzcinski and dog wagon driver Gary Wolf. This is essential, especially on the blacktop roads we have to cross. Gary Wolf has been our dog wagon driver for more than 20 years, and his contributions make this trial run smoothly. The dog wagon goodies are a favorite here, especially the hard-boiled eggs, "a trial tradition" after the first brace in the morning. Thanks to Gary again for this year's endless supply.

We value our partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the rich history we have with them that goes back to Frances and Fred Hammerstrom. Site manager Lesa Kardash continues a long-standing tradition of cooperation to facilitate this event. We appreciate Lesa and the DNR staff, including Joey Biebel, John Sorgel, and Erin Grossman, for helping when and where needed. We always have a select number of guests who have a passion for the

outdoor life, Prairie chickens, and sporting dogs. This year, our guests included Andy Lewandowski from the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban and Environmental Planner Erin Rieser, who spent a day with us.

As always we had a congenial group of trialers from around the country that included Jim and Mary Anne Womack, Georgia; Dave Moore, Minnesota; Scott Hadley, Oklahoma; Jim Tande, Minnesota; John Mathys, Wisconsin; Doug Ray, Georgia; Scott Jordan, Minnesota; Doug and Judy Reisner, Wisconsin; Lewis Peterson, Georgia; Mark Johnson, Illinois; Sean Patrick Derrig, Illinois; Jarret and Allison Belle, Missouri; Tom Hennes, Minnesota; and your scribe Ed Liermann, Wisconsin. Absent this year from this great group were stalwarts Frank and Jean LaNasa, Minnesota, and George and Anne Ihrke, Illinois. We missed their company and contributions and look forward to seeing them next fall.

A big thanks to Purina for sponsoring this event. Thanks to Greg Blair for supporting this event and Purina rep Terry Trzcinski for hanging out with us. We are grateful for their support. SportDOG is another big supporter of this trial, and we thank Jim Morehouse and SportDOG for their continued support.

After the completion of the Amateur Championship, it is a trial tradition to swap morning and afternoon courses for the Open Championship.

### **The Running**

*Smooth Talkin (Ray) and High Enchantress (Hadley)*. Both out quickly, with Smooth Talkin pointing at 5 and Enchantress backing. Smooth Talkin ran a nice race, had an unproductive at 25, and finished the hour strong. Enchantress, making some nice casts, had an unproductive at 45 and finished the hour running a nice race.

*Cole Fusion (Hennes) and Nine To Five Nation (Moore)*. Cole hunted hard through the cover but was not pleasing handler and was picked up at 25. Nine To Five's performance was described earlier.

*G F Parabellum (Dunbar) and I'm Spartacus (Ray)*. Both dogs out quickly off the breakaway. Parabellum had five nice finds at 12, 34, 37, 41, and 47, all in order, and finished the hour working through heavy cover to the front. Spartacus was running big, covering a lot of ground, and was lost at 30.

*Erin's Southern Comfort (Derrig) and Absolute Tornado (Ray)*. Southern Comfort was running a nice race and was lost at 45. Tornado had a stop to flush at 15 with all in order and a bird at 30 and was up.

*Hatteras High Tide (Hennes) and Erin's Wild Atlantic Way (Derrig)*. High Tide hunted hard through the

cover and was picked up at 45. Wild Atlantic Way ran a nice forward race through the cover but had no bird contact.

*Saginaw Luke Skywalker (Johnson) and Touch's Cocaine Blues (Hadley)*. Luke had a nice race and made some big casts but had no bird contact. Cocaine Blues had a stop to flush at 4 and released himself to end his hour.

*Hatteras Riptide (Ray) and Due Respect (Tande)*. Riptide was going nicely through heavy cover; he was not pleasing handler at 20 and was picked up. Due Respect, running a forward race, hunted hard throughout the hour, and made some nice casts but no birds.

*Cross Country Ryan (Hennes) and Cedar Creek Sixgun (Liermann)*. Ryan failed to back at 8 and was picked up. Sixgun had finds at 8 and 10. His race shortened on the backstretch, hunting through heavy cover. After crossing the road, he made a nice cast and had a find at 55 to finish the hour.

*Notorious Immortal (Mathys) and Hatteras Storm Watch (Ray)*. Immortal had a nice race and a covey find with about six chickens to the front at 33 and finished the hour strong. Storm Watch hunted hard along the ditch and was not pleasing the handler and picked up at 35.

*Sellers Pascha Skylos (Ray) and Pearl Jam Nation (Jordan)*. Skylos had a nice race with finds at 10 and 18 and was up at 59 for failing to back. Pearl Jam's performance was reported earlier.

*B G K's Luke (Bell) and Absolute Dominator (Ray)*. Luke had a nice race with an unproductive at 20 and another at 40 and was up. Dominator was just getting started; birds were in the air at 3, and he was up.

*Cottonwood Bud (Hennes) and Great River Stallion (Ray)*. Bud hunted the hour with an unproductive at 8 and a back at 10. Stallion had a nice race and made some nice casts with a find at 10 and finished the hour going away.

*Confident Nation (Jordan) and Hard Truth (Ray)*. Both dogs were out fast and forward. Nation, off to a good start, was not pleasing the handler and was up at 20. Hard Truth, off to a good start, had a find at 19 and finished the hour hunting the heavy cover.

*A Buccaneer (Ray) and Erin's Tin Lizzie (Johnson)*. Running a good race, A Buccaneer had a find at 15 and left with the birds. With a nice forward race, Lizzie had a find at 10 and finished the hour hunting through heavy cover.

*Wiggins Pree Dawn Reward (Hennes) and Aim High Elhew Hadley (Hadley)*. Pree Dawn Reward had a find at 26 with all in order, an unproductive at 39, and finished hunting the cover. Aim High had a consistent forward race with finds at 38 and 48 and finished the hour.

*Two Spot Tommy (Ray) and Erin's Doc Holliday (Bell)*. Tommy ran a nice race with an unproductive at 17 and an unproductive at 28 and was up. Doc ran a good race with a find at 12, producing an eight-bird covey and a find at 35. He finished the hour with a nice forward race.

*Luke's Gospel Truth (Hennes) and Hatteras Sand Storm (Ray)*. Both dogs moved out fast through the cover. After making some nice casts, Luke was lost at 10. Sandstorm had a nice race going with a find at 25 with an infraction and was up.

*CS Four Season's Gunner (Ray) and Grouse Feather Witcher (Dunbar)*. Four Seasons, out quickly with some big moves, had an unproductive at 13 and an unproductive at 38 and was up. Witcher made some



nice casts off the breakaway but shortened as the cover took its toll. He finished the hour hunting likely places but didn't have a bird.

**Bancroft, Wis., September 22**

**Judges: Eddie Berendzen and Jay Lewis  
NATIONAL PRAIRIE CHICKEN OPEN SHOOTING  
DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]**

**– 25 Pointers, 10 Setters, and 1 Irish Setter**

*Winner-NINE TO FIVE NATION, F1693962, pointer female, by Strut Nation-Frontline Dita. David Moore, owner and handler.*

*Runner-Up-PEARL JAM NATION, F1701309, pointer female, by Confident Nation-Notorious Rebel Woman. Scott & Julie Jordan, owners; Scott Jordan, handler.*

### **Open Derby**

Heart Like A Truck, owned and handled by Dave Moore, placed first with a big, forward race. With a consistent far-reaching race, second place went to Notorious Speed Queen, owned and handled by Jim Tande. Notorious Sweet Ginger, owned and handled by John Mathys, claimed third place by making some big casts with a nice forward race.



**Open Derby: John Mathys with Notorious Sweet Ginger, Eddie Berendzen (judge), Jim Tande with Notorious Speed Queen, Jay Lewis (judge), and Dave Moore with Heart Like a Truck.**

### **OPEN DERBY – 11 Pointers and 2 Setters**

*1st-HEART LIKE A TRUCK, F1707010, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-Nine To Five Nation. David Moore, owner and handler.*

*2d-NOTORIOUS SPEED QUEEN WEET GINGER, F1717931, pointer female, by Notorious Dominator's Heir-Notorious Rebel Woman. Jim Tande, owner and handler.*

*3d-NOTORIOUS SWEET GINGER, unreg., pointer female, breeding not given. John Mathys, owner and handler.*

### **Sidelights**

Once again, we had our "Chicken Championships" Auction at our Saturday night Purina banquet under the tent. From the proceeds,

the Central States Field Trial Club awards \$500 and a \$250 scholarship sponsored by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. The scholarships are given to UW-Stevens Point students who are enrolled in the College of Natural Resources, are members of the Adopt-A-Wildlife Program, and volunteer their time to work on the Buena Vista grounds. This year's recipients were Evan Wichman and Sophia Sperduto. Students are considered for these scholarships based on the volunteer hours they devote each year to habitat improvement and helping DNR staff with various tasks. We also contribute to the Buena Vista gift account for grounds improvement and continuing education for DNR staff. Thanks to all who contributed. Special thanks to Purina, Greg Blair, Terry Trzcinski, SportDOG, and Jim Morehouse for their continued support.

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## NATIONAL OPEN PHEASANT SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

*Jolene Jolene Wins 68th Running; Miller's Lock and Loaded Takes Runner-up Honors*

By Joe Lordi | Bloomingdale, Ohio | September 24, 2024



*National Open Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship (first row): Brooke Lanning, Hailey Hayes Moreland with winner Jolene Jolene and Payton Gunby with Miller's Lock and Loaded. (Second row): Greg Strausbaugh, Mike Tracy, Joe McHugh, Stacey Goodie, Bill Primm, Muriel Primm, George Tracy, Dennis Hood, Mark Hughes, and Dave Hughes. (Third row): Eric Clink, Bobby Verderosa, Meredith Mays (judge), and Kevin Stuart (judge).*

The 68th running of the National Open Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship commenced just after 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24. The weather was dry but not as hot as we have seen in past years for the National Amateur Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship or the National Pheasant Shooting Dog Futurity. We would like to start by thanking Eukanuba for their continued support; they provided dog food to the winners, hosted the handlers' dinner, and provided beautiful jackets for the judges. Lynn Carradine and James Niemann were extremely supportive and are great representatives of Royal Canin. The Southern Bird Hunters Association is a major sponsor and supporter of the National Open Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship, and we cannot thank them enough for all their support. They are truly one of the few organizations working to improve our sport. This year Lion Country Supply and Haggis Saddles provided gift cards to the honorable mentions. Hillybilly

Mudd also provided their amazing product, which we were able to distribute to handlers, marshals, and contributors. It was very nice to be able to show appreciation to the selfless contributors for their time and effort.

The Club would like to thank several people who contributed to making this trial a success. Dave Hughes was the dog truck driver. He was Johnny-on-the-spot, driving his own truck. We cannot thank this Hall of Famer enough for all of his help. Dave was not feeling well shortly after returning home and spent some time in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery. Mark Hughes ran dogs, marshaled, ordered plaques for the winners, and provided water tubs for the dogs and horses. His contributions are very much appreciated.

Kevin Joyce donated the plaques for the winners, helped order the birds for the trial and marshaled. Kevin is a great supporter of this trial and the sport. Greg Strausbaugh and Stacey Goodie stepped up again

this year. We were in a panic due to a last-minute judging issue, and they were quick to make calls and come up with a judge. They helped marshal, assisted with the drawing, caught birds, and provided horses for the judges. We cannot thank them enough for all their support. Stacey marshaled every brace. We would have been in trouble without them.

Bobby Verderosa was my right-hand man again. He did everything that was asked of him, including catching birds, helping club members plant birds, and so much more. Thank you, Bobby, for all your hard work.

This year, Mike Tracy, George Tracy, Mark Hughes, and Joe Lordi handled dogs. The Club would like to thank them for their support. The professionals were amazing and continue to support this trial and do anything that is asked of them. One year without George Tracy was one too many, and we look forward to many more years of George running dogs.

Kevin Stuart of Schenectady, New York, and Meredith Mays of Willow Springs, Missouri, graciously agreed to judge this year. Kevin is a fine judge who does not miss a thing and is always quick to help when needed. Meredith stepped up at the last minute and drove out from Nebraska to help us out of a jam. They rode hard, giving every dog a fair look, and their decisions were well received.

Muriel Primm, Karen Saniga, and Mary Tracy were instrumental in supplying the snacks for the morning breaks and coordinating the dinners. The Club thanks them for their

continued help.

### ***The Winners***

This year's winner was the same as last year's winner. Jolene Jolene notched her second championship under the guidance of handler Mike Tracy. She ran in the 11th brace, starting at the end of the outer loop against Wayward Flyin Tomato, who was picked up early. Jolene Jolene hunted the bottom side of the outer loop and crossed to the left. She was found standing across from the rock pile where Mike flushed a pair of pheasants. She was sent to the front and was quickly out of sight. She was found standing as we crossed the next road. During the relocation, a pheasant lifted, and Jolene stopped. Jolene was sent on, handling the only turn on the course with ease. Along the breakaway hedgerow, she stood with perfect manners and style for the flush. The judges were looking for a strong race, and Jolene finished the rest of the hour showing her strengths as a bitch that can put on a strong forward race. She ran out front through the locust grove and over to the left, where she had success in the past. She was gathered up and watered before being sent on toward the pond on the right and swinging up the ridge. She continued to make strong casts to the front, finishing the hour going into the outer loop. She continued to get stronger as the hour got longer. Jolene was smooth, making it look easy. It is quite impressive to win this championship back-to-back. This is the first time this feat has been done since I started reporting this trial. Congratulations to the syndicate owner team of Joe McHugh and Dave McKay.

The runner-up honor was awarded to Miller's Lock and Loaded, handled by George Tracy and owned by Muriel and Bill Primm. Lock and Loaded was in the 15th brace with Miller's Automatic Upgrade. Lock

and Loaded was found standing at the end of the breakaway autumn olives with fine style. He hunted to the front over to the locust grove and through. The bracemates traded casts out to the ridge and through the outer loop. Lock and Loaded pointed with fine manners just off the milo strip on the return of the outer loop. George flushed a pheasant and sent him to the front. As we exited the outer loop, George called point for Lock and Loaded in the field across the road. It took an extended flushing effort to flush the running pair of pheasants in the planted milo field. He finished the hour strong, showing fine manners and backing an unproductive at time.

The judges named three honorable mentions this year: Waybetter Rebel and Miller's War Bonnet, handled by Mike Tracy, and Double Deuce Zeke, handled by Mark Hughes.

### ***The Running***

The first brace featured Erin's Big Casino (M. Tracy) and Hillhavyn's Wild Child (G. Tracy). They were off just after 3 p.m. on Tuesday. Wild Child struck first with fine manners on the left side of the breakaway hedgerow. She was released at 4. Erin's Big Casino was charged with an unproductive at 4. Both dogs hunted the front end, with Big Casino standing on the right side on the bottom of the ridge. All was in order for the flush. Both dogs showed well up the hill to the outer ridge; Big Casino was found standing high and tight with Wild Child backing along the sorghum feed strips. As the handlers rode to the dogs, a pheasant lifted, but there was also one right in front of Big Casino. Both dogs rounded the outer loop, were watered, and hunted the bottom side. They both finished strong.

Starting at the main breakaway, Miller's Hopped Up Version (M. Hughes) and Waybetter Rebel (M. Tracy) were off in the final brace

of the day. Both dogs made strong moves along the autumn olives, swinging down and to the left. Waybetter Rebel had a find on the left edge going up the hill. He hunted the locust grove to the front and was rewarded with a find at the end, with the scout calling point and a hen bird taking flight as Mike rode over. Miller's Hopped Up Version had an unproductive across from the pond and pointed a pile of feathers on the left side of the ridge. Going up the hill, she pointed in a sorghum strip; during the relocation, a bird took flight, and Mark picked up.

Wednesday morning brought much-needed rain. Faithful (M. Tracy) and R Q's Saddle were off at 8 a.m.; both dogs were to the front for a divided find along the main breakaway hedgerow. They showed nicely, with Faithful scoring finds across from the rock pile and on the right side of the locust grove before a lapse of manners ended a serious bid. Saddle was picked up at 35.

From the top of the ridge, Ramey's Elhew Independence (M. Tracy) and BK Real McCoy (B. Lanning) were down and away, showing at the top of the next hill. McCoy is a fancy moving dog on the ground. He was fresh off placing second in the Futurity; he had one stylish find and a wide race before a lapse of manners. Independence had two finds and showed fine manners in a tough situation before the handler elected to pick up at 45.

Bragabull (M. Hughes) and Miller's High Heat Index (M. Tracy) were off from the main breakaway, with the rain having just stopped. Miller's High Heat Index scored two finds with fine style and two unproductives. Bragabull had two finds and a back before having a slight infraction.

Miller's War Bonnet (M. Tracy) and Miller's Strolling For Gold (G. Tracy) were off from the main breakaway

at 2 p.m.; Strolling For Gold was rolling, and the tracker was called for at the end of the locust grove. War Bonnet ran a big race but showed well to the front. Point was called just beyond the ridge with a big snapping turtle; Mike took her on. She had a stylish find to the right of the tree at the start of the outer loop. She continued to make strong forward casts while always in tune with the handler. She finished the hour strong.

The Secret (J. Lordi) and Triple Nickel Carbon Copy (M. Tracy) started from the main breakaway. The Secret was seen going up the hill after the breakaway. Both handlers called for the tracker in the locust grove.

Mo's Curtain Call (M. Tracy) and Double Deuce Zeke (M. Hughes) were released at the start of the locust grove. Curtain Call was jacked up for a find at 2. She had a divided find just before the pond and was running a good race before a slight lapse of manners on the bottom of the ridge. Zeke was a bird-finding machine; he was dialed in for a quick find at 2 and then a divided find on the milo strip at the end of the locust grove. He made a nice swing around the right side of the pond and swung to the front. He stood tight for a find at the bottom of the ridge. He made a nice move up the hill. Zeke was standing on the outer loop, but no bird was found. Zeke was taken on and locked up about 50 yards away for a stylish find. He was released and, about 100 yards away, had to stop to flush. He was not seen at the end of the outer loop; deep in the milo, he was barely visible as we turned to come back from the outer loop. All was in order for the flush. Zeke made some nice moves, finishing the outer loop and was then headed to the rock pile. He continued to run to the front with a find as we crossed the road.

He finished under the whistle on the breakaway hedgerow.

Calico's Sky's The Limit (M. Tracy) and Miller's Special Cinderella (G. Tracy) were off on Thursday morning in the ninth brace. Sky's The Limit scored finds at 5 on the breakaway and backed with ease at the start of the locust grove. Cinderella was running big and had a find right at the start of the locust grove and then in the milo just past the locust grove. Sky's The Limit pointed twice on the ridge with fine manners and looked to be making a serious bid before taking a hard left toward the hills. She was gathered up, but the handler elected to pick up. George called for the tracker at the top of the ridge.

In the next brace, Pal's Prestigious Pete (M. Tracy) and Parkway (M. Hughes) were off on the outer loop. Pete had a slight lapse of manners just off the breakaway. Parkway had an unproductive and stylish find before he pinned a pheasant at 10; the flush was too tempting, and he was picked up.

Jolene Jolene (M. Tracy) and Wayward Flyin Tomato (M. Hughes) ran in the 11th brace. Jolene Jolene is written up under "The Winners." Flyin Tomato pointed quickly on the bottom side of the outer loop before going on but chased a pheasant shortly after on the top side of the outer loop.

Miller's Heat Seeker (G. Tracy) and Steel Valley Raven (M. Tracy) laid down one of the more exciting braces. Raven was locked up for a find on the left side of the breakaway hedgerow. She displayed fine style and manners for the flush and was sent on. Heat Seeker had a find just ahead but out of my sight. Raven answered again with a stylish find and was sent on. Both were running strong forward races. Raven was locked up for a find across from the rock pile, again displaying fine

manners. Raven took the left edge of the locust grove, and Heat Seeker took the right. Both finished the hour to the front.

Miller's Special Upgrade (M. Hughes) and Raag's Rich and Rare (M. Tracy) started at the rock pile going toward the parking lot. Raag's Rich and Rare handled two finds perfectly with fine style and made a beautiful cast going up the hill before having a slight breach of manners. Miller's Special Upgrade ran a good race with two stylish finds but suffered two unproductives.

Cheyenne Jack (J. Lordi) and Reedy Creek Dial Tone (M. Tracy) were released starting on the outer loop. Dial Tone had an unproductive, and Mike called for the tracker at 25. Jack ran a medium race, scoring a find on a rooster along the breakaway hedgerow. He had a chukar find on the hill to the right of the pond. He pointed a fresh kill on the ridge and finished the hour.

Miller's Automatic Upgrade (M. Tracy) and Miller's Lock and Loaded (G. Tracy) ran the final brace of the day. Lock and Loaded was written up under "The Winners." Upgrade hunted the front but was only charged with an unproductive at the end of the main breakaway field, with Lock and Loaded backing to finish the hour.

B K Lapaloma Blanca (B. Lanning) and Backcountry Snake Eyes (M. Tracy) are two young dogs with a bright future. They showed great style on the ground but were both up early.

Trump (M. Tracy) and Miller's Little Duce Coupe (G. Tracy) were sent out from the flat area after the locust grove. Both dogs were making nice casts on the right around the pond and up the hill. Trump pointed just past the hill; all was in order as Mike flushed a hen bird. Close to the top of the ridge, point was called for

Little Duce Coupe. She stood with excellent style for the flush. Trump was on point as Little Duce Coupe gained the front. She failed to back, and Trump was tempted too much.

Bittersweet War Cry (M. Tracy) started off Friday afternoon, with the weather changing as the winds picked up. He was the first of three bye braces. War Cry had a stylish find pointing away from the hedgerow. War Cry was hunting and hitting some ground that few, if any, dogs hit. He stood at the seven, where the handler tried to move him on, but War Cry stood, and eventually, a hen was flushed. He added a nice find in the locust grove. He continued running a forward race. He was working a bird when a bird behind him got up, and then the bird he was working got up; among the



Judges Kevin Stuart and Meredith Mays.

commotion, War Cry took one step too many.

Erin's Envy (M. Tracy) is a beautiful, well-built Pointer male. He was released from the bottom of the ridge. He handled well, hunting the right side of the hill. As he entered the outer loop, he stood on the left. Mike called flight, but it was

not seen, and Envy was taken on. We flew down the center, and point was called. During the flush, Envy relocated and was picked up.

Pine Straw Hot Chocolate (M. Tracy), in the swan song of the trial, was away from the far end of the outer loop. Hot Chocolate hunted the middle, with point being called at 2. While Mike attempted to flush, Hot Chocolate moved slightly to end the trial.

**Bloomington, Ohio, September 24**  
**Judges: Meredith Mays and Kevin Stuart**  
**68TH NATIONAL OPEN PHEASANT SHOOTING**  
**DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]**  
**- 34 Pointers and 3 Setters**

*Winner-JOLENE JOLENE, F1692447, pointer female, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Dominator's Heir Kate. Joe McHugh & Dave McKay, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.*  
*Runner-Up-MILLER'S LOCK AND LOADED, F1674986, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Bill & Muriel Primm, owners; George Tracy, handler.*

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## NORTHEASTERN GROUSE & WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

*Wynot Lottie Named Champion; Mohawk Mill Miss You, Runner-up*

By Russell Ogilvie | Frankfort, Maine | September 27, 2024



*Northeastern Grouse and Woodcock Championship (front row): Al Robbins (owner/handler) with Wynot Lottie, Bill McFadden (owner) with Mohawk Mill Miss You, and John Stolgitis (handler). (Back row): Jamie Leitch (judge) and Dale Hackett (judge).*

With sunny skies and cool temperatures, the 2024 edition of the Northeastern Grouse and Woodcock Championship kicked off. Our judges for this three-day event included Jamie Leitch from Vermont and Dale Hackett from New Brunswick. Both are well-seasoned in the cover dog world and prepared to watch over a strong field. When time was called and the final discussion made, it was my privilege to announce Wynot Lottie (PF) as champion and Mohawk Mill Miss You (PF) as the runner-up. Lottie, owned and handled by Al Robbins, came out of the seventh brace. Lottie was braced with Doodle Ridge Elroy (Mueller) on Course 1, The Cut. Lottie, a black and white Pointer, is very strong on the ground and has plenty of bottom. Very few dogs in this trial had the drive that she did. Working well with her handler, she finally slammed on the brakes at 38. With a woodcock flown and all in order, she was off to the races only to be stopped again at 40, which produced her second woodcock. Turning up the dirt, she pushed

forward and carded her third find at 48. The sound of the woodcock fluttering away and the echo of the shot in the quiet morning made all in tow smile. No question, the dog to beat!

The runner-up, Mohawk Mill Miss You, owned by Bill McFadden and handled by John Stolgitis, came out of the first brace. Pearl was braced with Elhew Snakewood (Doherty). Pearl went to work early. She dove down to the right of the course and stopped about 70 yards in. After a lengthy search in thick cover, she was found stacked up, and Stolgitis produced a woodcock for her. Back on course, Pearl glided through the woods with a crackling tail. A site to be seen! Her final find came in the cut at 36. Deep off the path to the left, she was finally located, standing picture-perfect as Stolgitis produced the bird for her. A great run that was witnessed by the gallery but, more importantly, her owner.

Once again, the Northeastern Grouse and Woodcock Championship was blessed with

great fortune, and the thanks are never-ending. The grounds were in great shape with the work completed by the club but also the town. As everyone knows, we run our trial on public land, and once again the town of Frankfort repaired the road in time for our trial. Without their support, the trial would not happen. We moved 38 birds, so each dog had ample opportunity to get it done. We had a strong draw from far and wide, including the Maritimes, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, and, of course, Maine. Trials like this do not happen without the support from Greg Blair and Purina. No one can question that they don't produce a product that builds champions! To the owners and handlers, as usual, the Northeastern does not happen without you. The camaraderie is second to none and while stories are told and performances are watched, there are always the end of the day gatherings. To me, it is one of the most important pieces of the trials. It is a time when people who have not seen each other for months and sometimes years can sit, reminisce, and enjoy great food and drink. Add in the fall foliage and strings of dogs; you can't ask for much more. The Mid-Coast Field Trial Club tops it off with their lobster and steak handlers' dinner on Saturday which everyone walks away happy.

### **The Running**

The first brace has already been described.

In the second brace, Higby Arcade (PM/Stolgitis) was braced with Cairds Cracklin Rosie (PF/Little). Cade had a very strong and fancy race, in fact,

one of the strongest. Cade stopped but was unable to be located and eventually was moved on—a tough break for the dog and handler. Rosie had a UP at 37 and stopped at 45 but was moved on.

In the third brace, Wild Apple Pop's Dorothy (PF/Doherty) and Chasehill Wicked Wilma (PF/Stolgitis) ran solid races, with Dorothy stopping at 46 with a woodcock. Wilma had a stop at 17 but was moved on.

There was nothing to report for the fourth brace.

In the fifth brace, Snuff Hill High Caliber (ESF/Dellinger) and Chasehill Snoop Dog (PM/Stolgitis) work their way around the Beaver Hole course. Strong and fancy, Cali could not come up with a bird. Snoop stopped at 19, and after a long search and not looking certain, he was sent on to only pop the bird, ending his day.

There was nothing to report for the sixth brace.

