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— *An update from Domenick Muoio*

Field Trial Hall of Fame

As the nomination period closes, we have come to an even more exciting phase of the American Field Hall of Fame elections. Voting will begin on September 1st and will conclude September 30th. The voting process has been revamped to be easier than ever before! This year, votes will be submitted online which means it will take less time for you to submit your vote, no postal delays, and it can be done anywhere you have an internet connection.

Here's how it will work:

- When you receive your September edition of UKC® Field it will have a QR code and a website address (**please see page 59**). If you have a smartphone and scan the code with your camera, it will immediately direct you to the voting website. If you don't have a smartphone or would prefer to use a desktop computer, you can type in the provided address.

- Once you are at the address, it will ask you to verify yourself as a subscriber and then direct you to complete the brief 2-question survey to cast your vote for person and for dog.

- Once you finish voting, it will ask you to submit and confirm your submission.

If there is a postal delay in receiving your September edition, we will also publish the links on the American Field website. Coinciding with the tradition and history behind Hall of Fame voting, only subscribers to the "Field" are allowed to cast their two votes per household. Any additional attempts to vote or votes casted by non-subscribers will not be counted. Willful attempts to cast fraudulent votes will not be tolerated.

We hope you find this voting method to be as easy as it is intended to be, and we wish all our nominees the best of luck!

— *Domenick Muoio*

Field Trial & Hunt Test Program Manager

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NATIONAL WALKING SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY

Foxy Lady Sadie Wins 32nd Running

By Allen Fazenbaker | Harrisville, Pennsylvania | April 23, 2022



32nd Futurity Winners (Front row): Foxy Lady Sadie with Mike Fox, Miller's Special Upgrade with Mark Hughes, Wildland Sweet Caroline with Eric Munden, Beaver Meadow Bit with Joe Cammisa, and Finnegan Fielder. (Back row): Sandy Sargent (judge), Gunner Boyer (judge), Dave Park, Krysta Munden, Dave Hughes, and Norm Meeder.

Foxy Lady Sadie, red setter female out of Ch. Zansett Simply Red ex Foxy's Lil Red Missy, is the winner of the 32nd National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity. Running in the fifth brace, this petite little girl made a historical placement as the first red setter in the history of the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity to win this prestigious national honor. "Sadie" as she is affectionally called by her breeder, owner, and handler Mike Fox of Patriot, Ind., broke away from the heavy cable gate and sped to the west, showing a racy and classy and forward moving gait as she disappeared over the top of the ridge. At 9 the gallery peaked the top and Sadie was seen in the distance, standing in the far corner. She was motionless and perfectly staunch as Mike flushed the bird, and she remained so throughout the flush and shot. Moving on, Sadie traversed the wide expanse east, crossing the creek and heading toward the northern slope near the deer stand. Flashes of her could be seen through the woods as she hunted hard in her quest for birds.

As the gallery rounded the turn at the creek, Sadie was observed standing on the north side, just under the deer stand. Mike flushed her bird and once again, all was in order. Moving on, Sadie crossed the watering hole, taking the edge around Regis Pond, and moving across with a wide cast towards the observation platform. She finished her 30 minutes forward and showing exceptional power and style, yet obviously working for her handler. Sadie's bloodline flows out of the well-known Zansett Kennels, founded by the late Stan Zdzancewicz of Muskego, Wis., Silver Creek Kennels, founded by Tim and Kris Hammons of Berea, Ky., and Restless Red Kennels, founded by Bob and Catherine Gove of Princeton, Minn. These kennels have been and continue to be prolific producers of champion red setters and have historically produced such champions as Abra, Triple Creek Abby, Rock The World, Wing Shot Fling, Restless Wind, Restless Red Toolman, Zan Sett Bootleg, and many others. Sadie holds the promise of adding to that great lineage of red setter champions.

Taking the number two spot for her handler Mark Hughes was Miller's Special Upgrade. "Penny" scored her first find at 5 on the top of the breakaway slope, with excellent manners throughout. She carded her second find at 20 in the northern section of the course, again displaying mature manners on her bird, despite some pressure from her brace mate who moved in on the find. She finished strong and forward. Penny is owned by Carlos Escalante and was bred by Jack and Fran Miller.

Third place, running in the eighth brace, was awarded to Wildland Sweet Caroline, owned and handled by Eric Munden. Caroline casted away and up the breakaway slope, around the turn, and was found standing below the observation deck, where she showed excellent manners on her find as Eric flushed the bird. Moving forward into the bottom, Caroline scored her second find, again showing broke manners on her game. She finished strong and to the front.

Rounding out the Futurity placements for her veteran handler, Hall-of-Famer Dave Hughes, was Beaver Meadow Bit. Bit scored a nonproductive at the top of the breakaway hill, and then stood her first bird at 9 over the top of the hill, showing broke manners for her handler. She scored again at 14 in the bottom with her brace mate honoring, and again at 22 in the north field below the deer stand, each with excellent broke manners. She showed a pleasing forward race for the gallery and finished to the front to take the number four spot.

This year's Futurity was a pleasant and enjoyable weekend. After two plus years of restrictions due to the pandemic, everyone enjoyed being together and sharing the camaraderie that comes with running bird dogs! The weather was enjoyable, albeit a bit warm for the dogs, but everyone was excited to be together again and to share our common love of the sport. We had a very respectable showing of dogs this year, with a very robust entry not only of Futurity derbies, but also a large gathering of puppies,

boding well for the future of our sport. National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity Secretary Dave Park did a yeoman's job procuring judges, obtaining birds, organizing the paperwork and covering all the details that are needed to run a national caliber field trial.

This thirty-second reunion of the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity was contested at the grounds of the Oak Ridge Pointing Dog Club in Harrisville, Pa. Western Pennsylvania has been a bastion of walking shooting dog competitors for many years; its central location to many prime hunting areas, notably for grouse and woodcock, has fostered a long history of walking dogs. This was the eighth year hosting the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity for the Oak Ridge Pointing Dog Club. The grounds are a wide expanse of open fields, interspersed by spotty wooded areas, notably in the bottoms. These grounds are rolling and open, the result of strip mine reclamation many years prior. A dog can be seen for a ways on these grounds, and so must have good ground application and style to catch the eye of the judge. The half-hour course utilized for this event broke away at the heavy cable gate and traveled west along a wide expanse of open gently rising grassy fields and feed strips, cresting at a small grove of woods, and then dropping into the valley on the western boundary. The course then gently curved clockwise into the open valley, following an edge, where the course crossed a drainage ditch, passing a small hummock, continuing north and then looping slowly to the east marked by a large deer stand, following a wood line along the northern ridge of the reclaimed strip mine. After crossing a small creek flowing from the wooded section on the northeast portion of the property, the course entered an open field interspersed with small bushes and other objectives, then turned south at a small pond fondly referred to as the "Regis Pond," and followed the southern edge of the field, to end at the observation deck. The National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity Association is so grateful to the Board of the Oak Ridge Pointing Dog Club for their willingness to host this prestigious event. The grounds were in excellent shape this year, thanks in part to warm weather conditions the previous month that had permitted some flush of new growth, but not excessive. The Officers of the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity wish to thank all those who entered their dogs and for supporting this important walking breeder's stake.

Judges

Futurity judges are especially critical to the success of this sport, as they must judge the promise of potential champions. This year's selection of judges represented a vast amount of experience in running, breeding, and training walking shooting dogs. Our Futurity and Shooting Dog judges were Sandy Sargent from Slippery Rock, Pa., and Gunner Boyer from Chambersburg, Pa. The Puppy Classic was judged by Steve Tubach from Slippery Rock, Pa., and Sandy Sargent. These judges spent many hours in the saddle in support of our sport, and their verdicts were well received and appreciated. This reporter noted that every judge recognized that the quality of dogs in all three stakes was exceptional, and that certainly bodes well for the future of walking field trials in our sport.

Sponsors

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

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Helping Hands

Continuing the tradition of offering a program booklet for the Futurity, a 32nd National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity booklet was available to all participants and spectators. Such booklets don't just happen; they require substantial effort and behind-the-scenes work. We were fortunate to have a special lady who once again stepped up to the plate and provided the effort and work to produce a very nice program for our 32nd annual celebration. Special thanks to Deborah Fazenbaker of Kingsville, Ohio, for gathering sponsors, designing, and producing this great memento of our Futurity. This booklet continues to be an annual part of our Futurity and it is well-received. For those of you who were unable to obtain a copy, an online version is available on the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity Facebook page. Be sure to visit our sponsors and thank them as well for supporting the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity with their purchase of a page in our program. We also wish to thank our professional handlers who are an essential part of our sport and its success. Mark Hughes, Hall-of-Famer Dave Hughes, Scott Forman, and Justin Mason ran dogs during the weekend, and their support is much appreciated.

Last, but certainly not least, a huge thank you to everyone who pitched in and worked so hard to make this Futurity a success. Our National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity Secretary Dave Park, club members Chris Catanzarite, Futurity President Norm Meeder, Doug McMillen, Eric Munden, Futurity Vice-President Joe Cammisa, Justin Mason, Kara Thatcher, Al Fazenbaker, Deb Fazenbaker, and others assisted in bird planting, line marshaling, supplying horses, and many other duties to keep things moving. The old expression "many hands make light work" was certainly evident this weekend as we had many helpers, and during events, made many new friends in the field trial fraternity. My apologies if I missed anyone. And a big "thank you" to all the participants who entered their derbies, puppies, and shooting dogs, and supported the efforts of the weekend.

Gene Uhlman Puppy Classic

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

The Gene Uhlman Puppy Classic started the day's activities, breaking away Saturday morning on the east end of the course near Regis Pond, and heading west towards the observation deck. Turning north, the course crossed the ditch, traveled a gradual



Gene Ulhman Puppy Classic Winners (front row): Brian Ralph with Ralphy's Chasehill Molly, Chris Catanzarite with Backcountry Pure Gold, and Mark Hughes with Mulberry Fields Molly. (Back row): Steve Tubach (judge), Gunnar Boyer and Norm Meeder.

east, and finished up near Regis Pond to complete the loop. This year's Classic was won in convincing fashion by Molly, pointer female handled by Brian Ralph. Running in the sixth brace, Molly showed several nice casts, following the course and hunting hard for her handler to take the blue. Dee, pointer female handled by Chris Catanzarite, and Molly, setter female handled by Mark Hughes, rounded out the placements.

The Running

Brace 1) Denver (PM/Park) and Wayne (PM/K. Munden). Denver started out slowly but picked up the pace becoming better with each minute of time and showed a classy way of moving. Wayne showed a wide and forward race with plenty of class for his handler.

Brace 2) Granger (PM/Mason) and Molly (ESF/M. Hughes). Granger showed a wide race but was a bit rough on the handle. Molly showed a consistent drive, hunted, and a pleasing handle for her handler to garner the third-place award.

Brace 3) Dee (PF/Catanzarite) and Riley (ESM/Ralph). Dee, the second-place puppy, showed a wide race for her handler, covering the country in a classy manner. Riley showed a big race but was absent for some time.

Brace 4) Annie (ESF/Helmes) and Trigger (RSM/Fazenbaker). Annie showed a moderate race for her handler. Tigger was not pleasing his handler and was on the leash shortly after breakaway.

Brace 5) Klark (ESM/Matson) and Chuck (PM/E. Munden). Klark showed a classy and forward pattern, hunting and staying to the front with a moderate reach. Chuck showed a pleasing but shorter race.

Brace 6) Parker (PM/M. Hughes) and Molly (PF/Ralph). Parker showed a medium race for her handler. Molly was noted above.

Brace 7) Rock (PM/Helmes) and Sassy (PF/Komlos). Both puppies in this brace showed forward but shorter ground patterns for their handlers.

Brace 8) Bailey (PF/Park) and Sadie (PF/M. Hughes). Bailey ran a moderate race with plenty of style. Sadie showed a moderate and forward race with several nice forward casts.

Brace 9) Rip (PM/Ralph) and Leo (PM/M. Hughes). Rip found the front and made some nice casts in the process. Leo showed a wide and forward race, with a classy way of going, but was rough on the handle.

Brace 10) Mannie (RSF/Fazenbaker) and JoJo (PF/Helmes). Mannie showed a wide and forward race, with a classy way of going, but was a bit ragged on the handle. JoJo showed a pleasing forward and moderate race.

Harrisville, Pa., April 23 – One Course Judges: Gunnar Boyer and Steve Tubach GENE ULHMAN PUPPY CLASSIC – 20 Entries

1st—RALPHY'S CHASEHILL MOLLY, 1697757, pointer female, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Brian Ralphy, owner and handler.

2d—BACKCOUNTRY PURE GOLD, 1694791, pointer female, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Backcountry Tornado. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

3d—MULBERRY FIELDS MOLLY, unreg., setter female, by Stillmeadow's Benjamin-The Eiger. Norm Meeder, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

32nd National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity

The Futurity winners were noted. Thanks to the diligence of the judges and field marshal, all Futurity braces were able to be completed in one day. The conditions for the day's running were unseasonably warm, with temperatures approaching 80 degrees and skies varying from sunny to cloudy; however, in spite of the warm conditions, the dogs fared well, and did not seem to be overly taxed due to the warm conditions. Water was plentiful throughout the course, and this undoubtedly was helpful for the running.

The Running

Brace 1) Miller's Special Upgrade (PM/M. Hughes) and Caliber Peak Whiskey Rhino (PM/McMillen). Miller's Special Upgrade is noted in the placements previously. Rhino scored his first find at 4 near the top of the breakaway hill; he held briefly, then gave chase and retrieved the find to his handler. He scored his second find at 11, in the north field below the deer stand, again giving a hearty chase. At 20 Rhino moved in on his bracedmate to share a find, but then pushed the bird and put it to flight. He ran a moderate race for the judges.

Brace 2) Pistol Patch Bullet (PM/Forman) and Caliber Peak Double Oaked (PM/D. Hughes). Bullet scored his first find at 5 near the top of the breakaway hill, with Double Oaked honoring. Bullet showed good manners on his bird. He scored a second find at 20, below the deer stand on the north part of the course, again with all in order. He showed several nice casts and handled nicely, finishing to the front. Double Oaked showed a medium race and

had no bird work.

Brace 3) Thunderhills Back In Black (PM/M. Hughes) and B K Lapaloma Blanca (PF/Lanning). Lapaloma scored the only find in this brace at 8 and gave a robust chase after the flush. Back In Black showed an extremely wide race, was absent for some time, and produced no birds.

Brace 4) Beaver Meadow Bit (PF/D. Hughes) and Backwoods Wild Fire Bry (PM/Mason). Beaver Meadow Bit was noted previously. Bry scored his first find at 5 just over the breakaway hill; he showed broke manners for the judges. After honoring his bracemate's find at 14, Bry scored again at 19 in the bottom, again showing broke manners. He suffered a nonproductive at 22 below the deer stand and finished the brace with a moderate range.

Brace 5) Foxy Lady Sadie (RSF/Fox) and Double Deuce Miles (PM/M. Hughes). Foxy Lady Sadie, the Futurity winner, was noted previously. Miles scored his first of two finds in the trees to the right of the breakaway, displaying finished manners for his handler. Show a wide and forward pattern, he pointed his second find in a feed strip along the bottom, again showing broke manners. He finished strong and forward, showing a large finishing cast.

Brace 6) Thunderhills Storm Rider (PM/M. Hughes) and Bell Stop Boomer (PM/Hetrick). Storm Rider scored a find at the top of the breakaway but was on the leash after giving chase. Boomer was not pleasing his handler and was on the leash at 15.

Brace 7) Conneaut Creek Scenic River (RSM/D. Hughes) and Grouse Ridge Mags (ESF/Forman). River scored the first find of the brace at 14 in the bottom, showing broke manners for his handler. Mags pointed at 21 with River backing, but no bird could be produced. At 25 River bumped a bird below the deer stand and was on the leash after giving chase. Mags scored her first find at 28 near Regis Pond, showing broke manners for her handler. She scored again at time in the same area, again with good manners. Both dogs showed moderately strong and forward races.

Brace 8) Caliber Peak Double Barrel (PF/J. Gomes) and Wildland Sweet Caroline (PF/E. Munden). Double Barrel had no birds. Wildland Sweet Caroline was noted previously.

Brace 9) Double Deuce Jack (PM/M. Hughes) and Full Red Afterburn (RSM/Fox). Double Deuce Jack was not pleasing his handler and was on the leash early. Afterburn took out a bird at 6 and was on the leash to end this brace early.

Brace 10) Mojo's Remington Steal (ESF/D. Hughes) and Caliber Peak Hundred Proof (PM/S. Gomes). Steal was on the leash at 5 as he was not pleasing his handler. Proof scored his first find at 11 over the breakaway hill along the wood line, showing broke manners for his handler. He scored again at 14 in the corner, again showing mature manners on his game. Moving forward, Proof showed a moderately strong race, although lateral at times. He scored a find at 25 near Regis Pond and gave chase on the flush. He finished to the front.

Brace 11) Bittersweet Recovery (PF/Lanning) and Miller's Hopped Up Version (PF/M. Hughes). Bittersweet suffered a nonproductive at 7 after several self-relocations, Version honoring. At 8 Recovery suffered an additional nonproductive and was low on point; Version again honored. Recovery scored her first find at 18 but showed some movement during the flushing attempt and gave chase as the bird lifted. Version was wide and forward but did not score any finds.

Brace 12) Full Moon Luna (PF/D. Hughes) and Sudden Silence (PF/Hetrick). Luna scored the first find of the day's last Futurity brace, with a find near the back corner, handled with good derby manners. Sudden Silence honored, with good derby manners.

Luna scored again near the corner, as did Sudden Silence; both showed broke manners on their game. Luna scored again at 17 below the observation deck; Sudden Silence scored a find in the woods. Both dogs showed broke manners on their game. Making a big cast across the bottom, both dogs were found standing on the north side below the deer stand. A bird lifted for Luna, with broke manners being displayed; a dead bird was found in front of Sudden Silence, who likewise showed broke manners. Both dogs finished strong and to the front to finish the Futurity stake.

Judges: Gunner Boyer and Sandy Sargent

32ND NATIONAL WALKING SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY – 24 Entries

1st—*FOXY LADY SADIE*, 1691626, Irish setter female, by Zansett Simply Red-Foxy's Lil Red Missy. Mike Fox, owner and handler.

2d—*MILLER'S SPECIAL UPGRADE*, 1695107, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Carlos Escalante, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

3d—*WILDLAND SWEET CAROLINE*, 1692066, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Beaver Meadow Rose. Eric Munden, owner and handler.

4th—*BEAVER MEADOW BIT*, 1696577, by Waybetter Rocky-Beaver Meadow Rose. Joe Cammisa, owner; Dave Hughes, handler.

Open Shooting Dog

The Open Shooting Dog stake is always a hotly contested one, and this year was no exception. A large group of highly competitive dogs showed for the stake, and despite the continuing unseasonably warm weather, the dogs did not disappoint. At the end of the day, Backcountry Girlfriend, pointer female owned and handled by veteran trialer Chris Catanzarite, took the blue. Close behind was Cal Peak Hundredth Meridian, pointer male owned and handled by Sarah Gomes. Completing the placements was I'll Be Back, setter male owned by Norm Meeder and handled by Mark Hughes.

The Running

Brace 1) Zeke (PM/M. Hughes) and Oscar (ESM/Forman). Oscar scored the first find of the Shooting Dog stake, with a broke find at 5 on the top. Zeke followed shortly thereafter with a broke find in the vicinity. Oscar suffered a nonproductive in a feed strip over the hill, while Zeke scored a find to the left of the breakaway strip near the road, with all in order. Both dogs cast forward and Oscar was found standing on the north side below the deer stand; a bird was produced, and all was in order. Zeke continued to cast forward, scoring a find at 26 near Regis Pond, displaying good manners. Oscar pointed near time near Regis Pond, but no bird could be produced.

Brace 2) Butch (PM/Park) and Sass (PF/M. Hughes). Both dogs broke away and were found standing on separate birds at 4 on the top of the breakaway hill; all was in order. Butch cast away and was found at 11 in the back corner, producing a bird in a small feed strip. Sass was absent, and the tracker was out at 17. Butch made a nice cast through the bottom, showing nicely, and pointed in the woods at 22, showing good manners on his bird. He finished strong to the front.

Brace 3) Cooper (ESM/M. Hughes) and Rye (PM/S. Gomes). Both dogs broke away with big casts; Rye was found pointed at the top of the breakaway in a feed strip. A bird lifted, and all was in order. Both dogs made big casts to the front, and Rye pointed near the big pond, with Cooper honoring. Rye scored again at 20 along the bottom near the hummock, with good manners displayed. He scored again on the north side of the course, with Cooper backing his find. Both dogs finished to the front with wide casts.

Brace 4) Sammi (PF/D. Hughes) and Missy (PF/Catanzarite).

Sammi scored the first find of the brace, along a feed strip on the left of the breakaway, with good manners displayed. At 10, she was found standing in a feed strip along the western edge and showed a nice relocation effort with her handler. Pushing forward, both dogs moved into the back corner and Sammi was found standing at 14, with all in order as the bird lifted. Missy was observed under a bird shortly after and was on the leash. Sammie was absent for a short time but was found standing at 27; a bird was produced, and she stood with good manners; she finished strong to the front.

Brace 5) Dude (PM/Mason) and Pappy (ESM/Forman). Both dogs made a strong cast, with Dude taking the right edge up to the tree line, where he was found standing at 5; good manners were displayed for the judge. Pappy scored his only find at 13 in the fields below the observation deck, with all in order as the bird lifted. Dude produced a bird in the same vicinity at 14, with good manners. Both dogs made wide casts to the front, and Dude was rewarded with a find in a feed strip across the creek at 18. Both dogs finished strong to the front, making a wide cast along the edge of the course to finish.

Brace 6) Maggie (RSF/Schafer) and Lucky (ESM/M. Hughes). Both dogs cast forward and had their first bird contact in the bottom below the observation deck. Maggie was on the leash after going with the bird; Lucky scored a nicely handled find near the big pond. He scored his second find at 20 near the deer stand on the north side, with good manners. Lucky finished the brace with a moderate race to the front.

Brace 7) Bull (PM/Forman) and Blaze (PM/M. Hughes). Both Bull and Blaze scored separate finds at the top of the breakaway, and Bull was on the hook after taking steps on his find; Blaze scored his second find at 12 below the observation deck, with good manners displayed. He scored again at 14 in the ditch at the bottom, producing a bird and holding with good manners. At 18 he suffered an unproductive but scored a find near Regis Pond at 25. He finished with a moderate race, although a bit lateral at times.

Brace 8) Lola (PF/E. Munden) and Mickey (ESM/M. Hughes). Both dogs cast away and were soon over the top; at 6 Lola stopped on a bird that flushed wild; Mickey was observed standing in a feed strip on the downslope and showed good manners as the bird was flushed. Both dogs were traveling together below the observation deck when they stopped on a bird that flushed wild; all was in order. Mickey scored his second find in the ditch along the bottom,

with good manners displayed. Both dogs finished with a strong cast to the front to finish the brace.

Brace 9) Spec (PF/M. Hughes) and Syren (PF/S. Gomes). Syren scored the first find of the brace at 5, with some loss of style. Spec scored a find at 13 across the ditch near the hummock, with Syren honoring. Both dogs show wide casts throughout, although Spec was behind at times. Both finished with far flung casts.

Brace 10) Ruby (RSF/Schafer) and Leroy (ESM/M. Hughes). Ruby suffered a nonproductive at 5 on the top of the breakaway, with some motion during the flushing attempt. She scored a nicely handled find at 13 in the fields below the observation deck but was on the leash at 15 after being observed under a bird. Leroy was not seen, and the track was pulled at 17 to end the brace.

Brace 11) Girl (PF/Catanzarite) and Oscar (PM/M. Hughes). Oscar scored a find at 5 on the top, with Girl honoring; both dogs showed nice manners on the bird work. Girl carded a find at 14 in a feed strip across the ditch, with Oscar honoring; all was in order. Oscar scored an additional find at 20, under the deer stand; both dogs finished forward.

Brace 12) Stormie (RSF/Fazenbaker) and Emmy (PF/M. Hughes). Stormie ended her run early being observed under a bird; Emmie was picked up early as she was not pleasing her handler. Remember, Futurities are called "futurities" because they are the future of our sport. An examination of this Futurity, as well as most other Futurities in the country, will find that Futurity placements produce most of our bird dog champions. Please support the National Walking Futurity by nominating your litter! We hope to see you next year at the 33rd National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 26 Entries

1st—BACKCOUNTRY GIRLFRIEND, 1682667, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Backcountry Polly. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

2d—CAL PEAK HUNDREDTH MERIDIAN, 1671286, pointer male, by Cover Charge Search Engine-Sandland Dolly P. Sarah D. Gomes, owner and handler.

3d—I'LL BE BACK, 1658944, setter male, by Full Blast-Timberdoodle Squirt. Norm Meeder, owner; Dave Hughes, handler.

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LAKE STATES FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Dun Rovens Zip Wins John Hadaway Cover Dog Classic

By Denise Peters | Meredith, Michigan | May 6, 2022



John Hadaway Cover Dog Classic Winners: Second place Shady Hills Zeena with handler Marc Forman, Deb Nihart, Bryan Wood (stake manager), first place Dun Rovens Zip with handler Richard Hollister, Sr., Ron Williams (judge), and third place Grouse Ridge Larry with Richard Hollister, Jr.

