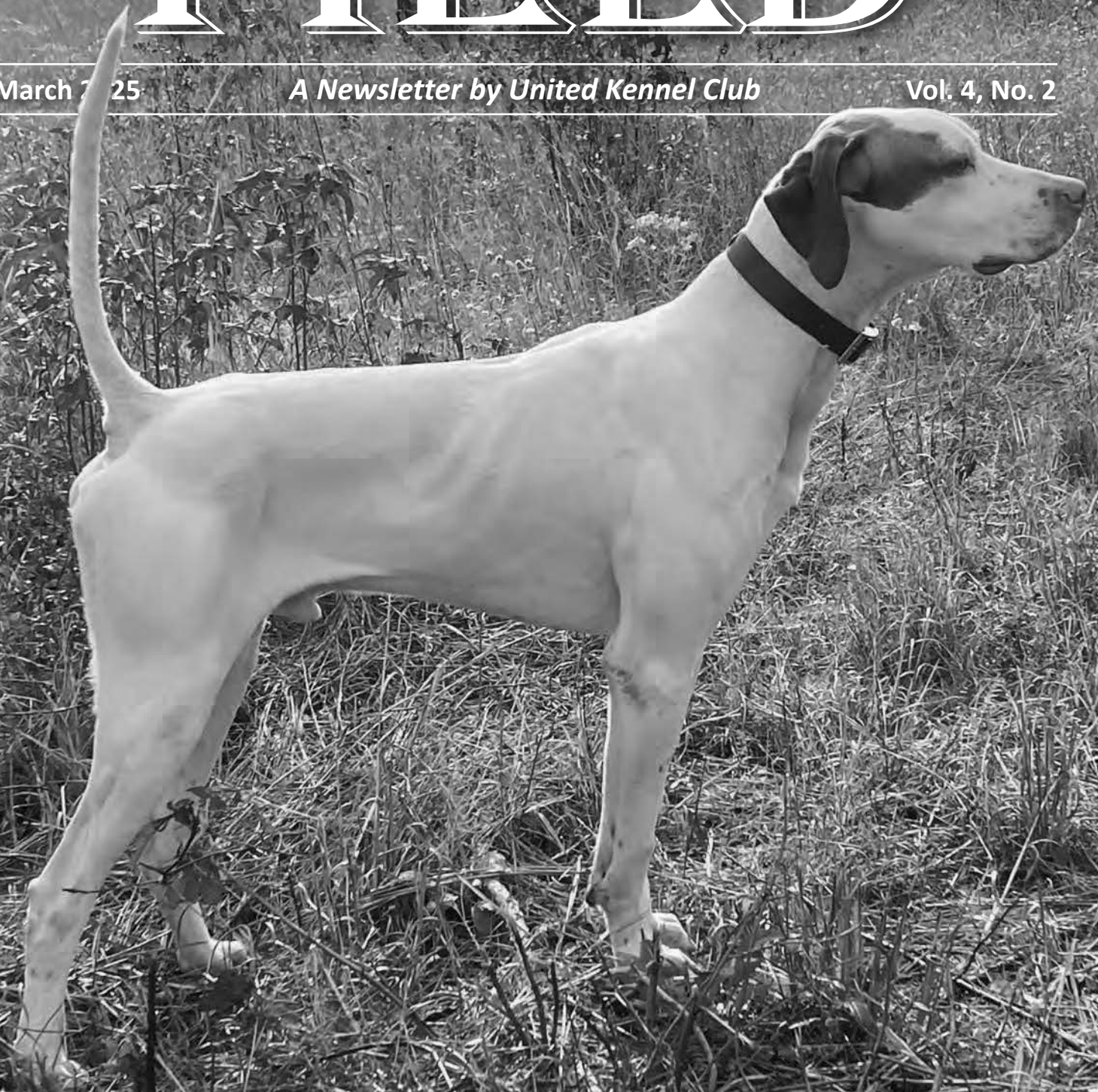


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UKC TEAM IN THE FIELD

— An update from Domenick Muoio



I had a fantastic time meeting many of you at the Hall of Fame induction and the first brace of the 126th running of the National Championship. There's certainly something special about getting to experience two events steeped in such rich history. The feeling of being in the same place as field trialers and gallery members over 100 years ago, watching the breakaway of two extremely talented dogs, is indescribable. The coupled experience of the joy of celebrating two great personalities and two impactful dogs as we have since the inauguration of the Hall of Fame election back in 1953 is so touching. Each time I am honored with getting to experience these major events on the American Field schedule, I can't help but feel closer to this great sport.

This year, I was able to conduct some interviews with some of the Hall of Fame honorees as well as some notable individuals involved with the National and Ames. By the time this article hits your mailboxes, those interviews should be available on the Hunting Ops Podcast on YouTube or wherever you receive your podcasts. However, at the time of writing this article, it is not, so I am unfortunately unable to include a direct link.

As a consolation, I will have the team add the link to the American Field website and include it in the weekly Hunting Ops email updates. If you previously subscribed to the email newsletter during the Hall of Fame election process, you will receive that as you had previously. If you have not yet enrolled, you can do so by visiting: www.ukcdogs.com/contact and filling out the "Subscribe" form on the right.

Safe travels this month, and I wish you all the best of luck as we begin to ring in the spring!

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

National Champion



TOUCH'S GALLATIN FIRE

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

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REGION 13 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Haney's Storm Warning Named Champion; Phillips Linebacker, Runner-up

By Jim Cipponeri | Ionia, Michigan | November 2, 2024



Region 13 Amateur All-Age Championship: Bill Branham (judge), Jim Cipponeri, Sean Patrick Derrig, Brian Sheehan, Chris Cagle with Haney's Storm Warning, Rich Hollister (judge), Mike Small with Phillips Linebacker, Ron Williams, Jeff Haggis, and Kelsey Hajek.

Weather conditions couldn't have been better as the region experienced dry, mostly sunny skies with temperatures ranging from the high 30s each morning and topping out at 60 in the afternoons. Birds were plentiful as there were many established coveys thanks to the multiple clubs that have released quail on Courses 1 and 2 this fall.

The Brittany National Gun Dog Championship ran for nine days just prior to the Region 13 Championship and released 15 coveys of very healthy and aged Bobwhites. Additional birds were supplemented each day and during every brace of the championship to ensure opportunity for all dogs regardless of when they ran.

Jeff Haggis, Blake Rizzo, and Kelsey Hajek had the unenviable task of seeding the courses each morning without the use of an ATV. Kelsey and Ashley Tilley provided lunch and snacks as well.

Ron Williams, our long-time dog wagon driver and parking lot

Sergeant at Arms, never missed a beat. He had dogs on the wagon or at the line at every drop site or breakaway. Without the help of these people, we could not have conducted a trial of this magnitude. The drawing was held at Connie Husinka/Cipponeri's home. Fletch Orrin provided rosettes, and Dave Fletcher provided, wrote out, and delivered running orders and judges' books.

The Region was fortunate to secure two well-respected and knowledgeable judges — Bill Branham and Rich Hollister. This duo has judged numerous championships



Amateur Derby: Brian Sheehan, Ron Williams, Chris Cagle (judge), Bill Branham, Haney's Hammerin Hank with Jim Cipponeri, Rich Hollister (judge), Small's White Drifter with Mike Small, Jeff Haggis (Region 13 Trustee), and Small's Hobo Ridge with Sean Patrick Derrig.

and also competed and won a plethora of trials at every level. It's reassuring for the chairman to know that when the trial is turned over to the judges, they will make sure it's run without a hitch and done so in a fair, impartial, and enjoyable fashion. Entries came from Ohio, Indiana, Canada, Tennessee, and, of course, Michigan. We did have cancellations due to logistical problems and some health-related issues, but hope to see those regulars at Ionia next fall. The trial consumed two and a half days to complete the Derby and All-Age Championship. Greg Blair and Nestlé Purina donated food to the winners and also provided sponsorship toward judges gifts.

Chris Cagle is a Michigan native who is now a transplant to another great field trial state, Tennessee. Chris has been involved with the "local landscape" of Michigan trials for over 40 years and cherishes the many memories and friends from his early days in the Great Lakes state. He and his family continue to support our trials in any way they can, and it's gratifying to see the success he and his son, Chris Jr., currently are experiencing on the national level.

Haney's Storm Warning, though only 4 years old, has frequented the winners' circle all over the country and seems to be able to adjust to any terrain or conditions he is presented with. "Speck" has now won this championship two years in a row, and his effort was witnessed by a gallery of over 20 spectators who were rewarded with a superlative effort.

Speck broke away from the clubhouse and rimmed all the fields he was presented with in a fast,

forward, and flashy way of going. He searched for game and didn't just "run like the wind." He still kept in sync with his handler but ran a true all-age race. His exquisite style, on point, is one of his many trademarks that makes his performances such a pleasure to observe. All five of his finds were spaced apart and of the same akin.

Phillips Linebacker is a product of the Nathan Phillips winning lineup of Miller-bred dogs. He is owned by Nathan Phillips and Orrin Ingram. Mike Small quarterbacked the beautiful white Pointer male without a penalty or any interference. They were in the same playbook throughout the entire hour. Though

he ran to extremes, he kept in communication with his signal caller throughout. Linebacker broke away from the scenic breakaway along Riverside Drive and encompassed all of Course 2 and then some. His race was similar to the champion and included three finds with exceptional style and intensity on point. The final one after time as he was found by the judge just prior to Logan's Lookout.

Haney's Hammerin Hank won the accompanying Derby stake with a big forward race and two limb finds. Small's White Drifter also had two stylish finds and placed second, while kennelmate Small's Hobo Ridge garnered third.

Ionina, Mich., November 2
Judges: Bill Branham and Richard Hollister
REGION 13 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 16 Pointers, 1 Setter,
and 1 German Shorthair

Winner-HANEY'S STORM WARNING, F1691416, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-PHILLIPS LINEBACKER, F1695679, pointer male, by Phillips Off Line-Phillips Silver Lady. Nathan Phillips & Orrin Ingram, owners; Mike Small, handler.

AMATEUR DERBY – 6 Pointers

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

2d-SMALL'S WHITE DRIFTER, F1706517, pointer male, by Small's White Charger-Blue Mound's Mainstreet. Mike Small, owner and handler.

3d-SMALL'S HOB0 RIDGE, F1710588, pointer male, by Small's White Charger-Blue Mound's Mainstreet. Mike Small, owner and handler.

80th GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE FUTURITY

Tim's Setter Meg Wins 80th Running

By Ben Brettingen | Augusta, Wisconsin | November 3, 2024

The 80th running of the Grand National Grouse Futurity commenced on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at the Eau Claire County Forest near Augusta, Wisconsin. Participants, judges, and gallery members faced a steady drizzle and cloudy skies throughout the day, with temperatures starting at a foggy 44°F. The judges, Bill Frahm of Minong, Wisconsin, and Bert Benshoof of Roseville, Minnesota, both respected veterans of the Cover Dog world, evaluated the 21 dogs, each from a nominated litter.

The grounds presented a mix of river bottoms, logging cuts, conifer stands, and mature timber, testing the dogs across a variety of covers within the same courses. With only 0.2 inches of rain in the prior 39 days, the dry conditions made scenting difficult, further complicating bird work. The Futurity's 11 braces ran on 10 courses, including Wilson Park,



80th Grand National Grouse Futurity: Tim's Setter Meg with Tim Callahan, Mud Lake's Money Maven with Hannah Peterson, Clover Valley's Evans with Jerry Furnish, and Big Big Energy with Jordan Pharris.

Gasline, Highline, Culvert, Crash, and H-Course, with the bye-dog running the first half of Wilson Park.

The first brace broke away at 7:27 a.m. under light and variable winds from the north at less than 5 mph.

2nd Brace — Mud Lake's Money Maven

The second brace, run on the latter half of the Wilson Park course,

featured Mud Lake's Money Maven, a black-and-white Setter female owned and handled by Hannah Peterson. Maven, bred by Robert Jones, is out of Jones' Big Sky Lanius and sired by Jackson's Let Er Rip. Hannah's husband, Kyle Peterson, scouted while their 3-month-old twins, August and Norah, waited in the van, unable to walk the brace on their own yet.

Maven established herself early, consistently working likely covers and punching into prime bird habitat. Despite the day's tough scenting conditions, she ran a forward race, showing herself in all the right places. Maven handled without conflict, and Peterson was easily able to get her around the course with ease. At 20, the course met a lowland area that ran perpendicular to the course, and Maven took the edge, taking advantage of prime cover. Though no birds were contacted during the brace, her composed and stylish effort earned her second place.

3rd Brace — Clover Valley's Evans

The first half of the Gasline course featured a strong showing by Clover Valley's Evans, known as "Evy," a flashy tri-color Setter female bred, owned, and handled by Jerry Furnish. Evy is out of Clover Valley's Millie and sired by Northwoods Atlas, "Jet." Jet tragically passed away in his prime earlier this summer after winning both the amateur and open 2024 MN/WI Shooting Dog of the Year titles.

Evy broke away at 8:55 a.m. under a light drizzle and a steady 10 mph north wind. From the outset, she moved with a smooth, elegant gait, covering ground effortlessly and maintaining contact with her handler. Evy worked just at the edge of bell range, staying forward and showing remarkable composure in the face of the day's difficult scenting conditions.

At 20, Evy made a bold move, crossing a small creek, quartering through a section of pole timber, and powering uphill with determination into cover. At 27, Evy entered an aspen cut lined with tag alders, positioning herself perfectly in prime bird habitat. Though no birdwork was recorded during the brace, her seamless navigation of the course and forward, polished race earned

her third place.

8th Brace — Big Big Energy

The eighth brace, run on the Crash Course, featured Big Big Energy, or "Lotto," a powerful black-and-white Setter male owned and handled by Jordan Pharris of Brainerd, Minnesota. Bred by Jerry Furnish, Lotto is no stranger to accolades, joining his sire, Northwoods Atlas, as the 2024 Purina Pro Plan MN/WI Cover Dog of the Year. In Derby stakes, Lotto was often the favorite, impressing judges with his strong race and effortless handling.

The Crash Course earns its name with frequent cover changes, dense young aspen cuts, and numerous turns that can make it difficult for a dog to get around. The brace broke away at 1:22 p.m. in pouring rain, with sustained winds of 12 mph and gusts reaching 20 mph. Despite the adverse conditions, Lotto performed with admirable ease, staying consistently attuned to Pharris. Running forward and confidently working into likely covers, Lotto positioned himself exactly where he needed to be throughout the course.

At 14:30, Lotto's bracemate, Mojo's Winston Joy, handled by Mark Hughes, emerged from a tight aspen cut and stopped at the top of a ridge. Lotto backed cleanly as Hughes moved to relocate Winston. Winston worked back into the cover, and the judges marked a bird flying out in front. Lotto held steady until Pharris moved him forward. Lotto finished the half-hour, pushing to the front in a young aspen cut.

11th Brace — Tim's Setter Meg

The final brace of the day, featuring the bye-dog Tim's Setter Meg, provided an electrifying conclusion to the 80th Grand National Grouse Futurity. Meg, an orange-and-white Setter female bred by Tim Kaufman, is out of Lake Effect Ali and sired by Rebellious Fearless Fred. Handled

by Tim Callahan and scouted by his wife, Deb, Meg delivered a stellar performance as light faded and a steady drizzle persisted.

From the breakaway, Meg moved with purpose, showcasing snappy, deliberate movements and undeniable speed. Her race was forward and intelligent, consistently pushing into likely cover and maintaining the edge of bell range. At 10, Meg crossed a small creek into a patch of prime grouse habitat, quickly but thoroughly working the edges before cutting through the center.

Halfway through the brace, the course turned left onto a snowmobile trail for approximately 100 yards before veering right into thicker cover. This section often challenges dogs, as many overshoot the turn and ultimately fall behind their handlers. Meg, however, pressed ahead with precision, navigating the transition seamlessly.

As the course bent back westward, Meg adjusted effortlessly, quartering in front of Callahan, the judges, and the small remaining gallery. Her movements were sharp and deliberate, with a rhythm that didn't tire as the brace progressed. The connection between Meg and Callahan was evident, with Meg displaying an innate understanding of her handler's intent even in the fading light and steady drizzle.

By the end of the brace, the conditions had grown increasingly difficult, but Meg finished with the same energy and drive she began with. Her performance was marked by poise, intelligence, and style, leaving no doubt among the judges that she was the standout dog of the day and worthy of first place.

Callbacks and Final Placements

With daylight gone, the judges called back seven dogs to determine the four placements in the 80th

running of the Grand National Grouse Futurity. The callbacks were scheduled to run on Monday morning.

In order for a dog to be placed in the Futurity, they must demonstrate their ability to point a bird. With wild bird contacts nearly nonexistent during the trial, the callbacks were run over liberated quail. The dogs called back, in order, were: Tim's

Setter Meg, Mud Lake's Money Maven, Clover Valley's Evans, Bib Big Energy, Mojo's Winston Joy, Anna Lake Kail, and High Point's Snowman.

The first four dogs successfully pointed quail, locking in their placements in this prestigious event.

Augusta, Wis., November 3, 2024
Judges: Bill Frahm and Bert Benshoof
80TH GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE FUTURITY
- 19 Setters and 2 Pointers

1st-TIM'S SETTER MEG, F1705309, setter female, by *Rebellious Fearless Fred-Lake Effect Ali*. Tim & Deb Callahan, owners; Tim Callahan, handler.

2d-MUD LAKE'S MONEY MAVEN, F1704637, setter female, by *Jackson's Let Er Rip-Jones' Big Sky Lanus*. Kyle Peterson, owner; Hannah Peterson, handler.