The seventh brace has already been described.

In the eight brace, Calamy's Soul Man (PM/Robinson) and Mohawk Mill Double E (PF/Stolgitis) ran well on the Beaver Hole course. Elwood scored a woodcock at 30 with a UP at 43. Elwood was picked up by the handler right after.

In the ninth brace, Old Glory Ben (ESM/Parsons) teamed up with Asper Hill Bandit (ESF/Cullen) on Powerline. Excitement was quick, but not in a good way. Ben failed to back at 3, and Bandit was picked up shortly after with an injury.

In the 10th brace, Carolina's Great Pee Dee (PF/Joyal) and Boomer of Backwater (PM/Flewelling) worked the cut. The dogs ran well, with Boomer having a find on a woodcock at 44.

There was nothing to report for the 11th brace.

Paucek's Up For Adventure (ESF/London) and Sunkhaze Vera Masardis (PF/Flewelling) finished up day two in the 12th brace. Addie had a quick stop at 5, which produced a grouse. Unfortunately, later on, she moved

up during the flush to end her strong performance. Vera had a woodcock at 43 but was a little too much on the edge of the bell.

In the 13th brace were Wynot Roscoe (PM/Robbins) and Chasehill Poison Ivy (PF/Stolgitis). Roscoe was strong on the ground but could not produce a bird. Ivy suffered UP at 23 and 43 and was picked up.

There was nothing to report for the 14th brace.

In the 15th brace, Wild Apple Siri (PF/Rizza) and Mohawk Mill Miss Ellie (PF/Stolgitis) had the final run of the trial. Siri nailed a pair of grouse at 36 but lacked the ground race. Ellie had a couple of stops but was not able to pin anything down.

**Frankfort, Me., September 27**  
**Judges: Dale Hackett and Jamie Leitch**  
**NORTHEASTERN GROUSE AND WOODCOCK**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 22 Pointers**  
**and 8 Setters**  
*Winner-WYNOT LOTTIE, F1696083, pointer female, by Woodcock Haven War Paint-Woodcock Haven Fire Sky. Allen Robbins, owner and handler.*  
*Runner-Up-MOHAWK MILL MISS YOU, F1703199, pointer female, by Mohawk Mill Big Stuff-Mohawk Mill Dolly. William & Karen McFadden, owners; John Stolgitis, handler.*

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## REGION 19 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

*Ramblin Rivers Natural Named Champion; Pearl Jam Nation, Runner-up*

By Katherine Gove | Danbury, Wisconsin | October 6, 2024



*Region 19 Amateur All-Age Championship (front): Ramblin Rivers Natural with Todd Manns and Pearl Jam Nation with Scott Jordan. (Rear): Bruce Mueller, Lance Schulz (judge), Dean Renneke, Don Dak, Nik Zewers, and Doug Swingley (judge).*

The 2024 running of the Region 19 Amateur All-Age Championship was successfully completed with a good field of competitive dogs and a healthy population of sharptail grouse observed on each of the three courses. Overall, the Namekagon Barrens cover was the best it's been because of the diligent management efforts of the WI Department of Natural Resources. We are grateful for the continued burning that has occurred to maintain the ideal habitat for the sharptail grouse. One of those burns occurred a few weeks before the trial, and it made pointing out the dogs running through the open valley a thing of beauty. Unfortunately, a few dogs felt so unrestricted that they just kept running right off the course and out of judgment.

The winner and runner-up champions competed on Course Two, which had a mixture of open vistas and heavy cover, showing the dogs' ability to run and handle. This course also provided several consistent spots for locating birds, including a lek. Champion Ramblin River's Natural had, as one would expect, a natural forward race, making owner and handler Bill Stapleton's job look easy. The champion's efforts were rewarded with a find on sharptail grouse at 40. His strong finish extending into the next course was more impressive since most of his brace was run with a 25-mph headwind. Runner-up Champion Pearl Jam Nation ran a consistently forward race, adjusting to the cover as needed. Like all of handler Scott Jordan's dogs, Pearl had a strong desire to please and

continually popped out to the front with minimal handling efforts by Scott. Pearl had two finds to garner the runner-up position.

The Open Derby stake had multiple dogs that could have placed. Running in the brushy sharptail cover adds an extra challenge for young dogs, but the winners did a nice job running hard to the front. First place, Shady Street, pleased the judges and handler Adam DeLude. Cal, named second, ran a strong race for Austin Turley, and Confidence had a forward race to obtain third-place honors for Jim Tande.

Running field trials become more and more difficult as competitor numbers dwindle. Running quality championships takes a village. Judges Lance Schulz and Doug Swingley went well beyond the call of duty by volunteering to help judge the All-Age Championship after our original judges had health issues. Jarrett and Allison Bell stepped up and volunteered to judge the Open Derby. Trial Chairman Todd Manns did a great job running the trial. His able assistant, Fran Kelly, helped with the food and treats, hosting happy hours and delicious cookouts. Our long-time dog wagon driver, Don Dak, should have gotten an award after bouncing along the rough terrain for all of the stakes with several broken ribs. We are very grateful to sponsors Purina and SportDOG for their generous donations.

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Danberry, Wis., October 6  
 Judges: Lance Schulz and Doug Swingley  
**REGION 19 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**[One-Hour Heats] – 7 Pointers and 4 Setters**

Winner-RAMBLIN RIVERS NATURAL, F1688693, pointer male, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Upfront's Southern Star. William Stapleton, owner and handler.  
 Runner-Up-PEARL JAM NATION, F1701309, pointer male, by Confident Nation-Notorious Rebel Woman. Scott & Julie Jordan, owners; Scott Jordan, handler.



Open Derby (front): Bill Stapleton with Alliwood's Shady Street, Keith Anderson with Carbonado's Caldero, and Jim Tande with Total Confidence. (Rear): Adam DeLude, Allison Bell (judge), Jarrett Bell (judge), Austin Turley, Todd Manns, Michelle Turley, Fran Kelly, Nik Zewers, and Katherine Gove.

Judges: Allison Bell and Jarrett Bell  
**OPEN DERBY – 11 Pointers and 1 Setter**

1st-ALLIWOOD'S SHADY STREET, F1706020, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Alliwood's Shady Shay. Adam DeLude, owner and handler.  
 2d-CARBONADO'S CALDERA, F1713506, pointer male, by Nevada's Copper Jim-Boudica. Austin Turley, owner and handler.  
 3d-TOTAL CONFIDENCE, F1717099, pointer male, by Confident Nation-Oday Nation. James Tande, owner and handler.

**SETTER SPRINGS FIELD TRIAL CLUB**

**BK Locked N' Loaded Wins Can/Am Open Shooting Dog Classic**

By Bill Owen | Marsing, Idaho | October 6, 2024

For the last four or five years, the Can/Am Shooting Dog Classic has been held on the Richardsons' Prairie Wind Ranch in Payette, Idaho. Prairie Wind has outstanding facilities and is a great place to put on a trial. Unfortunately, much of the ranch was burned in a large wildfire this fall. The facilities were not damaged, but most of the trial grounds were completely burned, destroying almost all the cover and making it impossible to hold a trial there in September. Fortunately, there are alternative grounds not too far away. Unfortunately, it is about as difficult a place to put on a trial as you can get. There are no facilities, water, electricity, dog kennels, horse pens, or buildings. The nearest water is 20 miles away. But it is beautiful, and there are wild birds there.

First, our sponsors, Purina and SportDOG, need to be thanked. Purina provided dog food for the winners and gifts for the judges and hosted a great banquet at the local hot spot—Tango Saloon—which did a great job of putting on a prime rib dinner enjoyed by all. SportDOG provided their quality training collars for the winners. They have



Can/Am Open Shooting Dog Classic (front row): Jim Ledington with BK Locked N' Loaded, Sergio Velez, Bridget Ledington with Miller's Concealed Weapon, and Kristina Wall with Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Ajay. (Back row): Jason Staley, Bill Owen, Jarry Walton, and Alex Mauck.

supported this trial for many years, and their support is very much appreciated.

Many people need to be thanked for making this trial possible. We ran on grounds managed by BLM, and their local representatives did a great job working with Jim Ledington to get an expedited permit. Jim ran the National Amateur Chukar Championship, the Northwest Chukar Championships, and the Larry Brech Derby prior to our putting on the Can/Am, so he had done most of the work. Thanks also

goes out to the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Idaho. They put on a trial on these grounds, just before ours, and were kind enough to leave their tent, tables, chairs, water troughs, and water trailer, without which we would have really suffered. A special thanks goes to Cliff Mesnard, who took on the job of hauling water. Cliff made the 40-mile drive for water every day and filled all our water buckets every day. This was a huge help!!

Phil Bowden brought the birds and drove the dog truck. Kristina

Wall provided hot lunches every day and drove the dog truck when Phil couldn't. Jarry Walton and Jason Staley did an excellent job judging. They were very much appreciated.

We also want to thank all participants for supporting this trial and express special appreciation to pros Brian Gingrich and Sergio Velez for their support.

The Can/Am was billed as a

released bird trial but didn't turn out that way. The three dogs earning placements had eleven finds, only one on a planted bird. BK Locked N' Loaded, handled by Sergio Velez, had five finds and was braced with Miller's Concealed Weapon, handled by Bill Owen, which had four finds—nine total finds for the brace, eight on Huns, and one on Chukar. This was quite an hour. The dogs placed first and second. The third-place dog,

Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Ajax, had a great limb find on a covey of Huns and a find on a released Chukar.

Marsing, Ida., October 6  
Judges: Jarry Walton and Jason Staley  
CAN/AM OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC  
[One-Hour Heats]

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

2d-MILLER'S CONCEALED WEAPON, F1699549, setter male, by Miller's Black Butte-Alaqua Dee. Bill Owen, owner and handler.

3d-MAUCK'S WYEAST OWYHEE AJAX, 1694269, setter female, by P W Sunrise-Lee Ann's Sassy. Alex Mauck, owner and handler.

## WISCONSIN COVER DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Lake Effect Ali Named Champion; Grouse Trails Black Knight, Runner-up

By Brent Sittlow | Augusta, Wisconsin | October 8, 2024



Wisconsin Cover Dog Championship (l-r): Tim Kaufman with Champion Lake Effect Ali and John McKellop with Runner-up Champion Grouse Trails Black Knight.

A warm and dry August in Wisconsin carried over into September and October with unseasonable weather. It was downright uncomfortable to be in the woods, with temperatures quickly climbing through the 70s each day. There is no question the conditions hampered the trial, especially the afternoon braces. But the show must go on. Despite the tough conditions, a good number of dogs got it done on the ground and put themselves in contention with a slant toward woodcock work. Good work on Ruffed grouse was tough

this year.

Another thing these grounds are noted for is groomed trails that the club prunes and cuts each summer in preparation for the fall trials. Eight different, one-hour courses cover about 20 total miles of trails, which need to be pruned and cleaned each year. If courses need to be optimized and changed, as they often do, even more effort is needed to create a fair field trial course for dogs and handlers. Colin Peterson led all contestants by logging the most hours in the woods with pruning equipment. Roger

King, Alex Anderson, Tom Goltz, Denny Bauman, Mike Luebke, Rod Lein, Brent Sittlow, Lydia Sittlow, and Ben Mergens all tried to keep up with Colin, as we pitched in as much as our summer schedules would allow. Of course, all of this great woodcock and grouse cover would not be possible or accessible without the fine work that the Eau Claire County Parks and Forestry Department does on these multi-use grounds. Our club has developed a great relationship with the department. Since 1968, we have been grateful for their endorsement and permission to use the county forest to test and compete with our dogs on wild birds.

### The Winners

Lake Effect Ali (Kaufman) bested a field of 37 entries competing over three days. Ali was cut loose on the Crash Course on the fifth brace of the trial. She traversed past the first stream crossing, and her bell indicated that she had darted left of course towards the Eau Claire River. She was found standing on point at about the 10-minute mark on a steep embankment that overlooked a low bowl. The bowl was a rare, moist, and shaded spot on the course that

contained likely woodcock habitat. Kaufman confidently walked past his fancy Setter and flushed for her. Three or four woodcock took flight, which had clustered in that cover. After Kaufman sounded his blank gun, we glanced up the embankment to see Ali overlooking the bowl with style and intensity—a very nice piece of birdwork. Ali's bracemate was not pleasing his handler and was picked up at about the 25-minute mark. This left the rest of the Crash Course open for her and her alone. She was looked for at 35 when her bell stopped in a very thick cover. She started up again on her own before she was found and continued on. No harm, no foul. By this time, the hot sunny skies were really baking the sandy ground, and her stamina would be tested. Her bell went silent again at about the 40-minute mark in another rare damp spot on the course. She was found on point with perfect style and another woodcock was produced. Taking advantage of the cool, damp spot, Ali was watered and sent on to complete the one-hour brace. She was stopped again when time was called at 60 and searched for. But she started up again on her own before she was found. She was quickly gathered up by Kaufman and led out of the woods. Her purposeful race and application, during the heat of the day, separated her from the other contestants that also had suitable birdwork during this trial.



*Open Derby (l-r): Roger King posing Clover Valley Mulak, Greg Johnson with Northwoods Rip Roy, and Jordan Pharris with Clover Valley Evans.*

Grouse Trails Black Knight (McKellop) was on the Horse Creek Course for the seventh brace of the first day. Knight is a young black and white English Pointer raised and trained primarily in Pennsylvania. Knight covered the first half of the Horse Creek Course in fine fashion but lacked bird work. On the second half of the one-hour brace, he kicked it into gear when you need it most. He racked up three separate woodcock finds with steady manners through flush and shot. Again, what separated Knight from other dogs was his independent bird seeking and searching for ground race.

### **Notables**

Listed are the dogs completing the one-hour brace with clean work on grouse and/or woodcock in the order in which they were drawn: Brushville Burton Spencer (Waite), Over The Hill Morgan (Lein), Northern Slopes Bell (Grady), Brushville Triflection Jack (Waite), and Ruffed Country Sweet Lily (Pharris).

**Augusta, Wis., October 8**  
**Judges: Brent Peters and Brent Sittlow**  
**WISCONSIN COVER DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 37 Entries**

*Winner-LAKE EFFECT ALI, F1688438, setter female, by Northern Lights Sirius-Lake Effect Tilly. Tim Kaufman, owner and handler.*  
*Runner-Up-GROUSE TRIAL BLACK KNIGHT, F1701062, pointer male, by Toth's Tornado Reloaded-Grouse Trails Warrior Cat. John McKellop, owner and handler.*

### **Open Derby Stake**

The Open Derby stake entry was robust. Field trial clubs use these juvenile stakes to judge the potential of their up-and-coming cover dogs. The contestants ran on a single course in separate braces to prove their potential to judges Colin Peterson and Ed Graddy. Coming out on top was Clover Valley's Mulak, handled by Greg Johnson of Superior, Wisconsin. Second place was also awarded to Johnson with Northwoods Rip Roy. Third place was given to Clover Valley's Evans, handled by Jordan Pharris and owned by Jerry Furnish of Two Harbors, Minnesota. All three winners separated themselves from the rest of the entries by hitting the likely grouse cover with speed, purpose, and independence.

**Judges: Ed Grady and Colin Peterson**  
**OPEN DERBY – 17 Entries**

*1st-CLOVER VALLEY'S MULAK, F1705658, setter male, by Northwoods Atlas-Clover Valley's Millie. Jerry Furnish, owner; Greg Johnson, handler.*  
*2d-NORTHWOODS RIP ROY, F1711135, setter male, by Woodville's Yukon Cornelius-Northwoods Redbreast. Greg Johnson, owner and handler.*  
*3d-CLOVER VALLEY'S EVANS, F1705659, setter female, by Northwoods Atlas-Clover Valley's Millie. Jerry Furnish, owner and handler.*

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## REGION 1 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

*Backcountry Pure Gold Named Champion; Calico's Over The Top, Runner-up*

By John Olfson | East Windsor, Connecticut | October 12, 2024



*Region 1 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Aiden Malone, Dave O'Brien, John Olfson (judge), Chris Catanzarite with CH Back Country Pure Gold, Craig Santos (judge), Tiffany and Alex Smith together with their son and R-U CH Calico's Over The Top, Pam Casale, Amilcar Pereira, Gene Casale, and John Malone and grandson.*

The Region 1 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship commenced Saturday, October 12, in East Windsor, Connecticut, at the Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Area with judges John Olfson and Craig Santos mounted and ready for action. We drew an excellent field of 28 dogs.

Under the joint effort of the Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Clubs Association and its devoted President Rich Murphy, as well as the State of Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and Eastern District Wildlife Biologist Ann Kilpatrick, the grounds were in as good of condition as could be expected. We are thankful and appreciate this continued joint effort.

Backcountry Pure Gold was named champion. She ran a huge forward race, taking edges and hunting hard with finds at 9, 49, and 60. She hunted deeper into the course than

any other dog. The find at time was particularly impressive; as we road and rounded a bend, we could see her standing perfectly at the far end of Dearborn, several hundred yards in front of us. She is very classy, simply gorgeous on point. She is owned and handled by veteran field trialer Chris Catanzarite.

Calico's Over The Top was named runner-up champion. He was also the runner-up champion of this event in 2022. He laid out a hard-charging, powerful performance; he is a big boy, and this is the way he rolls. He was always forward, running big with finds at 16, 25, and 50. Veteran handler Alex Smith handled him and is a big part of his ownership group, Calico Kennels.

It would be remiss if I did not mention the fine effort by Waybetter Bobby. "Smoke," his callname, was handled by his owner, Bobby Verderosa, to a six-find effort. He is

an experienced dog, having been campaigned by Jeanette Tracy to several wins. He sometimes was looking to his handler for some direction, as if he was trying to say, "Aren't you going to blow the whistle, or don't you want me over here?" Still a fine performance.

Many thanks to Brian Sanchez, the winner of last year's event with his fine dog Great River Yellowstone, for hosting Saturday night's dinner. Also, many thanks to Gene Casale and Dave O'Brien for chairing the event together with me.

Special thanks to our Association President and longtime Region 1 Trustee, Eli Richardson, for providing his three fine horses—Shadow, Smokey, and Mosses—to judge off. We could not have done it without them.

Many thanks to Greg Blair and Purina for their continued support. We are proud to award Pro Plan Sport to the winners. We all appreciate Purina's effort and support of all sporting breeds; they are far and away second to none! In fact, I know of no one in our New England group of field trialers who does not feed Pro Plan.

**East Windsor, Conn., October 12 – One Course  
Judges: John Olfson and Craig Santos  
REGION 1 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG  
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 26 Pointers  
and 2 Setters**

*Winner-BACKCOUNTRY PURE GOLD, F1694791, pointer female, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Backcountry Tornado. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.*

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

## NATIONAL RED SETTER ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Firefly's Beeline Wins Red Setter National Championship; Cedar Creek Sixgun, Runner-up*

By Bonnie Hidalgo | Grovespring, Missouri | October 16, 2024

**F**irefly's Beeline claimed the National Championship title for 2024 with a two-find performance. The 8-year-old female is owned by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo of Brighton, Colorado, and was handled by Bonnie. Cedar Creek Sixgun was named runner-up in the National Championship with one find. He is owned and handled by Ed Liermann of Palmyra, Wisconsin.

Cedar Creek Sixgun came back in the National Amateur Championship to acquire the victory for Ed Liermann. He scored one find in a great race. Firefly's Power Play took the runner-up honors for owners Robbie Nesson and Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo. "Puck" was handled by Bonnie Hidalgo and scored two covey finds in a good race.

Amy Gauthier of Bay City, Michigan, with her nice male, Cedar Creek Asa's Reign, easily won the one-hour Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog Classic. Second place went to Firefly's Beeline and Bonnie Hidalgo.

In the Open Derby, Quantonas Reckless Abandon took first place for owner-handler Kelli Aitken Thompson of Box Elder, South Dakota. Slingblade was second for owner and handler Roger Boser of Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania.

The winner of the Walking Puppy stake was Come Back Misty Bay and her owner-handler, Amy Gauthier.

Big Red Machine won the Open Walking Derby for his owner and handler, Mike Fox of Patriot, Indiana. Come Back Misty Bay was second for Amy Gauthier.

The National Red Setter Field Trial Club's 2024 National Championship trial was held on the well-respected



*Red Setter National Championship (front): Kelli Thompson (scout) with Firefly's Beeline and Tom Norton with Cedar Creek Sixgun. (Standing): Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo, Don Beauchamp, William Smith (judge), Ed Liermann, and Chris Rider (judge).*

Field Trial Sportsmen's Club grounds at Grovespring, Missouri. The event began on Wednesday, October 16. The grounds were in beautiful shape with good feed plots along the edges. With new personnel at work, the grooming of the fields was somewhat different than usual, but other than Horse Killer hill, it worked well. The courses still had a good flow to them. The September pre-release of multiple coveys of quail on each of the three courses was successful, but they were hard to find, especially at the start of the event. Even with the pre-release birds, the club felt the need for daily supplementing with more quail. They were planted in strategic places along all of the courses in an attempt to draw the coveys back on course. It appeared to work as we started finding coveys in the derby stake, and they continued to be found for the duration of the trial. The members of the NRSFTC are grateful to the people who manage and care for this excellent venue. Thanks

to Treasurer Sharleen Daugherty and Directors Andy Daugherty, Bob Burchett, and Tony King for their various efforts.

The drawing was conducted by Milt and Wendy Schafer at their home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on Sunday evening, October 13. The National Championship drew 13 dogs, while the Amateur Championship drew a dozen entries. The second annual, one-hour Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog Classic drew an entry of 10 Setters. In the Open Derby, five dogs were entered, and the same went for the Open Walking Derby; the Open Walking Puppy drew three entries.

We were pleased to welcome two gentlemen who are well-respected judges, William Smith, Moscow, Tennessee, and Chris Rider, Smithville, Pennsylvania. They served as our judicial panel for the duration of the event. William and Chris are very pleasant and courteous people who also have a good sense

of humor. They were attentive and helpful to all dogs and their handlers. William is very familiar with this venue and knows how to set the best pace for the courses. Both judges did a great job of keeping the speed consistent. They deliberated carefully, and their decisions were well received. William took note of the fact that your scribe was carrying a heavy workload due to Dennis being on crutches and took it upon himself to saddle my horse for each session of the running. This kindness lightened my load and stress level considerably.

Purina, you are an awesome sponsor! We, in the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, appreciate your generosity; you supply our winners with dog food, our judges with great items from the AFTCA/Purina store, and our club with financial assistance. The Purina-sponsored banquet, which was held on Friday evening, was a scrumptious meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, and all the trimmings. Wendy Schafer did a superb job of preparing and serving the meal. The crowd pretty much devoured it, but no one went away hungry! Thank you to Purina and especially to their area manager, Greg Blair!

A social hour was hosted prior to the Purina dinner by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo in honor of Firefly's Beeline's win of the National Championship on Thursday morning. After the Purina dinner, Club President Dennis Hidalgo conducted the fundraising auction, with the biggest seller being the SportDOG collar, although the Purina sweatshirt and a beautiful print were also hot items. It was an evening of friends and competitors enjoying one another's company. We were happy to have Sharleen and Andy Daugherty join us for dinner.

Garmin once again provided us

with some of their finest collars, which were awarded to each of our three one-hour stakes winners. The National Champion received the Pro 500Plus and the TT25 Track and Train collar. The Garmin Sport Collar sets were received by the National Amateur Champion and the Walking Shooting Dog Classic winner. The National Red Setter Field Trial Club greatly appreciates your continued support of our events. The collars were gratefully and enthusiastically received by the winning handlers.

SportDOG continues to be a great sponsor, always coming through with nice collars for us to use as fundraisers. Jim Morehouse makes sure that the National Red Setter Field Trial Club is well taken care of by SportDOG. We are grateful for SportDOG's support and to Jim for all the valuable advice on product use that he freely shares. We miss Jim's presence at our events and wish him the best of health.

There were handlers and club members present who hailed from Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. It was great to be gathered together again, catching up with good friends and making a few new ones. It was wonderful to have Tom Norton back in the mix. In memory of his much-loved wife, Sue, Tom added \$500 to the National Championship purse. In doing so, he made sure that the payouts to the champion and runner-up were more similar.

Once again, Milt Schafer and Dennis Hidalgo co-chaired the fall trial; they put on a well-organized event. Milt ordered birds, ordered judges' gifts, took the entries, conducted the drawing, and printed out running orders with the aid of his wife, Wendy. Dennis secured the judges and put the trial ad together with Bonnie's assistance. At the

trial, Milt and Dennis did the early morning plant from Milt's UTV. Milt then followed behind the gallery to replace birds that were pointed and flushed so that the afternoon dogs would have the same opportunities to find game. Milt took awesome care of his broken-legged co-chair and was often seen on his side-by-side, giving Dennis a ride up or down the clubhouse slope.

Don Beauchamp drove the dog wagon for the first three days and was a huge help. During the Walking Classic and Walking Derby, Clayton Thompson drove the dog wagon. Your scribe kept the dog wagon stocked with cookies, candy, hard-boiled eggs, coffee, water, Gatorade, and soda. The refreshments were well received and eagerly consumed. Lunches were served daily in the clubhouse for a nominal fee. Sandwich fixings and chips were available every day. Wendy Schafer made soup for two different lunches, and Linda Beauchamp made pulled pork for another.

Ed Liermann manned the UTV for bird planting and early pickups for the walking stakes. Hidalgo's truck was in the field behind the dog wagon to carry the handlers before and after their braces. It was driven, for the most part, by Jerry Gauthier. Many thanks to Kelli Thompson for being on horseback to scout for anyone who needed help. Milt Schafer took dozens of snapshots during the event. Kelli took some photos on course. Clayton Thompson recorded video on his Go-Pro during the entire trial. Videos and photos taken by Clayton and Kelli will be edited into a video by Clayton and will be made available on his YouTube channel, Redbeard Outdoors. The link will be shared on Facebook when the editing is complete, or people can search Redbeard Outdoors on YouTube. Please help Clayton out by becoming

a subscriber to Redbeard Outdoors!

Social activities every evening included dinner in the clubhouse after evening chores. On Tuesday, the eve of the trial, Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo hosted the evening meal in honor of CH Kindle's election to the Hall of Fame. Everyone was invited. Dennis cooked a pesto pasta with Italian sausage and garlic bread. Linda Beauchamp provided dessert. Wendy, Linda, Tommi, and Kelli took care of cleanup duty. The Club's semi-annual board meeting followed the meal; it was short but sweet, thanks to quick reports and agreeable discussion.

Wednesday night's meal was compliments of Kelli and Clayton Thompson for last spring's win of the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship with Red Bird's The Fifth Element. Kelli prepared her scrumptious chicken pot pie which was very quick to disappear with everyone going back for seconds. There were choices between cake and cobbler with ice cream for dessert.

On Thursday evening, the Club supplied groceries, and Tommi Smith prepared a wonderful ham dinner with sweet potatoes, green beans, and delicious desserts. Tommi went above and beyond to help the club out; her effort and results are greatly appreciated. Dinner was served for a nominal fee to defray the club's grocery expenses.

Saturday evening, after the trial had concluded, Dennis fixed stir-fried rice and ham with salad for all who remained on the grounds. He was given plenty of help by Wendy, Tommi and Kelli. We all enjoyed delicious flavors of ice cream for dessert. It was sad to see the trial come to a close, but we'll be back together in Illinois next April. Don't miss it!