On May 6 and 7, 2022, the Lake States Field Trial Club hosted the last spring trial at the Gladwin Field Trial Grounds with temperatures not compromising for spring here in northern Michigan. However, the fact that we had not had rain made the conditions very dry and challenging for all dogs competing. This spring brought outstanding entry numbers for all clubs this year.

This trial, as always, a Purina sponsored event, was an outstandingly attended event for our club. As a club we had an awesome number of helpers, mostly accrued from entrants and visitors to our trial. Our most awesome stake manager and our 1st V-P Bryan Wood kept track of all helpers so that we could officially thank them. Besides our judges, we had directors, members, and many participants along with their guests' help with moving cars and walking braces for us. Those folks were: Club President Mike Brown; 2nd V-P Roger Johnson; Directors Brent Peters, Mike Singleton and wife Deb, Richard Hollister (also our horse wrangler) and son Ricky, Scott and Tammy Chaffee; Members Harold and Fran Holmes, Wayne and Marlene Fruchey; and other participants and guests; Ken Moss, Marc Forman, Deb Nihart, Bruce and Jenny Minard, Bill Siemer, Jim McGrady, Ben Batey, Charlie Hubbard, Ken DeLong, Tammi Savage, Mike Bandos, Ron Badley, Bob and Diane Wheelock, Dale Ash, Chuck and Theda Langstaff, Abraham Downer, Rob Ellis, Ron Williams. Apologies if we missed anyone. An additional thank you to all our judges for taking their time to judge our stakes and our well wrangled horses supplied by the Hollisters.

Friday morning we kicked off the John Hadaway Cover Dog Classic with Dave Heavlin and Ron Williams in the saddle in judgement. We were blessed to have 39 dogs hit the starting line and give their best efforts in the dry conditions. First place was Dun Rovens Zip (owned by Mark and Tom Fernandez and handled by Richard Hollister, Sr.). Per information provided by judge Heavlin, "Zip scorched the course. He ran the back side

of a hill with his bell fading in and out, mostly out. When he ran out of the backside of the hill he showed to the extreme front. His grouse find was well located with nice high style. Shady Hills Zeena (owned by Deb Nihart and handled by Marc Forman) took second place and ran a moderate race with little to no handling. She was a very front running dog and looked good on a woodcock find where Marc was there to flush her bird for her. Grouse Ridge Larry (owned by Paula Giulitto and handled by Richard Hollister, Sr.) took third, running a moderate race the first half and then after his grouse find, where he had the bird pinned 10 feet in front of him with good style, opened up and ran a big race the rest of the course."

Saturday morning we enjoyed 10 fine looking puppies on the puppy course with Rob Ellis and Chuck Polmatier sitting in judgment. First place went to May's Legacy of Justice, owned and handled by Ken DeLong. Second place went to Grouse Hill Bella, owned by John Capocci and handled by Marc Forman. Freedom and Bella were braced together and complimented each other with nice big casts. They showed and carried themselves well, both finishing with about the same speed as they started. Third place was awarded to Hifive's Roll the Dice, owned by James McGrady, and handled by Bruce Minard. Ice handled flawlessly with Bruce having to talk little to the dog. Ice didn't run quite as big or fast as the first and second placed dogs but was consistently working the cover. The judges noted that it was tough competition among some really great looking puppies. Ken DeLong and Tammi Savage were gracious and volunteered to be our stake managers for the morning. Thank you!

After the conclusion of our Open Shooting Dog stake on Saturday we had lunch at the tubes. We awarded our winners of the Open Shooting Dog and Puppy stakes at that time. Thanks to our chefs Mike and Deb Singleton for the great weekend tailgates. They mentioned that we had 30 souls for lunch on Friday and 40



Bob Doran Open Puppy Classic Winners: Third place Hifive's Roll the Dice with handler Bruce Minard, Chuck Polmatier (judge), Bill Nelson, first place May's Legacy of Justice with owner/handler Ken DeLong, Rob Ellis (judge), and second place Grouse Hill Bella with handler Marc Forman.



Dell Todd Open Derby Classic Winners: Second place Meredith Grade Kati with owner/handler Mike Singleton, Bryan Wood (stake manager), and third place E J Jonesy with handler Scott Chaffee.

on Saturday, probably a record for our club.

Our Open Derby judges Frank Illijanic and Kevin Stewart had the privilege of looking at 22 energetic young hopefuls for 2022. The judges reported that they were looking for the dogs who had the ability to keep up the run the full half hour and handled with future potential. First place went to Highbanks Diamond Lucy, owned and handled by Bill Nelson. Lucy ran a strong forward race and didn't let down through the heat and hunted with style and intensity. Meredith Grade Kati, owned and handled by Mike Singleton, took second with a forward race, handling with style and speed for the full half hour during the heat. Third place went to E J Jonesy, owned by Taylor Kagley and handled by Scott Chaffee. Jonesy stayed forward with style and intensity and had a stop to flush on a grouse. This group will challenge all who came before, for sure.

A huge thank you to PURINA for their contribution of dog food and for their continued sponsorship.

Meredith, Mich., May 6 – One Course

Judges: Dave Heavlin and Ron Williams

JOHN HADAWAY COVER DOG CLASSIC – 9 Pointers, 29 Setters and 1 Irish Setter

1st—DUN ROVENS ZIP, 1686123, setter male, by Dun Rovens Drifter-Waymaker Hello Rocky. Mark & Tom Fernandez, owners; Richard Hollister, Sr., handler.

2d—SHADY HILLS ZEENA, 1667955, pointer female, by Erin's War Creek-Brave Heart Cassie. Debra Nihart, owner; Marc L. Forman, handler.

3d—GROUSE RIDGE LARRY, 1673191, setter male, by Long Gone Boston-Grouse Ridge Merri. Paula Giulitto, owner; Richard Hollister, Sr., handler.

Judges: Robert Ellis and Charles Polmatier
BOB DORAN OPEN PUPPY CLASSIC – 7 Pointers, 2 Setters and 1 Brittany

1st—MAY'S LEGACY OF JUSTICE, 1695469, pointer male, by Faith's Maximum Justice-Chasehill Mighty May. Kenric J. DeLong, owner and handler.

2d—GROUSE HILL BELLA, 1699351, pointer female, by Silver Ko Kane Ty-Smoke'em Up Jill. John Capocci, owner; Marc L. Forman, handler.

3d—HIFIVE'S ROLL THE DICE, 1696787, pointer female, by Hifive's Powerline-Hifive's Top Shelf. James J. McGrady, owner; Bruce Minard, handler.

Judges: Frank Illijanic and Kevin Stewart
DELL TODD OPEN DERBY CLASSIC – 6 Pointers and 16 Setters

1st—HIGHBANKS DIAMOND LUCY, 1691443, pointer female, by Chippoke's Bud-Chasehill Mighty May. William Nelson, owner and handler.

2d—MEREDITH GRADE KATI, 1692672, setter female, by Jetwood-I'm Blue Who. Mike Singleton, owner and handler.

3d—E J JONESY, 1693374, setter female, by Ponderosa Mac-Eldridge's Beauty and Beast. Taylor Kagley, owner; Scott Chaffee, handler.

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MASON-DIXON GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB

2022 Spring Trial

By Pat Dady and Nancy Huyser | Wellsville, Pennsylvania | May 6, 2022

The weather was not very cooperative with rain all day Friday and Saturday. Sunday we still had overcast but at least we were a little drier. We had a lot of scratches, so we finished about 11 a.m. on Sunday. Had several new people come to the event so that was fun to meet new friends. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves despite the weather and mud.

We had 97 dogs in the event, although we did end up with 37 scratches. We had breakfast and lunch, and dinner in the clubhouse on Friday and Saturday evening with about 25 people each evening. Many thanks to all who supported the kitchen. This helps with the expenses of the trial.

Special thank you to the following people for the work they performed at the event: Don Eck took care of bird planting; thank you Will Kitts for the use of your ATV; Gunners—Steve Zozzaro, Brian Deitz, Pat Dady and Dick Cullerton; John Naughton and Dick Cullerton handled the line marshal duty; Stephanie Snyder and Muffy Cullerton for the snack and dessert donations; and Muffy Cullerton and Stephanie and Jane Lehr for the kitchen assistance; Our judges for enduring the very wet long hours in the saddle—Will Kitts, Doug Welsh, Troy Horverter, Robert Spillman, Roger Dvorak, Ken Huyser; and Ed Shupp and Stephanie Snyder for taking Russ Bigus's place when work called him in for the weekend.

Thank you, David, for bringing the horses for us on Saturday and Sunday, always having the horses ready for the judges, handlers, and gallery so we had no delays.

Congratulations to the Winners of the Revolving Trophies

The Happy Ridge Victreedee Memorial Trophy is awarded to the winner of the Open Restricted Shooting Dog stake. This is a rotating trophy donated by Mike Allen. This year's recipient is Deadwood's Riverstone ("Rocky"), John and Debbie Naughton, owners; John Naughton, handler.

The Ozzie Raith Memorial Rotating Trophy is awarded to the winner of the Amateur Shooting Dog stake. This is a rotating trophy donated by Jim Yeager. This year's recipient is Deadwood's Riverstone ("Rocky"), John and Debbie Naughton, owners; John Naughton, handler.

The Lou Foehrkolb Memorial Trophy is awarded to the winner of the Open Derby. This is a rotating trophy donated by Jamie O'Donnell for the spring horseback field trial. This year's recipient is Alpine's Kopperdahl ("Rua"), Darin Strickland, owner and handler.

Thank you to all who entered the event, supporting us again, and for having all the dogs on the line and ready, to keep the trial running smoothly.

Wellsville, Pa., May 6 – One Course
Judges: Roger Dvorak and Stephanie Snyder
OPEN ALL-AGE – 13 Entries

1st—HUNTEM UP'S AIM TO IMPRESS, 1687305, German Shorthair female, by Friedelshheim's Freight Train Mason-Hunt'em Up's Fancy Black Pearl. Kaj Larson, owner; Barry Bollinger, handler.

2d—WEST WIND'S BLUES IMAGE, 1663716, German Shorthair male, by Dress Blues-West Wind's High Dollar. Lance Fargo, owner and handler.

3d—ALL N'S SOUTHERN COMFORT, 1677156, German Shorthair female, by Jokes On You-Kweli Belle. Kathleen Malone, owner; Joe

Orndorff, handler.

Judges: Robert Spillman and Doug Welsh
OPEN RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG – 11 Entries

1st—DEADWOOD'S RIVERSTONE, unreg., German Shorthair male, by Friedelshheim's High Octane-Deadwood's Hay Meadow. John & Debbie Naughton, owners; John Naughton, handler.

2d—WEST WIND'S BLUES IMAGE, 1663716, German Shorthair male, by Dress Blues-West Wind's High Dollar. Lance Fargo, owner and handler.

3d—FRIEDELSCHEIM'S JABENA GEESNA, unreg., German Shorthair female, by Friedelshheim's Freight Train-Friedelshheim's Resurrection. Pat Dady, owner and handler.

Judges: Roger Dvorak and Robert Spillman
OPEN DERBY – 4 Vizlas

1st—ALPINE'S KOPPERDAHL, unreg., Vizsla female, by Alpine's Golden Hour-Islandtime Hootie Delight. Darin Strickland, owner and handler.

Judges: Edwin Shupp and Doug Welsh
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 11 German Shorthairs

1st—DEADWOOD'S RIVERSTONE, unreg., male, by Friedelshheim's High Octane-Deadwood's Hay Meadow. John & Debbie Naughton, owners; John Naughton, handler.

2d—SNIPS JEKYLL AND HYDE, 1693602, male, by Gamble's Rip N Logan-Snips Poppin Lady. Will Kitts, owner and handler.

3d—UP N'ADAM'S BELLATRIX, unreg., female, by Windrip's High Voltage-Up N'Adam's Bedazzled. Katrin H. & Thomas Tazza, owners; Brian Dietz, handler.

Judges: Ken Huyser and Robert Spillman
OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 13 German Shorthairs and 1 Setter

1st—FRIEDELSCHEIM'S SPITFIRE, unreg., German Shorthair female, by Friedelshheim's Freight Train-Friedelshheim's Sage. Nick Smith, owner; Barry Bollinger, handler.

2d—GLASGOW SETTERS DYNAMITE, 1682704, setter female, by High Cotton Buck-Streek's Little Maggie. Rafael Cabrera, owner; Bruce Shaffer, handler.

3d—UP N'ADAM'S BELLATRIX, unreg., female, by Windrip's High Voltage-Up N'Adam's Bedazzled. Katrin H. & Thomas Tazza, owners; Barry Bollinger, handler.

Judges: Troy Hoverter and Will Kitts
AMATEUR RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG – 9 Entries

1st—FRIEDELSCHEIM'S THUNDER STRUCK, unreg., German Shorthair male, by Friedelshheim's Mason Freight Train-Friedelshheim's Atlantic Storm. Brian Dietz, owner and handler.

2d—CIMMARON TRAILS PRIVATE DANCER, unreg., Brittany female, by Triumphants Absolutely-Cimmaron Trails Sweet Sophia Del Prado. Linda McCartney & Jeff Curriers & Rick Neff, owners; Jeff Currier, handler.

3d—UP N'ADAM'S IRON MAIDEN, unreg., German Shorthair female, by Windrip's High Voltage-Up N'Adam's Rugerheim's Lil Cricket. Katrin H. Tazza & Thomas Tazza, owners; Brian Dietz, handler.

MAINE BIRD DOG CLUB

Mother's Day Trial

By Deb Kennedy | Brownfield, Maine | May 7, 2022

The Maine Bird Dog Club hosted its spring Mother's Day trial offering a full slate of open and amateur stakes for over seventy dogs. The region was well represented with entrants coming from all over New England. In addition to the many competitors, the trial was also supported by USCSDA and Purina.

The Brownfield Wildlife Management Area is an excellent venue for bird dog trials—relatively flat with small fields punctuating open woods and multiple water holes, some natural, some human supplied. A particularly welcome feature is the old, red outhouse rebuilt long ago by club member Frank Pride. The sturdy structure puts the rented plastic variety to shame and has the benefit of not costing the club a dime.

Trials don't happen without the work of many volunteers. From the administrative duties to the tent crew, from the judges to the coffee and donut providers, everyone who pitches in makes a trial the special kind of event it is. A shout-out to all our bird planters, especially Roy Hargreaves who walked many miles over the two-day event. Kelly Hays did coffee and donut duty and filled out all the judges' books. Bob Paucek, who refuses to age, hauled water to the wading pools when he wasn't spooling yarns with old-timer Frank Joyal (who nearly swept both the Amateur and Open Derby stakes). Bruce Burnell provided lunches both days and kept up with his treasurer's duties, aka writing checks and politely reminding folks to pay their entry fees. Kellie Short was on top of everything as stake manager, and a special thanks to those who graciously stepped in when we had to make some last-minute judicial substitutions. Several people had any number of reasons why they couldn't judge, but the best excuse by far was from Deb Sloan who broke her leg the week before the trial.

As spring morphs into summer and the black flies give way to the deer flies, club members and guests will be clearing some new courses in preparation for the fall wild bird events this September. The club is expanding the Fiddlehead grounds with at least two new courses through spectacular grouse and woodcock cover. Stay tuned for work party information which will be posted on the Cover Dog Message Board and the Maine Bird Dog Club Facebook page.

Brownfield, Me., May 7 – One Course

Judges: Jamie Leitch and James Levesque

CLIFTON HALE-GARFIELD WALL OPEN DERBY CLASSIC – 4 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—MOONLITE CROWN JEWEL, 1695573, pointer female, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Moonlite Yellow Jacket. Frank Joyal, owner and handler.

2d—ONCE IN A BLUE MOON, 1695576, pointer female, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Moonlight Yellow Jacket. Frank Joyal, owner and handler.

3d—CAROLINA'S GREAT PEE DEE, 1695476, pointer female, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Moonlite Yellow Jacket. Frank Joyal, owner and handler.

Judges: Bob Arkley and Clint Demusz

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers and 14 Setters

1st—LIGHTNING FLASH REMINGTON, 1687367, setter male, by Denco's Crockett Again-Arctic Tundra Bird Dog. Doug Dix, owner and handler.

2d—ROCK SOLID TUCKER, 1670005, setter male, by Lightning Flash Abe-Oswego's Shore Oaks Annie. Brian Dix, owner and handler.

3d—COAL CREEK RIP, 1680487, setter male, by Attitude's True Grit-

Hunter Run's Lady's Choice. Jonathan Green, owner; Adam Dubriske, handler.

Judges Kelly Hays and James Kennedy

MICHAEL S. ROBINSON OPEN PUPPY – 1 Pointer and 6 Setters

1st—LONG GONE JUNIPER, 1697884, setter female, by Long Gone DeQuan-Lilleyhill's Dream Come True. Lloyd Murray, owner; Tony Bly, handler.

2d—PAUCEK'S YEAGER, unreg., setter male, by Long Gone Studly-Paucek's Black Pearl. Kellie Short, owner and handler.

3d—ROCK SOLID RONNIE, 1700176, setter female, by Lightning Flash Remington-Grouse Ridge Lazer. Bob Arkley, owner and handler.

Judges: Anthony Bly and Cal Robinson

BERNIE MURRAY AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 3 Pointers and 16 Setters

1st—PAUCEK'S LITTLE TOMMY TUCKER, 1679370, setter male, by Long Gone Wallace-Paucek's Hickory Roxy. Kellie Short, owner and handler.

2d—LIGHTNING FLASH REMINGTON, 1687367, setter male, by Denco's Crockett Again-Arctic Tundra Bird Dog. Doug Dix, owner and handler.

3d—LONG GONE PORKY, 1671466, setter male, by Long Gone Boston-D J's Latest Flame. Lloyd Murray, owner and handler.

Judges: Bob Arkley and Deborah Kennedy

AMATEUR PUPPY – 1 Pointer and 7 Setters

1st—LONG GONE KIX, 1694018, setter female, by Long Gone Studly-Paucek's Black Pearl. Long Gone Kennels, owner; Robert McCullen, handler.

2d—LONG GONE JUNIPER, 1697884, setter female, by Long Gone DeQuan-Lilleyhill's Dream Come True. Lloyd Murray, owner and handler.

3d—J P'S PICCOLA BELLEZZA, 1694958, setter female, by Rock Solid Romeo-Rock Solid Reba. John L. Peracca, Jr., owner and handler.

Judges: Adam Dubriske and Robert Lang

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 2 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—PAUCEK'S DORMIN, 1689478, setter female, by Deadwater Jake-Deadwater Wissah. Kellie Short, owner and handler.

Judges: Roy Hargreaves and Kellie Short

AMATEUR DERBY – 3 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—MOONLITE'S CROWN JEWEL, 1694473, pointer female, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Moonlite Yellow Jacket. Frank Joyal, owner and handler.

2d—ONCE IN A BLUE MOON, 1695576, pointer female, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Moonlight Yellow Jacket. Frank Joyal, owner and handler.

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OREGON OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Dunfur's Emma Frost Named Champion

By Mel Lueck | Maupin, Oregon | May 7, 2022



Oregon Open Shooting Dog Championship (from left): Barry Lueck, Grant Hughes, Dan Hoke, Ch. Dunfur's Emma Frost, Clint Mathews, Anthony Bucknam, Mel Lueck, Tian Six Shooter, Ed Woodward, Tim Schillereff, Emily Deasy, and Amanda Schaaf.

The Oregon Shooting Dog got under way May 7 on the beautiful Imperial River Ranch grounds in Maupin, Ore. We had 23 starters that encompassed various breeds including pointers, setters, German shorthairs, Vizslas, and German wirehairs. After two days of competition under less-than-ideal weather conditions, judges Jim Wolthuis from California and Ed Woodward from Lacerter, Wash., named Dunfur's Emma Frost, a German shorthair female, owned by Clint Mathews and handled by Dan Hoke, the Champion. I might add Emma is now a repeat Champion of the Oregon Shooting Dog! The runner-up was Tian Six Shooter (Bullet), pointer male, owned by Tim and Angela Schillereff. Congratulations to the owners and handlers of these fine dogs.

The Champion came from the final brace of the day. The breakaway time was 3:14. The weather had turned from not only high wind conditions but to hail and snow. Emma Frost lived up to her name and ran in the coldest and most rigid conditions of the trial. She ran a powerful forward charging race with her first find at 3:25 on the rimrocks, where all was in order. She made good ground effort and was consistently to the front. Her next find was at time where she had a big charge to the front up the hill from the green valley.

The runner-up was the bottom dog in the second brace. Bullet is a big handsome male; he ran a nice forward race and had a smooth flowing gait. His first find was at 9:46, all was in order. His next find was at 9:56 near rimrocks, he was sent for relocation which turned out a NP. He had a nice STF at 10:14 and finished the hour strong.

The first day of the trial started with winds at about 15 MPH which only gained as the day went on. The temps of 45° quickly dropped as we headed into the wind. At some point in all the braces dogs were forced to "buck the wind" and charge hard. It separated the contenders and showed which dogs were familiar

with working in these conditions.

The Running

Brace 1) Top dog was a Vizsla female named Flame (Guys Light My Fire), handled by Gingrich. Bottom dog GSP male named Trigger (Ozzy's Trigger), handled by Schillereff. Flame was a smooth-running dog and went on point at 8:20, all in order. 8:30 GSP went on point, was relocated, bird produced, and all was in order. 8:55 Flame had a STF, and all was in order. 9:13 GSP went on point, all in order. Both dogs finished the hour.

Brace 2) Top dog was a Vizsla male named Red (Barget's Red Baron), handled by Gingrich. Bottom dog pointer male named Bullet (Tian Six Shooter), handled by Schillereff.

The runner-up was named from this brace and details on Bullet were previously noted. Red went on point at the windmill, and all was in order. Red had a beautiful find on a pair of quail at the bottom of the green valley, all in order. Red had another find at 10:10 on a pile of feathers. Both dogs finished the hour.

Brace 3) Top dog was a GSP male named Race (Race to the Moon), handled by Hoke. Bottom dog a GSP female named Dixie (Dunfur's Tuft Dixie the Third), handled by Solt. The breakaway started in the green valley. At 10:54 Dixie went on point, all in order. 11:15 race on point, all in order. 11:54 race on point again, and all in order. At 11:36 a pair of Huns flushed, Dixie had a STF but moved on without handler direction and was picked up. Race finished the hour.

Brace 4) Top dog GSP male named Blue (Dunfur's Big Timber), handled by Hoke. Bottom dog female pointer named Hope (Tian Gotta Lotta Hope), handled by Schillereff. Both dogs started strong. Hope went on point at 1:35, all was in order. At 1:59 Blue went on point, birds lifted before handler could flush, all in order. At 2:04 Hope went on point again, handler elected to relocate her,

quail popped, and dog followed, she was picked up. Blue finished the hour very handy and mannerly.

Brace 5) Top dog pointer male named Earl (Ramblin Rivers Natural), handled by Gingrich. Bottom dog a setter male named Colt (Tekoa Mountain Six Shooter), handled by Cochran. Both dogs had a nice breakaway. The setter made a nice bid to the front and had the gallery sitting tall in their saddles as he easily traversed the rimrocks looking like a strong contender for the title. He continued his forward race up and over the far hill and the tracker was called for at 3:08. Earl progressed around the course hunting hard and had a point at time. His handler relocated, unfortunately no bird was produced. He finished the hour birdless.

Brace 6) Top dog GSP named Monty (Dunfur's Door Number Threeway), handled by Hoke. Bottom dog GWP named Lucy (Tumalo Griffith's Fire N Light), handled by Williams. The breakaway started at 4:07, Monty was not seen till tracker was called for at 4:30. Lucy went on point at 4:36 and all was in order. At 4:56 handler elected to pick up dog.

Day two of the trial was calling for wind gusts up to 35 mph. The handlers and the gallery were all ready at start time to brave this cold. The day progressed and we were blessed with sun, rain, hail, snow with a side of high wind. This proved to make us all longing for sun and sandy beaches and some of the gallery riders where heard singing country western songs to keep us all upbeat and in good spirits. Good times spent with good people are always a blessing, no matter what the weather brings.

Brace 7) Top dog Vizsla male named Toby (Burr Oaks Born Again), handled by Gingrich. Bottom dog GWP name Jones (Tumalo Jones), handled by Schillereff. Breakaway was at 8:18, Jones had a STF on a pair of Huns but failed to await release by handler and was picked up for breach of manners. Toby went on and had a find at 8:20 and all was in order. He went on point again in the rimrocks before Dave's gate, handler showed judge a dead bird. Toby then goes on to have 7 more finds and by far produced more birds than any other dog entered. At 8:43 he went on point again, all in order. 8:45 Toby on point and all in order, 8:49 Toby on point, all in order, 8:52 Toby on point, all in order, 8:59 Toby on point, all in order, 9:03 on point again, handler relocated and produced a bird, all in order, 9:12 Toby goes on point, handler elects to relocate and has a breach of manners. Handler picks up after 9 finds.

Brace 8) Top dog Vizsla male named Scout (C K Post Route Scout), handled by Gingrich. Bottom dog pointer female named Fannie (Elhew Charming Primrose), handled by Schillereff. 9:26 Vizsla has a STF on pair of Huns with breach of manners and was picked up, Fannie backed the STF all in order and went on. Fannie had a find at 9:32, handler elected to relocate and was given an NP. She then made a huge cast to the front where she was found on point at 9:57, handler relocated her and failed to produce a bird and was given her second NP and handler picked up. Fannie handled well, ran smooth and was very biddable for her handler.