3d-CLOVER VALLEY'S EVANS, F1705659, setter female, by *Northwoods Atlas-Clover Valley's Millie*. Jerry Furnish, owner and handler.

4th-BIG BIG ENERGY, F1705733, setter male, by *Northwoods Atlas-Clover Valley's Millie*. Jordan Pharris, owner and handler.

82nd GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Snyder's Fireside Ed Named Champion; Chasehill Poison Ivy, Runner-up

By Jeremy Moore & Chris Bye | Augusta, Wisconsin | November 5, 2024

Late autumn sunshine painted the banks of the North Fork of the Eau Claire River Sunday afternoon in the waning minutes of the 82nd Grand National Grouse Championship. Recently named Grand National Champion, Snyder's Fireside Ed posed assuredly on the podium as decorated handler Tammy Chaffee and proud owner Steve Snyder held back (and quietly failed) their emotions. No stranger to the podium herself, Ch. Chasehill Poison Ivy, handled deftly by John Stolgitis and owned by Bill McFadden, proved her 2021 Grand Futurity win prescient with a strong 2024 runner-up placement. She won the 2023 Grand National Grouse and Woodcock Invitational last year.

A sense of deep pride and satisfaction emanated from those gathered. For the organizers, bringing "The Grand" to Wisconsin was a dream in the making, and no doubt, a bit of melancholy was felt as years of planning, dedication, and hard work came to an end. With the sounds of closing dog boxes and departing trucks, the focus of their shared efforts was already receding to memory.

Throughout the six-day event, 36



Grand National Grouse Championship (l-r): Scott Chaffee, Jeremy Moore, Steve Snyder, Adam Dubriske (judge), Tammy Chaffee with Snyder's Fireside Ed, John Stolgitis with Chasehill Poison Ivy, Mike Nelson (judge), Chris Bye, and Mike Flewelling.

braces were started, eight unique courses were utilized, 90 miles of ground were walked by the judges, 25 grouse and 49 woodcock were flushed, two dogs were placed, and one historic Championship was completed. The smiles and friendships established — immeasurable in their worth.

The momentous arrival of "The Grand National Grouse Championship" to Wisconsin for the first time was the culmination of years of effort. Although the Grand was officially awarded to the region in 2023, the groundwork was laid

decades prior. The grounds, located in west central Wisconsin, are south of what's considered to be the "Big Woods" and known by many as deer country rather than traditional grouse cover. Fifty-two thousand acres are made up of multiple-use sections for public recreation, wildlife habitat development, and timber production. Through decades of prudent management and attention, the trial grounds are considered one of the finest cover dog venues in the sport.

The courses within the Eau Claire County Forest were already known



Betsy Danielson and Jerry Kolter at the "Legends of the Cover Dog World" banquet.

for excellent bird numbers and accessibility/flow, with the bonus of lodging, food and gas (among other necessities) within easy reach. Hosting cover dog trials since 1968, the courses reflect 56 years' worth of foot-worn paths across scrub oak flats, along aspen cut ridges, over hazel, and through thickets of alder lining the North Fork of the Eau Claire River.

Running on Wisconsin soil for the first time in its 81-year history, the event was hosted and organized under unique circumstances, combining the talents of three independent grouse dog clubs from two states within Region 19. The Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association, Minnesota Grouse Dog Association, and Moose River Grouse Dog Club are no strangers to hosting grouse and woodcock trials and championships. They've long been known for carving out well-thought-out courses that test and challenge even the most ambitious, experienced bird finders and handlers. The three clubs are also skilled in collaboration, combining efforts and talents when it comes to the organization and execution of grouse dog trials.

A combined meeting in January of 2024 of the local grouse dog associations (Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association, Moose River Grouse Dog Association, and the Minnesota Grouse Dog Association) established the framework for the event's success long before the first dogs were called



Jim Tande and Family at the "Legends of the Cover Dog World" banquet.

to the line. With Brad Peterson (chairman) and Greg Johnson (vice-chairman) leading the charge, goals were established, and committees challenged to host a world-class trial and highlight Wisconsin's richness and hospitality. Katie Cook, Rod Lein, Jim Kleve, Bert Benshoof, and Colin Peterson (among others) contributed in countless ways, shouldering much of the day-to-day efforts leading up to the first breakaway.

With eight courses on the map, plans were made to further improve the grounds to exceed the needs of the Grand participants, with a focus on cover/bird opportunities and walkability. A special acknowledgment to Colin Peterson for wrangling everyone who operated the saws, mowers, and trimmers to get the courses "Grand ready."

The banquet preceding the Grand National Grouse Dog Championship inaugurated the event in high style, honoring two and four-legged legends (local to WI/MN) and highlighting those dogs and handlers who rose to the top of their game the previous year. Held at Black Creek Lodge, the venue provided an expansive setting for the dinner, drinks, and silent auction. The evening was sponsored by Greg Blair, and Purina and Bert Benshoof hosted the open bar. Thank you both for making the evening special.

Jim Tande was honored with a "Legends of the Cover Dog Award," capping a lifetime of achievements.



Greg Blair, Brian Ralph, and Dr. Bruce Mueller at the "Legends of the Cover Dog World" banquet.

An original founder of the Minnesota Grouse Dog Association, Jim's achievements stretch back over 40 years. With his entire family present, Jim shared stories of competitive braces and entertaining trial anecdotes, reminding everyone how this sport connects generations and creates lasting friendships.

Betsy Danielson and Jerry Kolter proudly accepted the Legends of the Cover Dog award for their oft-winning Setter, 4x CH./4x R-U CH. Blue Streak. One of only six dogs to earn this coveted award, "Little's" small stature belied a heart and drive bigger than the entire Northwoods. Blue Streak's influence is still felt in many of the dogs competing today.

Bringing the awards to the present day, 2023 Grand National Champion Ralphy's Chasehill Rip, owned by Brian Ralph, was awarded the Purina Top Cover Dog of the Year after an outstanding 2023-2024 campaign. Anchoring the evening's awards, handler John Stolgitis was presented the 2023-2024 Purina Cover Dog Handler of the Year plaque, recognizing his continued success and placements over the previous year.

The 82nd Grand National Grouse Championship

Rain-sodden creeks sluiced over the courses whittled through the Eau Claire County Forest. Election Day marked its beginning, and in the spirit of tradition, the Grand National Grouse Championship commenced on a cold, dreary, and

wet November morning. In less than traditional fashion, six braces on Day 1 produced but 20 woodcock, lingering behind October's Indian summer. No grouse and a blanket of cold rain left for reasonable doubt throughout the gallery.

All that changed on Day 2 when the holiest of holies, the ruffed grouse, was found. Throughout the week, all eight of the courses used produced grouse, and each dog had the opportunity to show its best in a race to become the 82nd Grand National Grouse Champion. What started as a field of 72 dogs—37 English Setters and 35 Pointers—narrowed itself down to just a handful in contention by the week's end. As always, just one champion and one runner-up could be named.

A Champion's Run

The champion revealed himself on Day 5, in the 27th brace, when Snyder's Fireside Ed ran alongside his bracemate, Rebellious Fearless Fred. Ed is a mostly white Setter, lightly ticked with a single black mark above his hips. He's owned by Steve Snyder and was handled by Tammy Chaffee. Fred is a well-boned white Setter with fox-orange-colored masking and ears, owned and handled by Mike Luebke. Both dogs are experienced competitors, and it showed in the way they came to the line, their body language saying, "We've been here before."

The course they ran on has earned its name. "The Crash" is known for presenting challenges and has been the dissolution of many good bird dogs. It's a looped course that was once abandoned due to heavy logging. Since resurrected, it boasts a dense sea of pool-cue-sized popple whips running through its midsection. Over the six days, The Crash saw six braces, with only three dogs managing to complete it with clean birdwork. Ed and Fred were the only ones to do so with pointed



grouse, and Ed was the only one to do it without a single miscalculation. He honored and backed his bracemate Fred's grouse find in what could be described as a beautiful flushing scene, the kind often depicted in paintings yet seldom witnessed by the hunter afield.

The brace broke away promptly at 9:15 a.m., under mostly cloudy skies occasionally pierced by windows of blue. The first eight minutes of the course offered them a chance to catch their first wind and establish themselves on the hunt. They pushed through thick hazel underbrush atop a large flat shelf before dropping down into an open-bottom creek crossing, canopied by towering white pines. A short climb up brings them to the first promising cover about 10 minutes into the hour-long run. At 13, with both bells at a distance, a grouse flushed at the pressure of the gallery, sailing from right to left, tracing the hard edge.

Several hundred yards further, at 15, Fred's bell went silent, and Ed's soon after followed suit. The handlers, judges, reporters, and scouts moved into the aspen cut to the right of the trail. The bells had disappeared in a likely location just before the course veers left, approaching a "busy corner." Three types of cover meet there: moss-covered box elders, scrub oak with thick hazel understory, and a long edge of young aspen tangled with brittle blackberry vines desperately holding their plum-colored leaves. In a small opening choked with thorns, Fred stood with Ed honoring.

Fred was tall and statuesque, facing southwest, while Ed staggered offset just a short distance away, mirroring Fred's posture. As Luebke approached Fred, a grouse flushed hard from right to left. A quick shot from Luebke brought an abrupt end to the tension, leaving nothing but the smell of burnt powder hanging in the damp air. Ed stood firm, backing Fred confidently to the flush as Chaffee worked her way to his stand. With smiles and excitement from the textbook find and manners by both dogs, the handlers led their dogs 25 yards back to course, and search resumed.

From then on, the brace unfolded as a textbook example of "racing to cover." At 22, both bells stretched forward. Ed's bell continued to grow faint, remaining as a gentle tinkling around 2 o'clock in relation to the course trajectory. The handlers, Chaffee and Luebke, began to separate while the gallery marched behind at a slowed pace another 50 yards before Fred was spotted, again standing tall across open woods. He was south of the trail, pointed directly at a large broken-off oak top, still clinging to crunchy rust-colored leaves. Luebke flushed into and beyond the deadfall with little real estate to work with, backed up against the river. After a few moments, Fred was tapped on. He immediately hunted into the deadfall like a spaniel, hoovering ground scent in search of a bird no longer there. By 29, Fred had rejoined Ed to the front, and they leapfrogged their way through the middle stretch of the course around a large swamp with open water.

Snyder's Fireside Ed, with growing confidence, continued to lead his handler and gallery forward. As the course continued southwest, it transitioned to a perfect combination of swamp bottoms, pocket ponds, scattered

hardwoods, and a smattering of roosting evergreens. With his bell sounding at the 3 o'clock position, he provided a showing of his ground game as he was seen working the far edge of a pond 80 yards to the right of the course. With a narrow pond between him and the gallery, he gave everyone a show as he moved powerfully to the front with a determined gate. As much as his finds validated his win, this opportunity to see him manage difficult cover and find the front established his efficient and thorough search and illustrated the beauty and flow of a true champion cover dog.

At 43, the course transitioned into lower elevation, and the mud-worn trail wound its way through conifers, bringing on the looks, smells, and "feels" every grouse hunter knows. At 49, both bells were sucked into likely bird cover, where the course transitions to a hand-cut walking path through seemingly ideal woodcock cover. The pace slowed, and both dogs worked methodically among the young popple whips. Fred moved forward while Ed drifted horizontally toward a stand of mature woods deep in the middle of the cut.

At 54, the dogs, handlers, and gallery scattered. Snyder's Fireside Ed's bell fell silent to the far right as handler Chaffee moved along the ridge that divided mature cover to the left and a long swamp channel on the right. With a quick acknowledgment from Judge Dubriske, Chaffee dove hard right down into the swamp in search of the silent bell. Maneuvering the twisted tag alders, an oasis of hardwood and grass (dividing another tag alder swamp to the far side) was found after a 50-yard trek. Once higher ground was established, handler Chaffee moved back to her right along the minor



ridge dividing two swamps, where Ed was seen standing tall at the base of the land spit. Within a few steps, a lone grouse erupted at the swamp edge between the handler and her charge. A shot was fired at 57, and Ed stood steady and proud. With only a few minutes to spare, Chaffee gently petted Ed before holding his collar and directing him back to the course. During the challenging return walk through the ankle-snagging tag alders, a smile was visible on the handler's face, and Ed exhibited a sense of satisfaction that was evident to those who know and understand grouse dogs.

Snyder's Fireside Ed stretched out on a limb find grouse with easy handling and a picture-perfect back of his bracemate's bird, making it the most outstanding brace of the trial. He demonstrated intelligence, grit, effortless flow, and heart. All qualities that define a true champion.

Runner-up Champion Brace

A runner-up champion was also named. Chasehill Poison Ivy, a white female Pointer with a liver head and marking on her chest behind the right shoulder. Ivy was handled by John Stolgitis and owned by Bill McFadden. Ivy ran the first brace on Day 2, paired with another white female Pointer, Birdogn True Confidence, callname "Sadie." The two dogs complemented each other well, taking turns pushing one another ahead on the Wilson Park Course.

Just seven minutes into their run,

there was a silencing of their bells. The pair of small-framed Pointers were found pointed and backing in a low pocket of alders, surrounded by young aspen. A quick flushing move by Stolgitis produced a woodcock, followed by his shot. Both dogs were led back to the course to continue on. At 12, Ivy was found just off the course, pointing back towards her handler. While Stolgitis moved in, the sound of a grouse taking wing was clearly heard by all. A second bird, this time a woodcock, flushed just seconds later off Ivy's nose, followed by a shot by Stolgitis. Ivy remained steady and tall. She was promptly moved forward to rejoin the race. Ivy's bird-finding efforts didn't stop there. At 19, she pointed left of the course, and another woodcock was produced clean. At 20, Sadie's bell went quiet, followed by a search effort. She was found 150 yards off the trail in a promising area, but no bird was found, and an attempt to relocate was empty. As the dogs were separated, Ivy led forward, crossing the road and digging into more promising cover.

At 33, Pharris crossed the road with pace, trying to regain fresh ground. The two handlers soon converged as Stolgitis slowed his pace in the absence of Ivy's bell. The next few minutes could have been mistaken for an old-fashioned Wisconsin deer drive as both a doe and a small buck were pushed from their beds and ran past the gallery at close range.

A few minutes after crossing the road to the west, Ivy's bell disappeared. The cover was ideal grouse habitat: young evergreens and small pole timber interspersed with choking dogwood thickets. With 43 minutes on the clock, Stolgitis, with the help of his scout Mike Flewelling, moved east off the course, searching for Ivy. After a 10-minute search, the judge and

handler Stolgitis adjusted the search and backtracked north, paralleling the course. Shortly thereafter, scout Flewelling announced “Dog on point” near where the course originally crossed the road. Within a few steps, a grouse flushed to the handler’s left. With a shot fired, the find was recorded, and Ivy stood proudly 40 yards to the handler’s front. Of note, the gallery was on the road a few yards from Ivy, watching it unfold with a front row seat to the placing performance.

While Stolgitis searched for Ivy, Sadie worked methodically through thick cover and a run of hard-to-find conifers right of the course. At 51, in front of a split gallery, her bell went silent. The distinct thunderous wingbeats of a grouse filled the air while Pharris and the judge quickly ducked into the cover to find Sadie standing tall and motionless. Pharris was asked to shoot and did so, marking the first two dogs of the trial to card grouse finds, setting the bar for the championship.

[A full report including brace-by-brace descriptions may be found at www.americanfield.com under the “Results” tab.]

Augusta, Wis., November 5

Judges: Mike Brown and Adam Dubriske

82ND GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE

CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 72 Entries

Winner-SNYDER’S FIRESIDE ED, F1672601, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Rouge River Bogsucker. Steven Snyder, owner; Tammy Chaffee, handler.
 Runner-Up-CHASEHILL POISON IVY, F1694453, pointer female, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. William & Karen McFadden, owners; John Stolgitis, handler.

CONTINENTAL AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Game Heir Wins Amateur All-Age Classic

By Steve Standley & Tim Moore | Greenville, Florida | November 15, 2024

Livingston Place, widely known as Dixie Plantation, hosted its annual Amateur All-Age and Amateur Derby stakes beginning on November 15, 2024. Unfortunately, this highly regarded wild quail venue suffered yet another hurricane, cutting its swath across the Florida Panhandle. Many trees were on the ground, and parts of the courses were a mess. Plantation manager John Michael MacCormick and his crew did splendid work in the woods to ready these grounds for the trial and their upcoming hunting season. The field trial club and the competitors voiced appreciation for the work done. Ben Melvin and Vince Little helped at the barn and in the field. Retired plantation manager Randy Floyd is the president of the Continental Field Trial Club. He made the opening announcements at breakaway as he has done for 30 years. John Michael MacCormack offered a prayer of thanks and hopes for everyone’s safety; at this time, the trial began.

Til Hankley handled the dog wagon duties, and he is always a pleasure to see. The lovely Gloria Hagan prepared lunches, had the lodge



Amateur All-Age (front): Rita and Dr. Fred Corder with Game Heir, Woody Watson with Touch’s Blue Knight, and Jim and Amy Pendergest with Storm’s End. (Back): Til Hankley, Jason Williams (judge), Alex Rickert, Tim and Polly Moore, Justin Hunt (judge), and Randy Floyd (trial chairman).

in good order for the official party, and generally dictated standards of behavior for all attending.

Amateur All-Age judges were Jason Williams and Justin Hunt, both from Blakely, Georgia, and both kept sharp and fair eyes on the proceedings. Twenty-six dogs were drawn, and 26 came to the line. For those of us who love true wild bird field trials, it was an honor to be on these grounds once again and to be among like-minded bird dog people.