## **National Championship**

### ***The Winners***

Firefly's Beeline ran as a bye-dog on Thursday morning. She warmed into her race in the breakaway field and was briefly out of pocket before Double Gates field. Once she returned, Bee ran a strong forward race, taking the lines. After a beautiful edge running move in Davis bottom, she was found on point on the cross row at 31. She had her birds stylishly located and remained lofty beyond flush and shot. At the end of Davis, she headed toward the dry creek and was next seen in the Island field. Bee took its left edge to its completion and went up the hill, out of view. She was spotted on the right edge before Horse Killer hill. She stood pointing, high on both ends at 48. Bee showed excellent decorum on her game. She finished her hour on Apple Tree hill. Beeline was bred and is owned by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo. Bonnie handled her to this win.

Cedar Creek Sixgun was awarded the runner-up title. He is owned and handled by Ed Liermann of Palmyra, Wisconsin. Appearing in the first brace of the stake, he drew Course One on Wednesday morning. Sixgun ran a strong, mostly forward race. He showed well on the edge through much of Davis bottom and the Island field. On Apple Tree hill, he pointed stylishly at 50; a covey was produced with the dog remaining tight through the shot. He finished forward into Little Vine.

### ***The Running***

Come Back Delta Dawn (K. Aitken-Thompson) and Cedar Creek Sixgun (E. Liermann) turned loose on Wednesday morning to kick off the trial. Sixgun's hour is given above. Delta scored a beautiful find at 12 in the Double Gates field. She was forward in pattern for the majority of the hour.

Gratitude (R. Boser) and Firefly's Power Play (B. Hidalgo) were released up the Little Vine hill. Gratitude was the more powerful of the two. He made a bold move through Sycamore and was rewarded with a great find at the cross row at 25. Grady was high and tight throughout. Both dogs were predominantly forward for the hour. Power Play went without game contact.

Snowy River's Rock'n Red Ruby (C. Verdoorn) with Quantonas Reciprocal (K. Aitken-Thompson) headed into Clubhouse loop. Ruby was animated and ran a fair race. Reason pointed at the pond at 12, with Ruby backing nicely. Both dogs were mannerly throughout. At 24, near the twin barns, Reason was pointing with Ruby honoring. Both dogs showed excellent style and manners. At 32, in the alley, Reason had a stop to bump and was up. Ruby continued across the road and past Daugherty's. Near the cemetery, she pointed beautifully at 53 but went with the birds to end the morning's running.

Brook's White Hot Blaze (L. Tewes) and Cedar Creek Anthem (E. Liermann). Both dogs broke straight away. Anthem was gone at the Rocky Creek crossing and was not seen until the tracker was pulled. Blaze showed a couple of times before the creek crossing but was out of pocket at Double Gates. He returned, only to be lost again, and the tracker came out.

Quantonas Reloaded (C. Thompson) and Firefly's Lucky Penny (B. Hidalgo) started the hour in Davis bottom. Lucky was a handful and was eventually lost on Apple Tree hill at 36. Neo ran a predominantly forward race. She pointed birds with style at 36, just into Little Vine. Her manners were excellent. She finished the hour to the front at the head of Sycamore bottom.

Cedar Creek Shindig (E. Liermann) ran with Red Bird's The Fifth Element (K. Aitken-Thompson). Shindig was forward with good moves through Sycamore and up Daugherty's ridge. Both dogs were forward into the bull pasture. Shindig went up a draw coming out of Climer's and was not returned in judgment. Griffin ran a forward pattern with some good moves but shortened late and was picked up.

Firefly's Beeline (B. Hidalgo) ran as a bye-dog on Thursday morning. Her winning performance is related above.

Grovespring, Mo., October 16

Judges: Chris Rider and William Smith  
**RED SETTER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

[One-Hour Heats] – 13 Irish Setters

Winner-FIREFLY'S BEELINE, F1674096, Irish setter female, by Dawson's High Chaparral-Firefly's Hot Tip. Dennis & Bonnie Hidalgo, owners; Bonnie Hidalgo, handler.

Runner-Up-CEDAR CREEK SIXGUN, F1677430, Irish setter male, by Come Back Magic-Come Back Lady Soul. Ed Lierman, owner and handler.

### Open Derby

This was the second stake on the roster, and it ran in its entirety on Thursday, following the conclusion of the National Championship. There were five starters, which limited the number of placements to two dogs. Both placing dogs appeared in Brace Two. The Judges were William Smith and Chris Rider.

Quantonas Reckless Abandon, bred, owned, and handled by Kelli Aitken Thompson, emerged as the victor. This red female ran an exuberant, predominantly forward race with one bird contact.

Slingblade took second with a good forward race and one bird contact. Roger Boser bred Slingblade and is also his owner and handler. Slingblade was sired by the recently deceased young winner, Wayward. He is out of Slingshot, who produced last season's derby sensation, Shotput.



*Red Setter Open Derby (front): Kelli Aitken Thompson with Quantonas Reckless Abandon and Roger Boser with Slingblade. (Standing): Denny and Bonnie Hidalgo, Don Beauchamp, Tom Norton, William Smith (judge), Chris Rider (judge), and Ed Liermann.*

### **RED SETTER OPEN DERBY – 5 Irish Setters**

1st-QUANTONAS RECKLESS ABANDON, F1717095, Irish setter female, by Red Bird's The Fifth Element-Come Back Delta Dawn. Kelli Aitken, owner and handler.

2d-SLINGBLADE, F1706612, Irish setter male, by Wayward-Slingshot. Roger Boser, owner and handler.

### National Amateur Championship

This stake commenced on Thursday afternoon. The first three braces were completed, and the last three ran on Friday morning. The weather was still pleasant but slightly warmer than during the Open Championship. Judges William Smith and Chris Rider presided.

#### The Winners and Others

The newly named National Amateur Champion, Cedar Creek Sixgun, was handled by his owner and breeder, Ed Liermann. Sixgun ran a brilliant all-age race to capture the win. He was off quickly from the breakaway, showing a few times on his way to the rocky creek crossing. Next, he showed on the far-right edge, which he took to the edge of Double Gates field, where he slammed on point. He was standing on the north side of the tree row; his handler attempted to flush, then asked the dog to relocate. Sixgun hunted to the edge of the feed strip and styled up; Ed flushed the bird, fired, and collared the dog out of the strip. Sixgun crossed the field and hit the edge. He crossed the creek bed and kept to the right edge. Once in Davis bottom, he took the west edge forward. He was found pointed at 27, on the right side of

the cross strip. A lengthy relocation did not produce his bird, and he was taken on. Sixgun took the left edge to the end of Davis before heading to the creek bed. In the Island field, he rimmed the left edge to the end of the field. He was next seen well forward before Horse Killer hill. He disappeared briefly but showed on top, going on to finish well on Apple Tree hill. Cedar Creek Sixgun turned seven in August 2024.

Firefly's Power Play started at the gate to the bull pasture. At 4, Puck was pointed stylishly near the trees on the left; his bracemate honored. The birds were flushed, with both dogs standing high and tight. Power Play made a big move through Horse Corral bottom and showed on the hill before the clubhouse. He was forward through the clubhouse loop, where he backed his bracemate. He was absent at the twin barns but returned in the alley. Puck ran the edges around the end of Sycamore. He went out of sight at the double gates but was found standing at the edge of the pond at time. A big covey was flushed for the staunch dog, who retained his style through flush and shot. Firefly's Power Play, a 9-year-old male, is owned by Robbie Nesson and Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo; he was handled by Bonnie.

Quantonas Reloaded was carried for placement until Sixgun ran. Her race began at the top of Fox hill. "Neo" scored a nice covey find at 15, all in good order. Her race was forward and strong; she showed well on the edges of Sycamore bottom. She had a big forward finish and was only faulted for a couple of immature moves. Clayton and Kelli Thompson, Box Elder, South Dakota, own her, and Clayton was her handler.

### **The Running**

Quantonas Running Mate (K. Aitken Thompson) and Firefly's Lucky Penny (B. Hidalgo) appeared on course one. Pence showed well and



was predominantly forward for the hour. Lucky ran a big race but was a handful. Both dogs finished on Apple Tree hill.

Cedar Creek Anthem (E. Liermann) with Quantonas Reloaded (C. Thompson) began at the top of Fox hill. Reloaded was considered for placement, so her performance can be found under "Winners and Others." Anthem started well but shortened. She scored a nice covey find on Daugherty Ridge at 53.

Firefly's Power Play (B. Hidalgo) and Gratitude (R. Boser). Powerplay's performance was described earlier under "Winners and Others." Gratitude honored stylishly at 4, in the bull pasture. He made nice forward moves from the bull pasture through the clubhouse loop. He pointed in a likely spot in the loop, but no birds were produced. In the alley below the barns, he pushed a covey at 49 to end his performance.

Come Back Delta Dawn (K. Aitken Thompson) was braced with Cedar Creek Sixgun (E. Liermann). They were the first brace on Friday. Delta was lost early, and the tracker was out before Davis bottom. Sixgun won this Championship, and his performance is recounted in the Winner's section.

Quantonas Reciprocal (K. Aitken Thompson) and Firefly's Beeline (B. Hidalgo) were set free at the top of Fox hill. Reason crossed Apple Tree hill with speed and range that belied her age. Beeline crossed to the left and was first down the hill. Bee was found pointed at the cross row below, with Reason honoring at 7. All was in good order for both dogs. Bee made the Little Vine loop in short order. Reason came off the hill loop in harness after joyfully flushing a covey of quail, once again belying her age and many titles. She turned 10 in November. At 21, Bee was seen forward; at 23, she slammed on point; a pile of feathers was all that



**Red Setter National Amateur Championship:** Amy Gauthier with Cedar Creek Sixgun and Kelli Thompson (scout) with Firefly's Beeline. (Standing): Jerry Gauthier, Chris Rider (judge), Ed Liermann, Tom Norton, William Smith (judge), Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo, and Don Beauchamp.

could be found. She ran the next field's west edge and quickly moved on to Sycamore bottom. There, she ran the right edge all the way to the road. She swung left and climbed the hill; a lengthy absence ensued; she came from the rear at 58 and finished just past the barns.

Cedar Creek Shindig (E. Liermann) and Red Bird's The Fifth Element (K. Aitken Thompson) turned loose west of the barns. Both dogs kept to the left at the big pond and to the bull pasture. Shindig made a nice move down the west side to the back corner of the pasture. Griffin was moving forward through the bull pasture and Climer's but was not his usual self. Kelli opted to pick up at Horse Corral valley. Shindig started down Horse Corral valley and came around to climb the hill. She showed near the clubhouse gate and climbed up the ridge. Shindig was briefly absent at the top, then was forward to the barns and through the alley. She crossed the road, finishing forward near the cemetery.

**RED SETTER NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]**  
- 12 Irish Setters

Winner-CEDAR CREEK SIXGUN, F1677430, Irish setter male, by Come Back Magic-Come Back Lady Soul. Ed Lierman, owner and handler.  
Runner-Up-FIREFLY'S POWER PLAY, F1664073, Irish setter male, by Flintstone-Firefly's Hot Tip. Bonnie Hidalgo & Robbie Nesson, owners; Bonnie Hidalgo, handler.

**Open Walking Puppy**

Three puppies were entered, but one was unable to be there due to



**Red Setter Open Walking Puppy (front):** Amy Gauthier with Come Back Misty Bay. (Standing): Jerry Gauthier, William Smith (judge), Chris Rider (judge), Mike Fox, and Ed Liermann.

a vehicle breakdown. Only one dog can be placed in a stake with three or less starters. Come Back Misty Bay, a female owned and handled by Amy Gauthier, won this stake. She was fast and bold with good range. Bayly was bred by Joe Edwards in North Carolina.

**RED SETTER OPEN WALKING PUPPY**  
- 3 Irish Setters

1st-COME BACK MISTY BAY, F1710202, Irish setter female, by Come Back Billy Boy-Hatcreek Misty Blue. Amy & Jerry Gauthier, owners; Amy Gauthier, handler.

**Open Walking Shooting Dog Classic**

There were 10 dogs drawn in this stake, but only nine started. Birds were plentiful, to the detriment of several dogs. Cedar Creek Duke appeared in the first brace and looked unbeatable until his sixth find when the birds got the best of him. Foxy Lady Sadie had four flawless finds and was on her way to a win but wrecked on the next covey. There were many quality dogs, including a champion who picked this stake to misbehave; one brace ended in less than a minute. Judges Chris Rider and William Smith were left shaking their heads and were relieved to end the stake with two clean dogs and one of those with a near-ideal performance.

Cedar Creek Asa's Reign won this stake with two beautiful, well-mannered finds. He ran an attractive race and was responsive to his handler. Asa is owned and handled by Amy Gauthier. He appeared in the



**Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog Classic (front): Amy Gauthier with Cedar Creek Asa's, Bonnie Hidalgo, and Kelli Thompson (scout) with Firefly's Beeline. (Standing): Jerry Gauthier, Tom Norton, Sam Nutting, Bruce Ludwig, Ed Liermann, William Smith (judge), Dennis Hidalgo, and Chris Rider (judge).**

second brace of the stake, running as a bye since it was his bracemate that scratched. Asa gave a highly commendable hour-long effort.

Firefly's Beeline placed second with four finds and an unproductive stand. Her style and manners on all of her birds were excellent. Her race was smart, but her range was a bit large and, at times, unruly. Bee is owned by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo and was handled by Bonnie in the fifth and final brace.



**The Judges (l-r): William Smith and Chris Rider.**

**RED SETTER OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 10 Irish Setters**  
*Winner-CEDAR CREEK ASA'S REIGN, F1692805, Irish setter male, by Cedar Creek Talon-Cedar Creek's Skyline Belle. Amy Gauthier, owner and handler.*  
*Runner-Up-FIREFLY'S BEELINE, F1674096, Irish setter female, by Dawson's High Chaparral-Firefly's Hot Tip. Dennis & Bonnie Hidalgo, owners; Bonnie Hidalgo, handler.*

**Open Walking Derby**

This stake attracted a field of five young dogs and followed on the heels of the Walking Classic. William Smith and Chris Rider officiated this stake, as they had all the others. They found what they were looking for in the second brace.

Big Red Machine, owned and



**Red Setter Open Walking Derby (front): Mike Fox with Big Red Machine and Amy Gauthier with Come Back Misty Bay. (Standing): William Smith (judge), Bonnie Hidalgo, Sam Nutting, Chris Rider (judge), Ed Liermann, Tom Norton, Clayton Thompson, Jerry Gauthier, and Dennis Hidalgo.**

handled by Mike Fox, emerged as the winner. He ran a bold forward race and displayed an attractive gait.

Come Back Misty Bay was second for her owner and handler, Amy Gauthier. This puppy-aged female is advanced for her age and shows a lot of drive. Her pattern was less mature than Red's, but she showed speed and animation.

**RED SETTER WALKING DERBY – 5 Irish Setters**  
*1st-BIG RED MACHINE, F1709165, Irish setter male, by Silver Creek Wild Again-Foxy Lady Sadie. Mike Fox, owner and handler.*  
*2d-COME BACK MISTY BAY, F1710202, Irish setter female, by Come Back Billy Boy-Hatcreek Misty Blue. Amy & Jerry Gauthier, owners; Amy Gauthier, handler.*

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# TALLAPOOSA FIELD TRIAL CLUB

## Annual Fall Trial

By Marty Robinson | Cedartown, Georgia | October 18, 2024

The Tallapoosa Field Trial Club held its annual fall trial on October 18-19. The trial was held at the JL Lester WMA in Cedartown, Georgia. We were fortunate that the weather broke from the heat for the weekend, and we had lows in the mid-30s and highs in the mid-60s, which was a welcome break from highs in the 80s, which had been the norm. The conditions were extremely dry, and the cover was thick at this time of year, which caused birds to be at a premium. We would like to extend much gratitude to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Game and Fish Division for their continued work to improve the field trial grounds at JL Lester WMA.

We have many people to thank for contributing to such a successful trial. The “Elite” sponsor of the SBHA is Eukanuba, and we can’t share enough about the incredible support provided to the SBHA and the field trial sport. Eukanuba continues to look for new ways to help the SBHA organization support each of the clubs that put on field trials, knowing that without these wonderful clubs, the sport could not exist. Eukanuba is not only a valuable sponsor, but they also provide dog enthusiasts with the best pet food available. It’s amazing at the level of research and development that goes into their products. We would also like

to thank our other sponsors who play a key role in the continuation of field trials—James O’Neal Dodge, SportDOG, The Saddle Guy, and Gundog Central. These sponsors step up each year with dedicated support that benefits everyone participating in the sport of field trialing, and they should be recognized and respected by everyone.

We had wonderful meals supplied by the Tallapoosa Field Trial Club and prepared by Good Neighbor Meals. Good Neighbor provides the most incredible meals available, and if you are ever in the West Georgia area, give them an opportunity to make a believer out of you.

We had a number of people to thank for stepping into the judicial saddles during this event, and we want to extend a huge “thank you” to each of the following: John Neely, Brad Macke, David Lovern, Tom Hennes, and Lewis Peterson. Each of these gentlemen gave their attention to each participant, and their decisions were well received.

The Club also wants to say a special “thank you” to Lavon King for spending hours on a tractor manicuring the grounds to make the courses perfect. We need to thank Danny Robinson for his role in planting birds, along with Teresa Justice and Shana Gibbs for helping wherever there was a need.

This trial marked the 65th year of the Tallapoosa Field Trial Club, and we are thankful to all who continue to help us put on great field trials.

### Cedartown, Ga., October 18 Judges: Brad Macke and John Neely SBHA OPEN DERBY – 9 Pointers

1st-SIR WILLIAM, F1711448, pointer male, by C S Code Blue-Naughty Pearl. Marty Robinson, owner and handler.

2d-FINN’S FUNKY FOOT, unreg., pointer male, breeding not given. Katie Lyons, owner; Tom Hennes, handler.

3d-CROSS COUNTRY BOB, F1717672, pointer male, by Miller’s Heat Seeker-Rock Hill Marie Laveau. Cecil Graves, owner; Tom Hennes, handler.

### Judges: David Lovern and John Neely SBHA OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 14 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-MADE FOR THE MOMENT, F1695185, pointer female, by Game Warden-Game Angie. Brad Macke, owner and handler.

2d-COLE FUSION, F1683517, setter male, by Awsum In Motion-Fast And Loud. Mary A. Womack, owner; Tom Hennes, handler.

3d-CROSS COUNTRY RYAN, F1697550, pointer female, by Bluebar Clay-Pinehill Elhew Daisy. Cecil Graves, owner; Tom Hennes, handler.

### Judges: Brad Macke and Lewis Peterson SBHA AMATEUR DERBY – 7 Pointers

1st-SIR WILLIAM, F1711448, pointer male, by C S Code Blue-Naughty Pearl. Marty Robinson, owner and handler.

2d-RK’S PEGGY SUE, 1716920, pointer female, by Erin’s Grey Justice-Erin’s Miss Daisy. Roger Key, owner and handler.

3d-KODI, pointer female, by Hillhavyn’s Major Tom-Hillhavyn’s Good Time Rail. Garrison McClary, owner and handler.

### Judges: Tom Hennes and Lewis Peterson SBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 20 Pointers

1st-ERIN’S YOUNG OFFENDER, F1692325, pointer male, by Erin’s Redrum-Erin’s Irresistible Bess. Alan Atkins, owner; Roger Key, handler.

2d-SHOULDER’S LONE WANDERER, F1702386, pointer male, by Jesse’s Cold Shoulder-Pinehill Lucky Lady. Jesse Brown, owner and handler.

3d-UREGENT BUSINESS, F1702636, pointer male, by Miller’s Unfinished Business-Neely’s Party Girl. William A. Goodwin, owner and handler.

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## REGION 19 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

*Grouse Trails Little Bud Named Champion; Bad Habits, Runner-up*

By Greg Johnson | East Windsor, Connecticut | October 12, 2024



Region 19 Championship (l-r): Megan Mergens with Runner-up Champion Bad Habits and John McKellop with Champion Grouse Trails Little Bud.

The Moose River Grouse Dog Club hosted the Region 19 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship October 11-13, 2024. Located on Douglas County Forest Lands, six well-maintained courses flow through prime grouse and woodcock habitat. A crew of dedicated club members works to keep courses enjoyable to traverse. Bill Frahm, Tim Kaufman, Sig Degitz, Greg Johnson, Jeff Marek, Ed Graddy, Bert Benshoof, Ben Mergens, and Colin Peterson have all contributed to course work. Special thanks to Jeff Marek for using his tractor and brush hog to tame the tall vegetation on access trails. We would like to extend gratitude to Bill Frahm and Sig Degitz for their years of leadership at Moose River. Neither of the men are leaving the club but are allowing others to take a turn as officials. Greg Johnson is well-qualified to fulfill his new role as president, and Neil Anderson and Ed Graddy assumed the roles of secretary and treasurer, respectively. Tim Kaufman will maintain his role as vice president.

### Amateur Championship

Highly respected judges were in good attendance for this championship. Neil Anderson of Duluth, Minnesota, and Jordan Pharris of Brainerd, Minnesota, know what to look for in a quality field trial performance. Both men own high-quality dogs that have seen much success.

### Runner-up Champion Bad Habits

“Lucy,” a 3-year-old Pointer female, has claimed the title of runner-up champion. She was handled by owner Ben Mergens and was bred by Rod Lein of Over The Hill Kennels. Lucy’s flashy running style carried her along edges and to objectives containing likely cover. Early in the brace, Lucy stopped left of the course. Scout Greg Johnson located her on an edge; however, no flush was produced. Upon being released, Lucy pressed forward until she stopped at the 20-minute mark. This time, a woodcock was flushed while Lucy exhibited great style and steadiness. On another occasion Lucy displayed good manners by

backing her braced mate. Her pace was as rigorous at the end of the hour as at the beginning.

### Champion Grouse Trails Little Bud

Newly crowned champion Bud is owned, handled, and bred by John McKellop. Shortly after the breakaway, Bud stopped on a swamp edge just right of the course. Bud’s braced mate charged in and backed upon spotting Bud standing. This exciting moment exhibited excellent manners. While no flush was produced, Judge Neil Anderson noted woodcock splash in the vicinity. With a strong forward race, Bud applied himself to proper cover while handling with ease. On several occasions, Bud’s bell faded out of hearing, and John used these opportunities to exhibit cooperation by reeling him in. Nearing the end of the brace and seeming to have run out of likely cover, Bud had not given up. At 59, the bell stopped straight ahead of the gallery. While closing the distance to Bud, his bell started up briefly, then again went silent. Spotting Bud standing tall and proud, John moved in to flush. The grouse, which Bud handled to perfection, took flight, leaving the dog standing in place.

Moose Junction, Wis., October 11

Judges: Neil Anderson and Jordan Pharris

REGION 19 AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 8 Pointers and 13 Setters

Winner-GROUSE TRAILS LITTLE BUD, F1701061, pointer male, by Toth’s Tornado Reloaded-Grouse Trails Warrior Cat. John McKellop, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-BAD HABITS, F1696871, pointer female, by J T H Scion-Over The Hill Patty. Ben Mergens, owner and handler.

### Open Derby

First place in the Open Derby stake went to Flying Titanium’s Tilly, an English Pointer female owned and

handled by Craig Steinbach. Tilly had a great ground race that reached the end of bell range but was 100% in touch with her handler. She hit the cover with purpose and was a joy to watch.

Second place was awarded to Northern Lights Titan, an English Setter male owned and handled by Sig Degitz. Scout had a nice ground race and stayed in contact with his handler. He searched the cover, and it paid off with a stylish point on a grouse. Towards the end of the brace, his persistence paid off with a woodcock find at time.



*Open Derby (l-r): Craig Steinbach with Flying Titanium's Tilly, Sig Degitz with Northern Lights Titan, and Jeremy Scheel with Markey Bluff Cody.*

Third place went to Cody, an English Setter male owned and handled by Jeremy Scheel. Cody was very fast in his ground race, hitting cover and moving on to the next. His

power was exceptional, and he had a grouse with time running out. This was one of Jeremy's first cover dog trials. Congratulations! This Derby stake was one of the most enjoyable stakes either of our judges had walked, and the future looks very bright for this group of young dogs.

**Judges: Tim Kaufman and Eric Saetre**

**OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers and 9 Setters**

*1st-FLYING TITANIUM'S TILLY, F1717978, pointer female, by Titanium's Hammer-Hifive's Allisin. Craig Steinbach, owner and handler.*

*2d-NORTHERN LIGHTS TITAN, F1717815, setter male, by Rebellious Fearless Fred-Lake Effect Ali. Sig Degitz, owner and handler.*

*3d-MARKEY BLUFF CODY, F1717463, setter male, by Rebellious Fearless Fred-Lake Effect Ali. Jeremy Scheel, owner and handler.*

## INTERNATIONAL PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP

*Haney's Silver Dollar Named Champion; Comanche, Runner-up*

**By Tessa Hughes | Moulton, Alabama | October 25, 2024**

On October 25, 2024, in unseasonably warm temperatures, Haney's Silver Dollar, a 3-year-old white, orange, and ticked English Pointer male, with Luke Eisenhart of Leesburg, Georgia, as his handler, swept the International Pheasant Championship at the Sandhills Wildlife Management Area in Hoffman, North Carolina. Silver Dollar is owned by Chris Cagle of Woodlawn, Tennessee. Eisenhart also handled the runner-up champion, first-year all-age dog, Comanche, a white and orange English Pointer male owned by Tucker Johnson of Hobe Sound, Florida.

The Championship began its running at the new venue at Hoffman on Thursday morning, October 24, 2024, with 33 Pointers and Setters competing for the title. Conditions were sunny and dry, with a temperature of 54 degrees for the morning breakaway. The temperature quickly climbed into the 70s by mid-morning and topped 80 by midday.



*International Pheasant Championship front row (l-r): Judd Carlton (scout) with Haney's Silver Dollar and Luke Eisenhart with Comanche. (Second row, l-r): Bill Mason, Tessa Hughes (judge), Joe Hughes (judge), Barbara Youngs, Mike Sweets, Bob Youngs, Claudia McNamee, Til Hankley, Dr. Fred Corder, Lefty Henry, and Greg Robinson.*

Dr. Fred Corder, the club secretary, and stake manager, made opening announcements, including that, given the current location of the Championship, the Club was continuing its practice that the pointing of a pheasant was not required for the naming of a champion. This author and her husband, Joe Hughes of Moulton, Alabama, were honored to serve as

judges. The International Pheasant Championship is one of four National Championship qualifiers that comprise the Carolina Jamboree, a fun season kickoff event taking place at Hoffman for the second year in a row. The handler whose dog garners the highest overall points in all four trials of the Jamboree this year wins a \$10,000 purse.

So many people worked hard

to make this trial a success: Greg Robinson faithfully drove the dog wagon every day, ensuring the dogs were ready to go and on the wagon and providing water, coffee, and snacks to everyone at every brace. Lefty Henry, when not in the saddle, served as another road marshal. Corder and Bob Youngs also served as marshals. In addition, Rita Corder served delicious lunches each day. Carl Owen and other participants in the Jamboree served us an absolutely delicious Frogmore Stew on Friday night (for those of you who may not know, Frogmore Stew is another name for a shrimp boil). There is also work that goes on behind the scenes, including a great deal of care of the grounds and the quail that are put out and then fed, much of that done by the North Carolina Game & Fish Department.