Brace 9) Top dog Vizsla male named Oliver (Vezet's Alpine Redemption), handled by Hoke. Bottom dog pointer male named Gunny (Twer's Hearbreak Ridge), handled by Todd Schaaf. Nice breakaway at 10:14 by both dogs. Oliver went on point at 10:30, handler produced a dead bird. At 10:35 Gunny goes on point on a nice limb find which unfortunately yielded a NP. At 10:42 Oliver goes on point again and has a NP. Gunny makes a giant cast to the front and covers the bowl well and goes on point at 10:49 yielding another NP, handler elects to pick up. At 10:54 Oliver goes on point, all in order, handler elects to pick up.

Brace 10) Top dog Vizsla female named Remi (S T's Locked N

Loaded), handled by Gingrich. Bottom dog Vizsla male named Pete (Lil Red Pete C), handled by Schillereff. Both dogs breakaway into the green valley and climb far hill. Pete goes on point at 12:52, all in order. At 1:06 Pete is found on point again and all is in order. 1:24 Pete has a STF, manners are all in order. Remi climbs the rimrocks and has a STF where handler now must test both his skills and his horse as they climb the rocks to the top where Remi is found standing like a statue, all in order. Handler sends Remi forward along top of ridge and comes down side hill to valley progressing forward. Remi makes another cast to the top and handler sends scout to top where Remi is found on point. Both judge and handler now ride to the top of rock covered hill and bird is flushed and all in order. Remi finishes the hour with two spectacular casts where no other dog attempted to go. Pete has a find at time, handler elects to relocate and is given an NP.

Brace 11) Top dog GSP male named Buster (Dunfur's Dalai Bobba), handled by Hoke. Bottom dog Pointer female named Georgia (A League of Her Own), handled by Amanda Schaaf. Buster is found on point at 2:24 in the rimrocks, all in order. At 2:29 he is found on point again, and all is in order. At 2:43 Buster's handler calls for the tracker. Georgia moves well to the front and handles effortlessly. She goes on point at 2:49, and all is in order. Her handler sends her to the front, and she rolls through the knolls towards the green valley, a very biddable and handy dog. Georgia is found on point at 2:59 and all is in order. Georgia finishes the hour.

Brace 12) Top dog GSP named Emma (Dunfur's Emma Frost), handled by Hoke. Champion write-up previously noted.

The club would like to thank the landowners for allowing the trial the use of the grounds, Greg Blair, Purina and SportDOG for their sponsorship. The many volunteers that help with bird planting, the dog wagon driver (Adam Meifert) along with Chase and Parker Cochran for the use of the side-by-side for the dog wagon, our lunch cooks (Amanda and Shannon Schaaf) that gave us a break and something warm to eat on those cold days, all the professional handlers and amateur handlers that came out and participated in the Oregon Shooting Dog. Without the multitude of volunteers and sponsors these trials would fail to carry on. We thank you ALL again for everything you do and have done to support this event.

Maupin, Ore., May 6

Judges: Jim Wolthuis and Ed Woodward

OREGON OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 7 Pointers, 1 Setter, 7 German Shorthairs, 5 Vizslas and 3 German Drahthaars

Winner—DUNFUR'S EMMA FROST, 1651022, German Shorthair female, by Dress Blues-Dunfur's Tule Moon. Clint Matthews, owner; Dan Hoke, handler.

Runner-Up—TIAN SIX SHOOTER, 1679332, pointer male, by Gator Done-Tiana Shooting Star. Angela Schillereff, owner; Tim Schillereff, handler.

Judges: Chase Cochran and Todd Schaaf

OPEN DERBY – 4 Pointers and 2 German Shorthairs

1st—RAMBLIN RIVERS UNPLUGGED, 1698585, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-Wells Southern Charm. Bill Stapleton, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.

2d—TONELLI'S SOLEGGIATA, 1699219, German Shorthair female, by Tonelli's Rising Sun-McShane's Keyways Roxx. Kathleen Boyd, owner; Tim Schillereff, handler.

3d—TONELLI'S HIGH DOLLAR HOBBY, 1699220, German Shorthair male, by Tonelli's Sky Ofthe Rising Sun-Harcove Cuttin Jokers Wild. Kathleen Boyd, owner; Tim Schillereff, handler.

Judges: Mel Lueck and Todd Schaaf
OPEN DERBY – 4 Pointers and 2 Vizslas

1st—TOUCH'S JIMI THING, 1692245, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Hainline's Silver Star. Chris Perkins, owner and handler.

2d—BURR OAK'S HITO, 1698736, Vizsla male, by C K Post Route Scout Burr Oak's Loaner. Jim Gingrich, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.

3d—PURPLE RAIN, 1698742, Vizsla female, by Alpine's Golden Hour-Burr Oak's Sami. Jill Koren, owner; Brian Gingrich, handler.

Judges: Chase Cochran and Todd Schaaf
OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 3 Pointers and 1 German Drahthaar

1st—TUMALO JONES, 1699597, German Drahthaar male, by Weidenhugel Quinn v Teddy-Dual Shot's Flying High. John Williams, owner and handler.

SUMMERHILL TRIALS

Annual Spring Trial

By Ernie Saniga | Glenville, Pennsylvania | May 7, 2022



Amateur Shooting Dog (front row): 1st—Navajo Cody (Taydem Boyer), 2nd—Waybetter Bobby (Bob Verderosa), and 3rd—Bull Finch (Ernie Saniga).
(Back row): Participants and others.

The Summerhill trial held its annual event May 7-8 at the George Tracy Training grounds in Glenville, Pa. The trial was run under the SBHA banner. We thank SBHA and Gun Dog Supply for their generous support.

The club sponsored a Friday night pizza party and a Saturday night ham dinner. Both were held at George and Mary Tracy's home. Thanks to Mary for hosting the events.

Karen Saniga is the trial organizer and was helped by George Tracy who planted birds, and Mike Tracy who saddled horses for everyone and helped finding lost dogs. Andrew Dawson and Jeanette Tracy helped in many ways.

Judges for the three stakes were Mark Hughes and Eric Munden. They brought the Hughes' camper along with Dave's dad, Hall-of-Famer Dave Hughes, who came to judge the Youth stake with another Hall of Fame handler, George Tracy. Unfortunately, 40 mph winds and pouring rain Saturday starting late morning caused cancellation of the running for the day.

We started Saturday morning with the Amateur Restricted Derby in a misting rain and calm conditions. Winning the stake was Steel Valley Raven, pointer female owned by Lisa Pollock, Brian Sanchez, and Ted Foust, and handled by Taydem Boyer. Raven had five finds, all perfectly handled, to go with a strong

race. Second went to her bracedmate, Miller's Special Cinderella, Bill and Muriel Primm's pointer female handled by Tom Brigman, to a fine race and four finds. Taydem won third with Great River Bella, another pointer female. She is owned by Brian Sanchez. Bella also ran a good race and had two finds.

Joe Lordi's pointer, Navajo Cody, took the blue in the Amateur Shooting Dog with a strong forward race to go with two finds and a back, all well-handled. Second was Waybetter Bobby, Bob Verderosa's pointer. Bobby had a good forward race to go with three finds and a nonproductive. Bull Finch was third with a classy race and a single find.

In the Amateur Derby, first and third went to the same dogs as in the Restricted Derby. Taydem Boyer again handled. They were Steel Valley Raven and Great River Bella. Raven again had five finds to go with a strong race. Bella repeated her fine race, this time with a single find. Interestingly, Tom Brigman again got second but this time it was with his own dog, Harbor City Pride. Pride was classy and forward and scored four finished finds.

Glenville, Pa., May 7
Judges: Mark Hughes and Eric Munden
SBHA AMATEUR RESTRICTED DERBY – 6 Pointers

1st—STEEL VALLEY RAVEN, 1696173, female, by Waybetter Rocky-



Amateur Derby (back row): Dave Hughes, George Tracy, Karen Saniga, Bob Verderosa, Joe Lordi, Jr., Liz Larson, Mark Hughes, Dave McKay, Eric Munden, Jeanette Tracy, Nikki Lawrence, and Liam Lawrence.
1st—Steel Valley Raven (Zach Weaver), 2nd—Harbor City Pride (Andrew Dawson), and 3rd—Great River Bella (Taydem Boyer).

Steel City Karen. Lisa Pollock, Brian Sanchez, Ted Foust, owners; Taydem Boyer, handler.

2d—MILLER'S SPECIAL CINDERELLA, 1696287, female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Muriel & William Primm, owners; Tom Brigman, Jr., handler.

3d—GREAT RIVER BELLA, 1696071, female, by Miller's Unbridled Forever-Great River Grace. Brian Sanchez, owner; Jaydem Boyer, handler.

SBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 17 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—NAVAJO CODY, 1668520, pointer male, by Great River Ice-Blaze's Isis. Camille Masiello & Saverio Morelli, owners; Joe Lordi, handler.

2d—WAYBETTER BOBBY, 1682880, pointer male, by Waybetter Rocky-Nehawka Amazin Sue. Robert Venderosa, owner and handler.

3d—BULL FINCH, 1686091, pointer female, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Bullerina. Ernie & Karen Saniga, owners; Ernie Saniga, handler.

SBHA AMATEUR DERBY – 7 Pointers

1st—STEEL VALLEY RAVEN, 1696173, female, by Waybetter Rocky-Steel City Karen. Lisa Pollock, Brian Sanchez, Ted Foust, owners; Taydem Boyer, handler.

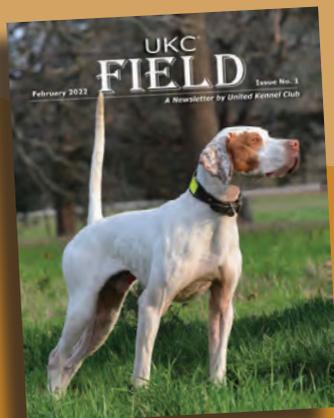
2d—HARBOR CITY PRIDE, 1695400, male, by Mohawk Mill Legacy's Pride-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Tom Brigman, Jr., owner and handler.

3d—GREAT RIVER BELLA, 1696071, female, by Miller's Unbridled Forever-Great River Grace. Brian Sanchez, owner; Jaydem Boyer, handler.



Restricted Derby: Eric Munden, Mark Hughes, Liam Lawrence, 1st—Steel Valley Raven (Zach Weaver), 2nd—Miller's Special Cinderella (Tom Brigman and Aidan Brigman), and 3rd—Great River Bella (Taydem Boyer).

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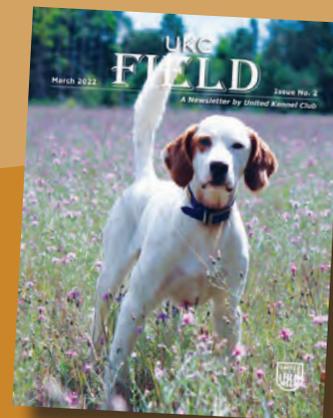


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ENGLISH SETTER CLUB OF AMERICA

Annual Trial Held At Historical Medford Grounds

By Lloyd Miller | Medford, New Jersey | May 12, 2022

The English Setter Club of America conducted its sixth annual Lee Bird Classic over the weekend of May 12-16, on the club's historical grounds at Medford, New Jersey. The trial drew a very good entry with a full slate of running each day.

The weatherman had predicted some thundershowers over the weekend with increasing warmer temperatures, but it turned out to be nice, getting a little warmer each day during the running and all the festivities went off without much of a hitch. This trial is a celebration of another year of field trialing which gets together all the English Setter Club of America members and friends to run dogs together, enjoy each other's company, great food, and saying thanks for the sport we all love. I believe all enjoyed themselves and had a great time winning some stakes and taking some prizes home along the way, besides the great food served up by Nancy and Karen Lordi during the day and each night of the trial.

The club would like to thank Karen Lordi and John Frank for co-chairing the trial this year. The club also thanks Stacie Goodie, Matt and Norman Basilone, Louise Wilcox, and others for their help with this trial. Also, a special thanks to our bird planters for doing an excellent job and to our professionals, Matt Basilone and Mike Tracy, for their continued support. It was a big effort and thanks go to all for another successful event.

The club would also like to thank Purina and the many sponsors that donated to make this trial a great event. Purina supplied dog food to all the winners.

We had a great slate of judges for this trial. The club thanks all of them for their work and time in the saddle and their decisions were well-received.

The Winners

Smoke N Mirrors, white and liver pointer female owned and handled by Stacey Goodie of Tabernacle, N.J., had a standout performance to win the Amateur Shooting Dog stake over a strong field of local competition. Frankie scored nicely on several stylish polished finds coupled with a "showing it off" big edge running, strong forward race.

Limbsmoke Skeet Rock, setter male owned and handled by your scribe of Bensalem, Pa., had a real nice performance of his own with two of his real standup style on point finds, and a very good, classy race with a strong going away finish to take second.

Storm Rider's Shadow, white and orange pointer female owned by Roger Dvorak and Gordan Ramsey of Elkton, Md., was third. She had some real good bird work and great forward race to gain nod this day. It was a good stake with many nice efforts.

Concluding the running Sunday was the Amateur Derby stake. Newfield's Easy Rider, owned and handled by George (Bo) Mamounis of Newfield, N.J., won the stake with a very good performance. Sandy, a pointer female, ran in the very first brace and scored nicely with numerous stylish finds and a good forward race. Taking second was Ravenwood All Rise, a pretty moving pointer male owned by Joseph Cincotta of Stockton, N.J., and ably handled by Marcus Ramseur. Riser ran an impressive forward race and had one nice stand. Third went to Deerfield Known Agenda ("Tucker"), pointer male owned jointly by Richard Gillis of Minnesota and Karen Lordi of Tabernacle, N.J., and capably



Harbor City Sure Shot, First in the Open Shooting Dog stake

handled by Stacey Goodie. Tucker had a real good one-find effort and a back of bracemate. His race was a nice forward hunting effort.

The Open Shooting Dog started things off on Monday morning. Taking first place was Harbor City Sure Shot, pointer female owned by Richard Gillis and Karen Lordi, and handled by Matt Basilone. Sadie ran in the ninth brace and scored three times on quail, plus a back of bracemate, coupled with an attractive classy wide forward race. Second was Iron Bully, pointer male owned by Muriel and Bill Primm and Ernie and Karen Saniga, and handled by Mike Tracy. Bully had two nice stands and a good edge-running application on the ground. Third went to Fort River's Lucky Charm, white and black setter male owned by Gary Tavares of Massachusetts. "Reggie", as he is called, had also two finds on quail and a nice reaching forward race to gain the final spot this day. There were numerous others with some good efforts.

The final stake of the trial was the running of the Open Derby. The winner was Waybetter Rebel, pointer male owned by Muriel and Bill Primm, and handled by Mike Tracy. Rebel was a standout on quail scoring six times coupled with a good forward race. Taking second was Trumped, pointer male owned by Eli Richardson of Uxbridge, Mass., and also handled by Mike Tracy. Trump had three nice finds and a real good race to front. Iron Will's True Grit, pointer male, rounded out the placements with third. Grit ran a nice, classy race and scored on one real classy find on quail. Grit is owned by Robert and Lisa Brooks of Hammonton, N.J., and ably handled by Matt Basilone. It was a good derby stake, and it will be interesting to see how these young dogs mature and develop in the fall on into the future.

(Note: The Lee Bird Open Shooting Dog Classic, a special event for club members only, was not run this year for the first time due to conflicts with other trials on that day. We hope to work out these kinks next year. The Open Restricted Shooting Dog was cancelled.)

Medford, N. J., May 12 – One Course
Judges: Roger Dvorak and Dan Jolly, Jr.
OPEN DERBY – 10 Pointers

1st—WAYBETTER REBEL, 1689139, male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Calico's Country Strong. Muriel & Bill Primm & Carl Bishop, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

2d—TRUMPED, 1690083, male, by Mohawk Mill Image-Bevy's Cadillac Jukebox. Eli Richardson III, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d—IRON WILL'S TRUE GRIT, 1697739, male, by Hyhope Chipper-Iron Will Suzie. Robert & Lisa Brooks, owners; Matt Basilone, handler.

**OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 16 Pointers, 3 Setters
and 1 German Shorthair**

1st—HARBOR CITY SURE SHOT, 1668540, pointer female, by R J's Long Short-Harbor City Sugar. Richard Gillis & Karen Lordi, owners; Matt Basilone, handler.

2d—IRON BULLY, 1686077, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Bullerina. Muriel & Bill Primm & Ernie & Karen Saniga, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d—FORT RIVER'S LUCKY CHARM, 1681132, setter male, by Mohawk Mill Lucky Charm-Fork River Jackie. Gary Tavares, owner; Matt Basilone, handler.

Judges: Joe Buchanan and John Frank

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG - 8 Pointers, 4 Setters and 1 Irish Setter

1st—SMOKE N MIRRORS, 1679185, pointer female, by Just Irresistible-A Whiskey Lullaby. Stacy Goodie & Richard Gillis, owners; Stacy Good, handler.

2d—LIMBSMOKE SKEET ROCK, 1663261, setter male, by Grouse Woods Skeeter-Fork River Rockaloo. Lloyd B. Miller, owner and handler.

3d—STORM RIDER'S SHADOW, 1674902, pointer female, by Nottingham's Storm Warning-Williamson's Touch of Ice. Roger Dvorak & Gordon Ramsey, owners; Roger Dvorak, handler.

Judges: David Creagan and Wayne Horner

AMATEUR DERBY – 6 Pointers

1st—NEWFIELD'S EASY RIDER, 1696495, female, by Storm Rider-Little Wing Wango Tango. George Mamounis, owner and handler.

2d—RAVENWOOD ALL RISE, 1696160, male, by Zip Tye-Cedar Ridge Shopper. Joe Cincotta, owner; Marcus Ramseur, handler.

3d—DEERFIELD KNOW AGENDA, 1697877, male, by Erin's Redrum-Deerfield Game. Richard Gillis & Karen Lordi, owners; Stacey Goodie, handler.

WOLVERINE BIRD DOG CLUB

Double Deuce Zeke Wins Fletcher Classic

By David A. Fletcher | Highland, Michigan | May 14, 2022

The Wolverine Bird Dog Club, with more than a 40-year history of holding open country field trials over Southern Michigan venues, held forth over good courses at the Highland Recreation Area, near Milford, Mich., May 14-16 with their Spring 2022 program. Three walking stakes—Open Puppy, Open Derby, and the Fletcher Open Walking Shooting Dog Classic—were offered, and additionally three Horseback stakes followed: Open and Amateur Shooting Dog and Open Derby. The Fletcher Classic had a gratifying entry of 30 dogs. The event, with a total of 77 entries in 6 stakes, was completed in the two weekend days.

Weather was a major factor for this trial. Temperatures were just over the eighty mark both days, with thunderstorms and lightning on Saturday with intermittent showers, and the lightning halted the running for a short period. Both days had a scorching sun, making things a bit too hot for the dogs, although there were several places along the course route with water containers in place where a dog could be immersed. Scenting seemed affected by the heat, and more difficult than during the previous weeks over this venue.

This trial was well managed by a group consisting of Club President Jim Cipponeri who marshaled, acted as stake manager, and planted a few birds. Jim's wife Connie again used her excellent hand printing for the running order sheets at the drawing. Major bird planter was Paul Tutro who worked hard at his task two full days and rode his own horses. Bryan Wood faithfully read the starters at the line every brace. Secretary Fletcher collected the entry money, wrote the checks for purses and other matters, and acted as trial reporter. Morning donuts came from Paul Tutro and Robert Ellis. Mike Brown went to Milford Saturday and brought sandwiches for the attendees. On Sunday, Greg Tereck, a long-time Michigan trialer, now on crutches, came with his bride "Scottie" and furnished Subway style sandwiches, and

other goodies for the group. Rich Hollister filled in for reporter/photographer Fletcher when his camera showed memory full. Pictures for this report were taken from what sources were available and not all stakes had a salvageable picture.

Judges for the Fletcher Classic were John Hall of Dexter, Mich., a long-time Brittany trialer and very active with all the local Brittany events. Will Langley, in addition to providing the horses, judged with John Hall in the Fletcher Classic and both were experienced and attentive to the entrants. Also judging were Rich Hollister and son Ricky, Sandy MacLean, Mike Brown, and Bill Klenner.

We again extend our thanks to Purina for their support.

Open Walking Puppy

With 12 starters, Cream rose to the top and judges were aware of the best prospects in the starting field and gave three placements.

Highland, Mich., May 14

Judges: Richard Hollister, Sr. and Richard Hollister, Jr.
OPEN PUPPY - 6 Pointers, 4 Setters and 2 Brittanys

1st—BUCK OF PINEY WOODS, 1696648, pointer male, by Bo of Piney Woods-Grouse Hill Prima. Richard Wartens, owner; Robert Ecker, handler.

2d—BLACKHAWK'S ROLLIN RASCAL, 1696391, pointer female, by Blake's Big Red Hawk-Fire Field Bea. Paul Tutro, owner and handler.

3d—PINE STRAW'S COVER QUEEN, 1698320, setter female, by Pine Straw Black Hawk-Pine Straw's Tupelo Honey. Robert Ellis, owner and handler.

The Fletcher Classic

An entry of 30 competitors gave some importance to the stake among walking handlers. It was not a good day for scenting or



Open Shooting Dog (from left, standing): Maria Sposita, Kelsey Hajek, Mike Brown, Sandy MacLean, Jill Klenner with Wicked Hippie, Connie Cipponeri with Wicked Quick, and Jim Cipponeri with Stellar Wind.

multiple bird finds, and heat in the eighties was a deterrent to good scenting. The winners stood out and earned their placements. Judges related the winners all had superlative hunting, handled well, and worked the front of course. Birdwork was with style and intensity and good manners at flush.

The Running

In scribe's opinion a brief description of the running is a necessity in a Championship or Classic. Here is a very brief description of what happened in each brace.

Dun Ravens Midnight Ike (Ecker)-Emmy (M. Hughes). A nice pair to watch hunting, but no birds.

Quick (MacLean)-Sage (D. Hughes). Another pair that hunted hard and forwardly. Quick pointed at 8, was not mannerly at flush and was up. Sage had a pair of mannerly finds at 12 and 29.

Rumble (Hollister)-Ramapo Doc (Ecker). Hard hunting dogs, no birds, and Doc was taken up near time.

Shooter (DeLong)-Sass (M. Hughes). Another pair that hunted hard without finding birds. It was evident scenting might be very difficult.

True Grit (Ecker)-Lucky (D. Hughes). Grit was taken up on a second unproductive. Lucky missed a back and was also leashed.

Spec (M. Hughes)-Dolly (Cook). Great hunting by this pair. Spec was birdless and Dolly logged a stop to flush.

Tupelo Honey (Wheelock)-Sammy (D. Hughes) Honey logged a pretty find and two nice backs in a good hunting and handling effort. Sammy hunted well, pointed a dead quail, and added an unproductive.

Luther (Brown)-Meg (Colgazer). Luther ran well, had a very stylish find and finished well. No report from judges on Meg.

Bo (Ecker)-Mickey (M. Hughes). Bo hunted well but was birdless. Mickey had a very stylish find and searched the course in great fashion.

Annie (Renius)-Angel's Envy (Wheelock). Annie was very wide the initial 15 minutes. She logged a great find at half time then shortened up a bit in the latter minutes. Envy had an excellent hunting effort, pointed in great form moved on her bird, and was

ordered up.

Zeke (M. Hughes)-Bullet Proof (Ecker). Zeke won the stake with excellent hunting, a very good find, and was hunting forwardly every minute. Bullet proof was lost to judgement.

Leroy (D. Hughes)-Miss Penn Star (Ecker). Leroy had a very good hunt and pointed a dead Quail. Miss Pennstar was lost.

Rye (Gomes)-Larry (Hollister). Rye scored an unproductive, had no other birdwork and hunted with excellence. Larry was the third-place dog with two finds, two backs and a very level, forward hunting search.

Jack (Ecker)-Cooper (M. Hughes). Jack hunted the course forwardly and had a single find. Cooper was lost.

Lola (Munden)-War Paint (Ecker). Lola hunted well and logged a stop to flush. War Paint was the second-place dog and hunted the front of course exceptionally well and had a pair of excellent finds.

Judges: Will Langley and John Hall
DAVE FLETCHER OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC
- 13 Pointers, 16 Setters and 1 Brittany

1st—DOUBLE DEUCE ZEKE, 1673940, pointer male, by Double Deuce Peter-Funseeker's Holiday. Doug McMillen, Jr., owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

2d—GLASSILAUN WAR PAINT, 1667331, setter male, by Sugarknoll War Paint-Neely's Hot Pepper. Jamie Nee, owner; Robert Ecker, handler.

3d—GROUSE RIDGE LARRY, 1673191, setter male, by Long Gone Boston-Grouse Ridge Merrit. Paula Giulitto, owner; Richard Hollister, Sr., handler.

Open Walking Derby

An entry of 17 young hopefuls made it a good "glimpse of the future stake". Judges reported all placed dogs had birdwork and gave indications of their potential as shooting dogs of the future.

Judges: Sandy MacLean and Mike Brown
OPEN DERBY - 10 Pointers, 5 setters and 2 Brittans

1st—PONDEROSA COPPER PENNY, 1690593, setter female, by Ponderosa Mac-Eldridge's Beauty and Beast. Robert Ellis, owner and handler.

2d—MIKE'S HOPPED UP VERSION, 1695106, pointer female, by Miller's



Open Derby (from left): Rob Ellis with Ponderosa Copper Penny, Mark Hughes with Mike's Hopped Up Version, and Ken DeLong with May's Legacy Justice.

Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Carlos Escalante, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

3d—MAY'S LEGACY OF JUSTICE, 1695469, pointer male, by Faith's Maximum Justice-Chasehill Mighty Mae. Ken DeLong, owner and handler.

Open Horseback Shooting Dog Stake

Merle, the winner, bordered on all-age in ground coverage and added a nice find. Second, Quick, ran forwardly, covered lots of ground and logged a pair of finds. Steller Wind, third, ran forwardly in great fashion showed us a nice broke find and brace mate backed her.

**Judges: Mike Brown and Bill Klenner
OPEN SHOOTING DOG - 5 Pointers and 4 Setters**

1st—WICKED HIPPIE, 1684804, pointer female, by Lester's Sunny Hill Joe-Wicked Quick. Sandy MacLean & Kelsey Hajek, owners; Sandy MacLean, handler.

2d—WICKED QUICK, 1674810, pointer female, by Dunn's Tried'n True-Dunn's Get Out Sue. Sandy MacLean & Kelsey Hajek, owners; Sandy MacLean, owner and handler.

3d—STELLER WIND, 1678050, pointer female, by Easy Terms-Quickmarksman's Erin Penny. Jim Cipponeri, owner and handler.



Grouse Ridge Larry with Richard Hollister, Sr., third in the Dave Fletcher Open Shooting Dog Classic

Open Horseback Derby

Judges did not give a performance report on Ike, Sandy MacLean's first place winner.

**Judges: Richard Hollister, Jr. and William Klenner
OPEN DERBY - 3 Pointers**

1st—WICKED TWISTER, 1697325, male, Miller's Speed Dial-Rebel's Touch Of Class. Sandy MacLean & Kelsey Hajek, owners; Sandy MacLean, handler.

Amateur Horseback Shooting Dog

Two placements were given. Joe Colgazier's Meg was first and Ron Sposita's Louie second. Both were without birds and placed on ground race.

**Judges: Richard Hollister, Jr. and William Klenner
AMATEUR HORSEBACK SHOOTING DOG - 2 Pointers and 4 Setters**

1st—FLAMBEAU RIVER MEG, 1670686, setter female, by Grouse Busters Zeke-Cornerwood Mya Storm. Joe Colgazier, owner and handler.

2d—DUKE'S HOLD MY BEER, 1684677, pointer male, by Sugarknoll War Paint-Sizzlin Julie. Ron Sposita, owner and handler.



Maria Sposita with Billie.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT BIRD DOG CLUB

Annual Spring Trial

By Tom Gates | East Windsor, Connecticut | May 20, 2022

The Central Connecticut Bird Dog Club staged its annual spring event May 20-22, at the popular Dr. John Flaherty Field Trial Area in East Windsor, Conn. Established in 1961, the Central Connecticut club has run class bird dog field trials for 61 consecutive years. The five-stake event was again chaired by Gene Casale, Jr., with dogs from up and down the Eastern United States competing.

As usual, Gene Casale, Jr., managed the trial with perfection. Every detail was meticulously executed in true professional "Casale" style. I guarantee that everyone has a great time at a trial run by Gene! He will be hosting the Northeastern Championship in October on these grounds. The Casale family was well represented, daughters Anna and Heather with boyfriends Kevin and Jon, helping in every detail. Anna offered a thrilling display of trick riding horsemanship for the gallery on Saturday. Pam Casale, Gene's wife, again put on the club's famous Saturday night "Handlers' Dinner". Fried chicken and all the fixins' were augmented by a more than generous platter of fried eggplant, donated by club member and good friend Tony Forte. Now in his 80s, Tony has been cooking and helping the club for nearly 45 years. A good time was had by all attending.

Great judges always make a great trial and we had some of the best! The club sincerely thanks Kevin Stuart, Dave O'Brien, John Olfson, Tom Tracy, Alene LeVasseur, Jim Thomas, Craig Santos, and Mike Tracy for their fine judicial work. Their decisions were applauded by all attending. Dave O'Brien, Tom Tracy, Anna Casale and Heather Casale were true warriors, planting birds all day in the 90+ degree heat. Thank you all!

The Open Shooting Dog started the trial on Friday with nine very eager competitors. The weather was still cool, and the grass was very wet making for great scenting conditions. Mike Tracy swept the stake, taking all three placements. Trumped took the blue. Owned by our buddy, Eli Richardson of Uxbridge, Mass., this pointer male was outstanding! He ran the limits of the course finding quail at three locations. He runs with a very animated happy gait. His high-cracking tail and very fast attack on the ground was certainly unbeatable. A very intense stance was rewarded with multiple birds lifting over the motionless dog at each find. Trumped finished hard and driving way out on the powerline, ready to run another 30 minutes. Very nice dog!

Rich and Rare, another pointer male that makes you look at him hard, gained second this week. He was very powerful on the ground. This day he scored three times on quail with impeccable manners. When the judges called "time" he was a distant dot on the powerline edge.

Cinderella was a close third for Mike. The pointer female is another dog destined for Top Shooting Dog honors on the major circuit. She is one of the classiest and stylish derby dogs that I have ever seen in a long time. Today she was found standing twice with birds well-located and a statue at shot. Very pretty to watch on the ground; she also ate up the course finishing far to the front.

The Scotty Creel Open Derby is named for a club member who put saving other lives above his own safety. A Waterbury, Connecticut fireman, Scotty was honored several times for his heroic acts. Although injured many times, he always was the first

in and the last out, a real-life hero! As the temperature climbed on Friday, eight derbies all demonstrated fantastic endurance. Cinderella was back from placing in the Shooting Dog to take the blue. Mike Tracy did a fantastic job showing this dog. She had a single in fine form and then was found standing twice with covey birds well located. Her style on point is impressive. She finished hard in the midday heat.

Jim Thomas had his young setter male Jet for second. You might want to ride this dog, he's really big going, but in tune with handler. A statue on point, Jet carded two covey finds with birds blasting out everywhere on the second find. A single near the end lead to a huge finish on the left edge. Nice dog!

Matt Basilone has a sure winner with Raging Bull. Aptly named, this pointer male is a powerhouse. He never slowed down! His ground application was more than commendable, especially for a young dog. Found standing once, Bull looked like a picture—high and tight. He wanted to do another 30 minutes at time. Real nice dog!

The Guard Rail Open Shooting Dog stake honors Eugene Casale's Hall of Fame pointer who competed on these grounds many times. This stake is a coveted placement for anyone's dog. This year, 24 top dogs from up and down the East coast competed for a chance to add a "Guard Rail" placement to their resume. Waybetter Rebel emerged the winner. Handled by Mike Tracy, this pointer male is a thrill to watch. Rebel ran the limits of the grounds. His hard driving effort was rewarded on three occasions with covey birds being flown over a picturesque stance. Rebel had plenty of bottom in the heat finishing strong on the left edge. A thrill to watch!

Matt Basilone had Fort River's Lucky Charm for second in this highly contested stake. Owner Gary Tavares was in the gallery to watch a near perfect performance. Charm swapped ends in the pines to score a single in perfect form. He next was found standing a large covey; birds perfectly located. His third find saw a pair of quail lift over an intense stand. His ground race was a true hunting effort that couldn't be beaten. Great driving finish made Charm a sure bet.

Roger Duerksen's pointer female, Faithful, was a close third for Mike Tracy. Another awesome ground effort in the intense heat saw Faith swap ends twice with a very intense pointing style. Her manners were impeccable. This is the type of dog that you want to take home with you. She finished driving on the left edge.

The Amateur Derby started things off on Sunday. Tom Tracy took the blue with Stream. The fast-moving pointer male certainly has all the tools to become a top shooting dog. This day, Stream had a single in fine form and then logged a perfect covey find. Near the end he was found standing a single. He finished way to the front with that high tail cracking all the time. Real classy dog! Jet was back from placing in the Open Derby to grab second in this stake for Jim Thomas. The stylish setter was big going, trading ends twice with covey finds. High and tight at shot! Jet also added a single near the end before a long driving finish on the left edge.

The Milo Wilkenson Amateur Shooting Dog stake is named for one of the club's founding members. Milo was instrumental in acquiring grounds and establishing clubs and the New England

Association. Bill Bonnetti took first with Cape Point Lucky Strike. It was getting hot, well into the 90s, but these shooting dogs ran like it was November! This big setter was the epitome of class on the ground. He is exciting to watch and a handful at times for Bill. He carded three evenly spaced finds in this awful heat. His style pointing can only be described as intense. Perfect at flush; he was untouchable.

Alene LeVasseur took Tin Man's Heart (Coin) to second. This setter just did it all; taking the edges, finding birds four times, and finishing as a dot in the distance. His quail finds were perfect, with birds lifting right over his motionless stance on one occasion. Wow, what a great job!

Gene Casale's Railway Barnie took third. I love this dog! I think Gene has placed him about every time that he has put him down. Barnie is magic on the ground, magic on birds. Two great quail finds in the heat of the day coupled with a race that got bigger and bigger in the midday heat made him a sure bet.

East Windsor, Conn., May 20 – One Course
Judges: David O'Brien and James Thomas
OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 8 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—TRUMPED, 1690083, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Image-Bevy's Cadillac Jukebox. Eli Richardson III, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

2d—RAAG'S RICH AND RARE, 1685880, pointer male, by Lester's Sunny Hill Jo-Raag's Miss Lightfoot. John Ivester, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d—MILLER'S SPECIAL CINDERELLA, 1696287, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. William & Muriel Primm, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Judges: Alene LeVasseur and Tom Tracy
SCOTTY CREEL OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—MILLER'S SPECIAL CINDERELLA, 1696287, pointer female, by

Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. William & Muriel Primm, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

2d—THOMAS JET STREAM, 1693768, setter male, by Erin's Wild Atlantic Way-Erin's Black Watch. Jim Thomas, owner and handler.

3d—IRON WILL'S RAGING BULL, 1697738, pointer male, by Hyhope Chipper-Iron Will Suzie. Robert & Lisa Brooks, owners; Matt Basilone, handler.

Judges: John Olfson and Kevin Stuart
GUARD RAIL OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 21 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—WAYBETTER REBEL, 1689139, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Calico's Country Strong. William & Muriel Primm & Carl Bishop, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

2d—FORT RIVER'S LUCKY CHARM, 1681132, setter male, by Mohawk Mill Lucky Charm-Fort River Jackie. Gary Tavares, owner; Matt Basilone, handler.

3d—FAITHFUL, 1684597, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Steel City Karen. Roger & Susan Duerksen, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Judges: Craig Santos and Mike Tracy
AMATEUR DERBY – 4 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—L H STREAM, 1694440, pointer male, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Moonlite Yellow Jacket. Tom Tracy, owner and handler.

2d—THOMAS JET STREAM, 1693768, setter male, by Erin's Wild Atlantic Way-Erin's Black Watch. James Thomas, owner and handler.

MILO WILKENSON AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
– 4 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st—CAPE POINT LUCKY STRIKE, 1687954, setter male, by Awsum In Motion-Cape Point Millbilly. Bill Bonetti, owner and handler.

2d—TIN MAN'S HEART, 1675626, setter male, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-Waymaker Hello Dolly. Alene LeVasseur, owner and handler.

3d—RAILWAY BARNIE, 1686582, pointer male, by Glassilaun War Paint-Railway Jill. Gene Casale, owner and handler.

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DR. WILLIAM JOSEPH MADDOX

July 11, 1944 – July 30, 2022

Dr. Joe Maddox Has Passed

Undoubtedly the most beloved veterinarian in and around Troy, Ala., peacefully succumbed recently to an array of serious health issues. Not only was Dr. Joe Maddox a superb vet, but he was the definitive sportsman and outdoorsman. He was definitely one of a kind—a big man with an even bigger laugh! His quick wit and sense of humor could crack anybody up. As rough and tough as he was, he was very tender hearted, kind, and generous, especially with children. He said many times “kids can get anything I’ve got!” He could be brutally honest at times, and the more brutal he was to you, the more he liked you. He had many friends from all walks of life, and every one of them has a “Joe Maddox story.”

After high school, Joe went off to college. He didn’t exactly give it his all, and with no vision of what the future held in store, he told his father he wanted to drop out and do something else. His father gave him 40 acres of recently clear-cut timber land and told him to clean it up and farm it. He could live the rest of his life off the land. Joe spent the summer clearing stumps by hand! No tractor or heavy equipment, just hand tools! Joe got about half-way through the back breaking task and wisely decided college was not such a bad idea after all! It was indeed a good thing he did. Joe finished college and eventually became an expert surgeon. His clients loved him, and he loved his clients—and their animals. He would make barn calls when no other vet would. Once he was treating a colicky horse while Hurricane Opal blew through. A tree fell on the barn he was working in. Joe never let up, cured the horse, and cracked jokes the whole way through. Once he showed up on Christmas morning to a client’s barn to save a horse in distress and announced upon his arrival “Santa Clause is here!” He was an old-school vet that excelled at his trade. He would even let you sit in on your animal’s surgery and explain what he was doing as he went!

Joe was a very complex and talented man. His office looked like a mad scientist’s lair with stacks of old hunting and fishing magazines scattered about. By his desk stood a four-foot-tall stack of old American Field magazines that he referred to often. Pictures of bird dogs and hunting scenes adorned every wall in the building. A picture of his daddy’s old mule pulling a plow hung by the back entrance to remind him why he went to



vet school!

Joe had many hobbies and excelled at all of them. Believe it or not, he made his own saddles, bits, and horse tack. He could even shoe his own horses. His barn was equipped with every horse and dog contraption imaginable. He was a certified scuba diver. He could not read a single note of music, but he was an accomplished guitarist, able to play any song by ear. He wouldn’t just strum it but pick it out like Roy Clark!

Joe loved to hunt with all kinds of dogs. He had squirrel dogs, rabbit dogs, hounds, and pointers. Doc grew up with bird dogs and developed a special admiration for them. His father was breeding pointers as early as 1947. Joe got into field trialing bird dogs around 40 years ago and was fortunate to have enjoyed running several exceptional field trial dogs. Some may remember “Social Menace”. Probably his favorite, lovingly referred to as “Henry” is immortalized by a gravestone outside his vet clinic. He always kept at least four or five big stout 16 or 17 hand top-notch Tennessee Walking horses for himself. They served him well in pursuing his most passionate contribution to the sport, which was judging horseback field trials. His keen eye for a good bird dog was well renowned which made him a much sought-after field trial judge. He judged field trials all over the country, most notably the National Open Shooting Dog Championship an amazing seven times! He also served on many club boards including the National Open Shooting Dog Championship, the National Amateur Free-for-All Championship and was the chairman of the Quail Run Field Trial Club for many

years.

Many friends knew him as the best horseman they had ever met. He knew what made a horse tick and how to make him better. He looked good on a horse and was a natural rider. He made it look easy, like he was sitting in a lounge chair. He loved to share his knowledge of horses with others and did so on countless occasions.

Joe was generous to a fault. He jumped at every opportunity to help people in need, even total strangers. He loved a practical joke, even if he was on the receiving end. He just loved to laugh and laugh he did! You could hear it a mile away! Those that knew Doc will never forget him. There will never be another like him. Joe was loved by many and will be sorely missed.

— Darron Hendley

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GREENSBURG POINTER & SETTER CLUB

Annual Spring Trial Held At Time-Honored Grounds

By Mike Husenits | Rochester, Pennsylvania | May 27, 2022



Open Shooting Dog Winners: Backcountry Girlfriend with Chris Catanzarite, Backwoods Blaze with Justin Mason, Waybetter Butch with Dave Park, Tim McClurg (judge), and Norman Meeder (judge).

The Greensburg Pointer and Setter Club staged their annual spring trial on May 27-28 over the time-honored grounds near Rochester, Pa., owned by the Beaver Valley Pointer and Setter Club. Six stakes were run, five of them sanctioned by the U. S. Complete organization in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Walking Shooting Dog Association. Additionally, one stake featuring horseback handling, namely the H. H. Cahoon Open Shooting Dog, was also included on Saturday.

Accolades are extended to Dave Park for handling all the pre-trial arrangements and the duties of field trial chairman. Dave was assisted by a team of willing volunteers who pitched in to handle bird release, marshaling, food for lunches and paperwork matters, including your reporter, Chris Catanzarite, Justin Mason, Eric and Krista Munden, Reese Carroll, Nick Lasica, Norm Meeder, plus several I may have missed but know that you are appreciated.

Purina, a first-class company that has supported our sport for countless years, sponsored the event. Thanks once again.

Weather conditions were quite nice for this time of year with cool cloudy conditions prevailing after an early morning shower on Friday.

The club appreciates our worthy panel of judges that included Nick Lasica and Sarah Gomes for the Puppy; Tim McClurg and Chris Catanzarite for the Open Derby; Tim McClurg and Norman Meeder for the Open Walking Shooting Dog; Eric Munden and Brooke Lanning for the H. H. Cahoon stake; Nick Lasica and Dave Park oversaw the Amateur Derby; and Brooke Lanning teamed with Tim McClurg for the Amateur Shooting Dog. All placements were received with applause.

The program kicked off Friday with the Open Puppy stake where all three winners demonstrated potential for the future, first place Backcountry Pure Gold a bit wider in ground coverage than the others that placed.

Wildland Sweet Caroline was awarded a very deserving first in the Open Derby with a fast forward ground effort and advanced bird work. Caliber Peak Hundred Proof earned second with a fancy way of going and stylish bird work with slightly less maturity than the winner. Miller's Hopped Up Version earned third with a forward race and single contact.

The Open Shooting Dog saw Backcountry Girlfriend take the blue ribbon with a far-reaching forward ground race and perfect bird work. Backwoods Wild Fire Blaze was second with a medium range stylish effort and four perfectly handled finds. Waybetter Butch rounded out the placements with a busy medium range ground race plus perfect bird work.

Saturday morning the H. H. Cahoon Open Horseback stake was held with Backcountry Missy taking top honors with a far-flung ground effort and perfect birdwork that Mr. Cahoon (The Sage of Ben Avon, Pa.) would have marveled at. Second went to Mac's Real McCoy who is no stranger to the winners' circle. His ground race and birdwork was quite commendable. Backcountry Bruiser, litter brother to the winner, took third with an effort that pushed the winners to the limit with an impressive effort.

Miller's Hopped Up Version was first in the Amateur Derby with a classy ground effort and birdwork that left little doubt that she will contend as a shooting dog next fall. B K Lapaloma Blanca won second with a classy medium range ground race but was less



Open Puppy Winners: Backcountry Pure Gold with Chris Catanzarite, Quehanna Country Roads with Dave Park, Wildland Wild Man with Krysta Munden, Nick Lasica (judge), and Sarah Gomes (judge).



Open Derby Winners: Wildland Sweet Caroline with Eric Munden, Caliber Peak Hundred Proof with Sarah Gomes, Miller's Hopped Up Version with Krysta Munden, Chris Catanzarite (judge), and Tim McClurg (judge).

mature on birdwork. Double Deuce Jack was third with a far-flung race showing a classy way of going and acceptable birdwork.

Waybetter Butch added his second placement of the trial with a first in the Amateur Shooting Dog stake. Butch hunted forward and aggressively with polished birdwork to earn the blue ribbon. Wildland Warrior finished second with a hard-driving forward race plus demonstrated perfect deportment on her birds. Cal Peak Hundredth Meridian rounded out the placements with a far-ranging ground race and stylish bird work.

**Rochester, Pa., May 27 – One Course
Judges: Sarah Gomes and Nick Lasica
OPEN PUPPY – 5 Pointers and 1 Setter**

1st—BACKCOUNTRY PURE GOLD, 1694791, pointer female, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Backcountry Tornado. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

2d—QUEHANNA COUNTRY ROADS, 1699803, pointer male, by Grouse Trails Tuscarora-Halestorm. Dave Park, owner and handler.

3d—WILDLAND WILD MAN, 1695981, pointer male, by Double Deuce Zeke-Beaver Meadow Rose. Eric Munden, owner; Krysta Munden, handler.

**Judges: Tim McClurg and Norm Meeder
OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 9 Pointers and 1 Setter**

1st—BACKCOUNTRY GIRLFRIEND, 1682667, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Backcountry Polly. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

2d—BACKWOODS WILD FIRE BLAZE, 1691395, pointer male, by Erin's Wild Justice-Hollywood Hot'n'tot. Justin Mason, owner and handler.

3d—WAYBETTER BUTCH, 1660432, pointer male, by Brown's Tom Tom-Waybetter Reba. Dave Park, owner and handler.

**Judges: Chris Catanzarite and Tim McClurg
OPEN DERBY – 4 Pointers**

1st—WILDLAND SWEET CAROLINE, 1692066, female, by Waybetter

Rocky-Beaver Meadow Rose. Eric Munden, owner and handler.

2d—CALIBER PEAK HUNDRED PROOF, 1696649, male, by Cal Peak Hundredth Meridian-Double Deuce Molly. Sarah D. Gomes, owner and handler.

**Judges: Brooke Lanning and Erin Munden
HERBERT H. CAHOON OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC
– 8 Pointers**

1st—BACKCOUNTRY MISSY, 1672663, female, by Erin's War Creek-Backcountry Tornado. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

2d—MAC'S REAL MCCOY, 1686791, male, by Mac's Silver Chief-Mac's Silver Shadow. Tim McClurg, owner and handler.

3d—BACKCOUNTRY BRUISER, 1672645, male, by Erin's War Creek-Backcountry Tornado. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 10 Pointers

1st—WAYBETTER BUTCH, 1660432, male, by Brown's Tom Tom-Waybetter Reba. Dave Park, owner and handler.

2d—WILDLAND WARRIOR, 1676947, female, by Erin's War Creek-Suemac's Coventry. Eric Munden, owner and handler.

3d—CAL PEAK HUNDREDTH MERIDIAN, 1671286, male, by Cover Charge Search Engine-Sandland Dolly P. Sarah D. Gomes, owner and handler.

**Judges: Nick Lasica and Dave Park
AMATEUR DERBY – 6 Pointers**

1st—MILLER'S HOPPED UP VERSION, 1695106, female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Carlos Escalante, owner; Eric Munden, handler.

2d—B K LAPALOMA BLANCA, 1693945, female, by B K Pablo Escobar-B K Hirollins Wild. Brooke Lanning & Eric Clink, owners; Brooke Lanning, handler.

3d—DOUBLE DEUCE JACK, 1691404, male, by Cal Peak Hundredth Meridian-Double Deuce Molly. Douglas E. McMillen, Jr., owner and handler.



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners: Waybetter Butch with Dave Park, Wildland Warrior with Eric Munden, Caliber Peak Hundredth Meridian with Doug McMillen, Tim McClurg (judge), and Brooke Lanning (judge).



Amateur Derby Winners: Miller's Hopped Up Version with Eric Munden, B K Lapaloma Blanca with Brooke Lanning, Double Deuce Jack with Doug McMillen, Nick Lasica (judge), and Dave Park (judge).

SPRUCE BROOK BIRD DOG CLUB

Spring Trial Held At Flaherty Grounds

By Morgan Williams | East Windsor, Connecticut | May 27, 2022



Amateur Shooting Dog (front row, from left): Brian Sanchez with Great River Yellowstone, Joe Lordi with Bittersweet War Cry, and Alex Smith with Calico's Over the Top. (Top row): Taylor Santos, John Malone, Mrs. Santos, John Stolgitis, Amelia, Alene LeVasseur, Craig Santos, Bill Bonnetti, Aidan Malone, and Bob Verderosa.

The Spruce Brook spring trial was held May 27-29, at the John Flaherty Field Trial Grounds in East Windsor, Conn. It had been dry for the last few weeks so the first day running was drier than normal. That changed quickly with rain on Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

At this time, we would like to thank our judges: Alene LeVasseur and Tom Tracy for judging the Open All-Age; Gene Casale, Jr., and John Malone for the Open Restricted Shooting Dog; Alene LeVasseur and John Malone for the Open Derby; Brian Sanchez and Dave O'Brien for the Open Shooting Dog; and Bill Bonnetti and John Stolgitis for the one-hour Amateur Shooting Dog. A special thank you to all; the placements were wellreceived.

Friday night's dinner was Shepherd's pie and lasagna, provided by Erin and John Stolgitis. Saturday night, Jayne Fogarty and Bill Bonnetti made a turkey dinner with all the side dishes; Jayne also made all the lunches. Desert Saturday night was cake and ice cream, in celebration of Matt Basilone's 40th birthday. Happy Birthday, Matt!

The Open All-Age started things off on Friday under favorable skies. Mike Tracy was the handler for all three placements. John Ivester's dog, Raag's Rich and Rare, was awarded first place with a strong forward race, and one find. Mark Janic's dog, Southpoint's Hog Wild, was second with a good race and two finds. Third was Answered Prayers, owned by Linder, McDonald and Hollander.

The next stake was the Open Restricted Shooting Dog. First place was B K Iron Clad, owned and handled by Brian Sanchez. Clad ran a good searching race with three finds. Second, Miller's Flowers and Lace handled by Mike Tracy, was attractive moving and on point. Third place was Iron Will's Raging Bull, handled by Matt Basilone, with a good race and two finds.

The Open Derby was won by Miller's Special Cinderella. She applied herself well to the course and had three finds.

The Open Shooting Dog started Friday afternoon and was completed Saturday. Tim Cavanaugh's dog, Little Miss Margaret, handled by John Stolgitis, took home the blue with a good ground race and four finds. Second was Gary Traverse's dog, Fort River's Lucky Charm handled by Matt Basilone, with two finds and a back. Third place went to Southpoint's Hog Wild. The judges stated that it was a very competitive stake with many good performances.