Dr. Fred Corder, accompanied by

his wife Rita, has been coming to this trial for several years. His dogs are well-trained, and his love for these grounds is apparent. Game Heir, a bright, mostly white Pointer male captured first with Fred on the whistle. Heir plied his trade out front, overcame an unproductive at the water barrel near the main road crossing, and went on to handle two clean finds. The first of these occurred across from the big house at 54 on a covey. The second find was in the closing moments of the

brace; this contact was on a single bird, and it was in order.

Touch's Blue Knight (Woody Watson) has many field trial placements and is a multiple-time champion; he won second-place honors. Blue Knight required Woody to ride deep to maintain contact with him. He was seen just enough as Woody found him at time near the dirt road near the long pond at pickup time. He had good composure for this clean, stylish find.

The first brace contained the third-place effort for Storm's End and Jim Pendergest. The Pointer female stood near the first crossing at 15 with a nice covey being flown. Her next contact was at 20 on the edge of a cotton field with all in order. She finished near the hayfield across from the big house.

These were all worthy placements over historic grounds and were a



Amateur Derby (front): Rita and Dr. Fred Corder with Game Fortress, Justin Hunt with Hunt's Centerfold, and Jim and Amy Pendergest with Blue Grass Jack. (Back): Til Hankley, Alex Rickert, Polly and Tim Moore, and Randy Floyd.

pleasure to witness.

The Derby stake was short this year, with only six entries. Judges Tim Moore and Jason Williams evaluated the young hopefuls and found the following worthy. First place went to Game Fortress, Pointer female, with Dr. Fred Corder on the whistle. Second-place honors went to Hunt's Centerfold owned and handled by Justin Hunt. Pointer male Blue Grass Jack garnered the third-

place honors for owner/handler Jim Pendergest.

This is an enjoyable trial over historic grounds put on by good people. This writer highly recommends the experience.

Greenville, Fla., November 15
Judges: Justin Hunt and Jason Williams
CONTINENTAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE
[One-Hour Heats] – 26 Pointers

1st-GAME HEIR, F1691409, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Game Snow. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

2d-TOUCH'S BLUE KNIGHT, F1680548, pointer male, by Touch's Knight Rider-Touch's Maswood Anne. Woody Watson, owner and handler.

3d-STORM'S END, F1687221, pointer female, by Dunn's Tried'n True-K F Prairie Storm. Matt Pendergest, owner and handler.

Judges: Tim Moore and Jason Williams
CONTINENTAL AMATEUR DERBY – 6 Pointers

1st-GAME FORTRESS, F1712461, pointer female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Princess. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

2d-HUNT'S CENTERFOLD, F1718110, pointer female, by Touch's Mega Mike-Broomsedge Tiny Rebel. Justin Hunt, owner and handler.

3d-BLUE GRASS JACK, F1705890, pointer male, by Imagine-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Jim Pendergest, owner and handler.

NATIONAL AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hirollins Gone and Doneit Named Champion; Southern Shadow's Bootlegger, Runner-up

By Robert Bakas | Covington, Indiana | November 15, 2024

The prestigious National Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship was held on November 15, 2024, at the magnificent Redwood Farm in Covington, Indiana. Owned and operated by Keith and Jessica Wright, these grounds stand as some of the finest maintained field trial facilities in the Midwest.

The judges for the event, Mike Jackson and John Vanada, presided over the competition with great diligence and fairness, upholding the high standards of the championship.

We'd like to thank our sponsors, Purina Pro Plan, Garmin, Ultra Cruz Equestrian, and The Saddle Guy, for their support.

The Field Trial Experience

This walking trial was hosted on immaculately maintained grounds that reflect the care and pride of ownership by Keith and Jessica Wright. From the moment participants set foot on the property, they were met with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The Wright family's attention to detail was evident in every aspect of the event, creating an environment where handlers, judges, and spectators alike felt like part of a close-knit community.

Keith Wright was a constant presence, ensuring handlers and judges had everything they needed to succeed, while Jessica Wright and her team worked tirelessly behind

the scenes to keep the event running smoothly. The hospitality extended well beyond the competition itself, starting before sunrise and carrying on into the night, creating a truly memorable experience for all in attendance.

This championship was not just a test of dog and handler excellence but also a testament to the camaraderie and shared passion for the sport. Congratulations to the winners, and a heartfelt thank you to Keith, Jessica, and everyone who made this event possible.

The Champion — Brace 7

Handled by Warren Parrot, Hirollins Gone and Doneit delivered a standout performance that solidified his claim to the

championship title. From the start, the dog showcased his hallmark speed and forward drive, demonstrating determination and style throughout the hour.

At the six-minute mark, Gone and Done It was found standing, but no birds were produced, and the run moved forward. At 13, both dogs in the brace were pointed on separate birds, about 40 yards apart. Both handlers flushed successfully, and all was in order.

The Pointer's performance gained momentum at the 17-minute mark, where he was found standing along a feed strip. Stylish and confident, he held beautifully as his handler produced birds. At 26, he was again standing, this time in the northeast corner of the grounds, where a nice covey was produced.

Building on this strong start, Gone and Done It maintained his forward pace and impressive focus. At 34, he was standing again, followed by another stylish find at 44. With the abundance of birds on these well-maintained grounds, Hirollins Gone and Done It displayed unwavering intensity and composure. His consistent excellence throughout the brace demonstrated that he truly

brought his A-game, earning him the title of Champion.

The Runner-up — Brace 15

Handled by Klaus Schmidt, Southern Shadow's Bootlegger delivered a commanding performance, earning the runner-up title with his impressive bird work and tenacity.

The brace began with a fast pace set by both dogs. At 13, Bootlegger was found pointed up on a hill near the railroad tracks, with his brace mate honoring the staunch point. At 23, Klaus's scout called point along the highway edge of the grounds, where both dogs were standing, and all was in order.

At 32, Bootlegger encountered a bird on the path and executed a stylish stop to flush. Just a few minutes later, at the top of a hill, both dogs were again standing, with birds produced. Bootlegger continued to shine at the 43-minute mark when scouts called point on separate finds in the same area.

Bootlegger's performance peaked in the closing moments of the brace. At 48, Klaus's scout called point once more, and the dog delivered a stylish find. With additional birdwork at

55 and 57, Bootlegger showcased exceptional endurance, bird sense, and precision, proving his worth as runner-up in this highly competitive event.

Both Hirollins Gone and Done It and Southern Shadow's Bootlegger exemplified the qualities of elite shooting dogs, earning their respective placements through exceptional performances. The trial itself was a resounding success, thanks to the hospitality and dedication of Keith and Jessica Wright and their team.

Congratulations to the winners, participants, and organizers for making this year's National Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship a memorable event.

[A full report including brace-by-brace descriptions may be found at www.americanfield.com under the "Results" tab.]

Covington, Ind., November 15 – One Course
Judges: Mike Jackson and John Vanada
NATIONAL AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 36 Entries
Winner-HIROLLINS GONE AND DONEIT, F1679825, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Littlewing B K Tia. Warren Parrott, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-SOUTHERN SHADOWS BOOTLEGGGER, F1700852, pointer male, by Lester's Prime Poison Lane-Southern Ritz Lane. Klaus Schmidt, owner and handler.

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U. S. COMPLETE NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Braeval Rory Named Champion; Lightning Flash Remington, Runner-up

By Jamie Nee | East Windsor, Connecticut | November 16, 2024



U. S. Complete National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Bill Bonnetti (chairman), Jason Williams, Gregor McCluskey with Braeval Rory, Jamie Nee (judge), John Olfson (judge), Doug Dix, Brian Dix with Lightning Flash Remington, Rich Wartors, Bob Arkley, and Amilcar Pereira with his grandson.

The U. S. Complete held its National Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship November 16-17, 2024, at the Dr. John Flaherty Field Trial Area in East Windsor, Connecticut.

These grounds are infamously known as “Pelton’s Pasture” to some old-time New England field trialers, including your scribe.

Our trial was successfully held after a spring cancellation due to several days of torrential rain and flooding on our grounds. It was deemed unsafe for the dogs, horses, and participants. The decision was made wisely. We moved the championship trial to this fall.

Luckily, this time, Mother Nature cooperated with us for the entire weekend. It got a little warm late morning on the second day. Nevertheless, it was great weather for the entire trial.

At the leadership helm, Field Trial Chairman Bill Bonnetti executed a well-run and organized trial that allowed us to see premiere walking dogs on wide open grounds in the

late fall. These grounds allow for a running dog to reach out at times.

Along Bill’s side is his partner, Jayne Fogarty, who saw to the many details of the kitchen and clubhouse arrangements. Jayne is the most gracious host, offering all participants and attendees breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Jayne is and was always omnipresent in the clubhouse, making everyone feel comfortable. Jayne is always offering food and beverages. Jayne, in her own humble way, demonstrates quality support and leadership skills. Bill and Jayne make a great team.

We had liberated quail for the weekend. However, several dogs had connections with pheasants that the State stocks during the fall hunting season on these grounds.

Judges for the event were John Olson of West Hartford, Connecticut, and Jamie Nee of Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts.

John is a constant and iconic judicial presence in many New England trials. These include walking and horseback, as well as many

wild bird trials. John is extremely knowledgeable and knows what it takes to place dogs in the aforementioned types of trials. John also graciously provided horses for our trial.

Your scribe, the other judge, has been involved in walking field trials for close to 30 years. These were mainly in New England until the last 10 years or so, reaching out to the Eastern part of our country and down South for walking and horseback trials.

Our Winners and Others

Braeval Rory, an Irish Setter male, appeared in the third brace with handler and owner Gregor McCluskey. “Rory,” as this nice Setter male is called, set the tone and standard early on for the rest of the trial. Rory scored five well-timed finds and a back. Each find had exceptional polished manners. Rory’s ground race was very strong, making huge casts to the front. Several times, we found him standing where you would want to see him on point after a warranted absence. Rory also ran the perimeters of some large fields where one would want to see a running dog do exactly that. Rory finished very strong well into the old Dearborn area. Rory’s strong finish would be an eventual determining factor in naming him the ultimate champion. Rory has an exciting future ahead for himself and Gregor.

Our runner-up champion, Lightning Flash Remington, ran in the fifth brace. This was the last brace of the first day’s running. Remington scored four finds for young handler and owner Brian Dix from Vermont. The third find was a nice limb find on Fox Hill, but well

within an acceptable distance from the course. It took the handler, the judges, and the gallery some time to get there after point was called. Once the bird was produced and all was in order, Remington went on to have one more find near the power lines before the Dearborn area. The last two finds were not our typical bird locations. That said, the last two finds were where other dogs did not have finds during the two days of running. Remington also had a strong finish. I have had the opportunity to see Remington run before. He's always a threat and consistently gets into the winners' circle.

Cape Point Hidden Jewel, an exciting 6-year-old English Pointer female, ran in the sixth brace. This brace ended up being the first brace of the second day. "Jade," as she's affectionately called, received a formal Honorable Mention. Jade ran

a proud and well-executed hour for co-owner and handler Bill Bonnetti. Bill owns Jade with his brother Brad. As previously mentioned, Bill is our esteemed field trial chairman for this championship event. Jade had a very nice race that included and resulted in four pretty finds. It was an exciting hour to watch. On any other day, she would have changed things. Jade ran a championship-caliber race.

In full disclosure, as one of the judges, our eventual decision between these three dogs required much discussion and debate between John and myself.

We had to get surgical with our judicial responsibilities and break down each of the three aforementioned dogs' performances, segment by segment, to reach our eventual and challenging decision. This sometimes can be a challenge for any judge but also adds to the quality and caliber

of the dogs that ran. These three dogs made the stake itself worthy of the championship title it offers.

Other dogs of note were Richfield Roxy and Great River Bella, who both made the hour, drove hard, and looked fancy doing it. However, they didn't fare as well as the three dogs above for a few reasons.

Finally, the U. S. Complete Association would like to thank our loyal and faithful sponsors, Purina and Garmin. Their continual support makes our trials possible and successful.

**East Windsor, Conn., November 16 – One Course
Judges: Jamie Nee and John Olfsen
U. S. COMPLETE NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING
DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 16 Entries**

Winner-BRAEVAL RORY, F1700621, Irish setter male, by Braeval Ghillie-Braeval Skye. Gregor McCluskey & Braeval Kennels, owners; Gregor McCluskey, handler.

Runner-Up-LIGHTNING FLASH REMINGTON, F1687367, setter male, by Denco's Crockett Again-Arctic Tundra Bird Dog. Doug Dix, owner; Brian Dix, handler.

BEAVER VALLEY POINTER & SETTER CLUB

Annual Fall Trial

By Norm Meeder | Rochester, Pennsylvania | November 22, 2024

The Beaver Valley Pointer & Setter Club held its annual fall trial on November 22-23. Originally, this trial was scheduled for Labor Day weekend, but a combination of events led us to move it to this later date. 2024 marked the 75th anniversary of the Beaver Valley Club, and we had planned a big celebration with a roast hog and all the trimmings. However, the weather in late August and early September was extremely hot and humid. To make matters worse, the man we had hired to roast the pig had his \$8,000 pig roaster on wheels stolen. At that point, we decided that discretion was the better part of valor and moved the trial to a more dog-friendly climate. So, we shifted

the event to November — and then it snowed and rained. The weather was cooler, which the dogs enjoyed, though I'm not sure about the people. Nonetheless, we all made it through somehow.

As I mentioned, this year marked the 75th anniversary of the club. Back in 1949, a group of local businessmen and bird dog enthusiasts purchased the farm that eventually became the grounds for the trials we hold today. The club now occupies roughly 180 acres, with large fields where dogs can really show their abilities, as well as tighter spots that require careful handling. The cover consists of native grasses, feed strips, wooded areas, and enough autumn olive,

blackberry bushes, and Rose of Sharon to keep things interesting.

In the late 1970s, we began constructing our current clubhouse, which was completed in 1982. Money was always a challenge for the club, with taxes and insurance being persistent issues that consumed a lot of time and effort. The amazing thing about this organization, however, is that no matter how difficult things got, there were always people who stepped up to help get the club through tough times. I could start a long list of deserving individuals who have been instrumental in the club's longevity from 1949 to the present day, but that list would be exceedingly long, and I'd inevitably forget someone.

Instead of a list, the best tribute I can offer to the founders and contributors is that the Beaver Valley Pointer & Setter Club is still here, 75 years later, and still going strong.

Now, about the trial — it was cold and wet. The dogs were impressive, the birds flew well, the horses were well-behaved, and the furnace kept the judges, handlers, and helpers warm, even though, due to the entry numbers, the judges only had a few brief moments to warm up before getting back to work.

The judges for the Open stakes were Tim Perschke of Marienville, Pennsylvania, and Steve McKalko of Troy, Michigan. They braved the elements and judged the dogs competently and fairly. The Puppy stake featured a lot of young dogs enjoying themselves while learning to run and hunt at the same time. It was a pleasure to watch them all, and I was glad I wasn't the one judging! Scotty Forman pulled off a hat trick, taking all three places.

The Open Puppy was won by "Winston," a stylish Setter who displayed class in her running, points, and perfect manners on all her finds. Second place went to "Roxy," an extremely stylish and classy Setter female who ran to the edges and looked great on the run. She showed good manners on her finds but exhibited some youthful exuberance. Third place went to "Mickey," a Pointer male who ran big and looked great on his first find but then succumbed to the temptation of wet quail. This dog has loads of potential, just like the two dogs ahead of him.

"Bit," handled by Mark Hughes and owned by Joe Cammisa, garnered third in the Open Shooting Dog. She had two finds, a back and an unproductive. Second place went

to "Missy," a stylish, hard-running Pointer female with two finds and a back. First place went to Double Deuce Zeke, no stranger to the winners' circle. He claimed the top spot with three finds and a great race.

I'd like to thank the bird planters for their work during this event, especially Bob Smith, who planted birds all day on Friday and Saturday; even though it was cold, wet, and miserable, I did let him come inside for a bit to warm up during lunch, it was the least I could do. Kathleen Smith had planned the food for our Saturday night banquet but unfortunately got sick on Friday afternoon and couldn't be there on Saturday. Luckily, Beaver Valley is blessed with two excellent cooks — Joe Cammisa stepped up, following Kathleen's plan, and produced some really great food for both lunch and the banquet.

The judges for the Amateur stakes were Chris Catanzarite and Scott Forman. I was unable to follow the amateur braces, so I apologize for not providing a brief rundown of the winners.

I want to thank everyone who helped make this trial a success — the owners, handlers, bird planters, and Purina. It takes a team to make a trial successful.

That said, I hope to see you all in 25 years for our 100th anniversary.

**Rochester, Pa., November 22 – One Course
Judges: Steve McKalko and Tim Perschke
OPEN DERBY – 4 Pointers, 6 Setters,
and 1 Brittany**

1st-MOJO'S WINSTON JOY, F1705340, setter male, by Wayward Flyin Tomato-Doodle Ridge Fern. Renee & Nick Moelders, owners; Mark Hughes, handler.

2d-HITAIL ROXY AFIELD, F1705101, setter female, by Dun Rovens Zip-Castle Rock's Autumn Breeze. Russell M. Fazio, owner and handler.

3d-BOWSERS BACKCOUNTRY MICKEY, F1705242, pointer male, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight. Tyler Bowser, owner and handler.

OPEN PUPPY – 8 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-GROUSE HILL PATCH, F1710162, pointer female, by Grouse Hill Rambo-All On. John Capocci, owner; Scott Forman, handler.

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

3d-SHADY HILLS HICKORY, F1706949, setter male, by Grouse Hill Bullet Proof-Shady Hills Panda Bear. Scott Forman, owner and handler.

**OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 12 Pointers, 6 Setters,
and 1 Brittany**

1st-DOUBLE DEUCE ZEKE, F1673940, pointer male, by Double Deuce Peter-Funseeker's Holiday. Douglas McMillen Jr., owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

2d-BACKCOUNTRY MISSY, F1672663, pointer female, by Erin's War Creek-Backcountry Tornado. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

3d-BEAVER MEADOW BIT, F1696577, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Beaver Meadow Rose. Joe Cammisa, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

Judges: Chris Catanzarite and Scott Forman

AMATEUR PUPPY – 8 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-GROUSE HILL BUDDY, F1710157, pointer male, by Grouse Hill Rambo-All On. John Capocci, owner; Scott Forman, handler.

2d-HEARTBREAKER BUD LIGHT, F1710620, pointer male, by Toth's Tornado Reloaded-Grouse Trails Warrior Cat. Thomas Butts, owner and handler.

3d-DIXIE, unreg., setter female, breeding not given. Russ Fazio, owner and handler.

AMATEUR DERBY – 5 Pointers and 3 Setters

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

2d-WATCH ME WHIP, F1711113, setter male, by Cash Van Pioneer Scouts Man-Anna Van Frutchey Ranch. Thomas A. Van Fleteren, owner; Steve McKalko, handler.

3d-LUCKY BEE'S OUTLAW, F1704448, pointer male, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight. Nick Lasica, owner and handler.

**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 11 Pointers,
4 Setters, 1 Brittany, 1 Irish Setter,
and 1 German Shorthair**

1st-GROUSE HILL PEPPER, F1682567, pointer female, by Daddy's Little Boy Butch-Grouse Hill Bell. John Capocci, owner and handler.

2d-WILDLAND HIDE THE WINE, F1697105, pointer male, by Double Deuce Zeke-Beaver Meadow Rose. Eric Munden, owner and handler.

3d-K DEL'S EAGLE MAGNUM HOTSHOT, F1685770, pointer male, by Magnum High Velocity-K Del's Eagle's Chance To Soar. Kenric DeLong, owner and handler.

PENNSYLVANIA AMATEUR GROUSE DOG CLUB

Fall Trial

By Eric Munden | Rochester, Pennsylvania | November 24, 2024



Amateur Shooting Dog (l-r): Al Fazenbaker with Conneaut Creek Scenic River, Rob Matson, Ken DeLong with K Del's Eagle Magnum Hotshot, Joe Cammisa, and Krysta Munden with Wildland Warrior.



Amateur Derby (l-r): Russell Fazio with Hitail Roxy Afield and Tyler Bowser with Bowsers Backcountry Mickey. (Not pictured: Steve McKalko and Ausable Junction Odin).



Amateur Puppy (l-r): Sarah Deline Gomes with DD CPK Diamonds N Rhinos, Eric Munden, Doug McMillen with Double Deuce Mint, Krysta Munden, and Johnna Zona with Caliber Peak Prophets Bane.

On November 24, the Pennsylvania Amateur Grouse Dog Club held its fall trial at the Beaver Valley Pointer and Setter Club. Thank you to Beaver Valley and its officers for their generosity in allowing us to use the grounds and their help with the trial. Thank you to Joe Cammisa and Rob Matson for judging the Amateur Shooting Dog stake, Ken DeLong and Brian Ralph for judging the Amateur Derby, and Eric and Krysta Munden for judging the Amateur Puppy. The judges' decisions were all met with applause.

The day started with the Amateur Shooting Dog, followed by the Amateur Derby, and finishing with the Amateur Puppy. We had a great entry of 38 dogs to run, including

14 puppies! The shorter days of late November meant there wasn't much time to run all the braces, but everyone was ready when needed, and we finished with little daylight to spare.

Thank you to everyone who came out to participate and support the trial. We look forward to seeing you all in the spring!

Rochester, Pa., November 24 – One Course
Judges: Joe Cammisa and Rob Matson
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 3 Pointers, 4 Setters, 2 Brittanys, and 3 Irish Setters
1st-CONNEAUT CREEK SCENIC RIVER, F1693481, Irish setter male, by Cedar Creek Talon-Cedar Creek's Skyline Belle. Al Fazenbaker, owner and handler.
2d-K DEL'S EAGLE MAGNUM HOTSHOT, F1685770, Brittany male, by Magnum High Velocity-K Del's Eagle's Chance To Soar. Ken DeLong, owner and handler.
3d-WILDLAND WARRIOR, F1676947, pointer female, by Erin's War Creek-Suemac's Coventry. Eric Munden, owner; Krysta Munden, handler.

Judges: Ken DeLong and Brian Ralph
AMATEUR DERBY – 7 Pointers and 5 Setters
1st-HITAIL ROXY AFIELD, F1705101, setter female, by Dun Rovens Zip-Castle Rock's Autumn Breeze. Russell Fazio, owner and handler.
2d-BOWSERS BACKCOUNTRY MICKEY, F1705242, pointer male, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight. Tyler Bowser, owner and handler.
3d-AUSABLE JUNCTION ODIN, F1711112, setter male, by Cash Van Pioneer Scouts Man-Anna Van Frutchey Ranch. Stephen McKalko, owner and handler.

Judges: Eric Munden and Krysta Munden
AMATEUR PUPPY – 14 Pointers
1st-DD CPK DIAMONDS N RHINOS, F1713582, pointer female, by Cal Peak Hundredth Meridian-Double Deuce Sage. Doug McMillen Jr., owner; Sarah Deline Gomes, handler.
2d-DOUBLE DEUCE MINT, F1713583, pointer female, by Cal Peak Hundredth Meridian-Double Deuce Sage. Doug McMillen Jr., owner and handler.
3d-CALIBER PEAK PROPHETS BANE, F1713586, pointer male, by Cal Peak Hundredth Meridian-Double Deuce Sage. Sarah Deline Gomes, owner and handler.

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QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONAL

Erin's Wild Atlantic Way Named Champion; Dunn's True Reign, Runner-up

By Alaina Berendzen & Mary Sue Schalk | Kevil, Kentucky | November 30, 2024



Quail Championship Invitational (l-r): Luke Eisenhart (handler), Judd Carlton (scout) with 2024 Quail Championship Invitational Champion Erin's Wild Atlantic Way, Allen Vincent (handler), Mary Sue Schalk (scout) with 2024 Quail Championship Invitational Runner-up Champion Dunn's True Reign, and owners Mr. and Mrs. Norris Sims.

The history of the Quail Championship Invitational is rich with exceptional dogs and people. With the inaugural running held in December of 1940 in Albany, Georgia, albeit a 22-year break and a change in venue, to the 61st running held in November of 2024 in Kevil, Kentucky, the performances never cease to amaze and excite those who love a good bird dog.

The Quail Championship Invitational returned to the West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area at Paducah, Kentucky, on November 29, 2024. The West Kentucky Field Trial Club again hosted the running. Mary Sue Schalk, in addition to being the chairwoman of the Invitational, is also the West Kentucky Field Trial Club president. Mike Crouse is the vice president. The father/daughter team keeps the wheels running to ensure the trial runs smoothly. The club roster identifies the remaining members as Alan Benson, Don Wiggins, Michael Kennedy, James Kleve, Vincent Major, Gary Lester, Sarah Clary, Cora Clary, and Joe

Hopkins.

The trial is a Purina Handler of the Year and a Top Dog Award points trial. It is also a National Championship qualifier. The drawing was held Friday, November 29, at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse, and the 11 Pointer males and one Setter male were paired for the two qualifying days of running.

Purina has been a consistent sponsor of this prestigious event for many years. Greg Blair coordinates Purina's donation of Pro Plan—eight bags to the new champion and four bags to the runner-up. Purina's generosity is one of the reasons for the longevity of this significant and respected event. Thank you seems too little to say when Purina does so much for field trials.

Vincent Major added a unique touch for the third consecutive year, providing leather works for the champion and runner-up, collars and leashes for both dogs, and spur straps for the scouts. He also drives the dog wagon on Saturday and Sunday during the prestigious

event. A young man with a positive attitude, he is a gem to the event and the West Kentucky Field Trial Club.

Tim Khrrer manages the West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area. His workforce currently consists of only himself and one tech, and as with other industries, employees are hard to come by. Their efforts to have the courses groomed and ready for the trial were exceptional. They were commended for their hard work.

As president, Mary Sue is responsible for the trial's success, but she gives credit to all who share in the duties. She makes every effort to ensure the success of the trial. She readily accepts the responsibility that comes with her position. She stated that her objective was to honor and respect everyone who comes to the trial whether as a participant or someone who just rides in the gallery. The Invitational is for people who love horseback field trials, and the Invitational is one of the greatest events in the history of field trials.

Mary Sue Schalk served as the head marshal, keeping us on the correct path. Her service was invaluable. Alan Benson, Eddie Berendzen, and Nathan Berendzen helped with marshaling duties. They shadowed judges to make sure he was reunited with the judging panel if he was behind for any reason.

Nathan Berendzen served as the rear marshal. He went with a handler to find a wayward dog to make sure the handler was able to find his way back to headquarters. He also helped ensure that the gallery stayed on pace with the lead.

Vincent Major served as the dog wagon driver for the third consecutive year. Vincent was very popular not only because he was punctual to have the dogs at the right place, but because he also had hot coffee and snacks. Punctual and efficient, an excellent dog wagon driver!

Dr. Stan Wint returned from Gardner, Kansas, to complete his term as an arbiter of this event. He has been involved with bird dogs and field trials for over 30 years. He began his career in walking dog stakes and won his first championship in 1992. He has adjudicated in NBHA trials as well as horseback shooting dog and all-age American Field trials. He also served on the judges panel for the National Championship, as well as other prestigious events. His experience and desire to recognize the qualities of an Invitational champion made him highly qualified to fill a judicial saddle.

This year, Mike Crouse of Dixon, Kentucky, was added to the judges' panel. A no-brainer when creating a judges' team, he was a welcome addition. Crouse has over 50 years of bird dog and field trial experience. Competing as an amateur across the country, winning championships, judging championships, hosting events, and marshaling the Quail Championship Invitational year in and year out are only a few of the pieces of his resumé. He continues to give to the sport, adding a National Bird Hunters Association field trial event on his farm this fall, and looks forward to hosting the event annually. His commitment, knowledge, and passion for the sport make him overly qualified to judge this championship.

Michael Kennedy from Opelika, Alabama, rounded out the judicial panel. His introduction to bird dogs was when he began to hunt with his

own walking dogs. He has trained his own dogs for over 20 years. His field trial involvement was interrupted to dedicate his time to his wife and three young children. He has since been very active in field trials and has participated in all areas of administration and responsibility. His judging assignments have taken him outside Alabama. Some of the major championships he has judged are the Kentucky Shooting Dog Championship, the Kentucky Quail Classic, the NBHA National Amateur Championship, the ABHA Free-For-All, and many weekend trials. His experience well qualifies him for this assignment.

Once again, the Friday night event was a success, with participants, owners, guests, and volunteers convened at the clubhouse on Friday, November 29, for a sumptuous meal, "Southern Style," catered by Byron and Farrah Caldwell. Dinner included greens, ham, beans, cornbread, and bread pudding. The silent auction has become a tradition to offset costs for the three events and would not be possible without contributions from businesses and individuals. The proceeds of the auction provide financial assistance for the operation of this prestigious event. Many thanks to all who contribute annually and participate in the event!

The evening concluded with the drawing for the Quail Championship Invitational conducted by Mary Sue Schalk. Conducted with order and precision, Cody Duncan, an attorney from the Nashville area, assisted Mary Sue. Cody and his father, Chip, helped prepare for and conduct the drawing, handling the minute details of typing the running order and completing judges' books. This is the second year in a row the father/son team has contributed to our event. Their assistance helps to keep the event running timely, and smoothly.

The Running

The Quail Championship Invitational began Saturday, November 30, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. sharp. We sat at the clubhouse listening to Chairman Mary Sue Schalk reminding us of the expectations and blessing us all with a prayer before we turned loose. It was the perfect day for a field trial. It was chilly, but no leaf moved; the wind stayed away for an enjoyable ride as we watched the 12 most-winning dogs in the nation. We rode to the starting line with the dog wagon, dogs yapping, horses snorting in excitement, and chatter throughout the gallery as old friends caught up. Luke Eisenhart and his scout, Judd Carlton, went to the starting line with Nighthawk's Rebel. They were braced with Haney's Hurricane Seeker, run by David Russell and scouted by Korry Rhinehart. The handlers tell one another good luck, and the judges say, "Ready when you are," and off they go, and everyone clicks their timers to begin. Both dogs hit the edges running, hunting, hoping to find a bird to point. As we go left, we lose sight of the dogs, and they take the natural course. We see them again as we round the corner after funneling through the alley of the woods and see Nighthawk's Rebel hunting the edge of the cornfield. At 10, David Russell calls point at the corner of the cornfield; Haney's Hurricane Seeker stands tall with his tail pointed to the sky. Russell goes into flush, and birds fly out. Haney's Hurricane Seeker stays frozen until his handler arrives to take him on the front. As we came off the find Hurricane Seeker immediately took the edge of the bottoms to get to the front. At 14, Nighthawk's Rebel was found on point with Hurricane Seeker backing. Nighthawk was excited, but Hurricane was not so confident, and his tail was not so high. Eisenhart went in

and attempted to flush. Once he decided they may not be right there, he relocated to Nighthawk. Unfortunately, the birds were not home. The scout sent Nighthawk on his way. Nighthawk decided to show off running big and was not seen again the rest of the hour. Hurricane Seeker was also strong to the front and was not seen for the remainder of time.

The second pairing for Saturday was Allen Vincent with Dunn's True Reign and Eisenhart with Erin's Perfect Storm. As is the custom with horseback field trials, the gallery was granted a brief break. Tall tales were told, and good memories shared as the dogs came to the line. Both dogs shot out the front, being seen again once we were to the Highline pasture. Both dogs run the edges, searching for a bird to point out to their handlers. At 39, True Reign's scout called point for both dogs from deep in the corner of the Highline pasture. The two dogs stood frozen, waiting for their handlers to find the birds they had been waiting so patiently to see fly in the air. The birds bubble out of the brush, and both handlers shoot. The scouts take the dogs on, and they power to the front. Grabbing edges and hunting out of sight at the end of the hour. Their enthusiasm was noted as time was called, and both handlers grabbed their trackers to locate the canine athletes.

As the past handlers gather their dogs we wait for the next handlers and set of dogs. Chris Cagle brought out Haney's Storm Warning to run braced against Dr. Fred Corder with Game Surge. Both dogs blow out the front early and are next spotted standing on the far corner before the course makes a hard left turn. Both dogs stay frozen as their handlers dive in to flush out birds. Sure enough, the birds fly out, both handlers shoot, and we are back to

it. Haney's Storm Warning is not seen often as an all-age should not be. We meet again when Chris yells, "Point," and we race to see it. We approach Storm Warning, standing with his head held high, his base wide, and his tail nearly touching the clouds near a five-foot brush pile. Game Surge was a little ways off backing Haney's Storm Warning. It was a beautiful find with the sun shining and Storm Warning's confidence radiating. Cagle went into flush, and quail exploded from the brush pile. It was a picture-perfect find.

After our stomachs were full and fresh horses were tacked, we started the fourth brace with Gary Lester with Miller's King Poast against Judd Carlton with Miller's Heat Advisory. Both dogs hit the ground running and never looked back. They ran a big all-age race and were seen when needed. We rarely saw them, and their ground race as all-age dogs was phenomenal. Showing to the front as is expected in such competition.

The next brace was Como Thunder, handled by David Russell, and Erin's Code of Honor, run by Luke Eisenhart. Code of Honor had a sound all-age race. Both dogs were running the edges off breakaway in the winter wheat field. We came around the corner of the Power Plant Pasture, and Russell called point. Deep in the corner, Como Thunder was standing tall. Russell was able to flush out some birds at just about time (at 57). Russell called point. Como Thunder was yet again deep in the woods. Successfully, quail were flushed out.

The final brace was Southern Thunder, run by Tom Shenker, and Erin's Wild Atlantic Way, handled by Luke Eisenhart. You could feel the buzz of excitement when Eisenhart and Shenker called point. Both dogs were standing side by side, shaking in eagerness. Both handlers shot when birds flew out. The dogs were

taken on, and the eagerness grew. At 29, Southern Thunder had a find, and Erin's Wild Atlantic Way backed birds were found. Again, at 48, Luke called point, and Southern Thunder backed this timer. In the same spot, we had a beautiful find at the five-foot brush pile; Eisenhart produced more birds for a successful find. Our day came to an end with the sun going down as well as the temperature; the excitement of what tomorrow would bring buzzed through the gallery as we headed back to the barns.

Our second day started at the same time but much cooler, with frost coating the grass. Heat poured off the gallery as the horses danced in excitement, and chatter filled the gallery. After Erin's Wild Atlantic Way's performance yesterday, we were excited to see what lay in store today. Miller's King Poast was his braced mate. The brace began with slight crunches from the frozen ground. Gary Lester's Scout called point; Miller's King Poast was off the corn field in a brush pile. Lester flushed, and his dog stood as they floated into the sky. He had a good race and really showed off. Erin's Wild Atlantic Way was showing off in the bean field, giving Eisenhart the opportunity to sit back and point him out. Right out of the bean field, Eisenhart called point, and birds were found. Right after the railroad tracks to the right, Eisenhart called point. We rode to it to see Erin's Wild Atlantic Way buried up in the woods and brush, which made it a little tricky for Eisenhart. Fortunately, he was able to ruffle up some quail for another successful find.