### ***The Championship Brace***

Our champion, Haney's Silver Dollar (Eisenhart), and Game Heir (PM/Corder) were our last brace of the second day. Conditions were hot and sunny with temperatures at around 75 at the start. Both dogs broke away strong, running hard. Silver Dollar is a son of Ransom, and, in his hour, he showed some of his sire's uncanny ability to find birds, racking up four finds despite the heat. He is also a son of the great blue hen, Haney's North Star, who is now the dam of more than one dog qualified for the National Championship.

After the dogs left the breakaway, Game Heir first had a very classy find at 4, looking extremely stylish on the left-hand side of the course. He held well for both wing and shot. Both dogs moved on through the countryside, setting a rapid pace and showing well. Silver Dollar then garnered a beautiful find at 8, standing perfectly still, head and tail high, although birds boiled out all around him. He traveled on for

his handler, moving at a fast clip, showing always to the front, and was next found on point at 25. Again, he stood perfectly for the find, and again, birds flew in every direction, some flying directly in front of his face. However, Silver Dollar never turned even his head, standing up like a champion through it all and the shot. Dr. Corder requested the tracker for Game Heir at 25, and he was up. At 29, we were moving into the pine trees on the third-hour course, and Eisenhart was searching hard for Silver Dollar, and so was his scout, Judd Carlton. At 32, we found Silver Dollar standing in the pine trees on point. Eisenhart went into flush, but no birds were flying. I could hear birds calling, and Eisenhart relocated Silver Dollar, and he again pointed. The birds were running on him, and Eisenhart again asked Silver Dollar to relocate. This time he did, ever so delicately, and he locked the birds down on this relocation. When Eisenhart flushed, birds went everywhere, all around Silver Dollar, and seeing it would make hairs stand up on your arms. They kept on flying and flying. Silver Dollar never moved, standing head and tail high. Eisenhart shot and returned to release his dog. When turned loose, Silver Dollar left like a shot to go hunt some more birds and return to the front, making a beautiful cast at approximately 48. For a brief time, we then did not see him. Eisenhart was looking for him to the front, and Carlton was searching, as well, and time was then called. Carlton then called point for Silver Dollar in the next field over. Eisenhart went in to flush for Silver Dollar in heavy cover. He held well for that find, also, and all was in order, thus concluding the brace.

### ***The Runner-up Brace***

Comanche (PM/Eisenhart), our runner-up champion, and Quickmarksman's Excalibur (PM/

Mike Hester) were in the sixth brace. Both dogs were away fast from the breakaway. Excalibur scored a nice find at 10 and held well for wing and shot. Comanche was running hard and showing us he was a beautiful dog on the run, too, setting a scorching pace through the countryside. He had a perfect find at 12, with Excalibur backing, Comanche looking outstanding on his game. Comanche's head and tail were both high in the air, and he held perfectly that way for the flush and the shot. He then had an almost flawless race, always to the front, showing well, and scoring another find at 49, with Excalibur backing again. Again, he looked perfect on his game and held that way for both wing and shot. The startling thing about this young dog is that, as soon as Eisenhart turned him loose, he then hit the trail running hard, not fazed by the miserable heat and dust, searching hard for more birds. Again, he scored a find at 54 and looked extraordinary again. He held that pose throughout the flushing and the shot for his handler. He then went on to resume that hard-running pace again despite the dry heat. Hester called point for Excalibur at 58, but no birds were produced, and Excalibur finished his hour during that flushing and relocation attempt. Comanche finished strong to the front, running hard.

### ***The Running***

Our first brace was comprised of Rester's Cajun Spirit (PM/Carlton) and Touch's Shadow Rider (PM/Mark McLean), last year's runner-up champion. Although both dogs ran ambitious races, Cajun Spirit had no birds during his hour, and McLean asked for his tracker at 21, after Shadow Rider had not been seen since the breakaway.

Nighthawk's Rebel (PM/Eisenhart) and Game Surge (PM/Corder) were in the second brace of the day.

They left well from the second-hour breakaway and ran hard. Eisenhart called point for Rebel at 38, with Game Surge backing. However, no birds were flying, with Rebel suffering the unproductive. Both dogs continued on well, and then Surge scored a beautiful find at 45. He looked sensational on his game and held well for both wing and shot. Rebel was lost shortly after his point, and Eisenhart asked for his tracker at 55. Surge ran always to the front and finished the hour running strong.

Papa Joe (PM/Hester) and Bandit's Hill Avenger (PM/McLean) were in the next brace. Although the dogs made nice casts away from the breakaway, Joe was not seen again, and Hester asked for his tracker at 23. McLean called point for Avenger at 23, but no birds were flying, and Avenger suffered an unproductive. He went on to have a good, forward race, hunting aggressively, but he had no bird contact. He finished the hour strong, always to the front.

Rampage (PM/Eisenhart) and Southern Nation (PM/Lefty Henry) were in the first brace after lunch (Brace 4). Both dogs left the afternoon breakaway strong, and Rampage scored a beautiful find at 8, standing well for wing and shot. He and Southern Nation ran aggressive races, but neither had any further bird work. Rampage finished the hour well. Unfortunately, Nation was lost, and Henry asked for the tracker at 55.

Erin's Happy Hour (PM/Carlton) ran as a bye-dog in the fifth brace. He ran well from the breakaway but scored an unproductive at 3 and an unproductive at 5 and was up.

The next brace was the runner-up champion brace, which has already been covered.

The seventh brace of the trial started us off with our second day of running on Friday, which dawned

hot and bright. Our day started with Haney's All In (PM/McLean) and Rocky River Halo (PM/Stevenson). Shortly after the breakaway, as we were veering to the left through the pines, Jerry Raynor, McLean's scout, called point for All In on the right. After relocation, birds were flying for All In, who held well for the flush and shot. All In was then away, running hard for his handler. Unfortunately, Halo was not sighted again after the breakaway, and Stevenson requested his tracker at 20. At 26, McLean called point for All In again, and again, All In handled both the flush and the shot with perfect manners. Unfortunately, All In was not seen again after 45, and McLean requested the tracker at 1:00.

Dominator's Wild Bill (PM/Carlton) and Woodville's Yukon Cornelius (ESM/McLean) comprised our eighth brace. Both dogs set a fast pace away from the breakaway, and Cornelius scored an impressive, beautiful find at 18. He then hustled, snapping through the countryside, with McLean pointing him out, with him always to the front. Carlton called point for his dog at 24, but no birds were flying, suffering an unproductive. Cornelius then suffered an unproductive at 39 and continued hunting aggressively, always to the front, impressing us all with his aggressive ground race under difficult conditions. At 58, Raynor called point for McLean, and Judge Joe Hughes traveled with McLean to find Cornelius on point. He looked beautiful, and McLean flushed for his dog, Cornelius holding well for wing and shot. This concluded the brace.

Erin's Wild Atlantic Way (ESM/Eisenhart) and Touch's Malcolm Story (PM/McLean) were in our ninth brace. By then, temperatures had climbed even further, but the challenging conditions did not slow these dogs. The Setter scored a

beautiful find at 29, looking perfect on his birds, with Malcolm Story backing. All was in order. Eisenhart requested his tracker at 29 for Way. Malcolm Story suffered an unproductive at 34. He finished the brace well and had a very nice find at pickup.

Rester's Johnny Ringo (PM/Eisenhart) and Haney's Easy Money (PM/McLean) comprised our 10th brace. Both dogs ran strong races, ever forward, with Ringo scoring a beautiful find at 46. Easy Money suffered an unproductive around the same time. Both dogs were lost at pickup.

The next brace was the championship brace, which is covered above.

Lester's Storm Chaser (PM/Henry) and Sandhill Ike (PM/Jerry Raynor) were the 12th brace. Storm Chaser scored a beautiful find at 15, showing excellent style on point and beautiful manners. Unfortunately, he was thereafter lost, and Henry requested his tracker at 35. Ike ran a forward race, a classy dog, but was lost after approximately 25, with Raynor requesting the tracker at 45.

Miller's Heat Advisory (PM/Carlton), last year's champion, and Heisman (PM/Hester) were our 13th brace. Heat Advisory ran a strong, aggressive race just as he had the year before, and Heisman matched him for a good deal of the brace until he was lost, with Hester requesting the tracker for his dog at 38. Heat Advisory scored a beautiful find at 4, looking perfect on his birds, and held well for both the flight of birds and the report of the gun. Traveling on, point was called for him again at 11, and again, his manners were again impeccable. He was then absent to the front for a fair amount of time, and when he was found at 51, he was on point and perhaps had been for some period of time. Carlton chose to flush for his dog, but it may

be the birds had left him by that time, and Heat Advisory suffered an unproductive. Heat Advisory finished his hour strong, always to the front and hunting hard.

Erin's Perfect Storm (PM/Eisenhart) and Touch's Midnight Rider (PM/McLean) made up our 14th brace. The dogs ran aggressive races, showing nicely to the front, and they scored a divided find at 50, both holding well. They continued, running hard, with Midnight Rider scoring another find after pickup had been called, but within time. He also handled this find well and looked beautiful on his game. Perfect Storm also finished strong but had no further birdwork in his hour.

Haney's Storm Warning (PM/

Eisenhart) and Game Nation (PM/Corder) comprised our 15th brace. It was extremely hot and dry for this brace. The dogs ran well from the breakaway, in spite of the heat, and both handlers called point for their dogs at 21, but no birds were produced on the flush. Continuing on, both handlers made the decision to pick up their dogs at approximately 45.

Touch's Breakaway Fred (PM/McLean) and Erin's High Note (PM/Carlton) comprised our 16th brace. Breakaway Fred had no game contact and was not seen after the breakaway, with McLean requesting the tracker at 24. High Note ran a strong race, but he had no bird contact. The heat was extremely harsh, and Carlton picked him up at

31.

Game Star (PF/Corder) ran as a bye-dog in the 17th brace. She ran a beautiful race, scoring a classy find at 25 in heavy cover in a thicket and holding for her handler through both the flush and the shot. She moved on with class and speed, and Corder called point for her again at 34, but this time, no birds were flying. Corder decided to pick her up at this juncture, thus concluding the championship.

Hoffman, N. C., October 22

Judges: Joe Hughes and Tessa Hughes

INTERNATIONAL PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 32 Pointers and 3 Setters

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

Runner-Up-COMANCHE, F1705324, pointer male, by Touch's Red Rider-Southpoint's Dixie Chick. S. Tucker Johnson, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

## 80th ANNUAL LAKE STATES GROUSE DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

*Grouse Ridge Mags Named Champion; Ralphy's Chasehill Rip*

By The Lake Stakes Field Trial Club | Meredith, Michigan | October 23, 2024



Lake States Grouse Dog Championship: Bryan Wood, Michael McIntyre, Vance Butler (judge), Champion Grouse Ridge Mags with Scott Forman (handler), Dennis Kivikko, Larry Guild (judge), Runner-Up Ralphy's Chasehill Rip with Scott Chaffee (handler), Mike Fox, Brent Peters, Russell Fazio, and Denise Peters.

The 80th Annual Lake States Grouse Dog Championship was held at the prestigious Gladwin Field Trial Grounds in Meredith, Michigan, October 23-26, 2024. The 2nd running of the Roger Johnson Open Derby followed on Sunday,

October 27. This year, being a week earlier than usual, the fall colors were still in abundance on the first day. By the last day and after some frosty mornings, the aspen lost their leaves, while some maples still held their color. Birds were plentiful,

and we even had some flights of woodcock showing up. By the end of our trial, fall had truly settled in for the coming of winter, and the birds were moving to their winter cover.

This Purina-sponsored event is also a recognized Purina Points trial and an Invitational Points trial. Thank you to Purina for your contribution of dog food to our winners.

Our trial kicked off on Tuesday night with a handler's dinner at the Alibi Hall. This was our fourth year having a Walleye Fish Fry, provided and hosted by Michael and Christine Brown. With a good attendance of handlers and club members, a good feast was enjoyed by all.

Judges for this year's event were Larry Guild of Jordan, Minnesota, and Vance Butler of New Era, Michigan. Both of these judges have many years of experience and are known to most all in our field trialing





*Grouse Ridge Mags, Winner of the Lake States Grouse Dog Championship.*

community. Their contribution of time spent in the saddle is appreciated by our club and all those who have ever had the opportunity to wear those shoes.

Daylight comes late at this time of year, and we began Wednesday morning as soon after 8 a.m. as possible when the lighting conditions were acceptable.

### **The Winners**

Grouse Ridge Mags was named the 2024 Lake States Grouse Dog Champion. This spunky little tri-color female English Setter, handled by Scott Forman of Prattsburgh, New York, is owned by William Ballin III of Norwich, New York. Mags is not new to our grouse woods here in Michigan. Last fall, as a 3-year-old, she took her first big win as champion at the Michigan Woodcock Championship. A couple of weeks later, during the Grand National Grouse Dog Championship, Mags suffered a near-fatal puncture wound to the chest. After months of convalescence at home, she went back to her handler, Scott Forman, who got her back into shape and returned to handle her here at the Lake States Grouse Dog Championship this fall. Now, as a 4-year-old, this little spitfire returned to again take top honors here in the grouse woods of northern Michigan. This winner came out of Brace 17

on Courses 1 and 2 after the coffee break on Day 3. Grouse Ridge Mags with handler Scott Forman and Stan The Man with owner/handler Tom Fruchey hit the line with optimum conditions. The first birdwork came from Stan at about 25 minutes in. He carded a nice woodcock find in likely cover. Mags ran extremely well to the front and out on the edges. When hitting the first road crossing on Course 2, both dogs got hung up off to the left of the course. Both handlers tried to get their dogs moving out of there, to no avail. Finally, Stan started moving towards his handler and stopped just before getting to him. Tom called again to get him in, and right into a grouse he did go. Tom went in and picked Stan up while Mags' bell went silent. Scott sent in his scout, Jeff Keller, to take a look. With no movement from Mags, Scott and Judge went in to look, moving several more grouse as they moved in. Mags was found standing majestically with her tail poker straight and proudly poised as that brood flew away, finding one more grouse still in front of her. Mags stood her ground through the shot with all in order. With two and a half minutes to go, Mags went on to finish as strong as she started. Mags showed her power of range and made some very serious casts throughout the hour.

Runner-up Champion was awarded to Ralphy's Chasehill Rip. Rip is owned by Brian Ralph of Grove City, Pennsylvania, and was handled by Scott Chaffee of Clare, Michigan. Ralphy's Chasehill Rip is no stranger to the winners' circle. The 2x CH/R-U CH was the 2023 Grand National Grouse Champion and, more recently, the 2024 Ontario Grouse Championship winner. He was released on Courses 9 and 10, the last brace of Day 3 of the championship, along with bracemate Timberdoodle Farms Sal, handled by Marc Forman. Sal scored a great



*Ralphy's Chasehill Rip, Runner-up in the Lake States Grouse Dog Championship.*

woodcock find on Course 9, coming down the hill. The weather had improved but was still warmer and dryer than usual. At the turn up the hill on Course 9, handler Scott Chaffee lost bell contact and sent in his scout. The scout reported that she flushed two different grouse while looking for Rip and Scott, and judge Larry Guild joined the search. Rip was subsequently found, but as the birds were already put to flight, he was sent on. Rip ran to the front and was lost from Scott for several minutes but kept in contact with scout Tammy Chaffee and the other handler and judge. Scott caught the group at the end of Course 9 going onto Course 10, and Rip continued with a big and animated run, hitting all the available cover. Sal continued onto Course 10, stretching out as she went. Sal scored a beautiful grouse find off the left of the tote road on Course 10. As the group wound around to the end of 10, Rip's bell went silent, with about one minute left in the brace. Scout, handler, and judge Vance Butler headed into the scrub oaks, and about 200 yards from the course, point was called by the scout, and a grouse was seen to flush back over the staunch pointer.

Other dogs that were in consideration during the trial were E J Jonesy, handled by Scott Chaffee on Courses 5 and 6 on the first day of competition; Back Creek Lucy,



**Open Puppy:** Bryan Wood, Scott Forman with Shady Hills Hickory, John McKellop (judge), Grouse Hill Buddy with Marc Forman, and Grouse Hill Dixie with Deb Nihart.



**Roger Johnson Open Derby:** Singletons Gracie May with Mike Singleton (owner/handler), Abraham Downer (judge), Twilight's Problem Child with Marc Forman (handler), Brent Peters (stake manager), and Hypointe Monarch Express with Russell Fazio.

handled by Richard Hollister on Day 2 on Courses 3 and 4; Ponderosa's Copper Penny, owned and handled by Rob Ellis. Penny ran on Day 2 on Courses 9 and 10; and Timberdoodle Farms Sal, handled by Marc Forman. Sal ran as a bracemate to R-U CH Rip in the last brace on Day 3 on Courses 9 and 10.

Meredith, Mich., October 23

Judges: Vance Butler and Larry Guild

**80TH LAKE STATES GROUSE DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**  
[One-Hour Heats] – 17 Pointers, 33 Setters,  
and 2 Irish Setters

*Winner-GROUSE RIDGE MAGS, F1696739, setter female, by Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire-Grouse Ridge Jaz. William Ballin III, owner; Scott Forman, handler.*

*Runner-Up-RALPHY'S CHASEHILL RIP, F1697746, pointer male, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Brian Ralph, owner; Scott Chaffee, handler.*

### **Companion Stakes**

The Open Puppy began Saturday morning with Sean McKellip and John McKellop in the judges' seat. The weather continued to be in our favor as they looked at six puppies, all eager to show their stuff on our puppy course on the north boundary. Handler Scott Forman swept the podium with handler of all three wins. First place went to Shady Hills Hickory, owned by Scott Forman. Hickory not only showed good hunting abilities but also the drive that the judges were looking for. He ran with very nice style and class. Second place was awarded to Grouse Hill Buddy, owned by

John Capocci. Buddy showed both good hunting capabilities and style. While he was on his own agenda for a while, he came back in to finish strong. Third place, also owned by John Capocci, was Grouse Hill Dixie. She, too, ran a strong race out on her own a bit. Showing promise and style, she held her own. Congratulations, Scotty, on a mean sweep!

The second running of "The Roger Johnson Cup" Open Derby began Sunday morning with an outstanding draw of 26 young derbies. Craig Merlington of Howard City and Abraham Downer of Traverse City took the honor of judging this great young group of athletes. With the cover, now certainly down compared to the prior weekend, the birds were a challenge but not neglected. First place went to Singletons Gracie May, owned and handled by Mike Singleton. May ran her forward race on Course 11 with good speed and style. Her bell stopped at 15 to the left of the course near the cedar swamp. She was found standing a well-located grouse. May was a bit of trouble at pickup but was found in due time forward on the course.

Twilight's Problem Child ("Joey") took second and was handled by Marc Forman. Joey broke away on Course 10 with a forward and

consistent run. His race really picked up after a nice grouse find around 12 on the left in the small oak scrub. Joey handled well to the finish.

Hypointe Monarch Express, also handled by Marc Forman, took third. "Tess" ran the last brace of the day on Course 16. She worked her way through the cuttings on 16 and carded two woodcock finds, handling nicely throughout.

We would like to thank everyone who joined us from all over Minnesota to New York. All club members who helped and all the participants who helped move cars, marshal braces, and keep the game rolling. A special thanks again to Mike and Christine Brown, who hosted our handlers Walleye Fish Fry; to Mike and Deb Singleton, who supplied all our coffee break goodies and made sure we had a great lunch each and every day; and to Richard and Jennifer Hollister who wrangled horses for us all week. Thank you to all the judges, handlers, and members who provided information to make this article possible. Thank you again to Purina for your support.

**Judges: John McKellop and Sean McKellop**  
**OPEN PUPPY – 4 Pointers and 2 Setters**

*1st-SHADY HILLS HICKORY, F1706949, setter male, by Grouse Hill Bullet Proof-Shady Hills Panda Bear. Scott Forman, owner and handler.*

*2d-GROUSE HILL BUDDY, F1710157, pointer male, by Grouse Hill Rambo-All On. John Capocci, owners; Scott Forman, handler.*

*3d-GROUSE HILL DIXIE, F1710163, pointer female, by Grouse Hill Rambo-All On. John Capocci, owner; Scott Forman, handler.*

**Judges: Abraham Downer and Craig Merlington**  
**ROGER JOHNSON OPEN DERBY – 5 Pointers,**  
**17 Setters, 3 Brittans, and 1 Irish Setter**

*1st-SINGLETONS GRACIE MAY, F1711859, setter female, by Ponderosa Mac-I'm Blue Who. Mike Singleton, owner and handler.*

*2d-TWILIGHT'S PROBLEM CHILD, F1706124, setter female, by Wayward Flyin Tomato-Twilight's Echoed Promise. Mark Deneka, owner; Marc Forman, handler.*

*3d-HYPOINTE MONARCH EXPRESS, F1704239, pointer female, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight. Nichlas Mellon Jr, owner; Marc Forman, handler.*

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## WEST COAST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

*Tian Butterball Named Champion; Rocking J's Pearl, Runner-up*

By m Griffin | Cathey's Valley, California | October 26, 2024

The West Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship went off as scheduled on October 27. The trial followed the Northern California Bird Dog Club's multi-stake event at J. Ichord's Hornitos Ranch. San Joaquin Valley English Setter Club, with a major assist from the NCBDC's stalwarts, hosted the trial. The limited entry was a disappointment as in years past, this was a top-shelf trial in Region 11.

The Ichord family has generously made their ranch in the Central California foothills available to a number of the Region's clubs and ranks as a top venue. At this time of the year, the cover has been grazed down, and the spring-fed creeks are just a trickle. The released quail find cover in ample deadwood and rock outcroppings. The multiple courses traversed most of the ranch including the wide open that spreads out below the high pass above the second breakaway.

The Club was fortunate to secure the services of two well-respected and experienced judges, Jim Rose from Clayton, California, and Mike Wilkin from Reno, Nevada. These

gentlemen set a consistent pace throughout the running. The Club thanks them for their time in the saddle and careful consideration of each dog.

The running commenced on a sunny day with temperatures in the 50s and warmed to the mid-70s. Tian Butterball, a 6-year-old Pointer male handled by owner Cliff Mesnard, was named champion. Bo had a very strong forward race. At 14, he was found on a picturesque stand on the lip of an abandoned dugout at the top of one of the hills that define the back side of the ranch. Cliff flushed birds that were in the grass 6 feet below with all in order. Bo continued to search fast and forward and was rewarded with a second find in the rocks before the cowboy gate. At 53, Bo stood again where the course turns down the hill toward the creek, but no birds were produced. When turned loose, there was no let up for the balance of the hour.

Rocking J's Pearl, Jaryr Walton's young Pointer female, was named runner-up. Pearl ran in the second brace and had a solid front-running hour. Her single find at 50 exhibited

her excellent style and hour. The judges advised this reporter that they had two other contenders. Terry Erickson's Setter female Horizon's Bea and Cliff Mesnard's German Shorthair G R B's Gestapo. Bea had three well-spaced finds but was missing the finish the judges saw in the winning performances. Gus, the Shorthair, had four finds, but his application was not consistent.

The trial came together with the encouragement and boundless help of Sean and Dr. Julie Kelly. Sean helped release birds prior to the running and drove the dog truck that he and Paul Wells had recently reengineered. Dr. Julie Kelly helped with the drawing and lunches. The Club also wants to acknowledge and thank Purina and Greg Blair for their support of the trial and field trialing generally.

**Cathey's Valley, Cal., October 26**  
**Judges: Jim Rose and Mike Wilkin**  
**WEST COAST OPEN SHOOTING DOG**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 6 Pointers,**  
**3 Setters, and 1 German Shorthair**  
*Winner-TIAN BUTTERBALL, unreg., pointer male, by Gotta Little Project-Tian Elhew Verbena. Clifford Mesnard, owner and handler.*  
*Runner-Up-ROCKING J'S PEARL, F1702191, pointer female, by Kelly's Rebel Louie-Saddle Up Reba. Jarry Walton, owner and handler.*



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## INOLA OPEN ALL-AGE & OKLAHOMA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

*Barshoe Forget Me Not Wins Inola Open All-Age and Named Oklahoma Open Champion*

By Bob Barker | Inola, Oklahoma | October 8, 2024



*Inola Open All-Age (l-r): Allen Vincent, Austin Bryant with Barshoe Forget Me Not, Dr. Stan Wint (judge), Ken Chenoweth (judge), Matt Cockran with World Class Instigator, Barry Moore, and Brody Bird.*

The Ingersoll Ranch is the home of the Inola Open All-Age and the Oklahoma Championship. There is a lot of history here with these two trials as well as the Quail Futurity when it was running with these trials. I can remember when there were over 100 entries in the Quail Futurity. Well, with everything, nothing stays the same, and that goes for field trials. Entries have declined over the years for numerous reasons, and the Midwest is no exception. But on a positive note, there is a resurgence of walking trials across the country, and the people who support walking trials move up and support horseback trials a lot of times. Hopefully, this trend will continue.

This year, Barry Moore chaired this trial and did so with precision. He made sure we had good lunches and a wonderful dinner on Tuesday night. A big thank you goes out to Steven Burris for bringing the lunches and cooking ribeye steaks on Tuesday night which was enjoyed by all. Also, a big thank you to Mike Griffin for marshaling one morning until he had

an accident with his horse. As Mike put it, he was seeing three heads of the horse instead of one. Also, thanks to Bob Barker for planting birds each morning. Many thanks are also extended to Kay Ingersoll, Joleta Ingersoll, and Windy Keener for the use of their cattle ranch. We had the pleasure of their attendance at our cookout on Tuesday night. Getting good judges seems to be a great challenge these days, and Barry Moore secured them. Stan Wint got his start in the NBHA, like your scribe. He had a lot of success in that arena with a lot of dogs, most notably Ch. Honky Tonk Attitude. In the last few years, he has judged the National Championship and recently secured the job that Rick Carlisle had with the National Championship. Ken Chenoweth is no stranger to the field trial game. Ken has had a lot of success in the German Shorthair world. I have judged with him and respect his eye for a good dog.

Weather is always a big factor at any trial, and this trial faced record drought, wind, and abnormally high temps, which was hard on dogs,

horses, and handlers.

Something unusual happened at this trial: Barshoe Forget Me Not won both the Inola Open All-Age and the Oklahoma Championship. The dog is owned by Bob Gum of Tuttle, Oklahoma, and handled by Allen Vincent.

Barshoe Forget Me Not ran in the first brace on Monday morning. He had a wild covey find at 15 with all in order. Then, at 25, had another find before you get to the first creek crossing. He went on to have a good race.

Second went to Westfall's Wheels Up, owned by Ryan and Bill Westfall and handled by Andy Daugherty. He had a find at 14 with all in order, a non-productive at 26, and then went on to have a good race.

Third went to World Class Instigator owned by Mick Marietta and handled by Matt Cockran. He had a good race with a stop-to-flush and a back. All the placed dogs ran in the morning. Most of the afternoon dogs were picked up from hot weather with extreme wind.