The start of the one-hour Amateur Shooting Dog stake was delayed due to thunderstorms in the area. It started on Sunday morning under clear skies. The entry was small but had many good performances. Great River Yellowstone, owned and handled by Brian Sanchez, was first. He used all the country, had multiple finds, and looked good on all of them. Joe Lordi's Bittersweet War Cry was second. He ran a good race and was rewarded with four finds. Calico's Over the Top rounded out the placements with four finds and a pleasing race.

East Windsor, Conn., May 27

Judges: Alene LeVasseur and Tom Tracy

OPEN ALL-AGE – 10 Pointers

1st—RAAG'S RICH AND RARE, 1684780, male, by Lester's Sunny Hill Jo-Raag's Miss Lightfoot. John Ivester, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

2d—SOUTHPOINT'S HOG WILD, 1686800, male, by Broken Halo-Backwoods Tennessee Honey. Mark Janiac, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d—ANSWERED PRAYERS, 1689233, male, by Broken Halo-Rocky River Snow Bird. Allen Linder, Madison McDonald & Casey Hollander, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Judges: Gene Casale, Jr. and John Malone

OPEN RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG – 9 Pointers

1st—B K IRON CLAD, 1692826, male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Great River Kennel, owner; Brian Sanchez, handler.

2d—MILLER'S FLOWERS AND LACE, 1696283, female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Allen Linder, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d—IRON WILL'S RAGING BULL, 1697738, male, by Hyhope Chipper-Iron Will Suzie. Robert J. & Lisa Brooks, owners; Matt Basilone, handler.

Judges: Alene LeVasseur and John Malone

OPEN DERBY – 5 Pointers

1st—MILLER'S SPECIAL CINDERELLA, 1696287, female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Muriel & William Primm, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Judges: Dave O'Brien and Brian Sanchez

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 23 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—LITTLE MISS MARGARET, 1693526, pointer female, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Tim Cavanaugh, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

2d—FORT RIVER LUCKY CHARM, 1681132, setter male, by Mohawk Mill Lucky Charm-Fort River Jackie. Gary Traverse, owner; Matt Basilone, handler.

3d—SOUTHPOINT'S HOG WILD, 1686800, pointer male, by Broken Halo-Backwoods Tennessee Honey. Mark Janiac, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

Judges: Bill Bonnetti and John Stolgitis

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]

– 9 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—GREAT RIVER YELLOWSTONE, 1688796, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Great River Kennel, owner; Brian Sanchez, handler.

2d—BITTERSWEET WAR CRY, 1674743, pointer male, by Sugarknoll War Paint-Mohawk. Ralph A. Gillota, owner; Joe Lordi, handler.

3d—CALICO'S OVER THE TOP, 1692315, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Calico's Country Strong. Calico Kennels & Alex & Tiffany Smith, owners; Alex Smith, handler.

PURINA AWARDS PROGRAM

Awards Committee Standards and Operating Protocol

By Mark Johnson | Chattanooga, Tennessee | July 24, 2022

The Purina Awards Program is sponsored by Nestlé Purina PetCare (Purina) and enjoys a long and extensive history of recognizing superior performances and handlers and bird dogs in the field trial sport. The Top Field Trial Bird Dog Award (all-age) was established in 1963 and was sponsored by Ralston Purina. From the start, the Purina Awards Program was designed to stimulate interest in all field competition and recognize publicly the dog and handler which had excelled in a given field trial season. Over time, the program has evolved and expanded to include the Open Shooting Dog, Open Derby, Open Handler, Amateur Shooting Dog and Amateur All-Age categories.

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

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

Application for Recognition in the Program

In general, we are mindful that Purina Points trial status is not a given or an automatically granted position. Purina Points trials must, in all cases, be reflective of premier bird dog competition, held on premier venues, showcasing top notch handler and dog capabilities, in a sportsmanlike and publicly appealing package. Purina Points trials and championships must also reflect a baseline respect and appreciation for the MAJOR sponsorship contributions Nestlé Purina and the Awards Committee contribute to this significant and unrivaled bird dog awards program. Pertaining to new program applicants an official application form must be submitted to the Awards Program recording secretary. A copy of this application will soon be available at www.americanfield.com under "Forms". New applications will be reviewed and acted upon by the full committee at their annual June committee meeting. Completion of an application does not guarantee approval. Typically, a three (3) year probationary time frame precedes approval.

Advertisement Requirements for Recognized Awards Program Events

- The Purina checkerboard logo must appear prominently in all points trial ads.
- United Kennel Club policy regarding the size of ads will prevail.
- Ads must appear in the UKC® Field/website well ahead of the start of the event.

- Judges' full names must appear in the ad. Judges "TBD" is unacceptable and can be cause for a club to lose points status. Likewise, changes in listed judges must be communicated to UKC and to the Awards Committee.

- The starting date, venue, and stake particulars must appear in the ad.

- The Awards Committee must be notified of any and all changes to the running of a recognized and advertised Purina Awards Trial via written/email notice to the recording secretary.

Standards and Protocol

- To qualify for annual points consideration, recognized Purina Awards Program points events must run a minimum of 16 dogs (Derbies excluded). This standard has been in place for several years and reflects the programs intent to attract a broad event base reflective of the stature and prestige associated with the program. Those approved events that are run but attract less than the 16-dog minimum must nevertheless report the fact that their trial was run including submission of a running order (Open Shooting Dog stakes only) and the completed Form for Essential Data.

- All points trials must be reported to appropriate parties and to the Awards Committee within 45 days of the event's conclusion. Points WILL NOT BE SCORED for clubs that fail to report results within 45 days of event completion. "Reporting" is defined as submission of Form for Essential Data to the Open and Amateur Shooting Dog points tabulator—Mr. Mike Luebke—at trialpoints@outlook.com, along with a running order (for Open Shooting Dog stakes only) that indicates dog's *FDSB* name and the handler's full name. Points WILL NOT BE SCORED for Open Shooting Dog stakes that fail to include a complete running order with their Form for Essential Data. Note: trialpoints@outlook.com is the only acceptable manner to communicate results to Mr. Luebke and becomes the basis for his paper trail supporting his calculations. Open All-Age and Amateur All-Age stakes must be reported to the United Kennel Club in the traditional manner.

- Any change in venue must be approved by the Awards Committee.

- All dogs, handlers, owners, and club officials participating in approved Purina Awards Program field trials must be in GOOD STANDINGS with the *FDSB*/United Kennel Club. Additionally, Clubs/Championships who elect to accept entries from persons/dogs who are not in good standing with the *FDSB*/United Kennel Club effectively relinquish their status as a Purina Points trial.

- All federal, state and local ordinances apply to points trials.
- Failure to comply with any of the above points will result in loss of Purina Points for that trial and may include suspension from Awards Program.

Professional Handler

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

• The following is a comprehensive listing of currently approved professional handlers:

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Daniels, Jamie
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Erne, Zach
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Forman, Scott
Gearhart, Harold
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Huffman, Larry
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Hughes, Mark
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McLean, Mark
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Minard, Neal
Moore, Virgil
Nelson, Dave
Neria, Andy
Newcomb, George
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Ray, Harold
Rayl, Fred
Raynor, Jerry
Rice, Tommy
Robertson, Rich
Sampson, Kim
Schenker, Tom
Schillereff, Tim
Smith, Roy
Snow, Kenny
Steinshouer, Laurie
Stephenson, Phil
Stolgitis, John
Stretz, Chuck (TOM)
Swearingen, Tracy
Tande, Jim
Taylor, Eddy
Thomas, Junior
Todd, Ike
Tracy, Jeanette
Tracy, Mike
Tracy, George
Twer, Sheldon
Vater, Diane
Vincent, Allan
Wagoner, Jeff
Waite, Tom
Zink, Drew

handlers will be expected to keep the Awards Committee aware of changes that would preclude their being listed.

• Consideration for additions to the approved professional handlers' roster can be made in writing directed to the Awards Committee Secretary or any committee member. Such applications should indicate name/contact particulars and Kennel name, summary of prior 36 months handling dogs professionally, along with a listing of Purina Points trials where dogs were handled as a professional. Consideration for additions will be at the committee's summer meeting.

Approved Points Trial Roster

• Annually, the United Kennel Club will publish (typically August) a roster of all approved Purina Points field trials—Open, amateur, Shooting Dog, All-Age and Derby.

• It is the responsibility of each Club to confirm they have been listed.

Shooting Dog Points Calculation Particulars

• The 16-dog minimum prevails with a minimum of three (3) active professional handlers

• For stakes with 17-24 dogs entered there will be a minimum requirement of four (4) active professional handlers for points to be counted.

• For stakes with 25 or more dogs entered the requirement is five (5) active professional handlers.

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

Once again, these criteria are not intended whatsoever to be burdensome or bureaucratic. Rather, they are specifically intended to reflect the prestige and stature of recognized Purina Points events by creating a more inclusive and broader base of competition in the shooting dog category. Club officials are most certainly encouraged to reach out to area professional handlers encouraging them to join their field trials with the intent to win but also ensuring that maximum points thresholds are met for points calculation purpose.

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

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

• Handlers indicated on the above referenced list may be purged from subsequent years' listings due to inactivity in Open Shooting Dog Purina Points trials during the preceding year(s). Listed

The following pages carry the Purina Points Trials for the 2022-23 Field Trial Season:

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Purina is pleased to announce the
2022-23 PURINA
TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD

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

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

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

The United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship will award 400 bonus points, and the International Endurance Open Shooting Dog Championship will award 100 bonus points. If a points trial is held twice in



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one season, Purina Top Shooting Dog Award points will be credited for the first event only.

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

The Awards Committee reviews the point system and trials each year. Only trials which meet the highest standards are included. Points season ends April 23, 2023.

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

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

— POINTS TRIALS FOR THE 2022-23 PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD —

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

- All-America Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Arkansas Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Atlantic Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Bama Quail Club
- Bear Pond Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Big Sky Field Trial Club
- Big Sky Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Brock & Wells Open Shooting Dog Classic
- California Chukar Shooting Dog Classic
- California Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Canadian Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Can/Am Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Cedar Valley Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Colorado Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Eastern Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Egyptian Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Farmer Sportsmen’s De Luca Classic
- Fleetwood Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Garden State Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Garden State Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Georgia Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Henry Banks Sr. Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Idaho Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Illinois Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Indiana Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Inez C. Smith Open Shooting Dog Classic
- International Endurance Open Shooting Dog Championship*
- Jayhawk Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Jockey Hollow Imperial Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Keystone Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Lesser Sandhills Field Trial Club
- Lone Star Open Shooting Dog Classic
- M.F. Ferguson Classic
- Masters Open Shooting Dog Championship
- McMinnville Field Trial Club
- Michigan Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Midwest Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Mill Pond Field Trial Club / Jep Wade Open Shooting Dog
- Mississippi Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Montana Open Shooting Dog Championship
- National Chukar Open Shooting Dog Championship
- National Prairie Chicken Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Nevada Bird Dog Club
- New England Open Championship
- North Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship
- North Carolina Pointing Dog Association / Carolina Celebration Open Shooting Dog
- Northeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Northwest Chukar Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Oregon Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Ozark Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Pacific Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Pacific Northwest Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Russell County (Ala.) Field Trial Club
- Shadow Oak Field Trial Club
- South Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Southern Comfort Field Trial Club
- Southwest Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Sunflower State Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Tennessee Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club
- Texas Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Tootsie Hurdle Shooting Dog Classic
- United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship*
- Vidalia Field Trial Club / Beaver Creek Open Shooting Dog Classic
- West Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Western Open Shooting Dog Championship

**Bonus Points Stake*

A dog whose breeding is shown by DNA to be misrepresented shall have points earned toward this Award withheld pending resolution of the matter by the *Field Dog Stud Book*. If such misrepresentation is not settled by April 23, the dog shall forfeit all points.

NOTE: Any points earned after April 23, 2023 will accumulate towards the 2023-2024 season.

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

Purina is pleased to announce the
2022-23 PURINA TOP DERBY AWARD

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



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

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

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

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

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

OPEN SHOOTING DOG DERBY STAKES

Midwest Region

- All-America Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Egypt Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Illinois Open Shooting Dog Championship Max Eldred Open Derby
- Indiana Open Shooting Dog
- Michigan Open Derby Classic
- Midwest Shooting Dog Futurity*
- Midwestern States Derby Classic
- National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby

Northeast Region

- Bill McNamee Memorial Open Derby Classic
- Garden State Championship (English Setter Club) Open Derby
- Garden State Classic Open Derby
- Keystone "Yankee" Open Derby Classic
- New England Futurity*

Southern Region

- Cedar Valley Classics Ray B. Jeffers Open Derby
- Eastern Open Derby Classic
- Georgia Association Shooting Dog Classics Ray Jeffers Open Derby
- Georgia Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Henry Banks Sr. Memorial Open Shooting Dog Derby
- Middle Georgia Open Shooting Dog Derby
- Russell County (Ala.) Open Derby
- South Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Derby Classic
- Tootsie Hurdle Open Derby
- United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity*

Western Region

- Arkansas Derby Classic

- Can/Am Open Shooting Dog Derby
- Colorado Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Fleetwood Open Shooting Dog Classic Open Derby
- Hidden Valley Club
- Jayhawk Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Lone Star Open Shooting Dog Classic Open Derby
- Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Oil Capital Amateur All-Age Derby
- Oklahoma Open Derby Classic
- Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Southwest Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Sunflower State Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Texas Open Shooting Dog Championship Texas Open Derby

Far West Region

- Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship Bill West Open Derby Classic
- Montana Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby
- Oregon Open Shooting Dog Championship Open Derby

OPEN ALL-AGE DERBY STAKES

- Alabama Club's Derby
- All-America Derby Championship*
- All-America Prairie Championship Derby
- American Derby Invitational Championship*
- American Quail Classic Derby
- Benton County (Miss.) Open Derby
- "Big" Derby Classic
- Blackbelt Field Trial Club Derby
- Buck-Tuck Open Derby
- Carroll County (Tenn.) Field Trial Club Derby
- Cecil Proctor Open Derby
- Central Carolina Open Derby

- Continental Derby Championship*
- Dr. D.E. Hawthorne Border Classic Derby
- Dr. Douglas Guthrie Open Derby
- Georgia Derby Championship*
- Heartland Open Derby
- Hell Creek Open Derby
- Hobart Ames Open Derby
- Inola Open All-Age Derby
- International Pheasant Championship Derby
- Jim Ingle Open Derby
- Kansas Derby Classic
- Kentucky Championship Open Derby
- Kentucky Lake Ricky Chism Memorial Open Derby
- Kentucky Quail Classic Derby
- Larry Brech Open Derby
- Lee County (Ga.) Open All-Age Derby
- Mid-America Championship Open Derby Classic
- Mississippi All-Age Championship Derby
- Missouri Don Fox Memorial Derby
- Missouri Open All-Age Derby
- Muckalee Creek Open Derby
- National Derby Championship*
- North Carolina Open Derby
- Pacific Coast Derby Championship*
- Pelican Open All-Age Classic Derby
- Prairie Field Trial Club Derby
- Region 8 Championship Assn. Open Derby
- Rend Lake Open All-Age Derby
- Rulon Everton Open Derby
- Solatex Evangeline Derby
- Southern Pines Open All-Age Derby
- Southland Arlin Nolen Derby
- Southwestern Championship Open Derby
- Stillwater Open All-Age Derby
- Sullivan County Open All-Age Derby
- Sunflower Open All-Age Derby
- Texas Open Championship Derby
- United States Open Championship Derby
- West Tennessee Open All-Age Derby
- Western Open All-Age Derby

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Purina is pleased to announce the 60th ANNUAL PURINA TOP FIELD TRIAL BIRD DOG AWARD

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

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

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



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

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

Purina PetCare Company, maker of high-quality dog foods, including Pro Plan® brand Dog and Puppy Food, Purina® Dog Chow brand Dog Food, and Purina® Puppy Chow brand Puppy Food, pays tribute to outstanding bird dog performances each field trial season by means of

the Top Field Trial Dog Award, at the same time offering incentive and encouragement to participants for the betterment of the sport. Participation in this program does not constitute any endorsement of Purina products.

— POINTS TRIALS FOR THE 60th ANNUAL PURINA AWARD —

The Purina Award program for the 2022–23 season consists of the following stakes, each with heats of one hour or longer, and selected by the Award Committee.

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

- Alabama Open Championship
- Alberta All-Age Classic
- All-America Prairie Championship
- All-America Quail Championship
- American Quail Classic (Clarksville P&S Club)
- Benton County Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Black Belt Field Trial Association Open All-Age
- Buck-Tuck Open All-Age Classic
- Cajun Open All-Age Classic
- California Bird Dog Championship
- California Chukar Championship
- California Open All-Age Championship
- California Pheasant Championship
- California Quail Championship
- Carroll County Open All-Age
- Cascade Open Championship
- Central Arkansas Association / Southwestern Championship
- Central Carolina Open All-Age
- Continental All-Age Championship*
- Doug Sanderson Memorial Open All-Age (Spring Valley Field Trial Club)
- Dixie Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Dr. D.E. Hawthorne Border Classic
- Florida (Suwannee River) All-Age Championship
- Georgia Quail Championship
- Grand National Grouse Championship
- Gyp Hills Field Trial Club
- Heartland Open All-Age
- Hell Creek Open All-Age
- Hobart Ames Open All-Age
- Inola Open All-Age
- International Pheasant Championship
- Kentucky Lake Open All-Age
- Kentucky Open All-Age Championship
- Kentucky Quail Classic
- Lee County (Ga.) Open All-Age
- Masters Open Quail Championship
- Mid-America Open Championship
- Mississippi Open Championship
- Missouri Open All-Age
- Missouri Open Championship
- National Championship*
- National Chukar Championship
- National Free-for-All Championship*
- National Pheasant Championship
- North Carolina Open All-Age
- North Carolina Open Championship
- North Dakota Open All-Age Classic
- Northern States' U.S. Chicken Championship
- Northwest Chukar Open All-Age Championship
- Oklahoma Cecil Proctor Open All-Age
- Oklahoma Open Championship
- Pacific Coast Open Championship
- Pelican Open All-Age Classic
- Prairie Field Trial Club Open All-Age
- Quail Championship Invitational*
- Region 8 (AFTCA) Open All-Age
- Rend Lake Open All-Age (Rend Lake Field Trial Club)
- Robin Gates Memorial Classic (Bear Pond Field Trial Club)
- Southeastern Open Championship
- Southern Field Trial Championship*
- Southland Open Championship
- Stillwater Open All-Age
- Sunflower Open All-Age
- Sunshine Open All-Age
- Tar Heel Open All-Age Championship
- Texas Open Championship
- United States Open Championship
- Western Open All-Age Championship
- West Tennessee Open All-Age

* Bonus Points Stake

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- PREVIOUS PURINA AWARD WINNERS**
- War Storm—1963-64
 - Red Water Rex—1964-65; 1968-69
 - Safari—1965-66
 - Riggins White Knight—1966-67; 1967-68
 - Johnny Crockett—1969-70
 - Wrapup—1970-71
 - The Texas Squire—1971-72
 - Miller's Miss Knight—1972-73
 - Crossmatch—1973-74
 - White Knight's Button—1974-75
 - Miller's White Cloud—1975-76
 - Buckboard—1976-77
 - Rex's Cherokee Jake—1977-78

- Allure—1978-79; 1980-81
- Blackbelt—1979-80
- Heritage's Premonition—1981-82
- Whippoorwill's Rebel—1982-83; 1986-87
- Native Tango—1983-84
- Flatwood Hank—1984-85; 1985-86
- Rebel Wrangler—1987-88; 1991-92
- Redemption's Reward—1988-89
- Dunn's Fearless Bud—1989-90
- Quicksilver Pink—1990-91
- Brush Country Spectre—1992-93; 1993-94
- Flatwood Rusty—1994-95
- Miller's Silver Ending—1995-96

- Silverwood—1996-97; 2001-02
- Shell Creek Dan—1997-98
- Lehar's Main Tech—1998-99; 1999-00
- Law's High Noon—2000-01
- Texas Trailrider—2002-03
- Quicksilver Gold—2003-04
- Lester's Absolute—2004-05
- Miller's On Line—2005-06
- Funseeker's Rebel—2006-07
- Shell Creek Coin—2007-08
- Lester's Snowwatch—2008-09
- Strut—2009-10
- Touch's White Out—2010-11

- Connor's E Z Button—2011-12
- Stallion—2012-13
- Touch's Adams County—2013-14
- Miller's Dialing In—2014-15
- Whippoorwill Justified—2015-16
- Touch's Mega Mike—2017-18
- Dunn's Tried 'N True—2016-17; 2018-19
- Valiant—2019-20
- Touch's Malcolm Story—2020-21
- Touch's Fire Away—2021-22

Purina is pleased to announce the
2022–23 PURINA TOP AMATEUR
SHOOTING DOG AWARD

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

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

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



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

Trials have been selected on longevity of the supporting organization; grounds; heats of one hour; expedient, accurate reporting; prestige; and geographic location. The Awards Committee reviews the points system and trials each year.

Only amateur trials which meet the highest standards will be included. Points season ends April 23, 2023.

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

— POINTS TRIALS FOR THE 2022–23 PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD —

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

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

**Bonus Points Stake*

NOTE: Any points earned after April 23, 2023 will accumulate towards the 2023–24 Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award. A dog whose breeding is shown by DNA to be misrepresented shall have points earned toward this award withheld pending resolution of the matter by the *Field Dog Stud Book*. If such misrepresentation is not settled by April 23, the dog shall forfeit all points.

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Purina is pleased to announce the
35th ANNUAL PURINA
HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Purina is pleased to announce the 35th All-Age and Shooting Dog Handler of the Year Awards.



dogs drawn; 3 points for second for all dogs drawn; and 2 points for third for all dogs drawn.

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

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

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

All-Age Handler Award points are awarded as follows: 5 points for first for all

ALL-AGE POINT TRIALS

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

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

SHOOTING DOG POINT TRIALS

- All-America Shooting Dog Championship
- Arizona Shooting Dog Championship
- Arkansas Shooting Dog Championship
- Atlantic Coast Shooting Dog Championship
- Bama Quail Club
- Bear Pond Classic
- Big Sky Field Trial Club
- Big Sky Shooting Dog Championship
- Brock & Wells Open Shooting Dog Classic
- California Chukar Classic
- California Shooting Dog Championship
- Can/Am Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Colorado Shooting Dog Championship
- Eastern Shooting Dog Championship
- Egyptian Open Shooting Dog Championship
- English Setter Club of America / Garden State Shooting Dog Championship
- Farmer Sportsmen's De Luca Classic
- Fleetwood Shooting Dog Classic
- Flint Hills Field Trial Club / Jayhawk Shooting Dog Championship
- Garden State Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Georgia Shooting Dog Championship
- Georgia Shooting Dog Classic
- Henry Banks Shooting Dog Classic
- Idaho Shooting Dog Championship
- Illinois Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Indiana Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Indiantown Gap Bird Dog Club / Keystone Shooting Dog Championship
- Indiantown Gap Bird Dog Club / Keystone Shooting Dog Classic
- Inez C. Smith Open Shooting Dog Classic
- International Endurance Shooting Dog Championship
- Jockey Hollow Field Trial Club / Imperial Shooting Dog Classic
- Kentucky Shooting Dog Championship
- Lesser Sandhills Field Trial Club
- Lone Star Shooting Dog Classic
- McMinnville Field Trial Club Open Shooting Dog
- M.F. Ferguson Classic
- Michigan Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Midwest Shooting Dog Championship
- Mill Pond FTC / Jep Wade Open Shooting Dog
- Mississippi Shooting Dog Championship

- Missouri Shooting Dog Championship
- Montana Shooting Dog Championship
- National Chukar Shooting Dog Championship
- National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship
- Nevada Bird Dog Club
- New England Championship
- New England Futurity
- North Carolina Pointing Dog Association / Carolina Celebration Open Shooting Dog
- North Carolina Shooting Dog Championship
- Northeastern Shooting Dog Championship
- Northwest Chukar Shooting Dog Championship
- Oklahoma Shooting Dog Championship
- Oklahoma Shooting Dog Classic
- Oregon Shooting Dog Championship
- Ozark Shooting Dog Championship
- Pacific Coast Shooting Dog Championship
- Pacific Northwest Shooting Dog Championship
- Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Russell County (Ala.) Field Trial Club
- San Joaquin Valley English Setter Club / West Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Shadow Oak Classic
- South Carolina Shooting Dog Championship
- Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Southern Comfort Field Trial Club
- Southern Field Trial Club / Masters Shooting Dog Championship
- Southwest Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Sunflower State Shooting Dog Championship
- Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Classic
- Tennessee Open Shooting Dog Championship
- Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club
- Texas Shooting Dog Championship
- Tootsie Hurdle Shooting Dog Classic
- United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity
- United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship
- Vidalia Field Trial Club / Beaver Creek Open Shooting Dog Classic
- West Coast Shooting Dog Championship
- Western Shooting Dog Championship

A two-tier scoring system is used for the Shooting

Dog Handler Award. Points are awarded as follows: For three one-hour continuous course trials—1st place earns 5 points per dogs drawn; 2nd place earns 3 points per dogs drawn and 3rd place earns 2 points per dogs drawn. For single course trials—1st place earns 3 points per dogs drawn; 2nd place earns 2 points per dogs drawn; and 3rd place earns 1 point per dogs drawn.

All points-earning dogs must be DNA certified.