Up next was Miller's Heat Advisory, run by Judd Carlton, braced against Erin's Code of Honor, handled by Luke Eisenhart. Right off the high line pasture, where we saw birds the first day, Miller's Heat Advisory found the same covey. At 53, Eisenhart is confident he is not in it with Erin's

Code of Honor and decides to pick up early. At 58, Carlton called point, and birds were found again. At 59, one minute to go, Carlton calls point. The whole gallery comes to see how it would turn out. Carlton goes into flush but is unable to find anything. He relocates, confident in Miller's Heat Advisory. He freezes and stands on point. Carlton once again goes to flush, yet with no success. The brace is over.

Our third brace is run by Southern Thunder, handled by Tom Shenker, and paired with Como Thunder, handled by David Russell. Both dogs made a big swing, hitting every edge back to the course at the sunflower field. He had a big, impressive race for the second running day. At 15, Southern Thunder was buried up in the woods; Shenker didn't hesitate; he jumped right in and began flushing, and out came a whole covey of quail. Tom called point again later just off the road near the three ponds pasture, birds were found.

After we got our stomachs full and fresh horses tacked up, we headed out for the last half of running before the callback. We started the afternoon with Luke Eisenhart running Nighthawk's Rebel. At 10, Eisenhart called point, Nighthawk was in a hedgerow. Eisenhart was able to flush out a covey. At 30, both handlers called point off the road to the right before the big ditch. Both handlers eagerly jumped in, and a covey of quail filled the air around us. At 45, Cagle called point at that same brush pile we had seen a find this morning in that brush pile, and Cagle was able to produce birds from the brushy area.

Up next, we had Game Surge, run by Dr. Fred Corder. He ran too big, and Corder decided to take his tracker to find Game Surge. His bracedmate was Dunn's True Reign, handled by Allen Vincent. At 9,

Vincent called point. We came up on Dunn's True Reign off a tree line. Vincent tried to find the birds but had to rely on Dunn's True Reign to relocate them. Dunn's True Reign was prosperous as quail were found. At 39, Dunn's True Reign chose a different tree line, and the birds were home. At time, Dunn's True Reign was still running big as Vincent grabbed the tracker at time to find him.

To conclude, on the last day until callback, Luke Eisenhart ran Erin's Perfect Storm, and David Russell ran Haney's Hurricane Seeker. Haney's Hurricane Seeker ran too big, and Russell chose to grab the tracker early. At 30, Luke called point deep in the brush. Perfect Storm stood frozen as the birds boiled out from the brush. At 48, another great find for Erin's Perfect Storm. He stood stuned as the birds flew high above the weeds. The sun set, and the temperature dropped, but the anticipation never ceased.

The callback was that night, and you could feel the excitement through the clubhouse as we waited. The judges decided to call back four dogs and announced they wanted to see them at the end of the brace. The first brace of the morning callback would be Erin's Atlantic Way braced against Haney's Storm Warning. In the second brace were Dunn's True Reign and Southern Thunder. Everyone shook hands and said their goodnights, and we all tried to sleep, not knowing how tomorrow would play out.

The last and final braces began bright but colder than the other days. The frost was much thicker, and the temperature was much lower as a snowstorm made its way toward us. Both dogs shot out the front, covering a lot of ground. After seeing Erin's Wild Atlantic way scarcely, we saw him again standing tall and proud on point just after the railroad

tracks. Luckily, the birds were home. Meanwhile, Haney's Storm Warning was running big and with limited visibility. At 1 hour and 54 minutes, Chris Cagle's scout called point. Just off a brush pile there, Storm Warning stood tall and on point. He stood as birds came from the ground up. Soon after, Eisenhart called point where we had seen birds multiple times. Sure enough, they were still home and painted the sky for us. That concluded our two hours with both dogs being seen at the end of the brace. Erin's Wild Atlantic Way would be named the 2024 Quail Invitational Champion.

We had a couple of minutes to warm up, and then it was off we went again—this time with Dunn's True Reign and Southern Thunder. Vincent called point with Dunn's True Reign just off the road, where we had seen birds before and were successful. At 30, the whole gallery, judges, and handlers go to the left of three lakes field to see whose dog is standing on point; Vincent raises his hat and calls point; a shot was fired just after the birds took off. Tom Shenker could not keep going as Southern Thunder ran too big for day three, so he grabbed the tracker. Dunn's True Reign was named the runner-up champion.

It was a great trial with a lot of attendees. As always, many memories were made, stories were told, connections were made, and traditions carried on. Until next year!

Kevil, Ky., November 30

**Judges: Mike Crouse, Michael Kennedy,
and Dr. Stan Wint**

QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONAL

[One-Hour Qualifying Heats on Consecutive Days;

Two-Hour Finals] - 11 Pointers and 1 Setter

Winner-ERIN'S WILD ATLANTIC WAY, F1684809, setter male, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-T T's Southern Miss. Sean Derrig, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

Runner-Up-DUNN'S TRUE REIGN, F1680537, pointer male, by Dunn's Tried'n True-Dunn's Get Out Sue. Norris Sims, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.

WEST KENTUCKY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Kentucky Quail Classic & Derby Stake

By Mary Sue Schalk & James Kleve | Kevil, Kentucky | December 3, 2024



Kentucky Quail Classic (l-r): James Kleve (judge), Lester's Storm Surge with Korry Rinehart (scout), Mary Sue Schalk (handler), Crouse's Comeback Kid with Alan Benson (breeder), Lester's War Bird with Gary Lester (handler), and Justin Crook (judge).

The 2024 Kentucky Quail Classic All-Age and Derby stakes were held beginning December 3, 2024. The trial began immediately following the Quail Championship Invitational. This year, the National Championship Qualifier had a smaller-than-average draw of 16 dogs, but the Derby stake maintained a solid draw of the same number, 16.

James Kleve of Paris, Kentucky, and Justin Crook of Jasper, Missouri, filled the judicial saddles for both advertised stakes. Although small, the All-Age stake ran in cold, challenging conditions, as did the Derby Stake. The judges, both respected professionals on the walking circuit, gave due diligence to all competitors. Their time in the saddle was more than appreciated by all participants.

The Winners and Others

Taking top honors at the Kentucky Quail Classic was Lester's Storm Surge, handled by Gary Lester. Storm Surge was in the third brace on Tuesday morning, with favorable

weather conditions. His birdwork showed exceptional style and manners. His ground application was reaching but still purposeful every step of the way. His strength was evident by his final move, strongly going away with the same pace he had started his hour with.

Second was Crouse's Comeback Kid, handled by Mary Sue Schalk. Comeback Kid had a consistent hour showing his desire to work for his handler. His strong build carried him well around the fifth course. He seized the right moments to show well and was consistent on the ground. Dug into a briar thicket, he shared a divided find with his



Kentucky Quail Classic (l-r): Justin Crook and James Kleve, judges for the 2024 Kentucky Quail Classic, with Marshall Mary Sue Schalk.

bracemate, Lester's Shockwave.

Third was Lester's War Bird, handled by Gary Lester. This young dog showed his strength on the ground from the start. Requiring a little more guidance from his handler helped separate him from the top two winners. Consistently taking in every edge available he made covering the grounds appear to be easy. At time, he was found far to the front standing with immaculate style on a covey.

Two other dogs of mention were Haney's Hurricane Seeker and Lester's Shockwave. Seeker had two finds at 15 and 22 with good style and an attractive way of moving. His reach slightly shortened the back half of his hour. The old warrior Shockwave laid down a solid performance with two pieces of birdwork. His ground race was reaching, he required a little extra help at moments, thus slipping him off the podium.

Kevil, Ky., December 3

Judges: Justin Crook and James Kleve
KENTUCKY QUAIL CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats]
- 16 Pointers

1st-LESTER'S STORM SURGE, F1681624, pointer male, by Ransom-Beane's Line Dancer. Tommy & Bonnie Hamilton, owners; Gary Lester, handler.

2d-CROUSE'S COMEBACK KID, F1701214, pointer male, by Crouse's Heart of Dixon-Crouse's Skiptomylyu. Mary Sue Schalk & M. D. Crouse, owners; Mary Sue Schalk, handler.

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

The Derby Stake Winners

Sixteen young dogs were drawn for the Kentucky Quail Classic Derby Stake. Only one derby carded a solid find during the eight braces. RW Sweet Crude, owned by Roger Watson and handled by Gary Lester, applied himself to the course in a strong, forward manner. He also carded the lone piece of birdwork

for the Derby stake. An honor well deserved for the team; he was named first in the Kentucky Quail Classic Derby stake. Second place was garnered by a liver and white Pointer male, handled by Ike Todd. The flashy Pointer dug into the front and hunted diligently for his handler. Beeler's Master Design is owned by Gordy Jones and shows strong potential for his future. Taking the third-place spot was a full-speed-ahead English Setter male, owned by Chris Cagle and handled by Ike Todd. Shagtime Bill took the edges of the beginning of the fifth hour with a vengeance. He showed to the front at Mach speed during his half hour, thus garnering him a spot on the table. The Kentucky Quail Classic Derby stake provided a group of well-started, potential all-age contenders.



Kentucky Quail Derby Classic (l-r): James Kleve (judge), RW Sweet Crude with Korry Rinehart (scout), Justin Brooke (judge), Beeler's Prime Design with Angie (breeder) and Ike Todd (handler), and Shagtime Bill with Isaiah Todd (scout).

KENTUCKY QUAIL DERBY CLASSIC
 – 15 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-RW SWEET CRUDE, F1706534, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Roger Watson, owner; Gary Lester, handler.

2d-BEELER'S MASTER DESIGN, F1717898, pointer male, by Haney's Silver Dollar-Bandit's Hill Lady. Gary Jones, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

3d-SHAGTIME BILL, F1716536, setter male, by Shag Time Bobo-Shagtime May. Chris Cagle, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

Note: Many thanks to all those

who continue to support our field trials in Western Kentucky. We certainly could not have our events without those who come year in and year out. I would specifically like to thank the pros who support both the Quail Championship Invitational and Kentucky Quail Classic annually. I also want to thank the members of the West Kentucky Field Trial Club, Alan Benson and Vincent Major, for their dedication to our annual events. A big thank you to Greg Blair and Purina, who have been consistent supporters of Western Kentucky Field Trials. Last but not least, thanks Dad, Mike Crouse, for fueling the fire, ordering the birds, and always being there. Best of luck as the season continues for all!

— Mary Sue Schalk, West Kentucky Field Trial Club President

OZARK & ARKANSAS OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS

Haney's Smooth Touch Wins Ozark; Upfront's Southern Star, Arkansas

By Steve Messick | Conway, Arkansas | December 4, 2024

It's hard to believe that another has passed us. Father Time keeps rolling, and two of the country's top shooting dog championships do the same. The Ozark kicks off the trio of events, and one of the most dominating handlers keeps his winning ways. Shawn Kinkelaar tops the field of 42 with another with champion Hale's Smooth Touch, a brilliant young female owned by a true bird dog family, the Hales. Dad works, but popular daughter Lydia and her beau were in attendance. Her personality and ever-glowing smile tell her story! They are a pleasure to be around. The bright female turned in a stellar performance with a crisp find and forward race. Clipping at her heels was popular Okie (Allen Vincent); pushing the winner was Wynona's Nickleback Sugar, owned by Bruce



Ozark Open Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): Lydia Hale's friend, Everett Brannon (judge), Lydia Hale (owner) with Hale's Smooth Touch, Virgil Moore, Shawn Kinkelaar, Matt Cochran, Allen Vincent with Wynona's Nickleback Sugar, and Jon Davis (judge).

Sooter and Brad Tolson. Sugar is fast and a demon in finding birds. Her performance mirrored the winners with a perfect find and strong race. Sportsmen Jon Davis of Greenbrier,

Arkansas, and Everett Brannon of Powderly, Texas, rode in the saddles to name the winners, their attention was greatly appreciated.

Next was the Arkansas Derby



Arkansas Open Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): John Van Horn, Robert Barker (judge), Roger Martin, Henry Brewster (judge), Virgil Moore with Upfront's Southern Star, Shawn Kinkelaar, Ronnie Miller, and Harold Gearhart with Silver W Jill Z.

Classic, a 45-minute test for the future shooting dog stars. Handler Allen stayed in the winners' circle again with Wynona's Rebel, a handsome Pointer he blew up on birds way past his derby year. Bruce Sooter and Dennis Beaufort own Rebel. Shawn Kinkelaar brought a new derby to the winners' circle, Haney's Juggernaut, carding two finds and a forward race. He's owned by Chris Cagle of Indiana.

Calling the winners were Jon Davis of Greenbrier, Arkansas, and Robert Barker of Inola, Oklahoma.

The Arkansas Championship wraps about 10 days of running. Well, you just can't keep the cream from finding the top! Especially when Shawn Kinkelaar has two of the top cream of females. Upfront's Southern Star, owned by Lance Schulz and family, to its best, she was damn near perfect! She was credited with four finds and a great ground race. It's in the blood, they say, and I agree. Younger littermate Silver W Jill Z claimed the runner-up spot. She's owned by Debbie Ozner of Georgia. Jill turned in a two-find performance, and race nearly duplicated that of the winners. These two will find the Hall of Fame in the future.

Many thanks to my good friend

Roger Martin for all his help putting on the three events. Roger is, plain and simple, one of the best men God created! Camp Robinson is not the ole girl of the past when field trials were important to the game and fish; with that said, a new bird supplier was used this year and has helped.

Two personal notes of great importance have affected our fraternity. My good friend, Mr. John D. Seawright, has left this world to see all his old and new friends above. John, by far, has done more for Camp Robinson than anyone I know. He never tooted his own horn, didn't have to, that wasn't John. He's the one who started, so importantly, the Shooting Dog Invitational. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame because of his widespread knowledge of the game. He served



Arkansas Derby (l-r): Robert Barker (judge), Matt Cochran, Allen Vincent with Wynona's Rebel, Ronnie Miller, Virgil Moore with Haney's Juggernaut, Shawn Kinkelaar, and Jon Davis (judge).

on committees, helping with steady vision and love of the sporting dog. John, I miss you, and all your friends do so as well! Great thanks from all of us.

My final thought is a wrong that needs to be righted! It's been a great injustice that Gordon Hazlewood has not been elected to the Hall of Fame! There's none better as a man or friend than Gordon. He absolutely loved what he did. Old school, you bet; I wish there were more like him today. His training practices were so ahead of his time I witnessed them firsthand; he helped anyone who needed it. He respected his owners, was truthful with them, and never led them down the road of a dead end. The character of his dogs around their game was far ahead of any of the trainers ... his secret was patience, knowledge, timing, and, most importantly, killing birds for them. It's his time; please do your research. Gordon must be there! Til next year, best to all!

Conway, Ark., December 4

**Judges: Jon Davis and Everett Brannon
OZARK OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 42 Entries**

Winner-HALE'S SMOOTH TOUCH, F1693424, pointer female, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Touch's White Radiance. Dr. Jeff Hale, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

Runner-Up-WYNONA'S NICKLEBACK SUGAR, F1690017, setter female, by T's Nickleback-Carpenter's Don't Ya. Bruce Sooter & Brad Tolson, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.

**Judges: Bob Barker and Henry Brewster
ARKANSAS OPEN SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 41 Pointers**

Winner-UPFRONT'S SOUTHERN STAR, F1662579, pointer female, by Ransom-Double Wild. Lance Schulz, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

Runner-Up-SILVER W JILL Z, F1682062, pointer female, by Ransom-Double Wild. Debbie Ozner, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

**Judges: Bob Barker and Jon Davis
ARKANSAS DERBY CLASSIC – 13 Entries**

1st-WYNONA'S REBEL, F1717783, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-White Smoke's Angel. Bruce Sooter & Dennis Beauford, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.

2d-HANEYS JUGGERNAUT, F1716275, pointer male, by Pleasant Run Samuel-Pleasant Run Sally. Chris Cagle, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

BAMA QUAIL CLASSIC

C S Snapdragon Wins Pat Labree Memorial Open Shooting Dog

By William Goodwin | Tuskegee, Alabama | December 5, 2024

Bama Quail Classic celebrated our 25th Anniversary this year. Mr. Gary Fuller has allowed us access to his property to conduct this trial for all these years. His generosity towards the field trial sport is greatly appreciated, as without landowners like Gary and his father before him, there would be no field trials. Thank you to Nestlé Purina PetCare and Greg Blair for their continued support of the Bama Quail Club.

Judges for the Amateur stakes were Tracy Swearingen and Will Dunn. For the Amateur Derby, first place was awarded to Southern Shadows Copper, owned by Lance Servais and handled by Bucky Street; second place was Quail Roost Twopence, owned by Dr. Susan Wells, while third place went to Sir William, owned by Marty Robinson.

The Amateur Shooting Dog entry was a little light this year, with 16 entries. However, there were some quality performances. First place was awarded to Erin's Young Offender owned and handled by Alan Atkins. Ty toured the grounds at extreme distance and produced three crisp pieces of birdwork. One Day La Bandita, owned and handled by Lane Hodges, produced a strong ground race with flawless birdwork to capture second place. Third place was Urgent Business, owned and handled by Bill Goodwin. Bama Quail members are very appreciative of

our judges. They were attentive to each participant and made the trial a good time for everyone.

Judges for the Open stakes were Harold Johnson and Morgan Brewer. First place in the Open Derby was T's Cash-Slinger owned by Cole Bollman and handled by Jamie Daniels. Second place was Erin's Bad Trick, owned and handled by Tony Reynolds. Third place went to Ravenwood Game On, owned by Joseph Cincotta and handled by Matt Basilone.