**Inola, Okla., October 28**

**Judges: Ken Chenoweth and Dr. Stan Wint**

**INOLA OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]**

**– 19 Pointers and 1 Setter**

*1st-BARSHOE FORGET ME NOT, F1692349, pointer female, by Whippoorwill Justified-Greypointe Invierna. Robert Gum, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.*

*2d-WESTFALL'S WHEELS UP, F1680653, pointer male, by Westfall's Black Ace-Westfall's Quick Trick. Bill Westfall, owner; Andy Daugherty, handler.*

*3d-WORLD CLASS INSTIGATOR, F1702345, pointer male, by Miller's Speed Dial-Grand River Mayday. Michael Marietta, owner; Matt Cockran, handler.*

### **Inola Open Derby**

The Open Derby drew seven dogs. The three that came up on top were Wynona's Rebel, a Pointer female owned by Bruce Sooter and Dennis Beauford. Second went to Raymonds

Patsy, owned by Bill Raymond and handled by Vincent, and third went to Worsham's Samson, owned and handled by Joe Worsham. All were judged on race standards.

**OPEN DERBY – 7 Pointers**

1st-WYNONA'S REBEL, F1717783, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-White Smoke's Angel. Bruce Scooter, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.

2d-RAYMONDS PATSY, F1712582, pointer female, by Raymond's Double Rebel Jess-Raymond's White Out. William Raymond, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.

3d-WORSHAM'S SAMSON, F1717675, pointer male, by Haney's Silver Dollar-Haney's Black Widow. Joseph L. Worsham, owner and handler.



*Inlala Open All-Age Derby (l-r): Brody Byrd, Austin Bryant with Wynona's Rebel, Barry Moore, Ken Chenoweth (judge), Allen Vincent with Raymonds Patsy, Dr. Stan Wint (judge), and Matt Cockran.*



*Oklahoma Open All-Age Championship: Allen Vincent, Austin Bryant with Champion Barshoe Forget Me Not, Dr. Stan Wint (judge), Brody Byrd with Runner-Up Champion Rock Acre Yellow Hawk, Ken Chenoweth (judge), and Barry Moore.*

**Oklahoma Open Championship**

As I stated above, Barshoe Forget Me Not, owned by Bob Gum and handled by Allen Vincent, won the Oklahoma Championship. He ran the second brace on Wednesday morning. He put on a bird-finding show with four finds spread out through the hour and a good race.

Runner-up went to Rock Acre Yellow Hawk braced with the winner in the second brace. He is owned by Ric Peterson and handled by Brody Byrd. He had three finds and a back with a good race to secure the runner-up title. Again, most of the dogs in the afternoon were picked up. Other dogs that had birdwork were World Class Instigator, Wynona's Nickleback

Sugar, with finds at 8 and 40 and a stop-to-flush at 47, and Wynona's Rebel, with a stop-to-flush at 2 and a find at 32.

**OKLAHOMA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**[One-Hour Heats] - 21 Pointers and 1 Setter**

Winner-BARSHOE FORGET ME NOT, F1692349, pointer female, by Whippoorwill Justified-Greypointe Invierna. Robert Gum, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.

Runner-Up-ROCK ACRE YELLOW HAWK, F1694307, pointer male, by Blackhawk Jet-Rock Acre Spirit. Richard Peterson, owner; Brody Byrd, handler.

**CENTRAL CAROLINA FIELD TRIAL CLUB**

*Fall Trial Held At Famed Robert Gordon Grounds*

**By Sammy & Nida Giddens | Hoffman, North Carolina | November 1, 2024**

As we were driving into the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds at Hoffman, North Carolina, we admired the piney woods and thought about how many handlers, horses, and dogs have ridden and run on the field trial grounds, which offers six continuous one-hour courses considered by many to be the finest running grounds in the country since 1954. How many celebration parties and midday lunches have been served in the spacious clubhouse? How many trailers and campers have enjoyed the electrical hookups at the clubhouse grounds? How many horses have been stalled in this massive 56-stall horse barn and open corals? How many dogs have been kenneled in these 100+ kennels!? How many championships have been held here? Still today, we have the

Tar Heel Open Championship, North Carolina Quail Championship, Region 3 Amateur All-Age Championship, NCFTA Shooting Dog Championship, Atlantic Coast Shooting Dog Championship, U. S. Complete National Walking Championship, and the Southeast Regional Walking Championship. In the last two years, the Carolina All-Age and Derby Jamboree, spearheaded by Carl Owens, added the International Pheasant Championship and the National Pheasant Championship. The National Quail Shooting Dog Futurity is also held on these grounds.

The Central Carolina Field Trial Association was organized by Bill Andrews, John Harmon, Hugh Wilder, and Dr. Claude Kidd. Now, the committee for the Central Carolina Field Trial Association is President

Sammy Giddens, Secretary/Treasurer John Ivester, and Directors Dr. Claude Kidd, Nida Giddens, and Lefty Henry.

Thank you to our NC Field Trial Association officials: President Johnny Atkinson, Vice President Grayson Francis, and Secretary/Treasurer John Ivester.

Thank you to the NC Wildlife Commission and the Sandhills Wildlife Team led by Lee Criscoe for all the work they do to provide us with these updated facilities and grounds.

Thank you to our gallery dog wagon driver, Greg Robinson. He knows all the courses and always has the dogs on the line on time. He also has the best snacks at break and entertains us by singing his songs! Thank you to Barbara Youngs, who rides with Greg daily and

keeps a tally of covey counts, dog performances, etc., throughout the trials.

Thank you to Purina Pro Plan and Greg Blair, Area Manager, for your generous sponsorship of our trial.

Thank you to John Ivester and his team—Lefty Henry, Bob Youngs, Mike Hester, Gary Miller, and Steve Mills—for their time pre-releasing the quail on the grounds and keeping them fed throughout the season.

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A special thank you to Tommy and Will Herring for all the behind-the-scenes donations they have given to help make Hoffman the best it can be.

Daily lunches prepared by Nida Giddens were enjoyed each day. Thank you to Carl Owens, Jamboree chairman, for sharing BBQ cooked by Brandon Rogers to use for delicious sandwiches on Friday.

In honor of last year's winner, Betty's Karma, owners Johnny Atkinson and Darrell Miller hosted dinner on Friday night. Angel Rogers cooked her famous chicken bog (a rustic comfort food dish of chicken, sausage, and rice)—a Hoffman favorite.

Saturday night's cocktail party—a table full of heavy appetizers and drinks of choice—was sponsored by the Club and prepared by Nida Giddens.

Louise Wilcox traveled from New Jersey to celebrate with us. In honor of her husband of 54 years, the late Dr. A. Hunter Wilcox, a veterinarian, a Field Trial Hall of Famer, chairman of the Century Fund, and a friend to many, always willing to lend a helping hand to all field trialers and their horses and dogs. Louise



*Central Carolina Amateur All-Age (front, l-r): Angel Rogers with Erin's Demolition Man, Worth Lewis with I Dream of Jeannie, and Whitley Stephenson with Chimney Creek Bud. (Back row): Bob Youngs (judge), Nida Giddens, Kyle Whitfield, Jett Ferebee (judge), Ashley Lewis, Sammy Giddens, and Greg Robinson.*

prepared a fabulous lasagna dinner Saturday night, topped off with delicious pumpkin pie for dessert. Gary and Ellen Winall shared a grilled vegetable succotash. To all our surprise, we were delighted to have Fay Joye, wife of the late Ray Joye, join us in the celebration!

We were fortunate to have Bob Youngs from Ellerbe, North Carolina, and Jett Ferebee from Greenville, North Carolina, handle the judicial assignments. They both rode hard and gave their complete attention to rendering their decisions, which were well received.

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

Jett is a true gentleman sportsman who enjoys dogs, horses, sporting trials, and family. He works hard to develop his land in eastern North Carolina for wildlife habitat. Jett will verse in what a class bird dog is and what it takes to develop one.

He was the breeder of the famous Hamilton's Blue Diamond, an eight-time champion, and runner-up twice before illness took a toll on his health. Jett has several great dogs with pro handler Doug Ray on the shooting dog circuit. Jett is known for his fine horses and horsemanship.

The drawing was held at the home of Sammy and Nida Giddens. Twenty-eight all-age and thirteen derbies were drawn for the trial. Enthusiasm was high at the trial. The high temperatures and humidity made it tough on the horses, dogs, and handlers. Even with these weather conditions, there were many fine performances with coveys pointed throughout the trial.

As each day began, Sammy asked for all to have a moment of silence to remember our trialers no longer with us and for those dealing with health issues. Greg Robinson led us in prayer.

At the beginning of each brace, Sammy announced the course, the handlers, and the registered names of each dog. He also marshaled each brace.

### **Amateur All-Age Winners**

Erin's Demolition Man (PM/Paul Kelly (owner/handler)/Kyle Whitfield (scout). Man ran with a high head and fast gait. He was always forward. At the 34-minute mark, in the mile-long field, point was called by scout. Kelly rode hard on the right side of the field, finding Man on point standing in broom sedge with beautiful style. He had excellent manners at flush and shot. After being released, Man was seen far ahead at the top of the hill, heading to the front of mile-long field. He continued his forward race, swinging through the draws, headed toward the beaver pond on Course 1. Man finished the hour always forward and independent but at the same time maintaining rapport with his handler.

This performance set the standard of what the judges were looking for in an all-age dog.

I Dream of Jeannie (ESF/Kyle Whitfield (owner/handler)/Worth Lewis (scout). "Jen" was released on Course 4 in the mid-day heat. Jen ran a smooth forward race, making intelligent casts and always keeping in contact with her handler. Jen was found pointed in a feed strip before the little water hole at 10. Her second find, a large covey, was on the left-hand side close to where Course 6 crosses at 20 minutes. At 45, she had a UP. Jen completed her hour with a third find at 55. Jen showed great style, manners, and intensity on each of her finds.

Chimney Creek Bud (PM/Will Herring (owner/handler)/Tommy Herring (scout). Although the weather was hot and dry (90 degrees), Bud showed much energy, stamina, and a desire to find birds. Bud pointed at 15, but unfortunately, no birds were found. Bud was released, and he was soon seen at the hill, pointed again at 17 with a successful covey find. At 25, Bud had a second find. At 45, Bud had a third find. Birds had left the feed strip. Will relocated Bud, and he displayed excellent relocation skills. A huge covey was flushed. As Bud made long casts through the field adjacent to Derby Road towards Jacob's house, he pointed his fourth covey on the right-hand side in a plum thicket, showing great style and composure. Will's father, Tommy, enjoyed scouting and watching his son show his dog, Bud.



**Dr. A. Hunter Wilcox Amateur Derby (front): Ellen Winall with Mohawk Mill Lady Justice. (Back row): Bob Youngs (judge), Sammy Giddens, Gary Winall, Jett Ferebee (judge), and Louise Wilcox.**



**Judges (l-r): Bob Youngs and Jett Ferebee.**

**Hoffman, N. C., November 1**  
**Judges: Jett Ferebee and Robert (Bob) Youngs**  
**AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]**

**- 24 Pointers and 4 Setters**

*1st-ERIN'S DEMOLITION MAN, F1699908, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Rebel Maiden. Paul Kelly, owner and handler.*

*2d-I DREAM OF JEANNIE, F1699099, setter female, by Hot Blooded-Shamrock's Miss Grace. Kyle Whitfield, owner and handler.*

*3d-CHIMNEY CREEK BUD, F1704203, pointer male, by Hirollins Gone And Doneit-Santee River Iced Crush. Will Herring, owner and handler.*

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**Amateur Derby Winners**

Mohawk Mill Lady Justice (PF/Gary and Ellen Winall (owners)/Gary Winall (handler)/Ellen Winall (scout). Lady was released on Course 5. It was a hot, dry afternoon. Lady ran a powerful, forward race with a flowing, reaching gait. At 15, she crossed Field Trial Road and continued with much stamina to the finish of the brace. Looking forward to seeing the development of this outstanding young derby.

Armed (PM/Jim Pendergest (owner/handler)/Whitley Stephenson (scout). Armed ran the first derby brace. Weather conditions were hot and dry. He was always forward and reaching throughout the brace, hunting the edges hard. Armed

moved strongly from start to finish with a lot of class on the ground.

Rocky River Reloaded (PM/Grayson Francis (owner/handler)/Angel Rogers (scout). Rocky ran the fifth brace. He ran a fast, forward race, crossing the main dirt road. He and his bracemate were running the far-right edge toward the Jacobs' house when the handler called point. A big covey lifted.

Roll On Buddy (PM/Darrell Miller (owner/handler)/Nida Giddens (scout). Buddy ran the last derby brace as a bye-dog. Buddy had a find at 10 and ran an outstanding race. Unfortunately, he was lost at 24. The judges asked that we recognize this young dog for his outstanding performance.

**AMATEUR DERBY - 11 Pointers and 2 Setters**

*1st-MOHAWK MILL LADY JUSTICE, F1706908, pointer female, by Imagine-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary & Ellen Winall, owners; Gary Winall, handler.*

*2d-ARMED, F1706136, pointer male, by Imagine-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Jim Pendergest, owner and handler.*

*3d-ROCKY RIVER RELOADED, F1714162, pointer male, by Broken Halo-Morgan's Mountain Maggie. Grayson Francis, owner and handler.*

# HANOVER FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

## Fall U. S. Complete Trial

By Kirk Regensburg | King William, Virginia | November 2, 2024



*Waverly Coleman Amateur Shooting Dog (standing, l-r): David Coleman and Craig Stariha. (Kneeling): Lee Flanders with Chippokes Cracker Jack, Verlene Stephenson with Ringo's Sweet Heart, and Steve Graham with Back Creek Lucy. Inola Open All-Age (l-r): Allen Vincent, Austin Bryant with Barshoe Forget Me Not, Dr. Stan Wint (judge), Ken Chenoweth (judge), Matt Cockran with World Class Instigator, Barry Moore, and Brody Bird.*

The Hanover Field Trial Association's fall U.S. Complete trial was held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, 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 the use of these pristine grounds for field trials. It was a beautiful sunny day with temperatures in the 60s. It was a good day to run dogs.

We would like to thank Nestlé 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. George Ramkey and Kirk Regensburg planted birds. Retta Ramkey typed the program. Art Mourino provided

the Kawasaki Mule, which he and Ryan Allred used to transport the dogs and handlers to the starting line. Pat Brooks provided the gallery wagon. Meredith Jones drove the truck that pulled the gallery wagon. Charlotte Regensburg and Judy Jones 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 five dogs in the Puppy stake. Sixteen dogs were entered in the Shooting Dog stake. Judging the Puppy stake were George Ramkey and Craig Stariha. Arnold Ripley and



*Amateur Puppy (standing, l-r): George Ramkey, Craig Stariha, and Greg Isenberg. (Kneeling): Jane Crowther with Pat, Steve Graham with Back Creek Roxy, and Bobby Phillips with Coco.*

Craig Stariha judged the Shooting Dog stake.

Pat, a Pointer male, took first in the Puppy stake. Owned and handled by Bobby Phillips, Pat had a strong forward-reaching race from beginning to end. He hunted objectives purposefully, especially down near the river. Very impressive with casts to specific objectives. Pat is very attractive with a snappy way of going. Second was Roxy, a Setter female. Handled by Steve Graham, she had a moderate race with some nice casts. She hunted more closely during the middle of the race. Roxy was a little inconsistent but had a happy tail with a pleasing way of going. Third place was Coco, a Pointer female handled by Bobby Phillips. She had a moderate race—a bit more inconsistent ground race than the top two dogs but had a happy way of going.

Jack, a Setter male, took first in the Shooting Dog stake. Jack is owned and handled by Lee Flanders. He had a strong, consistent, forward ground race. Jack had a very strong finish, which separated him from the second and third-place dogs. He had three well-handled finds and finished on his birdwork. Jack was very attractive on the ground and enjoyed doing his work.

Heart, a Pointer female, was second. Handled by Verlene Stephenson, she had a strong ground race and handled very well. She shortened up near the end of her race, which separated her from the top dog. Four well-handled finds and one stop-to-flush were handled perfectly. This dog is finished on birds. Heart has an easy way of going. She came from behind a couple of times but was a



joy to watch on the ground. Third was Lucy, a Setter female handled by Steve Graham. Lucy had a moderate ground race that shortened as the brace progressed. She was perfect on her birds and handled them flawlessly. She had three impeccable finds and one stop-to-flush. Lucy is very attractive on the ground with a snappy, happy way of going.

Jack, owned 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 spring 2025.

**King William, Va., November 2**  
**Judges: George Ramkey and Craig Stariha**  
**AMATEUR PUPPY – 4 Pointers and 1 Setter**  
*1st-PAT, unreg., pointer female, breeding not given. Bobby Phillips, owner and handler.*  
*2d-BACK CREEK ROXY, F1712014, setter female, by Grouse Hill Bullet Proof-Shady Hills Panda Bear. Steve Graham, owner and handler.*

**Judges: Arnold Ripley and Craig Stariha**  
**WAVERLY COLMEAN AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG**  
**– 13 Pointers and 3 Setters**  
*1st- CHIPPOKES CRACKER JACK, F1691321, setter male, by Skyview New Edition-Grid Iron's Sorrell's Penny. Lee S. Flanders, owner and handler.*  
*2d-RINGO'S SWEET HEART, F1668688, pointer female, by Southbound Ben-Shadow's Carolina Molly. Verlene Stephenson, owner and handler.*  
*3d-BACK CREEK LUCY, F1683067, setter male, by Peyton's Legacy Kip-Girl's Little Dixie. Steve Graham, owner and handler.*

## BEAR POND FIELD TRIAL CLUB

*Robin Gates Memorial Open All-Age Classic and The "Big" Derby*

By Claudia McNamee | Leslie, Georgia | November 12, 2024

The fifth annual Robin Gates Memorial Open All-Age Quail Classic and The "Big" Derby were again held on the beautifully maintained and storied grounds of Round Pond Plantation in Leslie, Georgia. This year's autumn weather was anything but normal, with dry conditions and warm temperatures in the high 70s, which continued during most of this event. The Open began on Tuesday, November 12, and continued to late morning on Thursday, November 14, with 28 contenders vying for three top-dog placements. The Derby stake began immediately after the conclusion of the All-Age stake and concluded this same day, showcasing 13 newcomers to the field.

The judicial saddles were filled by three highly experienced dog men, Harrison Lee of Union Springs, Alabama, and Gary Hill of Sasser, Georgia, for the All-Age stake and Gary Hill with Justin Swearingen of Thomasville, Georgia, for the Derby running. These judges watched all contenders with keen interest and an appreciation for the sport's nuances. They openly enjoyed the job they had undertaken, and we are grateful



*Robin Gates Memorial Open All-Age Classic (l-r): Luke Eisenhart, Carol Belinger, Shelia Gates Wheaton, Neil Walker, John Wheaton, Tracy Swearingen with Erin's Wild Atlantic Way, Christy Swearingen, Carol Hill, Gary Hill (judge), Justin Swearingen (judge), Judd Carlton with Erin's Code of Honor, David Melnick, Harrison Lee (judge), Clayton Cook, Brian Sanchez, and Jerry Raynor with Woodville's Yukon Cornelius.*

for their time and attention.

A heartfelt thank you to the Walker family for their hospitality and for allowing us to experience these impressive Round Pond grounds and amenities. There are few field trial locations with Round Pond's offerings, and we are all fortunate to experience such a quality venue. Quail were plentiful yet elusive throughout the trial with birds found on all courses. An estimated 35 coveys were put into flight over the three days of running.

Thank you to Neil Walker, Tracy Swearingen, and Luke Eisenhart for readying the property, taking care to maintain rerouted course legs for better flow and scouting. Thanks to Tracy Swearingen, Luke Eisenhart, and Judd Carlton for marshaling in between running their dogs and Clayton Cook for driving the dog wagon. Christy Swearingen and Debbie Hofer prepared daily hot lunches and prepared dinners for the judges; meals were delicious, and no one went hungry! A special treat

was a fresh fish fry dinner (snapper & grouper from Carrabelle, Florida) caught and prepared by Neil Walker; the best fried fish this writer has ever eaten! Another bonus this year was that three sponsors stepped up to help make this event possible: Bennett Feed & Seed of Albany, Georgia, our friends at the Alabama Field Trial Association, and this reporter. 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 warm and dry conditions put all contenders to a greater test. Scenting was more challenging and 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**

Erin's Wild Atlantic Way ("Cap") claimed top honors for the second year in a row with three finds, an exhilarating race, and a quintessential finish in the last brace on Day 1. Owned by Sean Derrig and handled by Luke Eisenhart, Cap was one of only four Setters in this stake. His performance was punctuated by covey finds at 1, 6 (divided), and 40, with the 40-minute covey being the limb-find of the trial. Cap exhibited singular hunting prowess, high style, and class on the ground. Traversing forward the entire hour, he finished with determination, pushing the course limits, and had the judges and gallery up out of their seats!

Erin's Code of Honor ("Tip") earned second place with three

finds timed at 15, 56, and 59 in the last brace of the trial. Owned by Allen Linder and handled by Luke Eisenhart, Tip hunted intentionally, with uninterrupted focus on the task at hand. His birdwork was stylish and flawless, showing in all the right places. He finished in strong fashion with a covey find at pickup. Tip continues to be a compelling force of nature on the all-age open circuit.

Woodville's Yukon Cornelius ("Rudy") snagged third place, and rightly so. This all-age circuit veteran, known fondly as Rudy, will be eight years young in January and still has what it takes! He's also one of only four Setters to compete in this stake—very exciting to have two Setters in this year's winners' circle. Owned by Carl Owens and handled by Mark McLean, Rudy effortlessly covered the course he drew with confidence, style, and skill. He only hunted up one covey in his hour at 16 but ran a formidable race and finished out front with another hour in him if allowed. Nice job!

### **Honorable Mentions**

This stake also showcased several other contenders who finished their hour with birdwork but either didn't stay to the front throughout or didn't beat the winning races. Regardless, these six impressed the judges and this reporter and deserve mention in order of their running: Bandit's Hill Avenger (O: Anne Forrester; H: Mark McLean); Southern Thunder (O: Chris Campbell; H: Tom Shenker); Haney's Easy Money (O: Stacey and Steve Croy; H: Mark McLean); Haney's All In (O: Stacey & Steve Croy; H: Mark McLean); Dominator's Wild Bill (O: Jeff Arnold and Gene Brown; H: Judd Carlton); and Silver Wings (O: Tucker Johnson; H: Tracy Swearingen).

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 breeding programs around the country. So, this writer would like to commend all 28 athletes and their teams of humans who competed in this event and will give it their all in future contests. Bravo!!

Leslie, Ga., November 12

Judges: Gary Hill and Harrison Lee

**ROBIN GATES MEMORIAL OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC**

**[One-Hour Heats] – 24 Pointers and 4 Setters**

*1st-ERIN'S WILD ATLANTIC WAY, F1684809, setter male, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-T T's Southern Miss. Sean Derrig, owner; Luke Eisenhart, 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-WOODVILLE'S YUKON CORNELIUS, F1673091, setter male, by Caladen's Davinci-A Tarheel Miss Bo. Carl Owens, owner; Mark McLean, handler.*

### **Open "Big" Derby**

Thirteen young contenders were brought to the line for The "Big" Open Derby on Thursday, November 14. Thank you again to judges Gary Hill and Justin Swearingen 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, starting immediately following the last All-Age brace.

Erin's Bold Ruler, owned by Claudia McNamee and Bill Bruchey and handled by Luke Eisenhart, is fast and fancy running. He dug up two coveys, one at 7 and a second divided find at 15, finishing his brace forward with lots of hunt left in him!

Erin's War Eagle, owned by Bill Bruchey and Claudia McNamee and handled by Luke Eisenhart, snagged second place with an exceptional relocation on his one find and an all-age-worthy race—lots of potential here!

Rester's Knight Move, owned by David Melnick and handled by Judd Carlton, hunted intently and pointed

two coveys with style at 27 and 30, which earned him third place. Given his running pattern and forward reach, this young contender will be one to watch!

**Judges: Gary Hill and Justin Swearingen**  
**THE BIG DERBY – 12 Pointers and 1 Setter**  
 1st-ERIN'S BOLD RULER, F1706515, pointer male, by Erin's Grey Justice-Erin's Miss Sam Houston. Claudia McNamee & William Bruchey, owners; Luke Eisenhart, handler.  
 2d-ERIN'S WAR EAGLE, F1710822, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Pearl. Claudia McNamee & William Bruchey, owners; Luke Eisenhart, handler.  
 3d-RESTER'S KNIGHT MOVE, F1706925, pointer male, by Rester's Johnny Ringo-Rester's Katie Lee. David Melnick, owner; Judd Carlton, handler



**The Big Derby (l-r): Tracy Swearingen with Erin's Bold Ruler, Clayton Cook, Neil Walker, Claudia McNamee, Luke Eisenhart with Erin's War Eagle, Justin Swearingen (judge), Gary Hill (judge), Carol Hill, David Melnick, Jerry Raynor with Rester's Knight Move, Alex Rickert, and Judd Carlton.**

## CENTEX BIRD DOG CLUB

### Fall Trial

By Mary Ann Gustafson | Roby, Texas | November 16, 2024

The Centex Bird Dog Club held a very successful trial at the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch the weekend of November 16-17. Thanks so much to Dr. Ryan O'Shaughnessy, the ranch's Executive Director, and the RPQRR Board of Directors, for allowing us the use of this amazing venue. It's been a long time since we've been able to run a trial on wild birds, and there were no complaints about the bird population this fall. It was exciting to see the coveys lift while dogs stood tall and proud. Chris Cornman, the trial chairman, did an outstanding job organizing the event. Chris kept everything running smoothly with the assistance of his wife, Terry, and daughter, Amber handling the dog wagon duties. They were where they needed to be throughout the entire trial.

And, of course, many thanks to our two judges, Tyson Traw and Joe Wurster. Both men are from Wichita Falls, Texas, and have many years of experience hunting behind fine bird dogs. They were attentive throughout the trial, and their placements were well received.

In the Amateur Shooting Dog stake, Buck Neil's "Bud" took first place with a stop to flush and two nice finds. Chris Cornman's "Ben" placed second with two broke finds. Chris's "Small" took third with one nice find.

In the Amateur Shooting Dog Derby, Buck Neil's "Patch" placed first. Chip, owned and handled by Mary Ann Gustafson, took second. Buck and "Jack" placed third.

We're looking forward to returning to the Ranch the first weekend in

January for the Region 7 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. Please check our Region 7 Facebook page and the UKC website for further details.

**Roby, Tex., November 16**  
**Judges: Tyson Traw and Joe Wurster**  
**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 15 Pointers, 1 Irish Setter, 1 German Shorthair and 1 Gordon Setter**  
 1st-TEXAS COOL, F1690192, pointer male, by Ransom-Good Times Girl. Dr. Buck Neil, owner and handler.  
 2d-LESTER'S HIGH DOLLAR, F1686990, pointer male, by Lester's Sunny Hill Jo-Beane's Line Dancer. Chris Cornman, owner and handler.  
 3d-JANEE'S AMERICAN REBEL, F1688573, pointer male, by Dominator's American Rebel-Searchin For A Rainbow. Chris Cornman, owner and handler.