The annual points season ends April 23. Trials that start after April 23, 2023 will be counted towards the 2024 Awards.

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

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DAVID JOHNSON

for Field Trial Hall of Fame

Thirty-one years ago the bird dog fraternity elected Ben (Man) Rand to the Field Trial Hall of Fame. His legacy as an expert scout and bird dog man gave him superior recognition and the opportunity to be elected.



The late sporting dog writer, Bill Tarrant, wrote: *“Man Rand for the Hall of Fame. More than 100 years have passed since the first field trial was held in America. Since that time stalwarts of the game have elected professional handlers, their patrons, gun dog writers, noted breeders, landed gentry, seasoned amateurs, and other devotees to the Field Trial Hall of Fame.”* Now a legendary scout has been awarded the honor.

Once again we are called together to elect another legendary scout and bird dog trainer, David Johnson, to the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Your support is much appreciated!



Purina is pleased to announce the 2022-23 PURINA TOP AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD

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



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

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

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— POINTS TRIALS FOR THE 2022-23 PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD —

- Alabama Field Trial Club
- Central Kentucky Quail Club
- Kansas Field Trial Clubs Association
- North Carolina Field Trial Association
- Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America Regions:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19
- Clarksville Bird Dog Club
- Lee County (Ga.) Field Trial Club
- Oil Capital Field Trial Association
- Amateur All-Age Championships
- Clarksville Pointer & Setter Club
- Marshall County (Miss.) Field Trial Club
- Oklahoma Amateur Field Trial Assn.
- Ames Amateur
- Coalfield Bird Dog Club
- Memphis Amateur Field Trial Club
- Pinehurst Field Trial Club
- Aurora Field Trial Club
- Cockade Field Trial Club
- Mid South Amateur Association
- Rend Lake Field Trial Club
- Black Belt Amateur Field Trial Club
- Commonwealth Bird Dog Club
- Midwest Field Trial Association
- Richmond County (N.C.) Field Trial Club
- Cahaba Bend Field Trial Club
- Continental Amateur Club
- Mingo Sportsman Field Trial Club
- Southern Field Trial Club
- Carolina Amateur Field Trial Club
- English Setter Club of America
- Missouri Amateur All-Age
- Southern Pines Amateur All-Age
- Carolina Lean Breed Club
- Esmont-Greenfields Field Trial Club
- Montgomery County (Tenn.) Field Trial Club
- Sunflower Amateur All-Age Classic
- Carroll County (Tenn.) Field Trial Club
- Flint Hills Amateur All-Age Classic
- National Amateur Invitational Championship**
- Catawba Classic
- Georgia Amateur Celebration
- National Amateur Chicken Championship
- West Kentucky Field Trial Club
- Cedar Hill Field Trial Club
- Gyp Hills Field Trial Club
- National Amateur Chukar Championship
- West Tennessee Field Trial Club
- Central Carolina Field Trial Club
- Heartland Field Trial Club
- National Amateur Pheasant Championship
- Wolf River Field Trial Club
- Central Kentucky Field Trial Club
- High Plains Field Trial Club
- National Amateur Quail Championship*
- Woodlawn Field Trial Club
- Hoffman Field Trial Club
- Hill Creek Field Trial Club
- Northeast Kansas Field Trial Club

*Winner receives 15 points x number of dogs entered; Runner-Up receives 7.5 points x number of dogs entered.

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

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FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Candidates Readers Deem Deserving

(View more nominations at www.americanfield.com)

Clinton “Joe” Bush

I asked Joe to teach me how to train bird dogs. He took me on, and we worked every chance we got. The Continental was my first field trial, and I was hooked. Joe knew every handler. He got me a summer job with Robin Gates, opening so many doors for me. I run my own quail outfitting and kennels in South Texas. I have won Shooting Dog of the Year. I have trained clients and their dogs that are winning in American Field and AKC trials. I have produced and developed puppies that have placed and won Championships with professional handlers in Shooting Dog stakes. I learned how to fit it all together with Joe’s guidance. Now I teach others as he did for me. He was the first black man to qualify and handle his own dog in the National. There were around 100 entries in the International Pheasant Championship, and he won it in the first brace, no runner-up. He scouted and won Championships for numerous handlers and dogs throughout his career and is still trialing and judging whenever possible.

— Brent Murphy

David Johnson

I write to endorse with enthusiasm David Johnson for the Field Trial Hall of Fame. I watched David scout at the Florida Championship many years, including for Solid Reward’s win there and days later for his win of the National Free-For-All Championship at Jimmy Hinton’s Sedgefields. More importantly, I watched him ride in the gallery at Chinquapin countless times. He always rode to the side and watching both dogs like a hawk. Again and again, he would sing out to a handler or scout for a dog competing to tell him where his dog was or was going. He helped every other scout and handler, again and again, in every brace he rode, and he rode most.

David Johnson is a total gentleman and richly deserves election to the Hall of Fame. He has scouted to victory and made or helped make some of the sports’ greatest dogs, most memorably two-time Purina Top Dog Rebel Wrangler, working with some of the greatest handlers. He started at age twelve driving Captain John S. Gates around Leesburg and continuing with John Rex on the major circuit.

— Tom Word

David Johnson is a man who is a fine fit for the Hall of Fame. David has compiled an amazing record of having scouted 136 Field Trial Champion bird dogs. His list of assisting with such dogs includes many canines now enshrined in the Hall of Fame such as Flush’s Country Squire, Paladin’s Royal Flush, Rebel Wrangler, Texas Fight, Texas Squire, and others.

As a young man, David grew up near Leesburg, Ga. His first role with bird dogs was with the Gates family. In his early years as a scout at field trials he assisted John Rex Gates. His work continued year-round as he trained dogs, developed puppies, and prepared horses for field trials.

David has worked with Steven Harwood, Bill Hunt, and T. Jack and Fred Robinson, in addition to the Gates family. The teams

he assisted all posted significant field trial bird dog wins while he was a part of their operation. John Rex Gates has reminisced that David possessed remarkable vision and had a knack to anticipate where a dog should be. His style was to quietly do his part to help each dog and handler make the best showing possible.

This past year (2021) he was one of three judges for the prestigious Quail Championship Invitational, considered by many as one of the crown jewel field trial championships. As a judge and person, he is fair, attentive, and strives to foster our sport overall.

David’s contributions to our sport merit your vote for the Field trial Hall of Fame. Please join me in helping to elect this deserving man.

— Michael D. Crouse

Gary Lester

When considering candidates for the Field Trial Hall of Fame we urge you to support Gary Lester. Gary has been in the field trial game since the early 1990s. He has been a major factor in the most successful breeding program in the history of our sport. I won’t even begin to mention how many championships he has won or how many champions he has campaigned. But what I will elaborate on is how much Gary supports and gives back to this sport.

Many of you know that Mindy and I are deeply involved in the Alabama Youth Field Trial Association as well the Alabama Field Trial Association. We have helped organize many fundraisers to benefit these programs, successfully. Gary has been called upon time and time again and can always be counted on when it comes to giving back to our sport, whether it be in the form of stud fees, monetary, or valuable useable items to help us support local trials in Alabama. His generosity has been a major factor in making our Youth Association the best in the nation. He has never, ever declined to help! He gives his time to talk and tell stories when he is around our youth to encourage and support them. We need to see more of this in our sport. Please cast your vote for Gary Lester when considering worthy candidates for the Hall of Fame.

— Hunter, Mindy and Addison McDuffie

We may not have known Gary for as many years as others in the field trial world, but we appreciate his friendship and knowledge of both dogs and horses that has helped us on the journey to develop the type of trial dog we want. Most significantly, the great opportunity to purchase National Champion Miller’s Dialing In.

Gary has always made himself available whenever we have had questions or just wanted to talk about life in general. He has achieved many things throughout his years in this sport both as an amateur and currently as a pro. Most know of his six National Championship titles, and he has won many other Championships: the Open Invitational Championship twice, the Open Free-For-All Championship three times, the Southern Championship twice, the All-America Championship, and the All-America Derby Championship numerous times, the U.S. Open Championship

twice, and this is not a complete list. Gary has also been on the Board of the Kentucky Lake Field Trial Club for many years and helps put on a quality trial. He is also generous financially in helping other clubs, judging, and helping others who want to learn more about field trialing by lending a horse or explaining what to look for in developing a great dog.

Gary Lester is fully qualified to be in the Hall of Fame and your vote would be appreciated.

— *Debra and Sean Hauser*

Fred Rayl

It is my honor to nominate my dad, Fred Rayl. As a small child I slipped my feet into my dad's boots, several sizes too big, well-worn from flushing birds in front of countless career defining moments. Dad looking on and grinning, thinking that one day I would follow in his footsteps. I'm sure Papa Bill watched as Dad did the same. In my teen years, I realized how big of a feat that would be. His passion was immeasurable, and his accomplishments were too many to count. While I didn't follow the same career path as my Dad (Fred Rayl), Uncle (Eddie Rayl) and Papa (Bill Rayl, HOF), ambition, hard work and determination was driven into me by mirroring dad's hard work and dedication. I learned you earned what you needed and what you wanted was a privilege. Dad's boots walked the woods of tall pines in the south and land that stretched forever in prairies of the north. Defined by flushing countless birds, riding many, many miles on the back of two gray horses. I cannot remember a day when dad did not put his skills and talents to use to support the sport. I recall countless hours and days training, traveling, and competing. Dad's dedication to the field trial sport and accomplishments are surpassed by few. Dad's work was not just a successful career but a way of life for which there is no comparison.

Let him know what it feels like to fill his father's boots.

— *Winnie Jean (Rayl), Mike, Lucas and Hardy Martino*

The love and passion the Rayl family has for the sport of field trials is exemplified in Fred Rayl, our uncle and brother. His love of bird dogs runs a close second to his love of family and God. It is an honor and privilege to have Fred as a member of our family. Bird dogs and field trials have been a part of our family for more than 75 years. We are immensely proud of our dad and grandfather Bill Rayl who is a member of the Hall of Fame, and we would love for Fred Rayl to be bestowed the same honor. We could name a countless list of accomplishments in the Field Trial sport for Fred, but most importantly we would like to note Fred's selfless passion for the sport which can be seen on a daily basis since he was a young boy.

We as a family ask for the support of each and every person who loves the Field Trial sport to join us in supporting Fred Rayl for his rightful place in the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Nothing would bring us more joy than to see Fred's picture next to Bill's in the Hall of Fame.

— *The Rayls, The Snows and The Petries.*

In reaffirming Fred Rayl's nomination for the Field Trial HOF, his participation at the Quail Championship Invitational best illustrates his contribution to the sport.

What is astonishing was Fred Rayl's ability to consistently bring

outstanding dogs from the foundation sires developed from W.F. Rayl (HOF) string year in and year out and compete with the 'Best of the Best' handlers and 'Best of the Best' dogs in this grueling championship.

Fred Rayl competed at the Quail Invitational 17 times spanning four decades (1977-2006). During those 17 years he competed against 53 handlers (17 have been recognized in the HOF) and their 138 top dogs consisted of 11 National Champions (28 have been recognized in the HOF). Eleven of his twenty-eight champions earned invitations to compete for a total of 22 times. The results were 9 placements—4 championships won by Hall of Fame inductees Builder's Addition (1977), Fiddler (1980) and Fiddler's Pride (1984 & 1985), and 5 runner-up laurels with Builder's Addition (1978 & 1979), Fiddler's Bo (1982), Builder's Free Boy (1983) and Pride's Alibi (2006).

Fred Rayl also served twice on the judicial panel for the Quail Invitational Championship, in 1990 with Lee R. West (HOF) and Wayne Linebeck, and again in 1994 with E.L. "Ted" Baker (HOF) and Dr. Terry Terlep (HOF).

For his contribution to this trial and to the sport of field trials, we need to honor Fred Rayl and support his induction into the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

— *Robert Thomas*

Erin's War Creek

Erin's War Creek is a Hall of Fame caliber dog that we nominate and ask your support for his ultimate induction into the Field Trial Hall of Fame. War Creek's competitive record and winning progeny satisfy the requirements for this highest honor in our sport.

Erin's War Creek, so aptly named, a true "Warrior" for his remarkable strength, stamina, class, and consistency. War Creek's competitive success was all but pre-determined by his pedigree which goes back to Sean Derrig's Hall-of-Famer, Erin's Southern Justice, and Joe McCarl's multiple champion, Hard Driving Bev.

Over War Creek's seven-year career, he amassed 51 wins in top tier shooting dog competition from Canada to Alabama. War Creek's championship record, in both open and amateur competition, is as a 14x Champion and 9x Runner-Up Champion.

War Creek's production has been equally impressive, with his first generation of offspring earning titles in horseback and walking competition before even reaching their prime competitive years. Sire of 29 winners with 179 placements. As War Creek's offspring continue to mature and reach their prime his legacy will continue to grow. We ask for your vote for Erin's War Creek for the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

— *George and Mary Tracy*

House's Rain Cloud

There have been 20 dogs that have won the Quail Championship Invitational and subsequently were recognized in the Field Trial Hall of Fame. The list is a veritable "who's who" of the canine element of the sport: The Texas Ranger (winner of the first Quail Championship), Safari, Oklahoma Flush, Wrapup, Texas Fight, The Kansas Wind, Miller's White Cloud, Builder's Addition, Fiddler, Barshoe Buzzsaw, Fiddler's Pride, Whippoorwill's Rebel, Rebel Wrangler, Miller's Silver Bullett, Lehar's Main Tech, Miller's Southern Pride, Funseeker's Rebel, Lester's Snowatch, and Valiant. Collectively, these dogs have won 25 of the 60

championships (including the 1941 and 1942 trials). Five of these won two championships each—Wrapup, Barshoe Buzzsaw, Fiddler's Pride, Rebel Wrangler, and Miller's Silver Bullett. House's Rain Cloud is the only three-time winner of the "dream trial" championship. It is past time that he be recognized with his peers in the sport by election to the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

— *John P. Russell*

In The Shadow

A few dogs shout to be elected to the Field Trial Hall of Fame the first year they are eligible. Ch. In the Shadow ("Buster") is one.

Whelped March 17, 2004, St. Patrick's Day and his fond owner's Carl Bowman's birthday, he swept the four Canadian prairie open derby stakes in 2005.

He was sired by Ch. Miller's White Powder ex Doerr's Clare's Shadow.

At age three he won the Black Belt and the Florida Championship to gain eligibility for the National Championship which he won in 2010 with a ten-find race and a blazing finish.

He also won the Southeastern Open All-Age in 2009 and the Continental Open All-Age spectacularly in 2012. No other dog has won the Florida, Southeastern, Continental and National Championships.

With nineteen placements he was retired in great health at age eight and lived to almost eighteen, a beloved companion to Carl and Dianne Bowman.

Buster has sired 51 winning offspring with 218 placements and eight Champions with 17 Championships.

Buster was handled by Robin Gates and scouted by his son Hunter.

— *Tom Word*

There is little question that there are several very deserving dogs being considered for election into the Field Trial Hall of Fame this year! All of these dogs have made great contributions to the sport of field trialing and to the pointing dog breeds. A dog that I would hope voters would consider is In The Shadow ("Buster")!

Buster first qualified and came to the National as a young dog in 2008. Three things became apparent in Buster's first attempt to win that title. The most obvious was Buster's willingness to connect and work for his handler, Robin Gates. The second was Buster's speed, his ability to always be to the front and his endless endurance. The third was Buster's intelligence, his ability to figure out where birds could be found on the Ames Plantation.

In 2010 Buster re-qualified for the third year in a row. Buster's speed, his endless endurance, his uncanny ability to know where the front was and his connection to Robin all became apparent. Buster's 10-find performance, capping it off with his last find coming in the closing minutes 400 yards to the front earned Buster the National Championship title!

— *Brad Harter*

Just Irresistible

Prepotency among stud dogs is the rare ability to predictably and consistently throw the attributes that make them remarkable bird dogs into their offspring regardless of the breeding mate. It is a quality that is highly sought after and prized among bird hunters.

Just Irresistible has demonstrated this quality in amazing fashion. Bred only 21 times, "Stud's" success as a sire has produced brilliant results. Three of the breedings were to Miller's Bring the Heat which produced outcomes that have been widely recognized and celebrated. Just as extraordinary, litters from seven other dams have produced champions.

While Stud demonstrated outstanding physical abilities during his short career, it is the amalgamation of his intangible traits that produced his bird-finding skills. High levels of intelligence, drive, perceptiveness, desire to please – all culminated in Stud's ability to hunt and point birds. To the game's benefit, he was, and continues through frozen insemination, able to throw his traits into his pups regardless of dam. This is not to suggest that Stud's breedings were without thought. The dams of Stud's progeny were carefully selected for their quality and competitive success and unquestionably integral to his production accomplishments.

We would appreciate your support of Just Irresistible's deserving candidacy into the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Recognition in the Hall of Fame represents the ultimate honor and would serve as a tribute to him and meaningful acknowledgement to Tracy Torey Haines, Jack Haines (breeders), Mary Devos (owner), and Jamie Daniels (trainer/handler).

— *Ross & Caroline Leonard*

Without any doubt there are differences between good dogs, better dogs, and the BEST dogs.

Good dogs show they have ability but lack consistency and the desire to impress. Better dogs are more consistent and smarter in ground application and the style in which they compete. The Best dogs always have and keep your attention; they are the ones you can't wait to work and compete with. They are extremely smart, possess a great sense of smell and know how to locate and point all kinds of game in all types of conditions. The Best dogs also look the part both running and on point. They adjust to whatever type of country you're running them in, whether it's the open prairies of Canada and the Dakotas, edge country of Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi or the piney woods of the south. In addition to all these important factors the Best dogs are also the great producers, they produce equal or better than themselves.

Just irresistible "Stud" is one of the BEST!

Stud successfully competed from the Canadian prairie and throughout the country to the Deep South. In addition to his competitive side, Stud produced equal or better dogs in all phases of field trial competition. He has made and continues to make a positive impact on the Pointer breed.

Please join me in electing Champion Just Irresistible to the 2022 Hall of Fame.

— *Tom Shenker*



In Just Irresistible's sterling career he convincingly won prestigious high entry Championships and Classics from Derby age on, despite battling ongoing infections from a porcupine quill which shortened his life.

2013 Southeastern Open All-Age Champion
2013 Border International Champion
2014 Masters Open Quail R-U Champion

2015 Florida Open All-Age R-U Ch./Top Qualifier
2015 Kentucky Open All-Age Quail Classic, 1st
2017 Southeastern Open All-Age R-U Champion

The greatest legacy a male field trial champion can leave is his production record — one which has a wide breadth of impact, evidenced by significant success of his progeny. To date, two generations of Just Irresistible dogs are winning in the open and amateur, from the grouse woods and horseback Shooting Dog to the height of All-Age competition.

Just Irresistible was bred only 21 times before his untimely death in 2017. Exactly 100 dogs are registered with the American Field. In just 7 years, 44 of those 100 dogs have become winners with 331 wins!

+ 16 Champions + 7 Runner-Up Champions

+ 45 Championship titles (11 National titles) + 35 Runner-Up Championship titles

+ 3 Purina Top Dog Award Winners + 3 additional AKC Field Champions

Among these many champions are:

4 x CH Showtime Sam Houston
 2019, 2021 Continental Open All-Age Champion
(the only amateur trained and handled dog in history to win it twice)

3x CH/3x R-U CH Miller's Blindsider
 2018 National Open Derby Champion
 2020, 2022 Masters Open Quail Champion
sired:

CH Late Hit 2021 Continental Derby Champion
Dominators Rebel Queen
 2022 Continental Derby R-U Champion

4x CH/2x R-U CH Thrill Me
 2019 National Open Shooting Dog Champion

5x CH/5x R-U CH Miller Unfinished Business
 2018 National Open Shooting Dog Champion
 2016, 2019, 2022 Masters Open Shooting Dog Champion
 2022 Florida Open All-Age Champion
sired:

CH Senah's Back In Business
 2021 National Open Shooting Dog Champion

CH Showtime Mocking Jay
 2020 National Amateur Quail Champion
 2019-2020 Purina Amateur All-Age Dog of the Year

10x CH/4x R-U CH Miller's Unbridled Forever
 2019 National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Champion
 2019-2020 Purina Amateur Shooting Dog of the Year

Through the quality of his winning performances and his stunning production record, Just Irresistible has made a significant contribution to our sport earning his place in the Hall of Fame. We ask that you join us with your vote for this extraordinarily worthy dog.

Many people of much more accreditation, experience, and wisdom have spoken of Just Irresistible's qualifications in both performance and production, that I would merely be repeating their sentiments. Instead, I would like to thank everyone for the support of "Stud" over the last several years. Many people believed in Stud well before I did, as my first ever dog on the All-Age circuit at 19 years old. Jamie Daniels, Allison Daniels, David Williams, and Judd Carlton told me to stick with it more times than I can count. Their steadfast belief came to fruition in the spring of 2013 when Stud won the Southeastern Open All-Age Championship. Richie Robertson scouted Stud to a few wins and even handled him in the second series and the additional call-back of the 2015 Florida Championship, in which Richie wrecked his horse riding to Stud on one of his finds where Richie placed Stud as runner-up. Many people witnessed Stud's extraordinary performances and have recounted them, to which I am thankful, as his story will never die, and we can relive it forever.

I think Stud's biggest contribution to the sport is production. Jack and Fran Miller and Tommy Rice saw Stud's talent early and bred to him, producing many winners that are still excelling today. I would like to thank everyone who bred to him, owned a dog out of him, and trained/handled a dog out of him. A giant thanks to everyone voting for Just Irresistible for the 2022 Field Trial Hall of Fame and even more thanks to Chris Mathan for spearheading the effort. Chris truly believes the Hall of Fame is where Stud belongs. Many people in this sport also believe this and I ask you to take the time to read their convincing testimonies before casting your vote this year.

Let's do the right thing and place Stud in the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

— *Mary Devos*

Miller's Happy Jack

It is my honor and privilege to nominate Champion Miller's Happy Jack for the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Since nominations opened, I have read a plethora in support of Champion Miller's Happy Jack. I have re-read nominations by owners and handlers, but the nomination written by Kevin Dixon sums up any nomination letter I can write. I see no need to reiterate his words.

I am a spectator on horseback and attend all field trials from amateurs to the National Championship at Ames Plantation. Dogs such as Happy Jack have enhanced my dream of one day owning one of his offspring and joining the circuit. There is no better compliment that can be paid to Jack. He is no longer with us but who wouldn't want to see his offspring well representing him in the field.

I strongly support this outstanding dog based on his competitive spirit as evidenced in many wins and awards too lengthy to mention.

To quote Kevin Dixon, "If ever a dog has exemplified the goal of bettering the pointer breed by any standard of measure, it is Champion Miller's Happy Jack." I so agree.

— *Nancy J. Williams*

We would also like to add our support for Miller's Happy Jack to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

— *Debra and Sean Hauser*

Jack came to our program at a time when it needed a jump start, and that he did! We won the Cecil Proctor Open All-Age and the Texas Championship, back-to-back just days after Scott Griffin purchased him.

Jack had independence, unbelievable endurance, and a super nose. We are pleased to have won with him on the Canadian Prairies to the Deep South. Happy Jack placed 40 times in field trials. He is a champion-producing sire that has contributed to three National Champions, two of which are Purina Award winners. His son, Ch. Valiant, was also a Purina Award winner and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 2021.

Through Miller's Happy Jack, I have fostered friendships with folks I might not have ever met. Miller's Happy Jack has my endorsement.

— *Randy Anderson*

In May of 2011 I traded Dereck Layne out of a beautiful solid white female by Miller's Happy Jack. That female puppy would become who you all know as Miller's Martha White. She was my first field trial dog, my first winner, and the mother of Bonner's Excalibur, Bonner's Bulletproof, and Bonner's Hot Rize.

Gracey, as I called her introduced me to Ferrel Miller, Gary Lester, Chris Peek, Scott Griffin, and a host of other great people involved in our sport. It was through Gracey, and her offspring, that I realized what an enormous influence Happy Jack had and would continue to have on the pointer bird dog world for years to come. Happy Jack's blood flows and will continue to flow through the pups that Deb, and I personally raise, and through many of the offspring we raise through "The Company".

Without a doubt Miller's Happy Jack belongs in the Hall of Fame. Join me in helping elect "Jack" to his rightful place!

— *Derek Bonner*



Don't forget to cast your votes!

Voting opens September 1 and runs through September 30.

See page 59 for more details!

THE POINTER MEN

An Interview with Derek Bonner, Doug Meyer and Rich Warters

By Calvin Curnutte, Jr.

This month I set out to interview three field trialers that love the English pointer breed. These three men are directly involved in the field trial world of the past and the present.

Derek Bonner is a full-time Tennessee Walking Horse trainer, part-time farrier, amateur all-age participant, and breeder of puppies for the White Dog Company. Derek started field trialing in 2012 but grew up hunting wild quail, has been involved with the White Dog Company for the last 9 years with his wife, and puts on a few field trials a year along with an occasional judging duty. Consistently a threat at the Hoffman Field Trial Grounds.

Doug Meyer has been a bird hunter since childhood, using different breeds as a young man. Mr. Doug is a retired Veterans Administration pharmacist who began his field trial career in the mid-1980s with county trials and then trying his hand with the NBHA. He made the finals in the Futurity during his first try. He continued to be the reporter for the NBHA Futurity for the next 25 years. His passion now is breeding and campaigning his own dogs in horseback amateur all-age trials.