The Open Shooting Dog had 30 participants for our judges to review. First place was awarded to C S Snapdragon, owned by Tony and Becky Gibson and handled by Steve Hurdle. Snapdragon ran a forward shooting dog face and located birds three times. Second place was Erin's Johnny Walker owned by Theodore Roach and Harrison Lee and handled by Squire Lee. Johnny ran a strong race coupled with solid birdwork. Third place was Minnesota Red Confidence, owned by Rylee Ann Wood and handled by Tommy Rice Jr. Confidence was strong on the ground and had a good find near time. Bama Quail Club owes a large thank you to our judges. They rode in inclement weather yet managed to be consistent in their pace, giving each participant their undivided attention.

We brought back our open stake this year and had a very good entry.

Thank you to the professional handlers and owners and the amateur owners and handlers who participated. You have been supporting Bama Quail for a number of years, and it is appreciated.

Tuskegee, Ala., December 5

Judges: Will Dunn and Tracy Swearingen

AMATEUR DERBY - 6 Pointers

1st-SOUTHERN SHADOWS COPPER, F1716938, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-The White Pearl. Lance Servais, owner; Bucky Street, handler.

2d-QUAIL ROOST TWOPENCE, unreg., pointer female, by Quail Roost Accolade-One Penny More. Dr. Susan Wells, owner and handler.

3d-SIR WILLIAM, F1711448, pointer male, by C S Code Blue-Naughty Pearl. Marty Robinson, owner and handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]

- 15 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-ERIN'S YOUNG OFFENDER, F1692325, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Irresistible Bess. Alan Atkins, owner and handler.

2d-ONE DAY LA BANDITA, F1684577, pointer female, by Heard Hill's Memory Lane-Dubose's Snow White. Lane Hodges, owner and handler.

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

Judges: Morgan Brewer and Harold Johnson

OPEN DERBY - 6 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st-T'S CASH-SLINGER, F1709331, setter male, by T's Quadrunner-Erin's Red Rose. Cole Bollman, owner; Jamie Daniels, handler.

2d-ERIN'S BAD TRICK, F1715225, pointer male, by Erin's Southern Comfort-Erin's Miss Lola. Tony Reynolds, owner and handler.

3d-RAVENWOOD GAME ON, F1709899, setter male, by Shagtime Max-Shagtime Zoe. Joseph A. Cincotta, owner; Matt Basilone, handler.

PAT LABREE MEMORIAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG

[One-Hour Heats] - 29 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-C S SNAPDRAGON, F1693968, pointer female, by Dragonfly-Cold Creek Ms. Kay. Tony & Becky Gibson, owners; Steve Hurdle, handler.

2d-ERIN'S JOHNNY WALKER, F1687099, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Painted Lady. Theodore Squire Lee, handler.

3d-MINNESOTA RED CONFIDENCE, F1702232, pointer male, by True Confidence-Red Sunshine. Rylee Ann Wood, owner; Tommy Rice Jr., handler.

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LEE COUNTY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

14th Annual Trial

By Larron Copeland | Bronwood, Georgia | December 7, 2024



Amateur All-Age (l-r): Larron Copeland with Showtime Game Changer, Colt Copeland with Showtime Mocking Jay, and Woody Watson with Touch's Blue Knight, joined by participants.

The Lee County Field Trial Club hosted its 14th annual field trial. The Amateur All-Age stake started Saturday, December 7, 2024, with beautiful weather.

The winner, Showtime Game Changer, handled by Larron Copeland, came out of the first brace after lunch with an excellent race and three perfect finds, one right at pickup. The second-place dog, Showtime Mocking Jay, handled by Colt Copeland, ran on the second course and tallied two finds. Coming in third place, Touch's Blue Knight, handled by Woody Watson, also ran on the second course with one good find and a stellar race.

The Amateur Derby started immediately following the All-Age, with Southern Shadows Hugo taking the top spot for Brian Peterson, while Erin's Redemption tallied the second-place spot for John Mathys. The third-place spot went to Southern Margarita Lane, a Pointer female, also handled by Brian Peterson. The Derby was also run on a continuous course, with all winners having bird contact.

Tom and Tiffany Bass served as judges and placements were well received. It was a real pleasure to have them.

The Open All-Age began Wednesday morning following weather delays with 36 competing dogs. The first brace produced the first-place dog, Miller's Heat Advisory, handled by Judd Carlton. He had a strong forward race with multiple finds. Everyone knew this would be the dog to beat after he was picked up. The fourth brace produced the second-place dog, Erin's Code of Honor, handled by Luke Eisenhart, having a good race with four well-handled finds. The 17th brace produced the third-place dog, Haney's Storm Warning, a Pointer male, handled by Luke Eisenhart. Storm Warning had three good finds, one being a covey that nobody else had pointed the whole trial.

The Open Derby, run on a continuous course, began immediately following the Open All-Age with 25 dogs. The first-place dog, coming out of the 11th brace, Erin's War Eagle, handled by Luke Eisenhart, had a very strong, forward race and an excellent find at 17. The second-place dog, Haney's Top Shelf, handled by Mark McLean, came out of the fourth brace, having a good race with finds at 19 and 21. The third-place dog, Erin's Bold Ruler, handled by Luke Eisenhart, came out of the sixth brace. Ruler had a good race with a superb find at 28.

The Open All-Age and Open Derby judges were Mike Jackson of Battleground, Indiana, and Harrison Lee of Union Springs, Alabama. They were a pleasure to have, and placements were well received.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Purina for sponsoring the trial. We also owe thanks to Steve and Marilyn Wiley



Open All-Age (l-r): Judd Carlton with Miller's Heat Advisory, Crawford Newman with Erin's Code of Honor, and Jason Durham with Haney's Storm Warning, joined by participants.

for sponsoring breakfast every morning, along with Nutrien Ag, Ivey's Outdoors, Gill Ag, NextGen Americot, and Tri-Co AG for sponsoring lunches.

Bronwood, Ga., December 7
Judges: Tiffany Bass and Tom Bass
AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]

– 8 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-SHOWTIME GAME CHANGER, F1684556, pointer male, by Miller Unfinished Business-Moehill's Carolina Dial In. Larron & Laura Copeland, owners; Larron Copeland, handler.

2d-SHOWTIME MOCKING JAY, F1672204, pointer female, by Just Irresistible-Thin Ice. Larron & Laura Copeland, owners; Colt Copeland, handler.

3d-TOUCH'S BLUE KNIGHT, F1680548, pointer male, by Touch's Knight Rider-Touch's Maswood Anne. Woody Watson, owner and handler.

AMATEUR DERBY – 14 Pointers

1st-SOUTHERN SHADOWS HUGO, F1716934, pointer male, by Lester's Shockwave-Welsh's All In. Lance Servais, owner; Brian Peterson, handler.

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

3d-SOUTHERN MARGARITA LANE, F1716939, pointer female, by Haney's Silver Dollar-Bandit's Hill Lady. Brian Peterson, owner and handler.

Judges: Mike Jackson and Harrison Lee
OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]

– 35 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-MILLER'S HEAT ADVISORY, F1685672, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. John Mathys, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.

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

3d-HANEY'S STORM WARNING, F1691416, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

OPEN DERBY – 23 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-ERINS WAR EAGLE, F1710822, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Pearl. William Bruchey & Claudia McNamee, owners; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

2d-HANEYS TOP SHELF, F1716492, pointer male, by Haney's All In-Haney's Two Dozen Roses. Chris Cagle, owner; Mark McLean, handler.

3d-ERIN'S BOLD RULER, F1706515, pointer male, by Erin's Grey Justice-Erin's Miss Sam Houston. Claudia McNamee & William Bruchey, owners; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

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PENINSULA BIRD HUNTERS CLUB

Fall Trial At Cutawhiskie Farm

By Ashby Morgan | Ahoskie, North Carolina | December 7, 2024



Amateur Puppy (front): Back Creek Roxy with Steve Graham and Kirk's Ray of Joy with Kirk Regensburg. (Standing): Cliff Monroe (judge), Tony Bingham (judge), Barbel Fetkoter, Gary Winall, Ashby Morgan, Ellen Winall, Sharon Townley, and Phil Townley.



Open Derby (front): Sweet Grass Slick with David Huffine, Walnut Tree Allie with Lee Flanders, and Wayside Jade with Steve Moore. (Standing): Cliff Monroe (judge), Tony Bingham (judge), Barbel Fetkoter, Gary Winall, Ashby Morgan, Sharon Townley, Phil Townley, and Julie Moore (reporter).



Amateur Shooting Dog (front): Jameson Crandall with Pinkone Rappatamac Hawk, John Outlaw with Sweet Grass Slim, and Sweet Grass Skeeter with David Huffine. (Standing, l-r): Steve Moore (judge), Tony Bingham (judge), Cliff Monroe, Lee Flanders, Barbel Fetkoter, Gary Winall, Ashby Morgan, Ellen Winall, Sharon Townley, and Phil Townley.

The Peninsula Bird Hunters Club held its field trial at Dr. Aubrey Morgan's Cutawhiskie Farm in Ahoskie, North Carolina, on Saturday, December 7, 2024. The grounds were covered with frost, indicative of the cold morning temperature of 19°F at the start of the bird dog competition. With an anticipated full day of braces for Amateur Puppy, Open Derby, and Amateur Shooting Dogs, an early decision was made to run the course forward and backward to optimize the best use of time for the handlers and judges.

Many familiar competitors presented with great dogs to showcase the sport. The field trial schedule included two Amateur Puppy braces, two Open Derby braces, and 10 Amateur Shooting Dog braces. It was an even Setter/

Pointer field for the Amateur Puppy, three Setters and one Pointer in the Open Derby, and 10 Setters and nine Pointers in the Amateur Shooting Dog competition.

We want to thank the following people for their participation in making this another successful field trial:

- Purina — for their sponsorship and for providing valuable coupons for their quality dog food.
- Grounds — Virginia Amateur Field Trial Association, the late Aubrey Morgan, Barbel Fetkoter, Gary Winall, Ellen Clements, and everyone who helps to keep this place in such great shape for the bird program and field trials.
- Bird Planters — Matthew Flanders and Barbel Fetkoter.
- Dog Wagon Drivers — Steve

Moore and Steve Graham.

- Judges — Mr. Cliff Monroe and Mr. Tony Bingham of North Carolina for their experience in judging and spending hours mounted on their horses in the frigid temperature while taking a good look at all the four-legged contestants.

Thanks to Lee Flanders, Matthew Flanders, Barbel, Sharon Townley, and all who contributed to the wonderful fish fry, soft crabs, hush puppies, and oyster stew lunch.

Amateur Puppy

Handler Steve Graham entered the puppy brace with English Setter female "Roxy" (Karen Graham, owner) and paired against Kirk Regensburg's Pointer male "Kelly" for a quick first work of the course to start the day. The young dogs demonstrated future potential with

a strong launch at the start and taking direction from their handlers as they ran consistently ahead. Roxy would capture the first-place prize for the Amateur Puppy competition for the day.

Open Derby

The first of two braces for the Open Derby began with a definite emphasis on leading the start of the forward course with a desire to find birds. Steve Moore's English Setter female "Jade" was the first to find a small covey of birds in the back right corner of the course. The covey launched when the handler approached the dog on point. Lee Flanders' Pointer female "Kate" proceeded to show a find and strong point later in the course.

The second brace displayed a first run of the reverse course with David Huffine's English Setter male "Slick" demonstrating a strong launch at the beginning of the course with a quick find at now the start of the run. Slick held strong with a confident point and steady to flush and shot. This find was followed by a second point later in the course, leading to a first-place prize for the Open Derby contestant. The derby dogs were fun to watch, with anticipation of more to come from these dogs as they transition to amateur shooting dogs in the future.

Amateur Shooting Dog

The first of the Amateur Shooting Dog braces began with another one of David Huffine's Sweet Grass competitors, English Setter male "Skipper," against Verlene Stephenson's Pointer male "Heart."

The second Amateur Shooting Dog brace would later prove to be the one to have witnessed with Jameson Crandall's English Setter male "Hawk" against

Sharon Townley's English Setter's female "Ness." Hawk demonstrated

big forward movement with two solid finds along the course. Hawk finished well with a big forward move toward the pond to end the brace with confidence.

The third brace included familiar owner/handler Ashby Morgan with his English Setter female "Charmer." His competitor was Pointer male "Bo," handled by Tyler Wolf (Dennis Kivikko, owner). Certainly, the need for horseback scouts was apparent on the course, with wide-running dogs and a lot of land to cover. Fortunately, there were many scouts available to track the dogs and allow the handlers to reel them back in and proceed to follow the course.

Up next was another Huffine's English Setter male, "Skeeter," and Crandall's second competitor, Pointer male, "Jake." The search for birds continued to be challenging for the dogs as the field of competitors and spectators continued to bear the cold temperatures and wind chill. Skeeter proved to demonstrate a strong performance on the course with a productive find and confident lead to the end.

Three more braces proceeded to complete ahead of the break for lunch.

Stephenson's second competitor, Pointer male "Ace," faced the course against Hasty's Pointer female "Dolly." This brace was followed by Morgan's Pointer male Big Stuff and Huffine's Setter female "Scout." Bird finds continued to be evident with quick work proving to complete the course with time to spare in some instances. The seventh brace included both Regensburg and Townley's second competitors for the day — Pointer female Bess versus English Setter male Blake, respectively. Another small covey find was part of this run with Blake's point to highlight a flush of several birds.

The lunch break allowed for great food, conversation, and warmth among the competitors and observers of the event.

The eighth brace was Huffine's final competitor for the day — English Setter male "Slim" against Flanders' English Setter male "Jack." Slim performed well for his handler/owner, completing the course as a strong second-place finisher for the day's Amateur Shooting Dog competition. Slim pushed forward with strength and drive from start to finish.

Brace nine included two mature competitors in Steve Graham's English Setter female "Lucy" against Pointer male "Louie" handled by Wolf (Dennis Kivikko, owner).

The final brace was a solo run with Flanders' final competitor, Pointer female "Molly."

Cutawhiskie Farm always provides an environment that fosters competition with a healthy presentation of the ongoing natural preservation of birds for the love of this sport. Despite the cold temperatures, we all endured and enjoyed a fun day full of competitive ambiance and camaraderie.

Ahoskie, N. C., December 7 – One Course

Judges: Tony Bingham and Cliff Monroe

AMATEUR PUPPY – 2 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-BACK CREEK ROXY, F1712014, setter female, by Grouse Hill Bullet Proof-Shady Hills Panda Bear. Karen Graham, owner; Steve Graham, handler.

2d-KIRK'S RAY OF JOY, F1714961, pointer male, by Rocky River Loaded-Sadie Ridge Sally. Kirk Regensburg, owner and handler.

OPEN DERBY – 2 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st-SWEET GRASS SLICK, F1706149, setter male, by Shagtime Max-Shagtime Zee. David Huffine, owner and handler.

2d-WALNUT TREE ALLIE [Placement Voided].

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 9 Pointers and 10 Setters

1st-PINEKONE RAPPATOMAC HAWK, F1699732, setter male, by Erin's Big Casino-Mohawk Mill Charmer. Jameson Crandall, owner and handler.

2d-SWEET GRASS SLIM, F1685332, setter male, by Sterlingworth Jack-Sandland Miracle Maggie. David Huffine, owner and handler.

3d-SWEET GRASS SKEETER, F1693872, setter male, by Sweet Grass Slim-Seranao's Glimpse of Glory. David Huffine, owner and handler.

NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Great River Yellowstone Named Champion; Calico's Country Strong, Runner-up

By Piper Huffman | Leslie, Georgia | December 13, 2024

Great River Yellowstone was deemed champion of the top 12 shooting dogs in the country, handled and owned by Brian Sanchez and Great River Kennels. Runner-up champion was earned by Calico's Country Strong owned and handled by Alex Smith.

The National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Championship was held at the beautiful Round Pond Plantation in Leslie, Georgia, on December 13. The AFTCA thanks Neil Walker and his mom, Pam Walker, for allowing us to host this prestigious Championship. Congratulations to Neil's Dad and Pam's husband for being inducted into the Field Trial Hall of Fame this year. A ceremony will be held at the Bird Dog Museum on February 8 in Grand Junction, Tennessee.

The AFTCA thanks Tracy Swearingen for all his hard work before and during the Championship. Many different hats pitched in to help marshal throughout the two and a half days of competition. Tracy Swearingen, Brian Sanchez, Luke Eisenhart and Alex Smith all helped out and their help is much appreciated by the AFTCA. Clayton Cook handled all aspects of the dog wagon. As always, Deb Hofer and Christy Swearingen do an amazing job preparing ALL the meals throughout the Championship. It takes a lot of time, early morning and late evening, to handle all aspects of this, and their time and friendship is greatly appreciated.

John Mathys and Scott Jordan rode the judicial saddles, and their time and effort were greatly appreciated.



National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Championship: Great River Yellowstone with Tracy Swearingen, Brian Sanchez, and Stevens Walker.

The outcome of this Championship reflects all three days of competition.

Greg Blair with Purina attended the first two days of competition. The AFTCA cannot thank Purina enough for all their support and sponsorship. They provided a bag of dog food to all handlers per dog in competition and awarded dog food to the winners. Garmin collars were provided to winners as well. The AFTCA appreciates their support and sponsorship.

Great River Yellowstone, handled and owned by Brian Sanchez, stood out among the top 12 contenders with a strong ground performance all three days. He showed plenty of

style and class, complemented by a total of six finds showing handsome, high style, and impeccable manners. He suffered two unproductives the last day.

Calico's Country Strong, handled and owned by Alex Smith, put down a nice performance handling well all three days with six nicely executed pieces of bird displaying excellent manners.