**AMATEUR DERBY – 7 Pointers and 1 Setter**  
 1st-PRINCESS PROBLEMS, F1716298, pointer female, by Texas Cool-Hey Suga Suga. Buck Neil, owner and handler.  
 2d-QUANTONAS FLAME'N RED RISING SON, F1708090, Irish setter male, by Flame'n Red Legacy-Quantonas Reloaded. Mary Ann Gustafson, owner and handler.  
 3d-COOL CUSTOMER, F1716296, pointer female, by Texas Cool-Hey Suga Suga. Dr. Buck Neil, owner and handler.

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## EAST KENTUCKY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

### ABHA Fall Trial

By Adam Thomas | Berea, Kentucky | November 16, 2024



Open Shooting Dog (l-r): Donnie Abernathy Jr, John Clough, Barry Stumbo (judge), Scott Luther (judge), Gary Vitali with Vitali Grouseringer Shiner, Terry Boatright, Darien Turner, James Kleve with Boatright's Maverick, Mark Smith, Jonathan Dunn with Island Dancer, Marla Stockrahm, and Brian Stockrahm.

The East Kentucky Field Trial Club held its annual fall trial at the Central Kentucky WMA near Berea, Kentucky, on November 16th and 17th. Entries were plentiful, providing a full weekend of running. Several new faces were in attendance in addition to the usual Berea crowd. Seeing new faces is always refreshing; we hope to see them again! The weather was phenomenal, with temperatures in the upper 50s on both days. Judicial responsibility fell to field trial veterans Scott Luther of Marshall, North Carolina, and Barry Stumbo of Versailles, Kentucky. Both judges were very attentive to the dogs, and their years of experience showed throughout the trial. We can't thank them enough for dedicating their time to judge this event for us.

The Open Shooting Dog was highly competitive, with 14 entries. First place went to Gary Vitali's English Setter male, Vitali Grouseringer Shiner. "Shiner" had a strong forward race, always to the front, and a very stylish find near time. Second place went to a handsome

English Setter male Boatright's Maverick, owned by Terry Boatright and handled by James Kleve. "Ricky" had a powerful forward race coupled with a classy find. Third place was English Setter female Island Dancer, owned and handled by Jonathan Dunn. "Millie" had one find, along with an attractive race.

The Amateur Shooting Dog Stake also had 14 entries, with many making a strong bid for a placement. Tenacee Shelby, a Pointer female, took first place for owner and handler Greg Isenberg. Her one find required a lengthy flushing attempt by Greg, and when he was unable to produce a bird, he called on Shelby to relocate, which she did perfectly. Greg was able to put the bird to flight, while Shelby displayed perfect manners and style throughout all. She went on to have an intense forward race. Blue Ridge Kobe, an English Setter male owned and handled by Mark Smith, took second place. Kobe had two polished quality finds, accompanied by a strong forward race. Kelly Shepherd's English Setter Male, Kelly's Rainbow

Roy, was awarded third place. Roy had three handsome finds, along with a nice forward race.

Sunday morning found the Open Derbies running with ten entries. Mike Bandos' Llewellyn Setter male, Banditos' Bandit, topped the field with four finds and several nice forward casts to round out his race. Second place went to Tenacee Stella, a Pointer female owned by Greg Isenberg. Stella was forward-going and also had two very nice finds. James Kleve handled the third-place dog, Setter Ridge Power Play, an English Setter male owned by Brad Peterson, with one find and a nice race.

The Open Puppy stake also had ten entries. The first and second place dogs were braced together with Boatright's Renegade, an English Setter male handled by James Kleve, owned by Terry Boatright, taking first and Kris Hammons handling her husband Tim's Irish Setter male, SC Wild Bud, to second place. Both dogs were extremely stylish with big forward races. Third place was awarded to a very stylish and strong running English Setter male, Crouse's Grouse Feather, handled by James Kleve and owned by father-daughter duo MS Schalk and MD Crouse.

As with any field trial, the list of people deserving of thanks is vast. Firstly, Kelsey Kleve and Donna Boatright deserve recognition for providing lunch each day for the crowd. Our friends at Purina provided dog food for our winners and gifts for our judges; these contributions are much appreciated. Thanks to everyone who entered a dog, scouted, drove a dog wagon, loaned a horse, the list goes on and on. It takes more than a few to make

a trial run smooth and we sure had a great group at this trial.

Berea, Ky., November 16

**Judges: Scott Luther and Barry Stumbo**  
**ABHA OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers**  
**and 10 Setters**

1st-VITALI GROUSERINGER SHINER, F1686944, setter male, by Vitali's Grouseringer Tony-Boatright's Zena Re Call. Gary Vitali, owner and handler.

2d-BOATRIGHT'S MAVERICK, F1694705, setter male, by Rufus Del Fuego-Outcast Starburst. Terry Boatright, owner; James Kleve, handler.

3d-ISLAND DANCER, F1699150, setter female, by Islander-Island Girl. Jonathan Dunn, owner and handler.

**ABHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 14 Entries**

1st-TENACEE SHELBY, F1683044, pointer female, by Elhew Money-maker-Cantor's Coco. Greg Isenberg, owner and handler.

2d-BLUE RIDGE KOBE, 1689980, setter male, by North Creek Scooter-Blue Ridge Molly. Mark L. Smith, owner and handler.

3d-KELLY'S RAINBOW ROY, F1688525, setter male, by Long Gone Wallace-Kelly's Rainbow Krin. Kelly Shepherd, owner and handler.



**Blue Ridge Kobe, Second in the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake**

**ABHA OPEN DERBY – 10 Entries**

1st-BANDITOS' BANDIT, F1704686, Llewellyn Setter male, by Hidden Creek Fred-Fancy Betty's Pride. Michael Bandos, owner and handler.

2d-TENACEE STELLA, F1717417, pointer female, by The Treasure Chest-Twiggy. Greg Isenberg, owner and handler.

3d-SETTER RIDGE POWER PLAY, F1704698, setter male, by Cold Creek Hank-Cold Creek Belle. Brad Peterson, owner; James Kleve, handler.

**ABHA OPEN PUPPY – 2 Pointers, 5 Setters,**  
**and 3 Irish Setters**

1st-BOATRIGHT'S RENEGADE, F1710486, setter male, by Boatright's Maverick-Stardust Outcast Coco. Terry Boatright, owner; James Kleve, handler.  
2d-SC WILD BUD, F1716548, Irish setter male, by Silver Creek Wild Again-Foxy Lady Sadie. Tim Hammons, owner; Kristine Hammons, handler.  
3d-CROUSE'S GROUSE FEATHER, F1713380, setter male, by Shagtime Max-GF Southern Belle. Mary Sue Schalk & M. D. Crouse, owners; James Kleve, handler.

## RIVER VALLEY SPORTSMAN ASSOCIATION

### Mayfield Storm Charger Wins Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic

By Diane Vater | Conway, Arkansas | November 17, 2024

The Razorback Shooting Dog Classic and Derby were held at Camp Robinson SUA near Conway, Arkansas. We lucked out with the weather as rain and storms were forecast. It did rain, but it came after we had finished the day's running. High humidity helped to make conditions challenging at times. The grounds looked good, and there certainly was ample birdwork. Thank you to the following: the Arkansas Game and Fish, John Van Horn for marshaling, Treissa Robinson for the tasty lunches, judges Rita Ornsby and Diane Vater, Johnny Ornsby for donating an 8-hole dog box to the CRCA, Roger Martin and Ronnie Miller for running the dog wagon, and Robby Robinson for chairing the event. It takes a village.

#### The Winners

The winner came from Brace 9. It



**Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic (l-r): Rita Ornsby (judge), Matt Cochran, Allen Vincent with Mayfield Storm Charger, Shawn Kinkelaar with Chelsea's Mae West, Virgil Moore, John Van Horn Jr. with Levi Express Visa, Robby Robinson, and Diane Vater (judge).**

was an exciting brace with a lot of good birdwork. The bottom dog in the brace, Mayfield Storm Charger (Vincent), was fast and forward. He had a find at 23. He was pointed again at 30, but no birds were

produced. He was found honoring his bracemate at 40. At 47 point was called. Charger was pointed with his bracemate backing this time. A covey was produced. He had a big covey finds at 55. At 59, he was

seen standing far to the front. After a relocation, birds were produced for a nice finish.

Second place went to the bottom dog in Brace 13, Chelsea's Mae West (Kinkelaar). She ran forward and fast. She was found standing at 22. Where the morning and afternoon course split south of the mountain, she went right and carried the treeline until she was found standing forward again at 53. She would finish well.

The third-place dog was braced with the winner in Brace 9. Levi Express Visa (Van Horn) started things off with a nice covey find at 17. He pointed again at 28. His handler elected to relocate. He moved up and pointed again. After a brief flushing attempt, he was again relocated and moved out wide to pin the running covey masterfully. It was a stellar piece of birdwork. He pointed another covey at 40. At 47, he was found backing his brace mate. He finished his hour with an unproductive at 59. Levi was wide and hunted hard throughout his hour.

### ***The Running***

Brace 1: Thunder Bolt's Storm (Kinkelaar) had a good race and hunted consistently throughout the hour. She had a find at 17 with a good style on a nice covey. At 48, her scout called point. She was pointed in heavy cover. She lost some intensity during the flushing attempt. The birds flew over her head, and a turn to mark was noted. Wynona's Nickleback Sugar (Vincent) was picked up at 13 for bumping a covey.

Brace 2: Game Street (Moore): both dogs got out of pocket before the mountain crossing. Game Street never materialized; his handler asked for the tracker at 17. Big Man On Campus (Kinkelaar) came back to cross the mountain but, after descending, was not seen again.

Brace 3: Sandridge Big Iron (Vincent) was seen little after the breakaway. A tracker was requested at 24. LMO's True Grit (Moore) became increasingly absent as the brace went on. The handler elected to pick up at 50.

Brace 4: Sandridge Vanguard (Vincent) pointed at 7. He was picked up for relocating himself during the flushing attempt. Thunderbolt's Wild Agin (Kinkelaar) was MIA shortly after the breakaway, and the tracker was requested at 15.

Brace 5: Upfront's Southern Star (Kinkelaar) failed to make the turn up the mountain. The tracker was requested at 21. Wynona's All Business (Vincent) had a find at 30 but bumped on the relocate and was up at 49.

Brace 6: Blackhawk Lucky Charm (Vincent) started out with an unproductive at 2. She had a find on a single at 5. She pointed a covey at 26. All was in order until she went looking for them again after being released. Silver W Jill Z (Kinkelaar) lost contact with her handler before crossing the mountain. The tracker was pulled at 20.

Brace 7: Georgina (Kinkelaar) was picked up at 10 for a failure to honor. Dunn's True Reign (Vincent) had a nice covey find at 10. He had a mostly forward race.

Brace 8: Touch's Smokeshow (Vincent) was picked up at 10 for failing to stop to flush. White Privilege (Kinkelaar) had a find at 12. Handler elected to pick up at 15.

Brace 9: Levi's Express Visa (Van Horn) and Mayfield Storm Charger (Vincent) were reported above.

Brace 10: Upfront's McQuade (Kinkelaar) failed to keep contact with his handler after the breakaway. The handler asked for the tracker at 10. Outer Edge Jack (Moore) had an unproductive at 12, after which the handler elected to pick up his young

charge.

Brace 11: Barshoe Forget Me Not (Vincent) was found standing in heavy cover at 3. After a relocation, birds were produced. She covered a lot of ground before being found, once again, in heavy cover. Again, a relocation with birds was produced. But this time, she went with the birds to end her bid at 57. Lester's Another Shockwave (Kinkelaar) seemingly vanished into thin air at the turn to the mountain crossing, and the tracker was requested.

Brace 12: Hunt's Full Moon Rising (Kinkelaar) was up at 2. After a quick honor, he went with the birds at the flush. World Class Instigator (Cochran) was off like a flash on the breakaway and seen standing on a stylish point. The other dog came in hard and fast and put on the brakes upon seeing him but was close. Unfortunately, both dogs went with the birds.

Brace 13: Touch's Steely Dan (Moore) was found backing at 22. He hunted well and had a good find at 53. Chelsea's Mae West (Kinkelaar) is reported above.

Brace 14: Hale's Smooth Touch (Kinkelaar) was up at 5 for bumping a covey. Ramblin Rivers Unplugged (Gingrich) started out making some huge sweeping casts. But she got out of pocket once we came off the mountain. The tracker was called for at 26.

Brace 15: Big N Wild (Cochran) started with a find at 5. He was last seen heading down by the lake. He did not make the turn to the front, and the tracker was called for at 35. Shagtime Sunny (Kinkelaar) started with a find at 4. He would go on to have a dug-in find at 52 and another find at 59. He slowed some during his hour.

Bye-dog LMP's Can't Touch This (Moore) had a find at 13 with all in order. His handler elected to pick

up at 50 as he knew that he wasn't pushing the winners.

Conway, Ark., November 17

**Judges: Rita Ornsby and Diane Vater  
RAZORBACK OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC  
[One-Hour Heats] – 26 Pointers and 5 Setters**

1st-MAYFIELD STORM CHARGER, F1701588, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Scott Mason & Jake Davis, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.  
2d-CHELSEA'S MAE WEST, F1686810, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Chelsea's Southern Chic. Ron Prewitt & Brad Sadler, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.  
3d-LEVI EXPRESS VISA, F1667037, setter male, by Oklahoma Credit Card-Signature Ridge Cody. John Van Horn Jr., owner and handler.

**Open Derby**

The winner was Little Liz (Vincent). She ran a strong race, charging hard



**Razorback Open Derby (l-r): Rita Ornsby (judge), Ronnie Miller, Allen Vincent with Blackhawk's Little Liz, Virgil Moore, Shawn Kinkelaar with Haney's Juggernaut, Matt Cochran with Doc's Danhawk Jane, Robby Robinson, and Diane Vater (judge).**

and going to all the right places. She had a nice finds at 3 and 22.

Second place went to the top dog in the first brace, Jug (Kinkelaar). Jug

ran a good race with a find at 7.

The third-place dog, Jane (Cochran), ran well but without as much maturity as the first two dogs. She had a find at 27. She pointed again at 29, but no birds were produced.

**OPEN DERBY – 9 Pointers**

1st-BLACKHAWK'S LITTLE LIZ, F1709342, pointer female, by Blackhawk Jet-Hard Rock Herderra. James Mills, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.  
2d-HANEY'S JUGGERNAUT, F1716275, pointer male, by Pleasant Run Samuel-Pleasant Run Sally. Chris Cagle, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.  
3d-DOC'S DANHAWK JANE, F1708216, pointer female, by Ward's Danhawk-Erin's Irresistible Jane. R. Mitchael Eimen, owner; Matt Cochran, handler.

**NBHA NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Glover's Pepper Shaker Named Champion; Sky Hawk's Little Rascal, Runner-up**

**By Kevin Western | Covington, Indiana | November 18, 2024**

The NBHA National Amateur Invitational Championship was held at Keith Wright's Redwood Farm near Covington, Indiana. The NBHA Invitational Championship invited 12 dogs based on their NBHA rankings in the Amateur Shooting Dog category to compete for this title. This trial started on Monday, November 18, with the dogs running to qualify for the chance to win on Tuesday.

This year, the AFTCA National Walking Shooting Dog Championship was held at the Redwood Farm with 36 dogs running Friday through Sunday. The NBHA Amateur Invitational Championship started the next day. As always, there are plenty of birds at Redwood Farms to evaluate each dog's ability to find and maintain proper manners on their birdwork. Redwood is the ideal place to evaluate a Walking Dog Championship with the rolling hills and fields with edges of native grass and soybean. A creek that trickles through the farm and several ponds allow plenty of water for dogs



**NBHA National Amateur Invitational Championship (l-r): Jack Glover with Champion Glover's Pepper Shaker and Rob Warner with Runner-up Champion Sky Hawk's Little Rascal.**

to stay hydrated. The Wright family always provides hospitality that is unmatched anywhere else. Facilities are first class; the field trial course was manicured like a professional sports field. Parking and horse stalls were available for all who participated.

This year's champion, Glover's Pepper Shaker, is owned and handled by Jack Glover from Shelbyville, Missouri. This is "Pepper's" first

championship; she ran in the third brace of the callback, and her race was forward to the front. Pepper responded well to her handler as she navigated the course. Pepper finished with three finds all in order and style that made you sit up in the saddle.

Runner-up Champion Sky Hawk's Little Rascal is owned and handled by Rob Warner of Pittsfield, Illinois. Sky Hawk's Little Rascal ran in the first

brace of the callback; he finished the hour with two clean finds. He was thorough in his application and was pleasant to watch.

We want to thank our judges for their time evaluating the performances of these fine canine athletes. Thanks again to Aaron McAfee of Clinton, Illinois, and JD Waters of Mechanicsburg, Illinois. Their decision was well received.

NBHA would like to thank our sponsors. To Purina, for the dog food that is provided for the winners and samples to all the participants. Garmin provided a Pro 500 and a TT25 collar to the winners. OnX Hunt and Gun Dog Supply gift certificates. Other NBHA sponsors, Gun Dog Central and Mule Brand Clothing are ongoing supporters of the organization throughout the year.

At the noon lunch on Monday, we had several honors to mention that made this trial a memory for those attending. First, the host club, North Missouri Field Trial Association, gave each entry a travel mug with the new NBHA logo and the script of the NBHA National Amateur Invitational Championship 2024. Purina Pro Plan gave each owner a Purina Pro Plan reversible vest. NBHA recognized and presented Kenny DeLong, owner of K Del's Eagle Magnum Hotshot, a painting of last year's NBHA National Amateur Invitational winner. Big thanks to Kenny DeLong, who had a cake made to honor and wish good luck to all the participants at this year's championship.

Finally, the host club, North Missouri Field Trial Association, and the NBHA would like to thank the Wright family—Keith, Jessica, Jill, and John—for allowing us to use their facilities to hold this year's NBHA National Amateur Invitational Championship event. Their help and assistance were greatly appreciated. And a special thanks to Kenny and CJ for assisting with the dog wagon



*Tammy and Kenny DeLong with a painting of last year's Invitational winner, K Del's Eagle Magnum Hotshot.*

duties.

### **The Running**

Monday morning was the start of the qualifying run in the Invitational. With the rain setting in for the day, the first brace had The Need For Speed (ESM/Chris Kobs, owner/handler) running with Emert's Show Me Motu (ESM/Dave Emert, owner, and Cliff Monroe, handler). This was the first time that these two were running in the Invitational. "Speed" finished the hour and made some good moves but missed the opportunity in making the callback. "Motu" is a veteran dog, but on this day was not his to finish the hour.

The second brace had last year's winner, K Del's Eagle Magnum Hotshot (BRITM/Kenny DeLong, owner/handler), braced with Foxy Lady Sadie (ISF/ Mike Fox, owner/handler). Both of these dogs are running for their second time at this event. Foxy Lady Sadie was lost in her bid to run in the final hour. "Hotshot" ran a good race, having six finds earning his spot in the final hour.

The third brace had Erin's Gypsy Lady (PF/Matthew Puckett, owner/handler) running with Baker's Shining Star Duke (GSPM/Mike Baker, owner/handler). "Lady"

wasn't pleasing her handler today and was up at the halfway point. "Duke" finished the hour, had multiple finds, and he stayed in check with his handler. Duke's performance earned him a spot in the callback series.

In the fourth brace, Glover's Pepper Shaker (ESF/Jack Glover, owner/handler) was up against Hirollins Gone and Doneit (PM/Warren Parrott, owner/handler). This was the first time that these two contestants ran in the Invitational. Both dogs navigated the course, had birdwork, and finished the hour making the callback.

In the fifth brace, Raintree Blue Moon (ISM/Cathy Lewis, owner/handler) was braced with Craig's Runin Roxie (PF/Craig Hiatt, owner, and handled by Tim Penn). This brace was unique, showcasing the most consistent NBHA Amateur-winning dogs in this trial. Raintree Blue Moon has been invited and ran in four consecutive NBHA Invitationals. Blue Moon was unable to finish the hour this year but the opportunity for him to repeat again for next year is still a possibility. While Craig's Runin Roxie is running in her five appearances, Roxie handled her way to the front with four finds and finished the hour to earn a run in the callback.

The sixth brace had two newcomers to this stake: Sky Hawk's Little Rascal (ESM/Rob Warner, owner/handler) running with Glover's Flintstone (ESM/Jack Glover, owner/handler). Both dogs broke away to earn the right to run again. "Flint" was secured by his handler midway through the brace, ending his bid to run in the final. Rascal hunted with a purpose showing good manners on his birdwork and finishing the hour to secure the opportunity to run again.

The callback had three braces running. The first brace had K Del's Eagle Magnum Hotshot vs. Sky



Hawks Little Rascal. The second brace was Hirollins Gone and Doneit vs. Baker's Shining Star Duke. The third brace was Craig's Runin Roxie vs. Glover's Pepper Shaker.

After the dust settled, the clouds cleared, and the sun was shining,

the announcement was made with the judges' decision. This year's NBHA National Amateur Invitational Champion is Glover's Pepper Shaker, and the runner-up champion is Sky Hawk's Little Rascal.

Convington, Ind., November 18  
 Judges: Aaron McAfee and J. D. Waters  
 NBHA NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL  
 CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Qualifying Heats;  
 One-Hour Finals] – 2 Entries

Winner-GLOVER'S PEPPER SHAKER, F1695618, setter female, by Erin's Wild Atlantic Way-C C Erin O'Shamrock. Jack Glover, owner and handler.  
 Runner-Up-SKY HAWK'S LITTLE RASCAL, F1670670, setter male, by Hytest Palladin-Sky Hawk's Blues Traveler. Robert Warner, owner and handler.

## CARROLL COUNTY AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUB

### Annual Amateur Trial

By Jim Atchison | Huntingdon, Tennessee | November 20, 2024



Amateur Shooting Dog (front, l-r): Hank Lewis with Hi N's Dirty Secret, Michelle Clark with Coldwater Dew, and Mike Lemons with Hi N's Secret Society. (Back, l-r): Brad Kennedy (judge), David Williams, and Mike Small (judge).



Amateur All-Age (front, l-r): Michelle Clark with Rebel Gold, Gary McKibben with Game Nation, and Mike Lemons with Miss Arkansas. (Back, l-r): Joe Hughes (judge), David Williams, Angie Williams, Tessa Hughes, and Steve Carson.



Amateur Derby (front, l-r): Chris Cagle with Haney's Double Down and Scott Little with Haney's Lime Light. (Back, l-r): Mike Lemons, David Williams (judge), Michelle Clark, Phillip Barnett, and Gary McKibben (judge).

The Carroll County Field Trial Club hosted its annual Amateur Shooting Dog, All-Age, and Derby stakes on the club's grounds near Huntingdon, Tennessee, owned primarily by David Williams of Beech Bluff, Tennessee. The five days of running, November 20-24, drew 10 shooting dogs, 33 all-age contenders, and 21 derbies.

Brad Kennedy from Red Bay, Alabama, and Mike Small from Evansville, Indiana, judged the shooting dogs and declared Hi N's Dirty Secret, owned and handled by Hank Lewis, the stake winner. Second place was awarded to Coldwater Dew, owned and handled by David Williams, and third place went to Hi N's Secret Society, also owned and handled by Hank Lewis.

Brad Kennedy also judged the All-Age stake, joined by Joe Hughes from Moulton, Alabama, as the second judge. Rebel Gold, owned

and handled by David Williams, won first, while Game Nation, owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder, won second, and Miss Arkansas, owned and handled by Mike Lemons, won third.

David Williams and Gary McKibben judged the Derby stake. Haney's Double Down won first and Haney's Lime Light won second, both owned and handled by Chris Cagle from Woodlawn, Tennessee. Third place was awarded to Pleasant Run Ruby, handled by Joe Don House, who co-owns her with David Hendricks,

The grounds were in very good condition, although an unusually late growing season caused some crops to still be in the fields, resulting in a slight modification of some of the courses in order to avoid running through the unharvested soybean fields. Excellent weather prevailed throughout the five days, creating near-perfect conditions for dogs,

horses, and people.

Sportsman's Pride was again the generous sponsor of the Carroll County Amateur stakes, and their continuing support was acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

### Shooting Dog Winners

Hi N's Dirty Secret checked the judges' boxes to win first with four finds. She started somewhat sporadically, but Hank Lewis had her to the front and responsive by about 10 in the first brace on the first morning. The little German Shorthaired Pointer hunted the course impressively on the first hour of the first morning with her finds scattered nicely throughout the hour and without any benefit of her owner/handler knowing the whereabouts of where birds had been found earlier.

David Williams' Coldwater Dew

won second with her performance on the third hour course the first morning. She found birds, first while circling the Quiet Place Loop, and continued to locate birds three more times while coursing her way out of the Vickers tract and back toward the clubhouse to end the morning's braces.

Hank Lewis and Hi N's Secret Society won third. Secret Society is a littermate to Dirty Secret, the first-place winner. This third-place winner ran in the last brace of the shooting dog competition and scored three finds to earn her placement.

Huntingdon, Tenn., November 20

Judges: Brad Kennedy and Mike Small

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]

– 6 Pointers, 1 Setter and 3 German Shorthairs

1st-HI N'S DIRTY SECRET, F1687997, German Shorthair female, by Hi N's Bodacious-Hi N's Hasty Matilda. Hank Lewis, owner and handler.

2d-COLDWATER DEW, F1700509, pointer female, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Rebel Dreamer. David Williams, owner and handler.

3d-HI N'S SECRET SOCIETY, F1688000, German Shorthair female, by Hi N's Bodacious-Hi N's Hasty Matilda. Hank Lewis, owner and handler.

### All-Age Winners

Rebel Gold, owned and handled by David Williams, won first place in the all-age competition. He was braced with the second-place winner, and the pair had numerous finds as they hunted the third hour course. The white and orange Pointer had his first find at 13, shared a divided find with the bracemate at 29, backed his bracemate at 33, stood at 36 in a second divided find, and had his last find at 55. The weather and the winners' performances made for a nice last hour on the second full day

of watching all-age contenders.

Game Nation's performance for Dr. Fred Corder earned him second place, marking an addition to the many times he has stood on the winners' table. Part of this winner's performance paralleled that of the first-place winner as he had his first find at 11, backed his bracemate at 13, participated in a divided find at 29, found birds again at 33, and had a second divided find at 36. Game Nation certainly contributed admirably to making the hour memorable.

Miss Arkansas, owned and handled by Mike Lemons, won third. She ran well and had nice finds at 14, 29, and 33. Near the end of the hour, at 51, she earned an unproductive, but Judge Joe Hughes saw birds on the ground after the flushing effort ended.

Judges: Joe Hughes and Brad Kennedy

AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] – 28

Pointers, 2 Setters, and 3 German Shorthairs

1st-REBEL GOLD, F1701829, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Rebel Maiden. David Williams, owner and handler.

2d-GAME NATION, F1704928, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Belle. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

3d-MISS ARKANSAS, F1705667, pointer female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Snow. Mike Lemons, owner and handler.