Rich Warters is a true diplomat of the sport. I first met Mr. Rich when he had a very nice dog with Eric Russell (who had served with me in the Army)—Pineywoods Bud. Bud was a large, white/liver pointer that was a capable horseback and walking dog for Eric. Bud went on to Midnight Kennel where Robert Ecker put a few Championships on him. Rich has moved to the northeast to be closer to family, still campaigning dogs with Midnight Kennel.

The Interview

1. Where and when did your passion and love of English pointers begin?

DB: On his last trip to Kansas a friend had a solid white pointer that sealed the deal for Derek. He was so impressed with that dog that he had to have one. His wife is the inspiration behind beginning to field trial dogs.

DM: In middle Tennessee, 1980, he hunted with a guy that had a large pointer named Duke. He was so impressed with the dog's stamina, bird finding, and effort that the passion began. He was running a Vizsla at that time.

RW: The passion started when Ed Jones of Raeford, N.C., gave Mr. Rich an 8-week-old pointer female. At that time the only place he had to kennel her was at Bob Lee/Mills Hodge Pinekone Kennels. Stargun Penny's Pride became a dog that won the 2002 USCSDA Futurity.

2. Do you have a preference: Male/Female, size, color, heavily marked or mostly white and your favorite age?

DB: Males, 50-60 lbs., white or white/orange, mostly white dogs and training and running derbies is his favorite

DM: Males, 50-60 lbs., white/black, mostly white and not a lot of ticking, and his favorite age is developing derbies. Mr. Doug keeps his own line of broad bitches for his breeding program.

RW: No preference on male or female, 50 lbs., full white saddled liver, and ticking. Most important to Mr. Rich are conformation, good bite, good tail set and superb breeding.

3. What are you looking for when picking a puppy or started dog?

DB: Derek goes with Ferrel Miller's advice on this one, it should look like a Champion even at its puppy age. Also be ambitious with a good nose.

DM: For a puppy in his program, personality is a huge factor, should want to be with him and look at him when spoken to. A started dog, smooth effortless gait.

RW: For the last 10 years I have focused on having my stud dogs bred to proven females and selecting a puppy instead of a stud fee if he was ready for a pup. Mr. Rich consults with Robert Ecker on his game plan. Robert runs Mr. Rich's dogs in field trials.

4. Do you feel the bitch needs to be proven? In trials, hunter, pedigree?

DB: Yes, evaluated at derby age on natural ability, then put into broad bitch program.

DM: Needs to prove she's a good bird finder to be put into his broad bitch program.

RW: Currently his line is being sired by Bo of Piney Woods. Bo has national titles and has earned Dog of the Year honors three times.

5. What's your favorite breeding line to buy or produce from?

DB: Derek took about one second to answer: Miller!

DM: Miller's Silver Bullett, but not too much and he was crossing into the Rebel line some. He believes that National Champion Law's High Noon should have been bred into more.

RW: Mr. Rich is running his own line which goes back to Chasehill Little Bud.

6. Most promising sire from the past you look for in a pedigree? Most promising currently being bred to?

DB: Miller's Silver Bullett, currently Bonner's Hot Rize and Lester's Storm Surge.

DM: Miller's Silver Bullett, Law's High Noon and Fiddler's Ace. Currently he is watching and waiting to see Haney's Storm Warning pups

RW: Mr. Rich is using Bo of Piney Woods to sire his pups.

7. What has been your most memorable pointer to own or run in field trials?

DB: Miller's Martha White

DM: Greypointe Izquiedra (Lefty), totally his kind of dog, powerful and big running. Lefty won the Heartland Open All-Age under Mr. Doug's whistle.

RW: Bo of Piney Woods, incredible beginning. Derby of the Year with 8 wins, and as a first-year dog, Bo won the USCSDA National Championship and Dog of the Year. A few months later the National Invitational was added to his record.

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8. Have you had that memorable win or run in a field trial you'll never forget?

DB: Derek won the SE Regional Invitational with Bonner's Hot Rize and winning the NC Open All-Age with Bonner's Excalibur

DM: "Lefty" running in the last brace of the day at the Region 14 at Mortlach, with a screaming forward race and found on point to the front. A covey of chickens flushed, then a covey of Huns and then another covey of chickens. A little too much for a first-year dog, marking flight. Had to be picked up but very had an impressive day. Then following the Region 14, Mr. Doug ran Lefty in the National Amateur Chicken Championship. Lefty ran the hour impressively with no birds. As Mr. Doug was packing to depart the grounds, the judges asked him to stay as they didn't have what they were looking for and declared a sudden death two-dog callback. First dog to point a bird wins the Championship. They trailed to the bluff and released there. Found pointed at 55 minutes to the front, the scout had fired his gun because he'd heard birds called, judges had not seen the birds. He completed the hour. With no more finds, didn't get the win.

RW: Running his current pup at 87 years of age in a puppy stake and winning a blue for Mr. Rich. As small an event as they he says he'll never forget it.

9. With money not being a problem, who would you prefer to buy your next pointer puppy from?

DB: The White Dog Company or from the Whippoorwill line

DM: Keith Wright

RW: From his Piney Woods line

10. All-Age or Open Shooting Dog? What's your passion?

DB: All-Age

DM: All-Age

RW: OSD. Mr. Rich also added one thing he's learned, being an owner/handler is special. Having your dog(s) with a pro is special. Being part of the field trial community is so rewarding. My encouragement would be, find a role, own a dog, put on a trial, judge a stake, plant birds or report a trial. Stay involved!

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*May start September 1, depending on entries. Grounds: Located at 219 Bonzo Rd., Rochester, PA 15074. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Drawing: Tuesday, August 30, at the home of trial manager Norm Meeder, 145 Elmbrook Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Phone: (412) 671-1043.

\$1,000 OPEN SHOOTING DOG STAKE • Entry Fee: \$75.00

Purse divided 50-30-20 • Added money after 24 dogs

Judges: Chris Rider, Smithfield, PA, and Mike Husenits, Indiana, PA

(Sat.) OPEN PUPPY—Purse: 50% (minus grounds fees) divided 50-30-20 \$30.00

OPEN DERBY—Purse: 50% (minus grounds fees) divided 50-30-20 \$40.00

AMATEUR GUN DOG \$25.00

Judges: Dick Breneman, Port Matilda, PA, and Rob Boos, Williamsport, PA

(Sun.) AMATEUR PUPPY \$20.00

AMATEUR DERBY \$30.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG \$35.00

Judges: Victor Wjociak, Turtle Creek, PA, and Jeremiah, Watson, Apollo, PA

Reporter: Joe Cammissa, Butler, PA



Entries to: **NORM MEEDER • Phone: (412) 671-1043**

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September 2-4 • Medford, NJ • Starts 7:30 A.M.

— Labor Day Field Trial —

Grounds: English Setter Club of America, 275 Medford Mt. Holly Rd., Medford, NJ 08055. One course on liberated quail. No food or beverages will be provided. Entries Close: Monday, August 29, 8:00 P.M. Drawing: Wednesday, August 31, 7:00 P.M., at 3806 Moores Ave., Hammonton, NJ. The order of running is subject to the discretion of the field trial committee. Each stake will begin at the completion of previous stake, time permitting.

OPEN ALL-AGE (30 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20 \$60.00

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

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20 \$45.00

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

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (30 Min.) \$45.00

AMATEUR RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) \$45.00

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.) \$45.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) \$45.00

— Collars awarded to winners —

Judges: Brian Sanchez, Alex Smith, Joe Buchanan, Frank Luksa, Dave Creagen, and others to be announced.

— Bob Brooks, Chairman —

Entries to: BOB BROOKS, 3806 Moores Ave., Hammonton, NJ 08037

Phone: (732) 991-4401 • Email: labordayfieldtrial2022@aol.com

— All entries not scratched before drawing must pay entry fees —

See the English Setter Club of America Facebook page for more information!

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MORTLACH FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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SEPTEMBER 10-11

Grounds: Mortlach Field Trial Club's clubhouse, 4½ miles north of Mortlach, SK. Multiple courses, native Sharptail grouse and Hungarian partridge. No training is allowed on the grounds! Limited number of handlers' horses; please contact trial chairman in advance. Hay will not be available. Water and corrals available on site. Breakfast hosted by Ron Bender. Lunches will not be provided. Saturday night BBQ at the clubhouse. Drawing: Friday, September 9, 7:00 P.M., at the clubhouse. \$5 grounds fee will be charged to all participants. Handlers must have an AFTCA membership to enter dogs. Running of stakes are at the discretion of the field trial Chairman. Accommodations: Camping on grounds. Pilgrim Inn (20 miles from grounds in Caronport)—(306) 756-5002 or hotels in Moose Jaw (35 miles from grounds).

OPEN ALL-AGE (30 Min.) \$35.00 [CDN or U.S. Funds]

OPEN ALL-AGE DERBY (30 Min.) \$35.00 [CDN or U.S. Funds]

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) \$35.00 [CDN or U.S. Funds]

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG DERBY (30 Min.) \$35.00 [CDN or U.S. Funds]

OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) \$35.00 [CDN or U.S. Funds]

— AFTCA Win Certificates to all placements —

Judges: To be announced

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

Queries to: RON BENDER—(306) 537-1003 -or- LOU QUALTIERE—(306) 477-1963

[You must speak to someone or receive a text reply to ensure entry has been received]

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SEPTEMBER 10-11

Grounds: Robert E. Talbot Conservation Area located near Mt. Vernon, MO, on Highway 96, 1 mile east of the junction of Highways 96 & 97. North of I-44, East of I-49. Entries Close: Thursday, September 8, 7:00 P.M. Drawing will follow at 8:30 P.M., at the home of Jim Ogle. AFTCA number required for Amateurs at time of entry.

(Sat.) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—JC@F \$40.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG \$45.00

AMATEUR DERBY \$40.00

AMATEUR PUPPY \$35.00

(Sun.) OPEN SHOOTING DOG \$45.00

OPEN DERBY \$40.00

OPEN PUPPY \$35.00

Judges: Kenny Snow, Justin Crook, Kevin Western, and others to be announced



Entries to: JIM OGLE • Cell: (417) 388-0734

[If no answer, please leave a message and I will return your call]

Email: jojoesenglishsetters@gmail.com

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September 16-18 • Starts 7:00 A.M. SHARP

Grounds: Dr. John Flaherty Field Trial Area, East Windsor, CT. Handlers responsible for own horse arrangements. Drawing: Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 P.M., at the home of the chairman. Club reserves the right to change judges and starting times.

OPEN PUPPY—No purse \$45.00

OPEN RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG \$55.00

OPEN DERBY \$55.00

OPEN SHOOTING DOG \$65.00

AMATEUR DERBY \$45.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG \$45.00

Purse: Open Stakes—50%, less \$10.00 per dog, 50-30-20;

Amateur Stakes—Ribbons and Certificates.

Judges: To be announced • Reporter: Tom Gates

For entries & information, contact: GENE CASALE, Chairman

Phone: (860) 202-1143 • Email: gacasale@gmail.com

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 • WALKING TRIAL • STARTS 7:00 A.M.

Grounds: Arcadia Management Area, Exeter, RI. Directions: Driving north or south on I-95, to exit 5A, to Rt. 102 South, to Rt. 3 South, to Rt. 165 West, to right on Frosty Hollow Rd. Drawing: Thursday, September 15, 7:00 P.M., at the home of the chairperson. Entries may be limited. Run on liberated quail. Food and refreshments will be available. Club reserves the right to run Amateur Shooting Dog and Amateur Gun Dog simultaneously using second course.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.)—Rosettes to Winners \$35.00

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Rosettes to Winners \$45.00

AMATEUR GUN DOG (30 Min.)—Rosettes to Winners \$45.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Rosettes to Winners \$45.00

Judges: To be announced

Chairpersons: Jamie Nee, Janice Gregory, Lanny Dellinger and Richard Giuliano



Entries to: RICHARD GIULIANO, 148 Gibson Hill Rd., Greene, RI 02827

Cell: (401) 225-5281 [texts preferred]



NORTH DAKOTA OPEN ALL-AGE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

September 5, 2022 • Columbus, ND

Officers: Dr. Robert Rankin, Pres. • Dr. Jim Mills, Vice-Pres. • Bonnie Hidalgo, Secy.

Directors: Dr. D.E. Hawthorne (posthumous), Gary Pinalto (posthumous),
Kent Horntvedt, Dr. J.D. Huffman, Earl Connolly, Ronnie Spears, Jeff Miller, Preston Trimble

STAKES IN ORDER OF RUNNING:

DR. DOUGLAS GUTHRIE MEMORIAL Open Derby (30 Min.)..... Entry Fee \$150.00

— AMERICAN DERBY INVITATIONAL & PURINA DERBY AWARD POINTS TRIAL —

NORTH DAKOTA OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC (1 Hour) Entry Fee \$300.00

— NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STAKE & PURINA DOG & HANDLER AWARDS —

60% of Entry Fees Divided: 50-30-20

Judges: Harold Woodward, Vilonia, AR, and Barry Bassingwaighte, Ottawa, ON

DR. D. E. HAWTHORNE BORDER CLASSIC

Immediately following the North Dakota Classic

Officers: Preston Trimble, Pres. • Jerome Koppelsloen, Vice-Pres. • Bonnie Hidalgo, Secy.

Directors: Gary Pinalto (posthumous), Bob Gum, Dr. Robert Rankin, Steve Lightle, Mark Haynes

STAKES IN ORDER OF RUNNING:

PRESTON TRIMBLE MEMORIAL OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) Entry Fee \$150.00

— AMERICAN DERBY INVITATIONAL & PURINA DERBY AWARD POINTS TRIAL —

OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee \$300.00

— NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STAKE & PURINA DOG & HANDLER AWARDS —

60% of Entry Fees Divided: 50-30-20

Judges: Tony Reynolds, Fitzpatrick, AL, and Buck Daniels, Midville, GA

Reporter: Bonnie Hidalgo, Brighton, CO

Chairman of the Board of Directors Field Trial Committee & Stakes Manager: Allen Vincent

***\$20 NFTCA fee per dog is not included in entry fee listed for National Championship qualifying stakes.**

- **Drawing of all Stakes:** Saturday, September 3, 3:00 P.M. (CST), Vincent Camp—(918) 521-3784.
- **Grounds:** Jack Koppelsloen homestead, from Columbus, 3 miles east on Hwy. 5, turn south, go 3 miles, turn east at prairie trail, approx. ½ mile to homestead. Signs will be posted.

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Contact: ALLEN VINCENT • Phone: (918) 521-3784

P.O. Box 11, Columbus, ND 58727

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THE 2022 RUNNING OF THE ALL-AMERICA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by All-America Shooting Dog Association & North Dakota Pointing Dog Club



Trial starts Tuesday, September 6, 6:30 A.M. (MT), at the Stewart Ranch, Carson, ND

[All spectators and participants must sign a waiver.]

Grounds: Stewart Ranch is eighteen miles south of Carson, ND. Ask for directions when submitting your entries. Start each day at 6:30 A.M. (MT). **Drawing:** Saturday, September 3, 5:00 P.M. (MT), at Stewart Ranch, Carson, ND. Phone: (217) 343-0755. **Accommodations:** El Rancho Motel, Carson, ND—(701) 622-3495. **Dinner:** To be announced.

OPEN DERBY (Thirty-Minute Heats)—Shooting Dog Standards

Entry Fee: \$100.00 + \$20.00 grounds fee • Purse: 60% of entry fees divided 50–30–20

ALL-AMERICA SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (One-Hour Heats)

— **Championship awards points toward the Purina Top Shooting Dog Award & Purina Handler of the Year Award —**

Entry Fee: \$210.00 + \$40.00 grounds fee • Purse: 60% of entry fees divided 65–35

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

Judges: Derby—Lee Phillips, Dixie, GA, and Luke Eisenhart, Leesburg, GA;

Championship—Jamie Daniels, Dawson, GA, and Judd Carlson, Cairo, GA.

Contact: SHAWN KINKELAAR | Phone: (217) 343-0755

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2022 MIDWEST VIZSLA SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

September 8 to Conclusion • Open to Vizslas only! • Breakaway: 8:00 A.M.

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

Directions: Take Exit 33 off I-35 onto U.S. 34 toward Creston. Drive approximately 14 miles and turn left onto Willow Ave. Drive 2 miles and turn right onto 210th St. Drive less than 1 mile to camp grounds on your right. Approved tracking collars permitted but not supplied. Lunch and dinner will be served at the clubhouse. **Entries Close/Drawing:** Wednesday, September 7, 6:00 P.M. (CDT), at Bird Dog Ranch Clubhouse. Completed entries and payment required before drawing; No exceptions!

CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$155.00 (includes \$5 Grounds Fee)

GARY JAGODA DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)..... Entry Fee: \$ 85.00 (includes \$5 Grounds Fee)

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

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THE MARITIME BIRD DOG CLUB PRESENTS

The 50th Running of the
**NORTH AMERICAN
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Begins 8:00 A.M. (local time), Friday, September 9, 2022

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- **Courses:** One-hour heats over multiple courses of natural woodcock and grouse cover. Course order will be announced prior to the draw. Six braces maximum per day.
- **Guaranteed Purse:** 40% of the entry to Winner of Championship. If a Runner-Up is named, the purse will be split 70%-30%. In recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Championship, an additional one-time bonus of \$500 will be added to the purse.
- **Champion's Prizes:** In recognition of the 50th Anniversary, a sculpture of the Champion will be provided by Larry Costigan of Calgary, AB. The Champion and Runner-Up Champion will receive SportDOG products.
- **Entry Fee:** \$125.00 (U.S. Funds or Canadian Equiv.)
- **Qualification:** A recognized placement in an Open Derby, Open Shooting Dog or Open All-Age stake. Minimum .32 blank pistol or primer pistol with manufactured barrels only. 209 primers will be supplied by the club, if required.
- **Drawing:** Entries for both stakes to Robert Little (contact info below). A public drawing will be conducted the night before the trial (September 8, 9:00 P.M.), at Hoof & Paw Outfitters, McAdam, NB. Please enter in advance so we have an idea of numbers.
- **Accommodations:** Hoof & Paw Outfitters, Farm Rd., McAdam, NB—Call (506) 784-3102.

The 45th Running of the
**NORTH AMERICAN
WOODCOCK FUTURITY**

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

The Futurity will commence at the conclusion of the North American Woodcock Championship and time of start will be at the discretion of the Stake Manager.

Judges: Russell Ogilvie, Jefferson, ME, and John Adsit, Burlington, VT

Reporter & Stake Manager: Joe Dahl, Danforth, ME

- **Entry Fee:** \$60.00 (U.S. Funds or Canadian Equiv.)
- **Purse:** 50% of entry fees split 60%-40% to owners and breeders.
- **Courses:** 30-minute heats over multiple courses of natural woodcock and grouse cover. Course order will be announced prior to the draw.
- **Drawing:** Entries to Robert Little (contact info below). A public draw will be held at Hoof & Paw Outfitters the evening prior to the running of the Futurity. Please enter dogs in advance.

Entries for both stakes to:

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

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September 8-11



Horseback Trial

Trial to be run at John E. Flaherty FTA, East Windsor, CT (Rt. 5 Exit off of I-91).

— Must follow all State COVID-19 Guidelines —

STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:

OPEN RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)— Purse: 50%, divided 50-30-20.....\$ 65.00

BILL McNAMEE MEMORIAL OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)— Purse: 50%, divided 50-30-20\$ 65.00

PURINA SHOOTING DOG DERBY AWARD POINTS

OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)— Purse: 50%, divided 50-30-20.....\$ 65.00

ELWIN G. SMITH MEMORIAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour)\$100.00

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

Judges: *ORSD*—Brian Sanchez, Central Islip, NY, and Dave O'Brien, Marlborough, CT; *OD*—Dave O'Brien, Marlborough, CT, and Gene Casale, Marlborough, CT; *OSD*—Kevin Joyce, Huntington, NY, and Jim Thomas, Barneveld, NY; *ASD*—Matt Basilone, Pittsgrove, NJ, and Marcus Ramseur, Williamstown, NJ.

Drawing (all stakes): Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 P.M.

For entries & directions, contact:

BRIAN SANCHEZ • Phone: (631) 831-3696 • Email: GreatRiverKennel@yahoo.com

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NEW YORK STATE GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP



To be run at Grouse Ridge Kennels, Oxford, NY

Commences September 14, 7:30 A.M. (Depending on entries)

— Stake run over 6 one-hour courses in grouse and woodcock cover —

Drawing: Sunday, September 11, 7:00 P.M.

Entry Fee: \$125.00 • Purse: 40% (minus \$5 grounds fee/dog) divided 60%-40%

Judges: Pedja Kazic, Greenlawn, NY, and Mike Brown, Linden, MI

There is limited space with hook-ups for camping on the grounds.

Entries (by registered names only) to:
BILLY BALLIN • Phone: (607) 316-1917

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**To be run on Fiddlehead Outdoor Shooting Preserve
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Directions: From Fryeburg (Junction of Rt. 5 and Rt. 302), take Rt. 5 North and look for field trial signs on right.

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Judges: Barry Bassingthwaighe, Gloucester, ON, and Jamie Nee, Buzzards Bay, MA • **Reporter:** Deb Kennedy, Hanover, NH

**A POINTS STAKE FOR THE NATIONAL GROUSE AND WOODCOCK INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP,
THE MIKE SEMINATORE COVER DOG AWARD AND THE WILLIAM HARNDEN FOSTER AWARD.**

Drawing: Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 P.M., at the home of secretary Deb Kennedy—(603) 795-4633 [no texts]. Entries close at time of drawing. **Purse:** \$1000 guaranteed (\$1500 if 36 or more dogs entered) divided 70-30 to winner and runner-up. Winner's name will be inscribed on Northern New England Woodcock Trophy. Ribbons to winner and runner-up. **Qualification:** Dogs must have an Open Derby, Open All-Age or Open Shooting Dog placement recognized by the *Field Dog Stud Book*. Blank ammunition only! Champion can be named on suitable work on ruffed grouse as well as woodcock. All courses are closed to the training of bird dogs. Violators will be disqualified. **Accommodations:** Colonial Motor Inn, North Conway, NH—(603) 356-5178; Saco River Motor Lodge, Center Conway, NH—(603) 447-3720. **Companion Stake:** Jean C. Sanderson Memorial Open Derby to be run on wild birds at conclusion of Championship; Entry Fee: \$50.00; A Points Stake for Flanagan Derby Award. Purse: 40% divided 50-30-20; Judges: Kelly Hays and Rob McMullen; Email entries only to Deb Kennedy.

KELLIE SHORT, President

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The Northern New Hampshire Bird Dog Club

and

The Setter Club of New England

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proudly present the 98th consecutive running of its Fall program featuring the

NEW ENGLAND OPEN GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Starts Monday, September 19*, 2022, 7:00 A.M. (EST)

Kilkenny Management Area of the White Mountain National Forest off Rt. 110 West of Berlin, NH

*Starts at conclusion of Northern New England Open Woodcock Championship but not before Monday, September 19



Entries Close: Friday, September 16, 6:00 P.M. (EST). **Drawing:** Saturday, September 17, 5:00 P.M. (EST), at the home of Tony Bly, Stake Manager—394 Success Rd., Milan, NH; Phone: (603) 723-5613. All welcome.

Entry Fee: \$125 U.S. Funds • **Purse:** 40% of entry fees less grounds fees split 70-30 to champion and runner-up

Judges: Jamie Leitch, Essex Junction, VT, and Ed Kosta, Fort Edward, NY • **Reporter:** Jim Hathaway, North Falmouth, MA

MIKE SEMINATORE COVER DOG POINTS TRIAL • GROUSE & WOODCOCK INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL • WILLIAM HARNDEN FOSTER COVER DOG AWARD POINTS TRIAL
PHIL FOGG SHOOTING DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL • PURINA COVER DOG HANDLER AWARD

The trial will run on multiple courses through native grouse and woodcock cover. Minimum requirements: A placement in a recognized Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog or Open All-Age stake. Handlers must use a .32 caliber blank gun or larger. Tracking units allowed. Grounds provided through a Special Use permit from the USDA Forest Service. No training is permitted on the courses EVER. Club reserves the right to substitute judges.

BILL KEARNS MEMORIAL OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Starts at conclusion of Championship; Multiple course on wild birds\$60.00

FLANAGAN AWARD POINTS STAKE • TIP TOP MOLLIE OPEN DERBY AWARD POINTS TRIAL • FOSTER DERBY OF THE YEAR

Purse: 40%, 50-30-20 and Florence Harwarth Rotating Derby Trophy to Winner

Judges: Kelly Hays, Bloomfield, VT, and Jack McNulty, Ranglely, ME

Lunches provided by Gords General Store in West Milan, NH, 10 minutes away.

Stake Manager: Tony Bly, Milan, NH • **Phone:** (603) 723-5613 • **Email:** stokelybly@gmail.com

Entries to the Chairman: LLOYD B. MURRAY JR., 26 Madore Rd., Stark, NH 03582

Phone: (603) 636-2959 • **Cell:** (603) 723-4020 • **Email:** murraylt@together.net • **NO email cancellations!**



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Announcing the Thirty-First Running of the NATIONAL AMATEUR PRAIRIE CHICKEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



Sponsored by Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America • Hosted by Central States Field Trial Club

POINTS TRIAL FOR NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL & PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD

September 23 • Only approved blank ammo allowed in open barrel guns! • Entry Fee: \$175.00

Directions: Wisconsin Rapids, WI. North on I-51 to Bancroft Exit (WI Hwy. W), west to WI Hwy. F, right to Hwy. WW, right on WW, 1 mile to headquarters. Training: Allowed 1 day prior to start of championship and during on designated training grounds. Contact trial officials for training ground location. **Entries Close:** Monday, September 19, 6:00 P.M. (CST). Win certificate number must accompany entry. **Drawing:** Tuesday, September 20, 9:00 A.M. (CST), at the office of the secretary. Running order will be posted on aftca.org website the following morning. You must be an individual member of AFTCA to enter your dog.