Leslie, Ga., December 13

Judges: Scott Jordan and John Mathys
NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
– 12 Pointers

Winner-GREAT RIVER YELLOWSTONE, F1688796, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Brian Sanchez, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-CALICO'S COUNTRY STRONG, F1679850, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Calico's Touch of Class. Alex Smith, owner and handler.

REGION 16 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Game Star Named Champion; Touch's Lone Dominator, Runner-up

By Bill Mason | Greensboro, Alabama | December 13, 2024

The Region 16 Amateur All-Age Championship was a hotly contested field trial every entry having some form of birdwork, some good, some not-so-good. Judges Mark Haynes and Keith St. John chose Game Star, a Pointer female owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder, as champion and Touch's Lone Dominator, a Pointer female owned and handled by Kent Cantrell, as runner-up. These two females each had three finds with front-running all-age races. Other dogs with multiple birdwork: Rester's Cajun Justice with five finds, CKC Gun Runner with four, Panther Creek Rosie with four, Touch's Blue Knight with two, Dragonfly with five, and lost on his sixth find at

pickup. Redeemed, braced with the champion, had two finds and two backs. There were other dogs with multiple game contacts, but I apologize I can't remember them all.

We want to thank Keith St. John and Mark Haynes for the way they handled the trial they gave every entry their full attention, keeping an even pace, I know of no dog they ordered up making for a fun event. I also want to thank John Henry Kitchens for being at all the right places with the dog wagon and Schley Rutherford and Jennifer Mckemie for marshaling. A big thank you goes out to the State Lands crew, who groomed the courses how we like them.

This is the first trial I have been involved with the administrative part. I have always marshaled and released birds and judged but never had to get judges and do the paperwork. If you have never done this, you have no right to complain; it is a pain, and I have been field trialing for 50 years. My hat's off to all the reporters, secretaries, and club officials who make sure things are done.

Greensboro, Ala., December 13
Judges: Mark Haynes and Keith St. John
REGION 16 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 23 Pointers and 1 Setter
Winner-GAME STAR, F1704929, pointer female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Belle. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-TOUCH'S LONE DOMINATOR, F1692275, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-Pearl Again. Kent Cantrell, owner and handler.

COCK-N-FIRE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Hale's Smooth Touch Wins 2024 Running of the Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Classic

By Roger McPherson | Hoffman, North Carolina | December 27, 2024

Late December in North Carolina would not be complete without unexpected weather and the Swamp Fox Classic. At the first brace breakaway in the morning, temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 60s, with misty conditions, light rain, fog, and heavy rainfall. Although unusual weather was expected for the week, the top shooting dogs, handlers, and owners east of the Mississippi gathered at the renowned Robert J. Gordon Field Trial Area, Hoffman, North Carolina. Despite the bad weather, the excitement of seeing talented dogs hunting on far hilltops, excellent food, and the friendliness of participants always make the Swamp Fox Classic the place to be in late December. The Swamp Fox

Classic is skillfully managed by the Cock 'N' Fire Field Trial Club under the guidance of Allen "Coach" Johnson.

This year, 74 entries in the Shooting Dog competed for Swamp Fox honors. The Robert J. Gordon Field Trial Area is under the management of the N C Wildlife Department; their work maintaining the grounds is gratefully appreciated by all. The grounds were in top shape with abundant cover and plentiful numbers of Bobwhite quail. The bird management program conducted by the North Carolina Field Trial Association has resulted in abundant Bobwhite quail on the six one-hour courses. During the running, over 55 coveys were contacted by the

Swamp Fox contenders [Thank you, John Ivester and Robert "Lefty" Henry, for your hard work].

The responsibility of handling the organization of the Classic, soliciting sponsors, as well as making sure everyone is welcome, and all went effortlessly was again in the capable hands of Coach Allen Johnson. Assisting him were Jerry Raynor, Steve Browder in the saddle for every brace (handling marshaling duties), Cliff Brown, Mr. Legree and Raymond Brown (preparing meals), and Greg Robinson (driving the dog wagon, providing coffee, drinks, and snacks during breaks with humorous dialogue). Thank you all for a job well done.

A major sponsor of the Swamp Fox

Classic is AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA; without their support, we would not be able to continue to host an event of this stature. A second sponsor we recognize as vital to our sport is the aid of Greg Blair and Nestlé Purina, providing dog food for the winners and additional fiscal aid. The help of all sponsors is greatly appreciated.

This year's judges are familiar with the Robert J. Gordon Field Trial Grounds. Both judges are veterans of the judicial saddle, having handled the judging duties at numerous trials over the years. Mike Jackson, from Battleground, Indiana, and William Smith, from Moscow, Tennessee, are frequently sought after to judge major shooting dog and all-age bird dog trials. Both gave their complete, undivided attention to each dog that came to the line and was ready to lend a hand to all participants. Their decisions were well received by handlers and the gallery.

On days when the weather was good, it was enjoyable to see 25 onlookers riding in the gallery. There were many owners, wives, and children. To name a few, Dr. Debbie Ozner, George Hickox, Dr. Tom Jackson, Tiffany Le, Gavin Le, Kellan Le, Melissa Basilone, Miranda Basilone, Ed McTay, Megan McTay, Emma McTay, Parker McTay, and Kacey Tracy with her three youngsters.

Swamp Fox Shooting Dog Winners

Our winner, Hale's Smooth Touch, came to the line on Course 4, breaking away at 1:35, with a bright sunny sky and 63 degrees. Illinois professional Shawn Kinkelaar handled the white and liver female for his owner, Dr. Jeffrey Hale, from Russellville, Arkansas. Smooth Touch hit pay dirt two minutes into her hour with a find of a covey as Course 4 makes a right turn. She was high and tight with a well-located covey of quail. Shawn sent his charge on, she was pleasing to watch as she roamed



Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Classic (front row, l-r): Dr. Debbie Ozner with Hale's Smooth Touch, Ed McTay with Mohawk Mill King Pen, and Melissa Basilone with Chelsea's Mae West. (Second row): Shawn Kinkelaar, Allen "Coach" Johnson, Emma McTay, Parker McTay, and Miranda Basilone. (Third row): Earl Drew, Greg Robinson, William Smith (judge), Mike Jackson (judge), Megan McTay, and Matt Basilone. (In the back): Roger McPherson and Tom Brigman.

the Hoffman cover, always forward with a purpose (finding Bobwhite). Smooth Touch was found pointing seven minutes later. This, her second find, was a well-pinned covey. Shawn dismounted, quickly putting a covey to flight. Smooth Touch remained high and tight throughout. This stylish Pointer female continued her hour as she began always forward, constantly seeking her quarry, handled skillfully by Shawn. On this day, both handler and dog were in harmony. Smooth Touch's effort was rewarded with multiple finds (credited with five finds) and a strong ground race worthy of being named the top Swamp Fox dog.

Mohawk Mill King Pen, a white and liver Pointer male, took second in the Swamp Fox. King, recently purchased by Ed McTay, ran in the 23rd brace, handled capably by New Jersey professional Matt Basilone. King's owner Ed, his wife Megan, and daughter Emma were in attendance, riding to watch their dog in action. King broke away at 3:24 with a one-track mind, finding ol' Bob. At 3:44, Matt called point with King standing high and tight, indicating his quest was nearby. His handler quickly put a covey to the air as King maintained style and composure. His handler sent King on seeking quail as the

dog hunted unwaveringly through productive cover on Course 5. King's effort was rewarded at 3:50 with a second find of a covey. After the second find, King was not through, pinning a third covey at 3:59. Matt once again sent his dog on as we crossed the road, and 15 minutes into King's cast, he was found again standing high and tight, near the water hole. Matt quickly, after dismounting, put a covey of quail to flight. After his fourth find, Matt sent King on, finishing the hour as strong as he began. Ed, his wife Megan, and daughter Emma were pleased with his performance.

The third-place dog came to the line in the 11th brace on Saturday afternoon (December 28), handled adeptly by Illinois professional Shawn Kinkelaar. Chelsea's Mae West, a white and orange female Pointer, is owned by Ron P. Hudson II and Brad Sadler of Port Royal, South Carolina. Chelsea's Mae West broke away on Course 4 with a single mission of locating Bobwhite (the temperature at breakaway 61 degrees). At 35 minutes into her quest for game, Shawn called point. He dismounted quickly, putting a covey to flight, his charge maintaining her composure. Shawn quickly sent her on in search of quail. Mae continued to maintain

the front, hunting for productive cover with the urging of Shawn. Her efforts paid off as Mae made a cast; 44 minutes into her hour, to the front, a call of point could be heard. Again, Mae had a covey of Bobwhite pinned; handler quickly put them to flight. Releasing his dog, Shawn urged his dog to continue her effort to hunt the reachable cover where quail might be located. Mae finished as she began, attacking available cover, a forward ground effort rewarded with multiple finds.

Closest to the Winners

Handler Mike Tracy of Glenville, Pennsylvania, handled two dogs that impressed our judges. In the 16th brace, Miller's Extreme Heat, a Pointer female owned by Joe McHugh. Breaking away on Course 2, headed for the Army camp, 64 degrees, windy with rain, and stormy conditions in the forecast, Doll set out to find the quarry of the day (Bobwhite quail). Moments after breakaway, we were riding in heavy rain—windy conditions often blowing the heavy rain sideways. These conditions did not discourage Doll. Twelve minutes into her hour, she was found pointed just past the Army camp. A well-located covey, with Mike putting a large covey to flight. In these extreme conditions, Doll went on to pinpoint two additional coveys during her hour, finishing strong to the front at time. At lunch, the forecast of afternoon storms led our judges and club officials to cancel the afternoon running.

In the 31st brace, Mike Tracy guided English Setter female Pine Straw Hot Chocolate to a total of six finds. Hot Chocolate is owned by Mike Reeves. This brace began at 8:07 on Hoffman Course 1. At 23 minutes into her brace, Mike shouted point, Hot Chocolate standing with good style near the first sand road crossing. Mike got off his horse and soon put to flight

a covey of quail. Into the mile-long field, Mike guided his charge; soon, at 37, he again hailed point, getting down to flush and putting a sizable covey to air. Again, at 50 minutes into her hour, Hot Chocolate was pointing, indicating her quarry was near. Mike quickly dismounted, flushing another covey. Sending his charge on, she continued darting through the Hoffman cover in search of her target, striking a pose near time, Mike quickly putting a covey to flight.

Day 2, Brace 7. Breakaway at 8:04, temperature 47 degrees, cloudy, overcast. Steel Valley Raven (Mike Tracy) and Smoke'N'Mirrors (Matt Basilone) were released on Course 1. At 10, Raven suffered an unproductive. Raven, 26 minutes into her hour, was spied pointed in mile long field. Mike dismounted and flushed a covey, all in order. At 9:00, near the end of the brace, Smoke was found pointed just south of Nursery Road. Matt quickly dismounted, putting a covey to flight, all in order. I tried my best to negotiate a raise for Matt's helper, daughter Melissa. This was the first time seeing her since she was a baby. Melissa riding in the gallery, already a teen!

Brace 17 — Breakaway at 8:02, temperature 45 degrees, and sunny sky. Bittersweet War Cry (Mike Tracy) and Thunderbolt's Wild Agin (Shawn Kinkelaar) were paired on Course 1. At 14, both dogs were found pointed, Mike and Shawn both shooting as the covey was put to air. Sending their dogs on, both were pointed out, traveling on the far hill in the mile-long field. At 48, Mike was heard calling point with Shawn's dog coming in for a back. Mike flushed easily, putting a large covey to flight. War Cry ended the hour with a strong forward cast.

Brace 20 — Breakaway at 11:19, temperature 55 degrees, and sunny sky. This brace paired Miller's Lock

and Loaded (George Tracy) and Red Lane Alert (Basilone). At 19 minutes into the hour, Lock and Loaded was found pointing in a plum thicket. He was high and tight, displaying grand style; George dismounted quickly, putting a covey to flight. Twelve minutes after George released his dog, point was called for Lock and Loaded. This time, George flushed but did not put the covey to air. Asking his dog to relocate, Lock and Loaded did not take long before he pinned his target, a large covey of quail was put to flight. George released Lock and Loaded, charging to the front still in quest for quail for the balance of his hour.

Brace 33 — Breakaway at 10:04, temperature 50 degrees, and sunny sky. Mohawk Mill Jacked Up (Basilone) and Suemac's Wicked Sister (George Tracy). Matt elected to pick up Jack at 25. At 27, George indicated that Sis was pointed. Canter to the pointed dog, George soon dismounted, flushing a large covey of quail, all in order. Releasing Sis, she rounded the turn in front of the camp at 47. Sis was pointed out by Peyton, standing tall and tight on the edge of a plum thicket. George dismounted and flushed another covey of quail. Sis let loose, she powered to the front and 14 minutes later was again found standing outside a blue stem cover, George flushing, put to air a covey, all in order. Nearing pick up, there was some confusion about time expiring.

Hoffman, N. C., December 27

Judges: Mike Jackson and William Smith
SWAMP FOX OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC
[One-Hour Heats] – 62 Pointers and 12 Setters
1st-HALE'S SMOOTH TOUCH, F1693424, pointer female, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Touch's White Radiance. Dr. Jeffrey A. Hale, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.
2d-MOHAWK MILL KING PEN, F1703198, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Big Stuff-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary Winall, owner; Matt Basilone, handler.
3d-CHELSEA'S MAE WEST, F1686810, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Chelsea's Southern Chic. Ron P. Hudson II & Brad Sadler, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

AMES AMATEUR JOE G. WALKER MEMORIAL FIELD TRIAL CLUB

48th Running of the Ames Amateur Field Trial Club

By Kent Walker | Grand Junction, Tennessee | December 30, 2024



Amateur All-Age winner, Game Heir with Fred and Rita Corder, joined by participants.

This year marked the 48th running of the Ames Amateur Field Trial Club. The club's origin dates back to 1977. In recent years, the name of the club was amended to recognize one of the founding members of the club, Joe Walker, who passed away in June of 2022. In his memory, the club became recognized as the Ames Amateur Joe G. Walker Memorial Field Trial Club. From its early days, the thought was to provide amateur field trialers the opportunity to run their dogs on the same grounds as the National Champion. Today, the Ames Amateur Joe G. Walker Memorial continues to be one of the premier amateur all-age events in the country.

This year, the trial began on December 30 and concluded on January 3, 2025. Forty-four all-age dogs and 24 derbies were entered for this renewal. Weather conditions throughout the trial were most favorable. Even though heavy rains from the previous week made for a bit of a sloppy track early on, temperatures ranged from the mid-30s in the morning to near 50 degrees on most days, with mostly overcast skies making it ideal bird-finding conditions.

And bird finding is just what we did. Make no mistake, there are quail

at the Ames Plantation. Throughout the trial, 71 covey contacts were made. Fifty-two were seen by the dogs, and 19 others were seen, with only 10 repeat locations. In the all-age stake, there were 32 contacts on the morning courses and 22 on the afternoon courses in the three-and-a-half-day event.

In the Derby, 17 contacts were made. All derby braces were run on the morning courses. Routine and scheduled feeding practices, along with some additional mowing and making birds accessible to the dogs, have been a real difference maker. Coveys were large, and all flew extremely well. Hats off to Matt Backus and the entire Ames Plantation crew for their hard work and commitment. Joe, well done.

Top honors in the all-age stake went to Game Heir for Dr. Fred Corder of Corinth, Mississippi. Heir recorded two stylish and mannerly finds, with one of them a quick and precise relocation on a running covey. His race was strong and always to the front. Taking second place was David Williams's consistent winner, Rebel Gold. Gold also had two outstanding finds to go with a well-patterned ground race. Third-place laurels went to Lam's Prime Choice for Jon Lam. As with the other winners, Choice was shown on quail twice in his hour. His style and manners on game, coupled with a consistent forward and searching race, earned him a spot in the winners' circle.

Judging this year's all-age event were Joe and Tessa Hughes of Moulton, Alabama. This husband-and-wife team successfully campaigned their own dogs on the amateur circuit throughout the



Amateur Derby: Arkansas' Headliner with Mike Lemons and Como Moonrider with David Russell, joined by participants.

Midsouth. Most recently, one of their dogs, J Maple Jester, won the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship on the same grounds. Both Joe and Tessa gave their full attention to each contestant in this very large and highly competitive all-age event. My thanks to them for their time and commitment.

In the companion Derby, Arkansas' Headliner, owned and handled by Mike Lemons of Conway, Arkansas, took first place honors. Headline recorded two stylish finds coupled with a big front-running race in his 30 minutes. Second place went to David Russell's handsome youngster, Como Moonrider. Moonrider had one outstanding find, a back of his bracemate, and an unproductive stand at pickup to go with a strong front-running race. Third place was awarded to Phillips River Line for handler Mike Small. River Line is owned by Orrin Ingram and Nathan Phillips of Indiana. River Line was placed on an impressive well-handled ground race showing all-age potential. Your scribe and Burl Hicks of Smithville, Mississippi, evaluated the derby contenders.

As with any trial, it takes a team to put it on. This club has an outstanding supporting cast. Ken Blackman drove the dog wagon, provided snacks during breaks, and

collected entries—a yeoman’s task well done. Sherry Walker jumped in and handled the daily lunches, providing delicious meals for everyone throughout the week. As always, my partner from the Ames Plantation, Chris Weatherly, was there to tirelessly marshal every brace of every stake. His newly designed derby courses were laid out very well and timed to perfection.

Lastly, and certainly not least, my sincere thanks to Sportsman’s Pride Dog Food, which provided food for the winners. Their ongoing commitment to this trial and others throughout the Midsouth Field Trial

Association and Region 6 is much appreciated. For this trial, Nutrena Horse Feed added additional sponsorship by donating horse feed to the winners. My thanks to these guys for their support.