### Derby Winners

Haney's Double Down won first, and Haney's Lime Light was awarded second, both owned and handled by Chris Cagle. Double Down earned first with a good ground race and one nice find during the 30-minute effort. Lime Light also had one find but displayed more of a "fall derby"

character than her kennelmate.

Pleasant Run Ruby ran a good ground race to earn third place for Joe Don House but did not find any birds.

Judges: Gary McKibben and David Williams

AMATEUR DERBY – 18 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st-HANEY'S DOUBLE DOWN, F1715340, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner and handler.

2d-HANEY'S LIME LIGHT, F1710596, pointer female, by Haney's Storm Warning-Pete's Greystone Jill. Chris Cagle, owner and handler.

3d-PLEASANT RUN RUBY, F1716278, pointer female, by Pleasant Run Samuel-Pleasant Run Sally. David Hendricks & Joe Don House, owners; Joe Don House, handler.

### The Carroll County Network

David Williams owns most of the land and spends hundreds of hours each year working to make his grounds great. His efforts must be endless, as evidenced by the great courses and habitat that he shares year after year. Gary McKibben is the secretary and treasurer. He keeps the paperwork and money in order. Jim and Charlotte Atchison shop, prepare, and serve lunches and occasional evening meals. Phillip Barnett and others clean the clubhouse, and Lebob Stanfill handles the dog wagon, sometimes accompanied by others. Michelle Clark and Angie Williams make sure the houses on the properties used by guests are in good order. They also help with noon meals as their schedules permit. The organization is pretty loose, but everyone works well together as they continue to host great field trials year after year at Carroll County.

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# ESMONT FIELD TRIAL CLUB OF VIRGINIA

## Fall Trial

By Tommy Stargell | Scottsville, Virginia | November 21, 2024



*Amateur All-Age (back row): Allen Dahl (judge), Kirk Regensburg (judge), Frank Henderson, Tiffany Smith, and Alex Smith. (Front row): Darryl Miller with Rocky Ridge's Second Chance, Jeff Smith with Dry Creek Ares, and Brayden Smith with Calico's Guns N Roses.*



*Amateur Shooting Dog (top row): Pat Lockhart, Darryl Miller, John Milton Chip Holland, and Angie Lewis. (Bottom row): Marilyn Lockhart with Rocky Knoll Annie, Miss Lewis with Greypointe Nubarron, and Worth Lewis with Nomads Uncle Sam.*



*Amateur Derby (top row): Kyle Whitfield, Darryl Miller, John Milton, Chip Holland, Steve Mills, and Kirk Regensburg. (Bottom row): Miss Lewis with Whitehall's Fleetwood Mac, Al Dahl with Buffalo Junction Calico, and Grayson Francis with Rocky River Reloaded.*

**B**ecause of impending bad weather, we compressed our fall trial into two days of running. The venue was John and Vivian Milton's beautiful Greenfield's Farm in Central Virginia. The farm is located in the shadow of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, and a more picturesque setting would be hard to find. We are indebted to our hosts for their gracious hospitality. Also, Purina and Greg Blair added their sponsorship to our trial, and we thank them for all they do for us and all our animals.

Club members always share the workload, and this time was no different. Ironman Darryl Miller brought his Gator and planted birds for the entire trial. This largely thankless could not be performed better by anyone. Julie Richards fed everyone lunches and Saturday night supper with her usual class, charm, and outstanding culinary abilities. (Worth Lewis said to me that it was worth coming to this trial just for the food, and I agree) Club members Kirk Regensburg, Allen Dahl, Grayson Francis, and Steve Mills fulfilled our Judicial saddles. Steve also made the trip to pick up the excellent Williamson's quail. Mike Winchester drove the dog wagon with his usual zero degree of foul-up. In fact, the whole organization ran that

way, with no foul-up at any point. All these folks are old pros, and it shows!

The Amateur All-Age was won by no stranger to the winners' circle. Calico's Guns N Roses personified knowledge, wisdom, and class. She did it all: found multiple birds, handled on the all-age long string, and showed the necessary run that is demanded. Second was Dry Creek Ares for Jeff Smith, who also provided us with all the necessary bells and whistles, a really nice performance. In third for Grayson Francis was another veteran, Rocky Ridge's Second Chance. Rarely does he make a mistake, and he always gives a sound effort as he did here, pointing a multitude of birds.

On Sunday, we started with the Amateur Shooting Dog. It was cold and windy but didn't seem to bother either of Worth Lewis's kennel mates, Nomads Uncle Sam, who was awarded first, and Greypointe Nubarron in third place. Both were indicative of class shooting dogs. In third was the "grand dame" Rocky Knoll Annie for the Lockharts, Pat and Marilyn. She found quail, backed, ran fine, and handled—a nice performance that makes owners proud.

We finished with the Derby stakes. The clear winner and outstanding performance of the trial was Rocky River Reloaded for Grayson Francis. This big ole handsome white male Derby has the potential to go places, BIG PLACES. He showed beautiful style, run, and class, PLUS an outstanding nose. Watch for him! Buffalo Junction Calico (Dahl) and Whitehall's Fleetwood Mac (Whitfield) were bracemates. Both dogs had birdwork early.

The trial was like most Esmont trials: a congenial meeting of jovial folks who love their dogs and horses, a laugh and a joke, and the sport we call field trialing!

A big thank you to all who came and made it happen. Hopefully, you'll come again in the spring for the Virginia Classics, April 3-6. See ya!

**Scottsville, Va., November 21 – One Course  
Judges: Kirk Regensburg and Tommy Stargell  
AMATEUR DERBY – 5 Pointers and 1 Setter**

*1st-ROCKY RIVER RELOADED, F1714162, pointer male, by Broken Halo-Morgan's Mountain Maggie. Grayson Francis, owner and handler.*

*2d-BUFFALO JUNCTION CALICO, F1707590, pointer female, by Erin's Redrum-Calico's Country Strong. Allen Dahl, owner and handler.*

*3d-WHITEHALL'S FLEETWOOD MAC, F1703561, setter male, by Hot Blooded-Shamrock's Miss Grace. Kyle Whitfield, owner and handler.*

Judges: Al Dahl and Kirk Regensberg  
AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]  
– 10 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-CALICO'S GUNS N ROSES, F1682136, pointer female, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Calico's Touch of Class. Calico Kennels, owner; Alex Smith, handler.  
2d-DRY CREEK ARES, F1696250, pointer male, by Bad News Bob-Dry Creek Ginger Snap. Jeffrey Smith, owner and handler.

3d-ROCKY RIDGE'S SECOND CHANCE, F1671423, pointer male, by Erin's Kentucky Gambler-Burning Edge Julie. Grayson Francis, owner and handler.

Judges: Grayson Francis and Steve Mills  
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers  
and 3 Setters


1st-NOMADS UNCLE SAM, F1695093, pointer male, by Caladen's Tennessee Red-Caladen's Struttin Dixie. Worth Lewis, owner and handler.

2d-GREYPOINTE NUBARRON, F1674499, pointer male, by S F Bandwagon-Greypointe Gloriosa. Worth Lewis, owner and handler.

3d-ROCKY KNOLL ANNIE, F1657819, setter female, by Shadow Oak Bo-Ragtown Ruby. Patrick & Marilyn Lockhart, owners.


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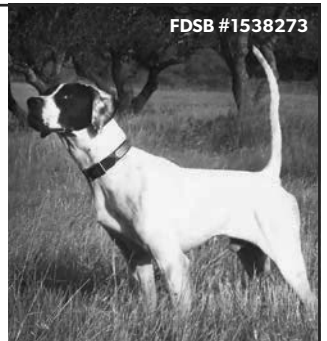
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**January 8-9, 2025 • Starts 8:00 a.m. each day**  
Camp Robinson Field Trial Grounds, Conway, AR

**A Region 6 & National Amateur  
Invitational Shooting Dog Points Trial**

**Drawing:** Monday, January 6, 7:00 p.m.

**STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:**

**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....\$45.00\***

**AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.).....\$40.00\***

*\*Plus \$35 bird fee*

**Judges:** To be announced

**Entries to: JIM MARTIN • Cell: (501) 336-7218**

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# NORTHEAST ARKANSAS POINTER & SETTER CLUB

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**JANUARY 10-12, 2025 • STARTS 8:00 A.M. EACH DAY**  
CAMP ROBINSON FIELD TRIAL GROUNDS

**MAYFLOWER, AR**

**REGION 6 & NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL**

**Drawing:** Wednesday, January 8, 7:00 p.m.

**STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING**

**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$45.00\***

*Dave Kellums Revolving Trophy*

**AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)..... Entry Fee: \$40.00\***

*\*Plus \$35 Bird Fee*

**Judges:** To be announced

**Entries to: MARTY MOORE—Cell: (870) 240-6612**

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# LANCASTER COUNTY FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

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

*Please note: Live ammunition prohibited!*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025 • STARTS 7:30 A.M.**

**— U.S. COMPLETE POINTS TRIAL —**

**Grounds:** Beane Farm, Regina, VA. From Lively, approx. 3 miles, take left off Rt. 3 past Lancaster High School and follow signs. From Kilmarnock, go 2 1/2 miles past double lane highway, take right on 604 and follow signs 1 1/2 miles to grounds. Lunch provided. **Entries Close/Drawing:** Thursday, January 30, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Jimmy Crandall, 383 Waverly Ave., Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

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

**AMATEUR DERBY .....\$45.00**

**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG .....\$50.00**

**Judges:** Garrett Preis, Kinsale, VA, and Johnny Lewis, Quinton Oaks, VA

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



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# DELAWARE VALLEY BIRD DOG CLUB

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**February 16, 2025 • Bernville, PA**

*Pennsylvania Coverdog Classic — Walking Trial*



**Grounds:** State Gamelands 280, Bright School Rd., Bernville, PA 19506. Stakes to be held on native woodcock. **Drawing:** Sunday, February 9, 8:00 p.m., at 32 Crimson Dr., Norristown, PA 19401.

**OPEN SHOOTING DOG—Ribbons & Certificates..... \$45.00**

**Judges:** James Humes Sr., Norristown, PA; James Humes Jr., Norristown, PA; Nicholas Humes, Norristown, PA; and Michael Humes, Palmyra, NJ.

**Entries to: JAMES HUMES JR., Founder & President**  
32 Crimson Dr., Norristown, PA 19401

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



# PENINSULA BIRD HUNTERS CLUB

Member AFTCA, USCSDA & VAUSCSDA  
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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

**STARTS 7:30 A.M.**

**Grounds:** Dr. Morgan's Cutawhiskie Farm, Ahoskie, NC. Lunch on grounds. Horseback scouting and tracking collars will be permitted. **Drawing:** Thursday, February 20, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Lee Flanders. The Sonny Mason Memorial Trophy will be awarded.

**AMATEUR PUPPY.....\$35.00**

**OPEN DERBY.....\$45.00**

**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG .....\$50.00**

**Judges:** John Outlaw, Warsaw, NC,  
and Jim Jones, Gloucester, VA

**Reporter:** Steve Moore



**Entries to: ASHBY MORGAN—Cell: (804) 384-7185**

**-or- LEE FLANDERS—Cell: (757) 871-4551**

*By entering or attending this trial, you relieve the landowner, his employees and the members and officers of the Peninsula Bird Hunters Club from any liability for any damage or injury to any equipment, animals or persons including loss of life resulting from any accident.*

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# FLINT RIVER FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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Member AFTCA, SBHA, Alabama FTA & Dixie Trace FTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

January 9-12, 2025 (depending on entries)  
Horseback Trial • Starts 8:00 a.m. each day



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



Grounds: Pat O'Neall Field Trial Grounds, located 2.5 miles south of Hatchechubbee, AL, on CR 65 (Zion Hill Rd.). Signs will be posted. Single course. **Drawing:** Monday, January 6, 6:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Lavon King, Rockmart, GA. Phone: (678) 918-6124. For drawing and information, visit [www.dixietrace.org](http://www.dixietrace.org). AFTCA member number required for the Classic. **Social event:** To be held by club after the day's running on Saturday.

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Shooting Dog .....\$ 60.00  
PAT LaBREE AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour) .....\$120.00

Judges: OD—Alan Atkins, Crawford, AL, and Roger Key, Opelika, AL; ASD—Jeff Gibbons, Prattville, AL, and David Lovern, Powder Springs, GA.

Entries to: LAVON KING • Phone: (678) 918-6124  
Email: [jlking@co.douglas.ga.us](mailto:jlking@co.douglas.ga.us)

The Flint River Field Trial Club is not responsible for injury to participants, animals or property during these events.





# COCKADE BIRD DOG CLUB

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

Friday, January 10, 2025 • Starting 8:00 a.m. each day  
Cutawhiskie Farm, Ahoskie, NC



**A PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD, AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL, DERBY INVITATIONAL AND VIRGINIA DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL**

Directions to Grounds: From Ahoskie, take W561 to St. John's (stay to left), continue on 561 for 1½ miles, turn right onto Lewter Lane, and go through gates. Signs posted or follow GPS to Lewter Lane, Aulander, NC. One course with repeat starts. Wild and pre-released quail. **Early Drawing:** Tuesday, January 7, 7:00 p.m., at 4163 Old River Trail, Powhatan, VA 23139. **Lodging:** Southern Star—(252) 395-6412 or Chief Motel—(252) 332-2138. RV hook-ups available (\$10.00) per night.

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.).....	\$45.00
AMATEUR ALL-AGE (One Hour) .....	\$90.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.).....	\$55.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—No Purse.....	\$45.00

Judges: Sharon Townley, Jim Jones, and Terry McCormick

Stakes Manager: Ellen Winall

Entries to: ELLEN WINALL • Phone: (804) 836-6590

Email: [elncoppertop@hotmail.com](mailto:elncoppertop@hotmail.com)

Must receive confirmation of entry.

Entries to include full registered name and AFTCA Membership number.

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

## A MIDSOUTH AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION EVENT WEST TENNESSEE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA & Midsouth AFTA • Blank ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns only!

**JANUARY 9-12, 2025**



**POINTS TRIAL FOR NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE & SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**REGION 6 & MIDSOUTH AFTA DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL  
PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL**

Grounds: Currie Farms, Miller Rd. and Blalock Dr., Dancyville, TN. Lunch will be served on the grounds. Fish Fry on Saturday night, January 11. **Drawing:** Monday, January 6, 7:00 p.m. (cutoff), at Currie Farms (Bill Currie)—(731) 780-3683. You must be an individual member of AFTCA to enter your dog. **For Motel Reservations, call:** Comfort Inn—(731) 772-4082; or Days Inn—(731) 772-3297. Both located at I-40 and Hwy. 76, Exit 56.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....	\$80.00
AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) .....	\$80.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Minutes) .....	\$40.00

Judges: Alex Rickert, Thomasville, GA,  
Brad McCardle, Lewistown, MT

Call or text entries to:

**BILL CURRIE—(731) 780-3683**

**-or- J.P. HATHCOCK—(731) 443-0050**

Negative Coggins test required. West Tennessee FTC and landowners are not responsible for accidents or injuries to people involved in or attending the trial.



## Westark Field Trial Club

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# ARKANSAS STATE CLASSIC

January 16-19, 2025 • Booneville, AR  
**\$1,000 Added Purse + 40% Payout!**

Grounds: From intersection Hwy. 10 and Hwy. 23 in Booneville, AR, go 3 blocks south, turn left on Hwy. 217, go 7.3 miles. Turn left between graveyard and church house, go ¼ mile to clubhouse. **Drawing:** Monday, January 13.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour) .....	\$80.00
OPEN DERBY .....	\$70.00
OPEN PUPPY .....	\$50.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....	\$60.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Judgment ceases at flush.....	\$50.00
AMATEUR DERBY .....	\$50.00
AMATEUR PUPPY.....	\$50.00

Judges: Harold Woodward, Vilonia, AR, and one to be announced

Entries to: GLENN CUMBIE • Phone: (479) 461-5509  
-or- KENNY SNOW • Phone: (479) 221-8816










# MEMPHIS AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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**January 16-19, 2025**

**Hell Creek WMA  
Blue Mountain, MS**



**POINTS TRIAL FOR THE NATIONAL INVITATIONALS,  
U.S. DERBY INVITATIONAL, REGION 6 (AFTCA),  
MID-SOUTH ASSOCIATION, PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE  
& PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD**

**Drawing:** Monday, January 13, 5:00 p.m., at the home of David Russell, 601 Home Place Rd., Como, MS 38619.

**AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) ..... \$70.00**  
**AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.) ..... \$40.00**  
**\*AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour) ..... \$70.00**  
*\*AFTCA Qualifier*

**Judges:** Brody Byrd, Hickory Valley, TN,  
and Lowry Strickland, Holly Springs, MS

**Entries to: DAVID RUSSELL**  
**631 Home Place Rd., Como, MS 38619**

**Phone: (662) 816-2453**

**Email: drussell@russellcontracting.com**

## OLD HICKORY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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## VIRGIL BEASLEY SR. MEMORIAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

**JANUARY 17-19, 2025 • STARTS 7:30 A.M.**



**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL  
PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG POINTS TRIAL  
SOUTHERN CIRCUIT AND REGION 6 POINTS TRIAL**



**AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Prizes awarded ..... \$50.00**  
**VIRGIL BEASLEY SR. MEMORIAL**

**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour) ..... \$80.00**

**Prizes:** 1st—Three bags of Pro Plan dog feed • 2nd—Two bags of Pro Plan dog feed  
 3rd—One bag of Pro Plan dog feed

**Judges:** Justin Howard, Selma, AL, and Dereck Layne, Chapel Hill, TN

**Reporter:** Jeff Blackwell, Shelbyville, TN

**Grounds:** Percy Priest WMA, 381 Old Jones Mill Rd., LaVergne, TN 36086. **Directions:** From I-24, approx. 10 miles south of Nashville, take Exit 64 (Waldrone Rd.) and go east approx. 3 miles to Hwy. 41. Turn right and go south approx. 4 miles and turn left on Fergus Rd. Go approx. 2 miles and turn right on Jones Mill Rd. Go approx. 1.8 miles and turn left onto Old Jones Mill Rd. (dead ends into clubhouse). **Lunch:** Will be served daily including Friday courtesy of Pro Pet and Saturday and Sunday courtesy of the club. **Drawing:** Monday, January 13, 8:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Derek Bonner. Must enter all dogs with registered names. **Motel:** Comfort Inn—(615) 793-3600. Ask for Jerry for field trial rate.

**Phone or email entries to: DEREK BONNER**

**Phone: (828) 289-2300 • Email: bonnerderek@bellsouth.net**

*Entries accepted with the understanding that OHFTC, its officers or directors are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs, or equipment.*

# PINEHURST FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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

**January 31–February 2, 2025**

**Hoffman, NC**

*109th Annual Trial*

— North Carolina's Oldest Amateur Club —



**Early Drawing:** Tuesday, January 28, 2:00 p.m.

**AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)..... Entry Fee: \$ 60.00**

*Leg on the Pinehurst Derby Trophy*

*U.S. Amateur Derby Invitational Points Trial*

**AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) ... Entry Fee: \$125.00**


*Leg on the James W. Tufts Trophy*

*National Amateur Invitational Points*

*& Purina Amateur All-Age Award Points Trial*

**Judges:** Todd Williams, Jackson Springs, NC,  
and Larry Cox, Randleman, NC

**PAUL GADD • Cell: (828) 310-6688**






## ROCKY CREEK FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member SBHA, Alabama FTA, AFTCA & Dixie Trace FTA  
Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

**January 31, 2025 to Conclusion • Starts 8:00 a.m.**  
**Horseback Trial • Campbellton, FL**

**A PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS TRIAL  
AN AMATEUR ALL-AGE & AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG  
INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL**

**Grounds:** Howell Farms, 1/2 mile south of AL/FL state line on US 231, 2150 Hook Way, Campbellton, FL. Continuous courses on wild and pre-released quail. **Drawing:** Tuesday, January 28, 7:00 p.m. (CST), at the home of Robert Thomas. AFTCA membership number must accompany entry. All participants must be in good standing with UKC/The American Field.

**\*AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) ..... \$ 135.00**  
**\*AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—Purina Points..... \$ 135.00**  
*\*Tack from B&B Tack*



**OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20 ..... \$ 75.00\*\***  
**OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—50%, 50-30-20 ..... \$150.00\*\***  
*\*\*Plus \$15 grounds fee*

**Judges:** Bill Goodwin, Prattville, AL; Bucky Street, Notasulga, AL;  
Greg Poole, Arcadia, FL; and Chris Koutras, Selma, AL.

**Entries to: ROBERT THOMAS, Secretary**  
**Cell: (205) 317-9552 • Trussville, AL**

**For information: Tom Hennes • Cell: (334) 596-6376**

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# FORT MILL FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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FEBRUARY 13-16, 2025 • STARTS 8:00 A.M.

[Starts Thursday, February 13, pending number of entries.]

JOHN IVESTER'S SAWTOOTH PLANTATION  
McBEE, SC

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



Directions to Grounds: From McBee, go north on U. S. 1, 3.5 miles to Wildlife Dr. and turn left. Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Wire Rd. Pre-Drawing: Monday, February 11, 6:00 p.m., at home of Tom Brigman—(410) 908-4428.

\*OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20 less \$5 Assn. Fee .....\$ 55.00

\*OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—No Purse; Prizes to Winners...\$ 45.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour).....\$115.00

\*Time permitting

Judges: Rob McGuire, Suffolk, VA, and Gene Hogge, Smithfield, VA

Entries to: TOM BRIGMAN • Phone: (410) 908-4428

2931 Moores Bridge Rd., Rose Hill, NC 28458

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## GEORGIA AMATEUR CELEBRATION

Sponsored by: Georgia Field Trial Association

February 13-16, 2025 • Starts 8:00 A.M.

Di-Lane Plantation, Herndon Rd.,  
Waynesboro, Georgia



Released birds daily. Pre-Drawing: Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m., at home of Nell Mobley. AFTCA number needs to be called in with entry. Lodging: Hampton Inn—Phone: (706) 588-4190.

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

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) .....\$100.00

\*AMATEUR DERBY (30 Minutes).....\$ 50.00

\*Time permitting; Continuous Course

POINTS GIVEN TOWARD ALL-AGE AND SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONALS  
PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG & ALL-AGE DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS  
Judges: Joe Orndorff, Wardensville, WV, and Jason King, Thomson, GA

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## NVA EASTERN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

February 14-16, 2025 • Cheraw, SC

Grounds: H. Cooper Black South Carolina State Park, 279 Sporting Dog Trail, Cheraw, SC 29520. Drawing: Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Chairman Brandon Johnson. Bitches in season may not run.

SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (One Hour).....\$200.00

DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.).....\$100.00

Judges: Steve Browder, Pinewoods, SC,

and one to be announced

Entries to: BRANDON JOHNSON, Chairman

5120 Hemlock Rd., Quinton, VA 23141

Phone: (757) 784-1626 • Email: bwjohn@icloud.com



## WEST VALLEY BIRD DOG CLUB

Commences 8:00 A.M., Friday, February 14, 2025, to Conclusion



STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

(Fri.) 74th PETE CUNNINGHAM PUPPY CLASSIC (30 Min.) .....\$50.00

GEORGE HANEY OPEN ALL-AGE (30 Min.).....\$50.00

HAL MEYER AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.) .....\$50.00

PAUL ROSE OPEN SHOOTING DOG DERBY (30 Min.) .....\$50.00

Judges (all stakes): To be announced

\*PC Puppy, George Haney OAA, Hal Meyer ASD & Paul Rose OSDD Perpetual Trophies do not travel. Winners' names will be added by WVBC.

(Sat.) REGION 11 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

(Sat.) REGION 11 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG DERBY

\*Region 11 stakes rescheduled from December 6, 2024.

Please see the Calendar at [www.americanfield.com](http://www.americanfield.com) for updated information.

Grounds: Stinson's Moonlight Ranch, Valley Springs, CA. Grounds generously donated by Lynn & Teresa Stinson in support of field trialing, bird dogs, the sportsmen and sportswomen of Region 11. Liberated Bobwhite quail and native valley quail. Directions: Hwy. 99 (North or South) to Hwy. 26. Go east approx. 26 miles to Silver Rapids Rd. Go right to Hogan Dam Rd. Turn right across river and continue approx. 7 miles to "T". Go left on gravel road (Gann Rd.) to the gate. Signs will be posted. \*\*Gate Combination: 0000 (2nd lock from right)\*\* Drawing(s): West Valley Bird Dog Club—Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m., at Ranch Headquarters; Region 11—Friday, February 14, 6:30 p.m., at Ranch Headquarters. Ranch Accommodations: Bunkhouse; bring your bag and towels. Meals: Three served daily. Social Hour: Friday and Saturday evenings at Ranch House.

All entries to: JAN CORBITT, Secretary • Phone: (209) 613-5327

Email: [Ladymarten@aol.com](mailto:Ladymarten@aol.com) (WVBC — In subject line)

WVBC, Moonlight Ranch owners, and Region 11 shall not be responsible for any injuries or damages to persons or property during the running of this field trial. No live ammunition!

# REGION 7 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

*.32 Caliber or Larger Blank Ammunition Required • SOLID MANUFACTURED BARREL FIREARM ONLY!*

**Starting Friday, January 3, 2025 (depending on entries)**

**at 8:00 A.M. on Continuous Courses**

**Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch, Roby, TX**



**A PURINA AMATEUR TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS TRIAL,  
NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL QUALIFIER & REGION 7 POINTS TRIAL**

**REGION 7 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (One Hour).....\$165.00**  
**SHOOTING DOG DERBY (30 Minutes)—Time permitting.....\$ 75.00**

**Judges:** Trey Baer, Alvord, TX, and Bunny Brown, Fort Worth, TX

• **Grounds:** The trial grounds are located on Hwy 180 between Snyder and Anson, Texas. The entrance to the grounds is located 40 miles west of Anson, on the left side of the road. The entrance to the trial grounds and camping area will have signs posted. There are a limited number of horse pens. Water will be available in the camp area. No electricity is available.

• **Lunches & Friday Night Dinner:** Available on the grounds. Donations are appreciated.

• **Drawing:** Tuesday, December 31, 7:00 p.m., at the Gustafson residence, 8305 Elroy Rd., Del Valle, TX 78617.

• **Suggested Motels:** Comfort Inn, 1774 S. Hwy. 84, Snyder, TX—(325) 515-7550; Motel 6, 1137 E. U.S. Hwy. 180, Snyder, TX—(325) 573-1961; La Quinta, 308 SE Georgia Ave., Sweetwater, TX—(325) 933-6600.

• **Daily Running:** Six (6) one-hour braces are scheduled each day; however, in the event of an early termination of a brace, the 7th brace will be on standby. NO cell phone use during the running of braces. NO smoking is allowed on the grounds.

• **Qualification:** It is a condition of acceptance for the Championship that each entry furnishes an AFTCA Win Certificate number for a Derby or Shooting Dog placement (1st, 2nd, 3rd) for both dog and handler per AFTCA Bylaws Article III, Section 8, and dogs must be entered by their registered name. Entry fee is expected if dog is drawn. Owners and handlers must be members of the AFTCA. Please include your individual AFTCA membership number with your entries.

• **Prizes:** Awards to all placed dogs.