Qualification: To be eligible, a dog shall have won a place, under an amateur handler, in a Shooting Dog Stake or Derby Stake held by an active member club of this corporation in accordance with its regulations and hold a win certificate for the placement. No dog or handler not in good standing with the *Field Dog Stud Book* will be declared a winner! **Accommodations:** America's Best Value Inn—(715) 423-8080; Cobblestone Hotel & Suites—(715) 424-3444; Sleep Inn—(715) 424-6800. **Dinner:** PURINA dinner Saturday night following the running.

Judges: Larry Smith, Pleasant Hill, IA, and Jeff Wallace, Knoxville, IA • **Reporter:** Frank LaNasa, Isanti, MN

Field Trial Chairmen: Frank LaNasa and Mark Johnson

Field Trial Committee: Dr. George & Ann Ihrke, Ed Liermann, John Mathys, Frank LaNasa, Doug & Judy Reisner, and Mark Johnson

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Entries to: PIPER HUFFMAN—(662) 471-1700

[Entries will be taken by phone calls ONLY. All entries will be confirmed. No voicemails, emails or texts accepted.]

NATIONAL PRAIRIE CHICKEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Member AFTCA • Dogs must be shot over using .32 or larger blank ammo or other AFTCA approved ammo.

**STARTS FOLLOWING
AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
BUT NOT BEFORE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 8:00 AM**



**BUENA VISTA GRASSLANDS
WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI**

PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD & HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS

Trial Sponsored By



Hosted by: Central States Field Trial Club

Entry Fee—\$215.00 (plus \$10 per dog grounds fee)

Purse: 50% of entry fees—Divided 70-30 if Runner-Up is named

Trial Sponsored By



Qualification: Entrant must have a prior placement in a recognized Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake. Champion must point chicken.

See trial officials for approved training areas. No horseback training on championship trial grounds.

OPEN DERBY (30 Minutes)—50% divided 50-30-20 Entry Fee \$100.00 (plus \$10 per dog grounds fee)

Derby to follow Championship. The Derby dog should show the potential of winning this National Championship.

Judges: Dennis Sneed, Ewing, IL, and Lee Long, Berkey, OH • Reporter: Ed Liermann, Palmyra, WI

Entries Close: Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 P.M. Drawing: Wednesday, September 21, 5:00 P.M., at Mikey's, 3018 Village Park Dr., Plover, WI 54467.

Trial to be run on six one-hour courses on the Buena Vista Marsh, with native prairie chicken. Motel Accommodations: America's Best Value Inn, Wisconsin Rapids, WI—Phone: (715) 423-8080 or Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, Wisconsin Rapids, WI—Phone: (715) 424-3444.

• GPS Coordinates for Buena Vista Marsh Grounds: N 44.35857, W 89.62679. Trial to be run on continuous courses at Buena Vista Wildlife Area.

• No horseback training on grounds prior to amateur championship. See trial chairman for approved areas during championship running.

• Hay available at the grounds for a nominal fee. No harassment of judges or officials at championship will be tolerated.

• Purina sponsored "Handler Dinner" Thursday evening, September 29, following the running, on the grounds.

Persons attending these trials do so at their own risk. Neither club, its directors or landowners are responsible for any accident, injury, or loss of any kind incurred to anyone, their horses, dogs or equipment.

Field Trial Committee: Ed Liermann, Rich Boumeester, Frank LaNasa, Diane Holschuh, John Mathys

All entries to: ED LIERMANN, Field Trial Chairman, N2573 Hardscrabble Rd., Palmyra, WI 53156

Cell: (414) 625-0715 • Email: edliermann@gmail.com • Entries close Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 P.M. (CST)

MINGO SPORTSMAN CLUB FIELD TRIAL GROUNDS

Bloomington, Ohio

(Bloomington Exit off Rt. 22 in Ohio, then follow GPS to the grounds)

The New York State Bird Dog Association proudly presents the
66TH NATIONAL PHEASANT SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
September 24, 2022 • Starts at 8:00 A.M. • Entry Fee \$250.00



MILLER'S HEAT SEEKER
2021 National Pheasant
Shooting Dog Champion

Bill & Muriel Primm, Fran & Jack Miller,
and Dennis Hood, Owners
George Tracy, Handler

Purse: 50% of entry fees after deducting \$25.00 per dog for grounds fees.

If Runner-Up, purse divided 70-30. If no Champion, stake will be declared an Open Shooting Dog stake (three winners—50/30/20).

Judges: Jadie Rayfield, Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Sean Hauser, Whigman, GA

Field Trial Chairman: Chris Catanzarite • **Reporter:** Joe E. Lordi

Qualifications: A recognized placement in an Open Shooting Dog, Open All-Age, or first in an Open Derby stake.
One-Hour contiguous courses • Native and liberated birds

Dinners: Held after day's running.

Entries Close: Friday, September 23, 6:00 P.M. **Pre-Drawing:** Friday, September 23, 8:00 P.M., on grounds.

Entries to: JOE E. LORDI, President NYSBDA • Phone (856) 513-5340 • Email jlordi@comcast.net

Blank pistols with plugged barrels only. May use retrieval collars in accordance with standards. No dog training on grounds.

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REGION 2 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only! No live ammunition allowed on grounds! No training on grounds.

**Starts at completion of National Open Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship
but not before 8:00 A.M., September 30**



Hosted by: New York State Bird Dog Association • **Entry Fee:** \$125.00 • **One-Hour Heats**

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

Judges: Justin Allen, Norwich, OH, and Jeanette Tracy, Glenville, PA • **Chairman:** Chris Catanzarite • **Co-Chairman:** Joe Lordi

Pre-Drawing: Tuesday, September 27, 6:00 P.M., on club grounds. Entries close at time of pre-draw. **Eligibility:** AFTCA win certificate required

Dinner: Saturday night in honor of 2021 winner Calico's Guns N Roses, sponsored by Alex & Tiffani Smith and Calico Kennels.

Entries to: JOE LORDI • **Phone:** (856) 513-5340 • **Email:** jlordi@comcast.net • **All entries must be confirmed**

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59TH RUNNING OF THE NATIONAL SHOOTING DOG PHEASANT FUTURITY

Starts Monday, October 3, 8:00 A.M.

Entries and Late Nominations close: Monday, September 26, 8:00 P.M.

Photocopy of dog's registration or completed entry form required. Please specify handler

Entry Fee: \$125.00 • **Purse:** 50% of entry fees split 40-30-20-10 to owners and breeders

Awards to Owners and Breeders • Oil Painting of Winner to Owner

Judges: Chris Coegan, Alliance, OH, and Dr. Bob Reynolds, Canfield, OH • **Trial Chairmen:** Chris Catanzarite and Mark Hughes

Pre-Drawing: Wednesday, September 28, 6:00 P.M., at Mingo Sportsman Club.

All dogs entered must be registered with the *Field Dog Stud Book* by September, Monday, 26, 2022, and have been whelped in 2021 to be eligible.

All winners will be DNA tested. Failure to pass DNA will result in disqualification.

Dinner: Monday night to honor 2021 winner Steel Valley Raven, owned by Harry Blaine and handled by Jeanette Tracy.

Entries and Correspondence to: MARK HUGHES, Secretary, 5042 Greenville Pike, Grampian, PA 16838

Phone: (814) 591-3540 • **Email:** mdh275@gmail.com • **All Entries must be confirmed**

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BLACK MOSHANNON FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

September 22-24* • Fall Trial • Starts 8:00 A.M. each day
*May start September 21 depending on entries.



Grounds: Moshannon State Forest, Black Moshannon Tract, Philipsburg, PA. We will meet every morning at 7:30 A.M. at the boat launch parking lot at Black Moshannon State Park (intersection of Rt. 504 and Beaver Rd.; 40.91464, -78.05872). Open Shooting Dog and Derby will be run on multiple courses on grouse and woodcock. Puppy will be run on a single course. Drawing: Sunday, September 18, 7:00 P.M., at a location to be announced. Entries close at time of drawing.

(Thurs.) OPEN SHOOTING DOG (45 Min.)—50% divided 50-30-20\$60.00
(Sat.) OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—50% divided 50-30-20\$45.00
OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—50% divided 50-30-20.....\$30.00

Judges: OSD—Jeremy Estep, Troy, PA, and Jeff Keller, Sandy Ridge, PA; OD—Rob Boos, Williamsport, PA, and Dick Brennehan, Port Matilda, PA; OP—Eric Locher, Johnstown, PA, and Doug Phillips, Hermitage, PA.

Entries to:
BRUCE MUELLER, Secretary
Phone: (814) 310-1677
Bedford, PA

Trial questions to:
JEFF KELLER, Chairman
Phone: (814) 321-1339
Email: j.keller56@comcast.net

DUPLIN COUNTY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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

OCTOBER 1-2 • BOY SCOUT LANE, WARSAW, NC

Drawing: Friday, September 30, 6:00 P.M., at the residence of Bill Faust.

OPEN PUPPY—50% of Entry Fees divided 50-30-20.....\$30.00
OPEN DERBY—50% of Entry Fees divided 50-30-20\$40.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG—50% of Entry Fees divided 50-30-20\$50.00
OPEN ALL-AGE—50% of Entry Fees divided 50-30-20\$50.00
AMATEUR DERBY\$25.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG\$30.00
AMATEUR ALL-AGE\$30.00

— Engraved Leashes to Winners —

Judges: To be announced

Entries to:

CAROLYN QUINN—(910) 441-8742 • JOHN OUTLAW—(910) 271-2450

Entries accepted with the understanding that the Duplin County Field Trial Club, the North Carolina Field Trial Association, 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. Only a manufactured solid barrel firearm or plugged barrel firearm, with blank shells or crimps, which prevents a projectile (of any kind) from leaving the barrel may be used at all member club trials.

BOILING SPRINGS FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA, SBHA & USCSA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

October 7-8 • Starts 8:00 A.M.

Grounds: Tony Bingham Farm, 259 Plainsview Church Rd., Lawndale, NC 28090.

Drawing: Wednesday night, October 5, 9:00 P.M., at the home of Cliff Monroe.

(Fri.) OPEN WALKING RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG\$50.00
AMATEUR WALKING RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG\$50.00
OPEN WALKING RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG\$50.00
(Sat.) OPEN WALKING PUPPY (30 Min. or Course)—Awards\$30.00
OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course)—Awards\$50.00
OPEN WALKING DERBY (30 Min. or Course)\$40.00
AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course)—Awards\$50.00

Judges: Rotating Panel

Entries to: CLIFF MONROE • (704) 692-3580



BIG SKY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

SEPTEMBER 24-25 • BARBER, MT



Grounds: Table Rock Ranch, 56 S. Barber Rd., Barber, MT. Multiple courses with Sharptail grouse, Hungarian partridge and pheasant.

Drawing: Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 P.M., at the Rickert residence.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)\$40.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—All-Age Standards\$35.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)\$40.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Shooting Dog Standards\$35.00

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: ALEX RICKERT, Trial Chairman

Phone: (406) 209-0676 • Email: Alexrickert@yahoo.com

The Big Sky Field Trial Club, its officers, members, landowners are not liable or responsible for any injuries, losses, or damage to persons or property incurred at the trial. Montana Law, responsibility in any Equine accidents rests solely with the rider. A person is not liable for damages sustained by another as a result of risks inherent in equine activities when those risks are or should be reasonably obvious, expected, or necessary to persons engaged in equine activities. Montana Code Anno., s 27-1-725 (1993).



NORTH MISSOURI FIELD TRIAL CLUB

OCTOBER 8-9 • MARTINSTOWN, MO

Grounds: Kevin & Heather Western Farm, Martinstown, MO. From Unionville, go west on Hwy. 136, approximately 10 miles to Hwy. 149. Go south on Hwy. 149 for approximately 4 miles. Entrance will be on east side of highway. From Lancaster, go south on Hwy. 63 for approximately 2 miles and turn east on Hwy. 136. Go approximately 14 miles on Hwy. 136 until you reach 149 South. Go approximately 4 miles on 149 South and the entrance is on the east side of the highway. Drawing: Tuesday, October 4, 7:30 P.M., at home of Kevin Western. Phone: (660) 341-3522. Lodging: Alamo Inn (Unionville, MO)—(660) 947-2608; Square View Inn (Unionville, MO)—(660) 947-2301; and Hampton Inn (Kirksville, MO)—855-605-0317.

OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)\$40.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)\$50.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)\$50.00
AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.)\$40.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)\$50.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)\$50.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Judgment ceases at flush\$50.00

Judges: Tim Penn, Jim Giles, and others to be announced



Entries to: KEVIN WESTERN—(660) 341-3522
-or- TIM PENN—(660) 341-1165 [Edina, MO]

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BOILING SPRINGS FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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October 9 • One-Day Trial • Starts 8:00 A.M.

Grounds: Tony Bingham Farm, 259 Plainsview Church Rd., Lawndale, NC 28090. Drawing: Wednesday night, October 5, 9:00 P.M., at the home of Cliff Monroe.

OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course)—Awards\$50.00
OPEN WALKING DERBY (30 Min. or Course)—Awards\$40.00
AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course)\$50.00
OPEN WALKING PUPPY (30 Min. or Course)—Awards\$30.00

Judges: Rotating Panel



Entries to: CLIFF MONROE • (704) 692-3580

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 - 2010 National Championship (39 dogs)
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NBHA SHARPTAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

— Eastern Regional —

Hosted by Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association

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Starts Friday, September 23

Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area, Danbury, WI • Continuous Courses

Grounds: Located at 33174 Gomulak Fire Ln., Danbury, WI 54830. **Drawing:** Monday, September 19, 7:30 P.M. (CST). **Qualification:** Placement in an FDSB recognized Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—Purse/Awards.....Entry Fee: \$130.00

Bird work on any native upland wild species (not limited to Sharptail) is required to be named Champion and/or Runner-Up.

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Run at club's discretion.....Entry Fee: \$ 40.00

Judges: Mary Sue Schalk, Princeton, KY, and Steve Snyder, Ellendale, MN

Entries to: JAMES KLEVE • Phone: (651) 304-7715 • Email: jkleve@gmail.com

Harassment of judges or club officials will not be tolerated. CVGDA, or members, are not responsible for accidents resulting in property loss or injury of any kind.



NORTHEASTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



Starting Monday, October 10, 8:00 A.M.*

**Start time will depend on number of dogs drawn*

Flaherty Field Trial Area, East Windsor, CT

(Exit 44 off I-91, then follow Rt. 5 South)

Entry Fee: \$250.00 (includes \$25 grounds and association fees)

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

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

Judges: Tom Tracy, Lebanon, CT, and Tom Stargell, Scottsville, VA

Course: One-hour single course to be run on liberated quail. Run to Shooting Dog standards. **Qualifications:** A recognized placement in an Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake. Dogs must be shot over with a .32 blank or 209 primer revolver. **Drawing:** Friday, October 7, 7:00 P.M., at the home of the chairman.

Entries to: GENE CASALE, Chairman

Phone: (860) 202-1143 • Email: gacasale@gmail.com

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COLUMBIA RIVER FIELD TRIAL CLUB



Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

presents its Championship Series starting October 29 McBride Hereford Ranch | Sixprong Creek | Alderdale, WA

— A dinner will be offered at Alexandria Nicole's Castle Friday evening | Breakfast and lunch daily —

 Please follow us on the Columbia River Field Trial Club's Facebook page for up-to-date information



Region 10 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

****PAY ATTENTION TO DRAW DATE****

One-Hour • Entry Fee: \$150.00

A PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS TRIAL

Judges: Brandy Gilmore, Tuscaloosa, AL, and Tim Robertson, Parma, ID

Eligibility: An AFTCA Win Certificate is required.

Drawing: Friday, October 21, 10:00 A.M., on Facebook Live (location to be determined)

FDSB registered name & number and AFTCA Member number required on entry form.



Pacific Northwest Open Shooting Dog Championship

To follow Region 10 Championship • One-Hour • Entry Fee: \$250.00

A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG, HANDLER OF THE YEAR

& AMATEUR INVITATIONAL AWARD POINTS TRIAL

Judges: Alex Rickert, Bozeman, MT, and Brandy Gilmore, Tuscaloosa, AL

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

Purse: 50% of entry fees divided 70-30

(Region dog fees will be taken prior to split)

Drawing: Friday, October 28, 5:00 P.M., at Alexandria Nicole Cellars, Castle.

FDSB registered name & number required on entry form.



***** Open Derby All-Age Qualifier *****

30-Minutes • Entry Fee: \$50.00

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

Run between the Championship series, at the discretion of the field trial chairman.

Dependant on number of entries received for the Region 10 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship.

All entries to: MATTHEW HUSTON

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RECOGNIZED FIELD TRIALS

Southwestern Championship

August 31 / Trail City, SD
Contact: Garland Priddy
Phone: (601) 259-1515
Email: garlandpriddy01@gmail.com

English Setter Club of America

September 3 / Medford, NJ
Contact: Bob Brooks
Phone: (732) 991-4401
Email: labordayfieldtrial2022@aol.com

NGSPA Sharptail Championships

September 3 / Baker, MT
Contact: Tom Davis
Phone: (419) 843-5344 or (419) 205-5686
Email:

North Dakota Open All-Age Classic & Dr. D.E. Hawthorne Border Classic

September 5 / Columbus, ND
Contact: Allen Vincent
Phone: (918) 521-3784
Email:

All-America Open Shooting Dog Championship

September 6 / Carson, ND
Contact: Shawn Kinkelaar
Phone: (217) 343-0755
Email:

Midwest Vizsla Shooting Dog Championship

September 8 / Thayer, IA
Contact: Justin Hess
Phone: (712) 304-5543
Email: JustinCHess@gmail.com

Pittsburgh Field Trial Club (Bill McNamee & Elwin G. Smith Classics)

September 8 / East Windsor, CT
Contact: Brian Sanchez
Phone: (631) 831-3696
Email: GreatRiverKennel@yahoo.com

North American Woodcock Championship & Futurity

September 9 / McAdam, NB, Canada
Contact: Robert Little
Phone: (506) 784-7047
Email: robert.little551@gmail.com

Mortlach Field Trial Club

September 10 / Mortlach, SK
Contact: Brenda Ochosky
Phone: (306) 229-6581
Email:

New York State Grouse Championship

September 14 / Oxford, NY
Contact: Bill Ballin
Phone: (607) 316-1917
Email:

NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Championships

September 14 / Cheyenne, WY
Contact: Bobbi Richardson
Phone: (307) 630-1514
Email: wymbobbi@gmail.com

Big Country Field Trial Club

September 16 / Spondin, AB
Contact: Sig Guggenmoos
Phone: (780) 903-6389
Email: ecosync@interbaun.com

Central Connecticut Bird Dog Club

September 16 / East Windsor, CT
Contact: Gene Casale
Phone: (860) 202-1143
Email: gacasale@gmail.com

Northern New England Open Woodcock Championship

September 16 / Fryeburg, ME
Contact: Deb Kennedy
Phone: (603) 795-4633
Email: debkennedy2000@gmail.com

RECOGNIZED FIELD TRIALS

Region 14 (AFTCA)

Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

September 17 / Spondin, AB
 Contact: Sig Guggenmoos
 Phone: (780) 903-6389
 Email: ecosync@interbaun.com

New England Open Grouse Championship

September 19 / Berlin, NH
 Contact: Lloyd B. Murray, Jr.
 Phone: (603) 723-4020
 Email: murraylt@together.net

Black Moshannon Field Trial Club

September 21 / Philipsburg, PA
 Contact: Jeff Keller
 Phone: (814) 321-1339
 Email: j.keller56@comcast.net

National Amateur Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship

September 23 / Wisconsin Rapids, WI
 Contact: Piper Huffman
 Phone: (662) 471-1700
 Email: piper.huffman@aim.com

Big Sky Field Trial Club

September 24 / Barber, MT
 Contact: Alex Rickert
 Phone: (406) 209-0676
 Email: alexrickert@yahoo.com

National Pheasant

Shooting Dog Championship

September 24 / Bloomingdale, OH
 Contact: Joe E. Lordi
 Phone: (856) 513-5340
 Email: jlordi@comcast.net

NGSPA Region 8 Championships

September 24 / Cheyenne, WY
 Contact: Bobbi Richardson
 Phone: (307) 630-1514
 Email: wybobbi@gmail.com

National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship

September 26 / Wisconsin Rapids, WI
 Contact: Ed Liermann
 Phone: (414) 625-0715
 Email: edliermann@gmail.com

Central Kentucky Field Trial Club

September 30 / Berea, KY
 Contact: Pam Tucker
 Phone: (859) 489-5306
 Email: busterandpamtucker@gmail.com

Region 2 (AFTCA)

Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

September 30 / Bloomingdale, OH
 Contact: Joe E. Lordi
 Phone: (856) 513-5340
 Email: jlordi@comcast.net

Duplin County Field Trial Club

October 1 / Warsaw, NC
 Contact: Carolyn Quinn
 Phone: (910) 441-8742
 Email:

National Shooting Dog Pheasant Futurity

October 3 / Bloomingdale, OH
 Contact: Mark Hughes
 Phone: (814) 591-3540
 Email: mdh275@gmail.com

Flint Hills Amateur All-Age

& High Plains Open Shooting Dog Classics

October 6 / Abilene, KS
 Contact: Tia Hadley
 Phone: (719) 210-7904
 Email:

Northeastern Open Championship

October 10 / East Windsor, CT
 Contact: Gene Casale
 Phone: (860) 202-1143
 Email: gacasale@gmail.com

Michigan Woodcock Championship

October 11 / Gladwin, MI
 Contact: Craig Merlington
 Phone: (616) 862-2296
 Email: northkentwell@gmail.com

National Amateur Grouse Championship

October 14 / Moose Junction, WI
 Contact: Piper Huffman
 Phone: (662) 471-1700
 Email: piper.huffman@aim.com

National Amateur Chukar Shooting Dog Championship

October 15 / Payette, ID
 Contact: Jim Ledington
 Phone: (208) 942-0064
 Email: Jimledington@yahoo.com

Nittany Valley Bird Dog Club

October 16 / State College, PA
 Contact: Rob Boos
 Phone: (570) 337-4894
 Email: rboos150@comcast.net

National Amateur Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship

October 20 / Lacey Twp., NJ
 Contact: Joe Cincotta
 Phone: (908) 812 5587
 Email:

Garden State Open Shooting Dog Championship

October 25 / Lacey Twp., NJ
 Contact: Joe Cincotta
 Phone: (908) 812 5587
 Email:

Region 10 (AFTCA)

Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

October 29 / Alderdale, WA
 Contact: Matt Huston
 Phone: (541) 667-7206
 Email: hustonmc@yahoo.com

Pacific Northwest Open Shooting Dog Championship

October 30 / Alderdale, WA
 Contact: Matt Huston
 Phone: (541) 667-7206
 Email: hustonmc@yahoo.com

Sedgefields Field Trial Club (Dixie Open)

October 31 / Union Springs, AL
 Contact: Robert Mooror
 Phone: (334) 558-7080
 Email: robertm7080@gmail.com

Concuh Station Field Trial Club

November 7 / Union Springs, AL
 Contact: Lisa Littell
 Phone: (334) 649-0079
 Email: LLittell@jinkslaw.com

Concuh Station Youth Trial

November 12 / Union Springs, AL
 Contact: Lisa Littell
 Phone: (334) 649-0079
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Alabama Open Shooting Dog Championship

November 14 / Union Springs, AL
 Contact: Robert Mooror
 Phone: (334) 558-7080
 Email: robertm7080@gmail.com

Gulf Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship

November 28 / Union Springs, AL
 Contact: Lisa Littell
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ABHA TRIALS

(No upcoming trials)

NBHA TRIALS

Southwest Missouri Walking Field Trial Club

September 10 / Mt. Vernon, MO
 Contact: Jim Ogle
 Phone: (417) 388-0734
 Email: jojosenglishsetters@gmail.com

NBHA Sharptail Championship (Eastern Regional)

September 23 / Danbury, WI
 Contact: James Kleve
 Phone: (651) 304-7715
 Email: jkleve@gmail.com

North Missouri Field Trial Association

October 8 / Marinstown, MO
 Contact: Kevin Western
 Phone: (660) 341-3522
 Email:

SBHA TRIALS

Boiling Springs Field Trial Club

October 7 / Lawndale, NC
 Contact: Cliff Monroe
 Phone: (704) 692-3580
 Email:

USCSDA TRIALS

Beaver Valley Pointer & Setter Club

September 1 / Rochester, PA
 Contact: Norm Meeder
 Phone: (412) 671-1043
 Email:

Arcadia Field Trial Club

September 18 / Exeter, RI
 Contact: Richard Giuliano
 Phone: (401) 225-5281
 Email:

Big Sky Field Trial Club

September 23 / Barber, MT
 Contact: David Huffine
 Phone: (910) 620-2970
 Email:

Boiling Springs Field Trial Club

October 9 / Lawndale, NC
 Contact: Cliff Monroe
 Phone: (704) 692-3580
 Email:

North Carolina Pointing Dog Association

October 15 / Hoffman, NC
 Contact: Calvin Curnutte
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