**Trial Chairperson:** Jason Super—(817) 403-0668

**Entries to: MARY ANN GUSTAFSON • Phone: (512) 560-9196 • Email: redset1950@gmail.com**

**Email entries welcome and encouraged. Please include win certificate number in the email or attach win certificate to email. Confirmation will be sent when entry is received. If you do not receive confirmation within 24 hours of emailing the entry, please phone to confirm email was received.**

*Region 7, its officers and directors, the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch, its owners and other landowners, are not responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs or equipment.*



# REGION 16 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



*Member AFTCA & Dixie Trace FTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!*

**Begins Friday, January 3, 2025, 8:00 a.m.**

**The Farm, 1674 SW Farm Ct., Lake City, FL 32024**



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

**Entry Fee: \$150.00 • One-Hour**

**Judges:** Chad Adams, Goldsboro, NC, and Randy Bradshaw, Claremont, NC

**Directions to Grounds:** Take Hwy. 247 South out of Lake City for 8 miles; The Farm will be on the left. Signs will be posted. To be run on continuous courses with wild and pre-released birds. **Entries Close/Drawing:** Tuesday, December 31, 6:00 p.m. (EST), in Zephyrhills, FL.

**Entries to: PAUL DANIEL • Phone: (813) 477-4104 • Email: pdpointers@gmail.com**  
**— AFTCA HANDLER/MEMBER NUMBER TO BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY —**

*Region 16, its officers and the landowners are not responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs or equipment. Current Coggins test required. Disrespect to judges or officials in any form will not be tolerated.*

The Tennessee Open Shooting Dog Club presents the  
 Member AFTCA, Region 6, Southern Circuit • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

# TENNESSEE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



Sponsored by Purina & The Saddle Guy

**Starts Friday, January 3, 2025**

**Percy Priest WMA, 381 Old Jones Mill Road, LaVergne, TN**

**— A PURINA POINTS TRIAL —**

Drawing: Monday, December 30, 7:00 p.m. (CST), at the home of Pam Morrison.

**CHAMPIONSHIP—50% payback, 60-40..... Entry Fee \$250.00**  
**DERBY—Time Permitting; 50% payback, 50-30-20..... Entry Fee \$100.00**

Judges: Bill Mason, Moundville, AL, and Billy Kerr, Beaufort, SC

*David Steele, President—(423) 280-5268 [Signal Mtn, TN]*

*Ronnie Rogers, Secretary—(865) 712-9229 [New Market, TN]*

*Committee Members: Jimmy Gentry, Taylor Henley, Buddy Morrison, Pam Morrison, Allen Linder, Madison McDonald, Jeff Blackwell, and Derek Layne*

Entries to: PAM MORRISON, 251 Ponderosa Drive, McMinnville, TN 37110

Phone: (931) 668-9319 or (931) 212-5628 • Email: [bjpmorrison@benlomand.net](mailto:bjpmorrison@benlomand.net)

Club officials, members, landowners and entrants are not responsible for accidents, injuries to persons or animals, or loss of any kind. All persons are guests of the landowners and are reminded to be respectful of judges, club officials and all participants.

## TENNESSEE VALLEY FIELD TRIAL CLUB PRESENTS THE

Member ABHA, Region 6, KFTA, AFTCA & Southern Circuit FTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

# ABHA NATIONAL FREE-FOR-ALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**January 9-12, 2025 • LaVergne, TN**



**ON X HUNT**



**Grounds:** Percy Priest Wildlife Management Area, Pooles Knob Recreation Area, La Vergne, TN. Lunches served.  
**Drawing:** Tuesday, January 7, 8:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Ronnie Rogers; *Horseback Stakes*—Friday, January 10, 7:00 p.m., at the clubhouse on the grounds. **Motel:** Econo Lodge—(615) 793-3600; Quality Inn—(615) 793-9999; and Baymont—(615) 280-5193.

### OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

(Course with One-Hour Callback)—40% of entries split 60-40.....\$180.00  
 OPEN DERBY (30 Min. Heats)—40% of entries split 50-30-20.....\$ 80.00  
 OPEN PUPPY (20 Min. or Course)—40% of entries split 50-30-20.....\$ 40.00  
 \*OPEN HORSEBACK SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—40% of entries split 50-30-20.....\$ 80.00  
 \*OPEN HORSEBACK DERBY (30 Min.)— 40% of entries split 50-30-20.....\$ 80.00  
 \*AMATEUR HORSEBACK SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)— 40% of entries split 50-30-20 .....\$ 40.00  
 \*AMATEUR HORSEBACK DERBY (30 Min.)— 40% of entries split 50-30-20 .....\$ 40.00

*\*Time permitting*

Judges: Eddie Taylor and Ronnie Rogers

**All entries to: RONNIE ROGERS • Phone: (865) 712-9229 -or- (865) 475-3459**

The Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club, its officers and members are not responsible for injuries, losses or accidents involving anyone attending or participating in the trial and their horses, dogs, vehicles and equipment.



# REGION 7 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & NBHA COMPANION STAKES

January 10-12, 2025 (depending on entries) • A Region 7 Points Trial

Hosted by Valley View Field Trial Association

**Grounds:** Valley View Field Trial Association Grounds at LBJ Grasslands, located 14 miles from Decatur, TX. The main gate to the camp and trial grounds are on CR 2777 near the intersection of CR2675 and CR2777. The VVFTA pavilion is on CR2777 (blacktop road). There is a vehicle/family usage fee and is not included in your entry fee (\$10.00 per day). Lunches served on grounds daily (\$10.00). **Drawing:** Tuesday, January 7, 7:00 p.m., at Ken Sauer's home. **Hotels:** Hampton Inn, La Quinta Inn, and Holiday Inn Express (all in Decatur, TX). Campsites are available and are primitive (no power). Please take your trash back out with you (no dumpster on site). **Qualifications (Region 7 Championship):** A recognized placement in an AFTCA or American Field Amateur Shooting Dog or Derby stake plus an AFTCA membership number required at entry. **Events:** Some companion stakes may not be held due to time and number of entries, and is at the discretion of the hosting club. The championship is the main event with supporting NBHA companion stakes.

**STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:**

REGION 7 WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP—Trophies to Champion and Runner-up by Shelia Uva .....	\$175.00
NBHA AMATEUR GUN DOG (30 Min.)—Judgment ceases at flush; Walking; Prizes .....	\$ 65.00
NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Walking; Prizes .....	\$ 65.00
NBHA OPEN DERBY—Walking; Prizes .....	\$ 50.00
NBHA AMATEUR PUPPY—Walking; Prizes .....	\$ 45.00



Judges: Paul Roederer, Haven, KS, and Ed Tillson, Alvord, TX

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

Entries accepted and attendance of this event are with the understanding that NBHA, VVFTA, AFTCA, Region 7, U. S. Forest Service, Park Cities Quail Coalition, their officers, directors, members, ALL sponsors, and the landowner(s) are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents or occurrences involving anyone attending or participating in the trial, their animals, or equipment.

We want to thank our all our sponsors for their support to the field trial sport:

Purina Pro Plan • Park Cities Quail Coalition • Garmin • Mule Brand Clothing • Gun Dog Central • Gun Dog Supply



## The Ames Amateur Field Trial Association announces the 72nd Renewal of the HOBART AMES MEMORIAL CLASSIC

Joey McAlexander, President | Dr. Fred Corder, Vice-President | Matt Backus, Secretary/Treasurer

Directors: Ryan Braddock, Otis Ozier, Chris Weatherly, Jonathan Burch



— Purina is this year's official sponsor —

Starting Monday, January 13, 2025

To be run on the National Championship Courses, Ames Plantation, Grand Junction, TN

Deadline for Entries: On or before 6:00 p.m. (CST), Saturday, January 11.

Drawing: Saturday, January 11, 7:00 p.m., at the Ames Plantation office. Open to all participants.

\*HOBART AMES OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$225.00

A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STAKE • PURINA DOG & PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS STAKE

There will also be a \$20/dog National Championship grounds fee in addition to the entry fee for the All-Age stake.

\*JOE WALKER OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (1 Hour)—Starts at conclusion of All-Age Stake, if time allows ..... Entry Fee: \$150.00

AMERICAN DERBY INVITATIONAL POINTS STAKE

\*60% of entry fees divided 50-30-20

Judges: Dr. Stan Wint, Gardner, KS, and Jarrett Bell, Florissant, MO • Reporter: James A. Atchison, Caruthersville, MO

Note: If the All-Age Stake is longer than 4 days there will be a different set of Derby Stake Judges! The club will run at least 6 braces per day with the next brace ALWAYS on standby!

Only solid barrel guns can and will be used during the trial! Ames Plantation will furnish solid barrel guns (.32 caliber pistols w/blanks) for handlers use if necessary. Anyone attempting to use an open barrel gun with or without blank ammunition will be automatically disqualified!

No alcoholic beverages allowed on the courses. No stallions will be allowed on Plantation property. All horses must have a current negative Coggins Test (less than 12 months). All individuals stabling horses on Plantation property must provide Ames Plantation, for permanent possession, a photocopy

of their current negative Coggins Test upon arrival. Guests are allowed to use their cell phones before and after braces are run, but NOT during the actual running. Those in attendance are special guests of the Ames Plantation and will be asked to comply cooperatively with staff concerning traditional running rules on Ames Plantation. No running on Sunday.

The Wayne Tate Memorial Steak Dinner sponsored by the McKnight Family, The Bank of Fayette County, and the HAMFTC for all owners, handlers, club members, and invited guests will be on Tuesday, January 14, immediately following the afternoon running, at Bryan Hall.

Send entries to: MATT BACKUS, Ames Plantation, P.O. Box 389, Grand Junction, TN 38039

Phone: (901) 878-1067 • Email: mbackus@amesplantation.org

# REGION 15 (AFTCA)

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3rd Vice-President



presents the 2025 running of its

# AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

January 19, 2025 • Bando Field, Ibaraki Pref.

Entry Fee: 15,000 Yen • One Hour • One Course

Drawing: Saturday, January 18, 5:00 p.m., at Hotel Green Koara Bando.  
Phone: 0297-36-4400.

Judges: Nobumasa Takeishi, Hideaki Aoki, and Norio Yamazaki

Reporter: Chiharu Niwa • Stake Manager: Noburo Taguchi

Grounds Committee: Chestnut Field Trial Club Members

Entries to: NORIO YAMAZAKI, Secretary

Phone/Fax: 03-3929-2963

The Duplin County Field Trial Club  
presents the

# 2025 ATLANTIC COAST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

—Dedicated to the Memory of Bill Faust—

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Grounds, Hoffman, NC

Tuesday, January 21, 2025  
until completion



Starts 8:00 A.M.  
(Subject to Judges' directives)

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



Drawing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17  
at the residence of David Huffine, Wilmington, NC.



2024 Champion: CS Four Season's Gunner | Owned by Tony Gibson and Harold Ray, and Handled by Doug Ray

**ATLANTIC COAST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP.....Entry Fee: \$300.00**  
60% of entry fees (less grounds, dog wagon, and bird fees) divided 70% to Winner and 30% to Runner-Up.  
To be run on continuous courses. Entry fees payable prior to running.  
Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog placement required for qualification.

**ATLANTIC COAST OPEN DERBY—Time permitting.....Entry Fee: \$150.00**  
60% of entry fees (less grounds, dog wagon, and bird fees) divided 50% to first place, 30% to second place and 20% to third place.  
**Judges:** Derek Bonner, Mooresboro, NC, and Chad Adams, Goldsboro, NC  
ONLY MANUFACTURED SOLID BLANK GUNS AND AMMO ALLOWED!

Handler's Dinner Wednesday night, courtesy of last year's champion • Horses must have a current Coggins test • GPS collars permitted

Entries to: DAVID HUFFINE • Phone: (910) 620-2970 • Email: dhuffine1951@gmail.com

[Text or email required]

Entries accepted with the understanding that the NCFCA, their officers, directors, and members are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs, or equipment.

# NBHA EASTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Boiling Springs Field Trial Club

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

January 23-26, 2025 • Mid-Carolina Grounds, Camden, SC



**Grounds:** Located at Greenfield and Field Trial Roads. Lunches provided daily. No horse stalls or camper hook-ups. Clubhouse with bathrooms and water available. **Drawing:** Monday, January 20, 9:00 p.m.

**CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—40%, 60-40 less \$10/dog ..... Entry Fee: \$170.00**

**Judges:** Gary and Ellen Winall, Powhatan, VA

**Entries to: CLIFF MONROE • Phone: (704) 692-3580**

NBHA, AFTCA, or Boiling Springs FTC 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.



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# THE NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL CLUB PRESENTS TWO MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS JANUARY!

The National Derby begins Thursday, January 9, 2025,  
at the M. Barnett Lawley Forever Wild Field Trial Area, Greensboro, AL.

The Free-For-All Championship immediately follows the Derby.

The running will begin at 7:30 each morning.



## NATIONAL DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP

*Open to all Pointers and Setters whelped on or after January 1, 2023.*

— NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING TRIAL —  
PURINA DERBY AND HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS  
DERBY INVITATIONAL POINTS

90-Minute Heats

Entry Fee: \$400 • Purse: 50% of entries divided 70-30  
*(\$20/dog NFTCA fee is included in entry fee)*

Derby Champion trophy donated by the Epp family;  
Runner-up Champion trophy donated by the Ivester family.

**Judges:** Jeff Blackwell, Shelbyville, TN, and Dereck Layne, Chapel Hill, TN

**Reporter:** Morgan Brewer, Union Springs, AL

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## NATIONAL FREE-FOR-ALL CHAMPIONSHIP

— A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING TRIAL —  
PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS

*Purina Bonus Points Stake: 300 Points additional to winner*  
INVITATIONAL POINTS

One-Hour Qualifying Heats • Championship Finals are One Hour and a Half

Entry Fee: \$500 • Purse: 50% of entries  
*(\$20/dog NFTCA fee is included in entry fee)*

**Judges:** Paul Falkowsky, Calgary, AB, and Lee Harkins, Auburn, AL

**Drawing(s):** Monday, January 6, 7:00 p.m. (CST).

*Blank Ammo Only! .32 or larger.*

**All entries to: RUTHANN EPP • Cell: (334) 412-7426**

— A charge of \$20 per stall used for the duration of the two stakes will be implemented —

*Neither M. Barnett Lawley Forever Wild FTA nor the National Field Trial Club  
will be responsible or liable for any accidents of any kind at the trial.*



# CALIFORNIA BIRD DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD, PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD  
& AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL

Hosted by Antelope Valley Bird Dog Club

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Monday, January 13, 2025  
California City, CA (Old Corral Area)



Entry Fee: \$170.00

Judges: Ed Mayhew, Riverside, CA, and Glenn Johnson, Norco, CA

Purse: 30% of entry fess divided 70-30 • Prizes: SportDOG collars and trophies to winners

**WALLY WALLACE OPEN DERBY** ..... \$ 50.00

*Follows California Bird Dog Championship*

Judges: Bruce Hale, Riverside, CA, and Terry Erickson, Long Beach, CA • Prizes: Plaques or rosettes

**Directions to Grounds:** From Kramer Junction, head north on Hwy. 395 for 15 miles to 20 Mule Team Road and turn left. Head west on 20 Mule Team Road for approximately 5 miles. Turn left (south) at the "Field Trial" sign. **Drawing:** Sunday, January 12, 4:00 p.m., on the grounds. Full entry information and payment must be provided at drawing. **Meals:** Lunch will be served daily. **Accommodations:** Best Western Inn & Suites—(760) 373-1369.

**Entries to: TERRY ERICKSON—Phone: (562) 208-2334 -or- BRUCE HALE—Cell: (951) 712-4517**

*AVBDC, Region 11, its officers and membership, assume no responsibility for participants or spectators in the event of injury or damage to persons or property.*

**To follow the Wally Wallace Derby, but not before Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

# ARIZONA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

A NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER,  
PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD, PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD,  
& AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL

Hosted by Arizona Bird Dog Club

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



Entry Fee: \$170.00

Judges: Brian Smith, Queen Creek, AZ, and Greg Knight, Altaloma, CA

Purse: 30% of entry fess divided 70-30 • Prizes: SportDOG collars and trophies to winners

**BILL WEST OPEN DERBY** ..... \$ 50.00

*Follows Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship, but not before Friday, January 17, 2025*

Judges: To be announced • Prizes: Plaques or rosettes

**Directions to Grounds:** From Kramer Junction, head north on Hwy. 395 for 15 miles to 20 Mule Team Road and turn left. Head west on 20 Mule Team Road for approximately 5 miles. Turn left (south) at the "Field Trial" sign. **Drawing:** Tuesday, January 14, 4:00 p.m., on the grounds. Full entry information and payment must be provided at drawing. **Meals:** Lunch will be served daily. **Accommodations:** Best Western Inn & Suites—(760) 373-1369.

**Entries to: JOHN BEAUCHAMP • Cell: (562) 208-2334 • Email: johnbeauch@gmail.com**  
**-or- BRUCE HALE • Cell: (951) 712-4517**

*Arizona BDC, Region 11, its officers and membership, assume no responsibility for participants or spectators in the event of injury or damage to persons or property.*

# 2025 NGSPA QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

Tuesday, January 14-23, 2025

Lake Murray Field Trial Grounds, Ardmore, OK



— Official Sponsor of the NGSPA Quail Championship —

**A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL**

**Course:** Three one-hour continuous courses on wild and liberated quail.

**Drawing:** Each night before the stake is to run on the grounds. All dogs drawn must pay prior to running.

• **OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)**.....\$210.00 Entry Fee

**Judges:** Brooks Carmichael, Virginia, NE, and Bob Thompson, Hartville, MO

**Purse:** 15% of entry fees, paid 70/30 to Winner & Runner-up and Trophies.

• **AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)** .....\$210.00 Entry Fee

**Judges:** Will Barbee, Dallas, TX, and Harvey Franco, Bertram, TX

**Awards:** Winner and Runner-up receive a custom Montana Silversmith buckle;  
Trophies to Winner & Runner-Up.

• **AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)**.....\$210.00 Entry Fee

**Judges:** Brooks Carmichael, Virginia, NE, and Jon Small, Pleasant Hill, MO

**Awards:** Winner and Runner-Up receive a custom Montana Silversmith buckle;  
Trophies to Winner & Runner-Up.

• **OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)** .....\$210.00 Entry Fee

**Judges:** Jon Small, Pleasant Hill, MO, and Dr. Bob Rankin, Edmond, OK

**Purse:** 15% of entry fees, paid 70/30 to Winner & Runner-up and Trophies.

• **DERBY CLASSIC (30 Minutes)** .....\$125.00 Entry Fee

**Judges:** To be announced

NGSPA approved retrieval collars allowed. Manufactured Barrel Guns Only! No phones or smart watches allowed on courses!

If a placement is not awarded, purses and prizes remain in club.

Entry form including DNA number and *FDSB* number required before drawing for all broke dog stakes.

**Advance entries to: KEVIN TEMPLE, 430 Savannah Hill Ln., Rockwall, TX 75032**

**Phone: (214) 695-3257 • Email: [gsp4me@att.net](mailto:gsp4me@att.net)**

**Advanced entries in writing must be received by January 10, 2025!**

*The NGSPA Quail Association, officers and/or landowners are not responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any participant, animal or equipment.*



# THE CONTINENTAL FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA, FFTA & Dixie Trace FTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

**Continental Field Trial Club Board of Directors:** Randy Floyd, President • John McCormick, Vice-President  
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Dr. Terry Terlep • John Thompson • Bob Walthall • Jason Williams • Woody Watson

*Extends Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

and proudly announces

## THE 130<sup>TH</sup> CONTINENTAL TRIALS



Official Dog Food Sponsor

**Beginning Monday, January 20, 2025**

**Held at Livingston Place (Dixie Plantation)**

**1583 Livingston Rd., Greenville, FL 32331**

### CONTINENTAL OPEN DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

OPEN DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP PURSE—\$4,000

If Runner-up named, \$3,000 to Winner and \$1,000 to Runner-up

(Payout will not exceed these amounts. If we receive insufficient entries, the payout will be 50% split 70-30)

OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP PURSE—\$10,000

If Runner-up is named, \$7,500 to Winner and \$2,500 to Runner-up

(Payout will not exceed these amounts. If we receive insufficient entries, the payout will be 50% split 70-30)

TOP QUALIFYING DOG—\$1,000

(Payout will not exceed this amount)

— Silver Bowls will be awarded to the owners of the winner and runner-up in both championships —

**OPEN DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP (One-Hour Heats)..... Entry Fee \$500.00 + \$20.00 Dog Tax**

**OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP..... Entry Fee \$750.00 + \$20.00 Dog Tax**

— **PURINA AWARD POINTS TRIALS & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS** —

(One-Hour Qualifying Heats; One-Hour & Fifty-Minute Finals | Number of Dogs Qualifying for Finals at the Discretion of the Judges)

**Email: [rfloyd@talltimbers.org](mailto:rfloyd@talltimbers.org) • Phone: (850) 509-4528 or (850) 528-8210**

**Deadline for Entries is on or before 12:00 Noon (EST), Friday, January 17, 2025.**

**Drawing held at Livingston Place office at 5:00 p.m. (EST), Friday, January 17, 2025 (open to all participants).**

— **ENTRY FEES DUE AT TIME OF DRAWING** —

**Derby Championship Judges:** Dr. Kent Cantrell and Woody Watson • **Reporters:** Steve Standley and Tim Moore

**All-Age Championship Judges:** Eddie Sholar and John Lee • **Reporters:** Steve Standley and Tim Moore

This trial will not tolerate disrespect of our judges, reporters, or officials in any form from anyone in attendance. Anyone failing in this regard shall be asked to leave and remove all dogs they may have in competition and forfeit all entry fees and winnings.

**Note: Open or solid barrel guns are permitted with the proper blank ammunition. The Continental Field Trial Club, its Officers, Board of Directors, and Livingston Place are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs or equipment.**

Horses and dogs to be quartered on Livingston Place. Negative Coggins for all horses required.



# TWO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING FIELD TRIALS

Camp Robinson Wildlife Management Area  
Mayflower, AR



## PRAIRIE OPEN ALL-AGE QUALIFYING TRIAL

*Presented by Prairie Amateur Field Trial Club*

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STAKE • PURINA TOP FIELD TRIAL BIRD DOG POINTS  
PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS • DERBY INVITATIONAL POINTS

**Starting January 20, 2025**

**OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)—60%, 50-30-20**

**Entry Fee: \$250.00 + \$30.00 Grounds Fee = \$280.00**

**OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—60%, 50-30-20**

**Entry Fee: \$150.00 + \$30.00 Grounds Fee = \$180.00**

**Judges:** Steve Auxier, Lincoln, NE, and Daniel Bolden, Holly Springs, MS

**Field Trial Chairman/President:** Dr. Fred Corder • **Secretary/Treasurer:** Rhonda Lee

\$20/dog National Championship fee not included in the \$280.00 entry fee

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## PELICAN OPEN ALL-AGE QUALIFYING TRIAL

*Presented by Pelican Amateur Field Trial Club*

Member AFTCA & Mid-South AFTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STAKE • PURINA TOP FIELD TRIAL BIRD DOG POINTS  
PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS • DERBY INVITATIONAL POINTS

**— Starting at the conclusion of the Prairie Derby —**

**OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)—60%, 50-30-20**

**Entry Fee: \$250.00 + \$30.00 Grounds Fee = \$280.00**

**OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—60%, 50-30-20**

**Entry Fee: \$150.00 + \$30.00 Grounds Fee = \$180.00**

**Judges:** Steve Messick, Greenbrier, AR, and Jon Davis, Conway, AR

**Field Trial Chairman/President:** Dr. Fred Corder • **Secretary/Treasurer:** Rhonda Lee

\$20/dog National Championship fee not included in the \$280.00 entry fee

**Drawing (for both trials):** Thursday, January 16, 5:00 p.m. (CST), at Magnolia Enterprises.

**\*Entry Deadline (for both trials): Thursday, January 16, 12:00 noon (CST)\***

**Accommodations:** Days Inn, Conway, AR—(501) 450-7575

**Entries to: DR. FRED CORDER—(662) 415-5244**

THE NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP ASSOCIATION

*Announces the 64<sup>th</sup> Renewal of*

# THE NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

— \$25,000 Purse —

Starting Monday, February 3, 2025, 8:00 a.m. • Sedgefields Plantation, Union Springs, AL

Entry Fee: \$650.00 • 1½-Hour-Heats • 4 Braces Per Day

Judges: Jonathan Burch, Holly Springs, MS; Mike Jackson, Battle Ground, IN; and Kevin Stuart, Schnectady, NY.

Reporter: Elton Bray, Holly Springs, MS

- Engraved Browning 20-gauge shotgun to Owner donated by the Champion Family in memory of Dr. Jerry Champion
- Custom Oil Painting of Champion by Ross B. Young to Owner
- Name on the Hawfield Trophy on display in Grand Junction, TN
- Tom & Gladys Weidman Rotating Trophy
- Owner and Handler will receive a unique scrimshaw knife and leather sheath with a bird dog scene with matching pewter belt buckle, designed specifically for the National Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Custom saddle by The Saddle Guy to Owner
- Saddle pads to Handler and Scout donated by 5 Star Equine Products
- One-year supply of Purina ProPlan® Dog Food to Handler
- Garmin recovery device donated by Garmin to Handler
- Jackets to the Handler and Scout by Purina
- Gift from Dan's Hunting Gear
- Name on Winner's Board at Sedgefields Plantation



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2024 National Open Shooting Dog Champion

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**Qualifications:** A placement in a \*Qualifying trial between January 29, 2023 and January 30, 2025.

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**Drawing:** At Union Springs Country Club, Thursday, January 30, 7:00 p.m.

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**February 8-16, 2025**

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**Amateur Shooting Dog Championship • 1 Hour • Entry Fee: \$195.00**

**Judges:** Tim Hidalgo, Hardesty, OK, and TJ Hidalgo, Hooker, OK

**Prizes:** Champion and Runner-up Champion will receive a SportDOG collar;  
Trophies to all placed dogs.

**Derby Classic • 30 Minutes • Entry Fee: \$100.00**

**Judges:** Meredith Mays, Arab, AL, and Sherwin Van Kooten, Willow Springs, MO

**Prizes:** Trophies to all placed dogs.

**Open All-Age Championship • 1 Hour • Entry Fee: \$200.00**

**Judges:** Tim Hidalgo, Hardesty, OK, and TJ Hidalgo, Hooker, OK

**Purse:** 30% of entries split 60-40; Trophies to all placed dogs.

**Open Shooting Dog Championship • 1 Hour • Entry Fee: \$200.00**

**Judges:** Meredith Mays, Arab, AL, and Sherwin Van Kooten, Willow Springs, MO

**Purse:** 30% of entries split 60-40; Trophies to all placed dogs.

**Entries Close:** Sunday, February 2, 7 p.m. Entries received after February 2 will not be drawn. **Drawing:** Friday, February 7, 6:00 p.m., on the grounds.

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January 9 / Greensboro, AL  
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January 9 / McBee, SC  
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January 9 / Blue Mountain, MS  
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January 13 / Grand Junction, TN  
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**All-Age Championship**

April 4 / Winnett, MT  
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April 6 / Winnett, MT  
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April 7 / Winnett, MT  
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**All-Age Championship**

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