The dedication and support of these people, along with all the participants and the continued support of the Ames Plantation, make for a smooth running and a successful and quality trial. And that’s what it’s all about.

Grand Junction, Tenn., December 30

Judges: Joe Hughes and Tessa Hughes

AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] – 39 Pointers and 5 Setters

1st-GAME HEIR, F1691409, pointer male, by Dominator’s Rebel Heir-Game Snow. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

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

3d-LAM’S PRIME CHOICE, F1696981, pointer male, by Game Wardon-Wiggins White Angel. Jon Lam, owner and handler.

Judges: Burl Hicks and Kent Walker

AMATEUR DERBY – 22 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st-ARKANSAS’ HEADLINER, F1704230, pointer male, by Arkansas Warrior-White River Jade. Mike Lemons, owner and handler.

2d-COMO MOONRIDER, unreg., pointer male, by Como Thunder-Como Sis. David Russell, owner and handler.

3d-PHILLIPS RIVER LINE, F1718339, pointer male, by Small’s White Charger-Phillips Annie White. Orrin Ingram & Nathan Phillips, owners; Mike Small, handler.

GEORGIA DERBY & ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Erin’s War Eagle Named Derby Champion; Touch’s Midnight Rider, Quail Champion

By Nell Mobley assisted by Mike Jackson | Waynesboro, Georgia | January 1, 2025



Georgia Derby Championship (front, l-r): Erin’s War Eagle with Judd Carlton and Knight’s Hill Lynn with Mark McLean, joined by Mike Jackson, Nell Mobley, Claudia McNamee, Mary Kimbrell, Harold Johnson, Ike Todd, Jeff Crouch, Chris Cagle, and other trainers and guests.

Drawings for the Georgia Derby and All-Age Championships got underway at 7 p.m. on December 30, 2024, at the home of Nell Mobley. Sitting at the drawing table were Gary Futch, Craig Elliott, and Chuck Miller. Entries were down again as they were in 2024. A total of 31 derbies were drawn, with 25 in the

companion All-Age Championship.

The grounds were hard hit on September 27 with Hurricane Helene. A tremendous number of trees were down on the three courses at the historic Di-Lane Wildlife Management Area. Ryan Meckel, Wildlife Technician at Di-Lane, along with his staff, had put in many hours removing the downed

trees on the courses’ paths.

Competition began on schedule in freezing temperatures and continued through the five days of running.

It is with a sad heart that I report a serious rider accident on day two. Becky Futch, wife of President Gary Futch, was riding on a newly acquired mare and took a fall on her back. She was rushed by ambulance to Wellstar Hospital (formally Medical College of Georgia) in Augusta, Georgia. Becky suffered internal bleeding along with her pelvis being broken in two places. The bleeding was stopped, but surgery was required to place pins in the pelvis. She was at Wellstar Augusta for 12 days, then transferred to Encompass Health in Savannah for therapy. Gary states that she is making good progress but will have an extensive recovery. Please remember her in your prayers. Incidentally, Gary was not able to be at the trials.

Georgia Derby Championship

Riding in the saddles to name a Derby champion and runner-up were Harold Johnson, Shorter, Alabama, and Tim Moore, Blakely, Georgia. Both sportsmen rode and watched each dog attentively. When winners were announced from all indications, their decisions were well accepted.

Erin's War Eagle, handled by Luke Eisenhart for owners Bill Bruchey and Claudia McNamee, was named champion. Eagle ran in the 14th hour on Course 2. He was credited with good, clean finds at 11, 13, 20, and 48. No birds were lifted at point at 18. He covered the course in an excellent manner for a young derby. The race concluded with a good, forward finish.

Ike Todd took runner-up honors with Knight's Hill Lynn owned by Scott Griffin. Lynn was loosed on Course 1, the first brace following lunch on Friday afternoon. Lynn started a little slow, but this did not continue. The first find was noted at 20, followed by clean finds at 36 and 41. The course was well covered with good swings. She finished to the front.

The Others

Brace 1: Nickajack Pale Rider (McLean) and Erin's Legacy (Carlton). Pale Rider had two good finds, honored bracemate on a point with a good relocation. Legacy took to the course with a good race. He was credited with three clean finds with one requiring a relocation. His race was good for a young derby.

Brace 2: Erin's Redemption (Mathy's) and Snaptime Bill (Todd). Redemption was credited with three spaced, clean finds and a back of bracemate. Bill took to the course running in fashion with two finds.

Brace 3: Batman (Todd) and Erin's Bold Ruler (Eisenhart). Both were picked up early in the hour.

Brace 4: Sunset Sam Houston (Todd) and Erin's Three Amigos (Carlton). Houston had finds at 20 and 38. Amigos backed Houston at 20 and had a find at 37. Both contestants were picked up at 40 and 38. Performances were not pleasing handlers.

Brace 5: Shadow Oak New Addition (Eisenhart) and Seranoa's Ramblin' Man (McLean). Addition had no show of birds at 9 with a request of tracker at 29. Man had hunting on his mind with finds at 29, 31, 50, and 58 all with good style. The race was forward, and Man was out front when time was called.

Brace 6: Beeler's Masterpiece (Todd) and Rester's Cash'n In (Eisenhart). Masterpiece had a favorable find at 8 but was harnessed at 26 when he moved on birds. Cash'n In honored bracemate with back at 8 and 26 and followed suit as bracemate and picked up at 26.

Brace 7: Mayfield Storm Front (Siebels) and 2 Edges Bow (Todd). Front had finds at 14 and 25 followed with a back of bracemate at 10. At 10 followed with a finds at 14 and 21. Bad luck at 30 and picked up. Bow was credited with clean finds at 10 and 21. No birds were seen, with a point at 14. A point at 30 required pick up.

Brace 8: Notorious Sweet Ginger (Mathys) and DS Bocephus (Todd). Ginger did a very good job as a young derby. She had clean finds at 11 and 24. No birds were lifted at 36. Ginger had a nice forward race to the front for the hour. Bocephus had one find but needed a better race.

Brace 9: Lady Elhew Godiva (Sheperd) and Erin's Copper Colt (Carlton). Godiva was harnessed at 15. Colt had birds in flight at 5 and 15; a Retrieval device was requested at 26, not pleasing handler.

Brace 10: Knight's Hill Lynn

(Todd) and Notorious Propane Jane (Mathys). Lynn was reported earlier as runner-up. Jane finished the hour and had one find at 41.

Brace 11: Mayfield Storm Messenger (Siebels) and DI John's Buck (Todd). Messenger honored Buck at 4. He continued on the course with a find at 13. Buck shared a find with Messenger at 13. No birds were seen at 4 and 50.

Brace 12: Black Rocks Iceman (McLean) and Rester's Knight Move (Carlton). Iceman had an unproductive at 16. Iceman and Move were not pleasing handlers and harnessed at 35.

Brace 13: Dominator's High Maintenance (Hutwagner) was not pleasing handler at 24 with a request of retriever. Haney's Double Down (Todd) had two finds and ran a strong forward race.

Brace 14: Haney's True North (Cagle) and Erin's War Eagle (Eisenhart). North pointed at 13, all in order, followed by a fruitless attempt at 18. Covering the course, birds were seen at 26 and 33. Bad luck at 34 resulted in a request for a retrievable device. Eagle is reported earlier as champion.

Brace 15: T's Cash-Slinger (Bollman) and Haney's Top Shelf (McLean). Slinger finished the hour but had no birdwork. Shelf had a find at 31 but was not pleasing the handler and picked up at 40.

Brace 16: DS Raising Cane (Todd) was harnessed following at find at 15. He ran as a bye in the last brace of the stake.

Waynesboro, Ga., January 1
Judges: Harold Johnson and Tim Moore
GEORGIA DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 27 Pointers and 4 Setters
Winner-ERINS WAR EAGLE, F1710822, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Pearl. Claudia McNamee & William Bruchey, owners; Luke Eisenhart, handler.
Runner-Up-KNIGHT'S HILL LYNN, unreg., pointer female, breeding not given. Scott Griffin, owner; Ike Todd, handler.



Georgia Open Quail Championship (front): Touch's Midnight Rider with Jerry Raynor, Mark McLean (handler), and Woodville's Long Hard Ride with Carl Owens. (Behind): Jack Schwarz, Mary Kimbrell, Nell Mobley, John Ray Kimbrell, Larry Cox (judge), Tricia Rentz (judge), and Mike Jackson.

Georgia All-Age Championship

Immediately following the announcement of the winners of the Derby Championship, the All-Age stake got underway. Tricia Rentz of Montrose, Georgia, and Larry Cox of Randleman, North Carolina, began their times in the saddles to name the top two dogs from an entry of 25.

Tricia and Larry have ridden for many years, watching their dogs compete in amateur and open trials. They knew what they were looking for and named a champion and runner-up. Their decisions were well received.

Touch's Midnight Rider was named champion for owner John D. Milton and handled by Mark McLean. Rider ran in the sixth brace with hunting on his mind. Well-spaced finds were the order of the day at 5, 16, 26, 46, and 57. The find at 26 was on a wild covey, with Rider standing tall when the gun was fired. He honored bracemate with his point at 8. When time was called, Rider was to the front with an excellent forward race.

Runner-up was a 3-year-old Setter male handled by Mark McLean. Owner Carl Owens was riding in the gallery to watch the performance of Woodville's Long Hard Ride. Running

in Brace 5, he could always be seen out front. Good clean finds were noted at 12 and 15, with backs at 38 and 50. The hour concluded with Hard Ride out front.

The Others

Brace 1: Sandy Hill Ike (Raynor) and Haney's Storm Warning (Cagle). Ike was not pleasing handler at 21 and picked up. Warning looked great on his find at 16. The hour finished with a good overall race.

Brace 2: Miller's Heat Advisory (Carlton) and Haney's All In (McLean). Advisory had a commendable find at 46 with a nice forward race. All In had a find at 15. He was taken up following a second no show of birds.

Brace 3: Rampage (Eisenhart) and Bandit's Hill Avenger (McLean). No birds were seen on point at 23. For Rampage, a tracker was requested at 51. Avenger has a nice find at 41 and completed the hour.

Brace 4: Haney's Silver Dollar (Cagle) and Erin's Perfect Storm (Eisenhart). Trackers were requested at 35 and 32, respectively.

Brace 5: Woodville's Long Hard Ride (McLean) and Erin's Happy Hour (Carlton). Hard Ride's performance is reported earlier as runner-up. Happy

Hour had commendable finds at 29, 38, 50, and 57, backing bracemate at 12 and 15. The hour was finished with a strong forward race.

Brace 6: Touch's Midnight Rider (McLean) and Comanche (Eisenhart). Rider is reported earlier as champion. Comanche pointed at 8 but went birdless. Not pleasing handler with request of tracker at 36.

Brace 7: Touch's Shadow Rider (McLean) and Dominator's Wild Bill (Carlton). Rider honored bracemate with a back at 11, but no birds were seen for Wild Bill. Retrieval devices were requested at 36 and 38.

Brace 8: Erin's Wild Atlantic Way (Eisenhart) and Haney's Easy Money (McLean). Way had a find at 22, with no birds seen at 14. His hour was short and up at 16. McLean requested a tracker at 36 for Money.

Brace 9: Erin's High Note (Carlton) and Touch's Breakaway Fred (McLean). High Note had a find at 4 with birds in flight. No birds were seen at 16. Note had a nice forward race, finishing the hour. The tracker was requested at 48 for Fred.

Brace 10: Woodville's Yukon Cornelius (McLean) and Erin's Code of Honor (Eisenhart). Cornelius backed Honor at 10. No birds were lifted at 26 and 36, resulting in a request for the tracker. Honor had good finds at 10 and 31 and finished the hour.

Brace 11: Touch's Malcolm Story (McClean) and Rester's Cajun Spirit (Carlton). Short brace for Story with a request of the tracker at 17. Spirit had a good find at 11. However, a retrieval device was requested at 25.

Brace 12: Rester's Johnny Ringo (Eisenhart) and Night Hawk Rebel (Swearingen) ran in the last brace of the stake. Ringo was running well with a forward race. Birds were seen with points at 11, 18, and 50. Rebel was harnessed at 12 for a breach of

manners.

**Judges: Larry Cox and Tricia Rentz
GEORGIA QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP**

[One-Hour Heats] – 22 Pointers and 3 Setters
Winner-TOUCH'S MIDNIGHT RIDER, F1697542, pointer male, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Touch's Gold Dance. John D. Milton, Jr., owner; Mark McLean, handler.
Runner-Up-WOODVILLE'S LONG HARD RIDE, F1705218, setter male, by Woodville's Saddle Tramp-Yukon Gold Rush. Carl Owens, owner; Mark McLean, handler.

Some Sidelights

We are fortunate to have sponsors of our trials year after year.

Greg Blair, field consultant with Purina, makes certain that gifts for the judges, samples of Pro Plan to be handed out to the trainers, and feed certificates are delivered prior to the trials.

Purina sponsors the owners'/handlers' dinner annually. There were 45 in attendance to enjoy a dinner of grilled pork chops. We are pleased to have Scott Johnson, from Kansas, representing Purina with

us to ride on January 4-5. He was a pleasure to be around. Scott also made certain we received a metal sign with the new Pro Plan logo to display on the stables.

The Burke County Chamber of Commerce funds the advertising in the UKC® Field Newsletter. Ashley Roberts, executive director, presented the handlers with gifts. She is on hand every day to help serve lunch.

The Ramada Inn gives us discounted rooms for the judges and guests.

We could not do without the help of John Ray Kimbrell from Fort Mill, South Carolina, to serve as stake manager and driver of the dog wagon year after year. Mike Jackson comes from Battleground, Indiana, to marshal and fill in as reporter. Chuck Miller, who is employed with Green Point Ag, managed by Art Lively, vice president of the

association, is on hand to do any odd jobs that need to be taken care of. Art allows Chuck to be off from his job to help us as needed. He releases the birds every morning at 6. Birds are supplied and banded by Pat Johnson. At the close of the trials, Chuck is in charge of stable cleanup.

The fish fry is always a big hit. It was hosted by Mike Sweet, owner of the 2024 Derby champion, and Alex Rickert, owner of the All-Age champion. The meal with all the trimmings is prepared by members of the Waynesboro Exchange Club.

A local farmer, Henry Hopkins, donated oats for the duration of the All-Age and Shooting Dog stakes.

Amie Elliott posts the reports for UKC® on the computer.

Craig Elliott was on hand almost every day to learn the specifics of putting on the trials. He will assume your writer's position when she is no longer able.

61st UNITED STATES QUAIL SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY

Cool Hand Luke Tops 38 Entries

By Margaret C. Drew | Hoffman, North Carolina | January 2, 2025

The 61st United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity drew 38 entries in 2025 from a nominated list of 31 litters. There were seven litters with multiple derbies competing. Two derbies from one litter were part of the hour callback dogs.

The grounds at Hoffman are maintained by the N C Wildlife at the Sandhills Gamelands through state funds. As the grounds at Hoffman continued to develop and become famous for their flow of courses, bird habitat, and proximity to restaurants, lodging, and shopping, many types of field trials came to Hoffman. Today, the grounds are some of the best in the United States. There are six one-hour courses, each approximately

six miles in length. These courses are maintained by the state. Each of these courses is comprised of piney woods, open field with field plots, with water available via brooks and manmade water holes. The state has a burn program with rotating areas burned every few years. Since 1981, the North Carolina Field Trial Association has worked with the state to adapt an early fall quail release. The bird program is chaired by John Ivester, with Robert "Lefty" Henry performing the actual feeding. Some assistance is provided by Bob Young. These coveys are fed regularly with a tractor disbursing seed. The planting and mowing of these beautiful grounds is done by N C Wildlife.

Thanks to Purina for providing funds to help with noon meals. On the second day of the running, a handlers' dinner was provided by last year's winner, Chris Catanzarite, in honor of Backcountry Champagnesupernova. The oil painting by Leah Brigham was presented to Chris following dinner. Your reporter has been present at many dinners where paintings have been presented; however, when this year's painting was uncovered, a hushed whisper silenced the room for a moment as if everyone had taken a deep breath. To say it was well received is an understatement, for the brilliance and life-like details in the painting were unbelievable. At this year's futurity dinner, special



61st United States Quail Futurity (front row): Halley Moreland and Wyatt Pucket with Cool Hand Luke, Ben Dillard with Tanglebriars Will, The Smiths (Will's owners), Payton Gunby with Deena Jet Boyer, twins Brier Rose and Haddie Mae Hollander, and Shawn Kinkelaar with Hunt's Centerfold. (Behind): Mike and Casey Tracy, Gary Miller, Greg Robinson, Mike Hester, Steve Mills, Tom Brigman, Mark Hughes, Barbara Young, Bob Young, George Tracy, Jim Emerson, Gretchen Adsit, John Adsit, Dave Hughes, Earl Drew, Fred Potts, and Maggie Maier.

recognition was given to chairman Gary Miller for his longevity as chairman.

Representing Purina was Kelsi Toth. The Futurity is grateful for the continued support from our sponsor, Purina, who provides feed to the winners and helps us obtain AFTCA store items, as well as a financial donation. John Adsit headed up the raffle this year for dog food and a large canvas duffle bag. Hand in hand with a cooperative sponsor, breeders are the key to a futurity's success. Breeders of the litters have not been as diligent as in the past in nominating litters, which can lead to derbies not entering the futurity or penalties being applied to the entry fee. PLEASE: If you breed a litter, contact Margaret by summer and get the paperwork completed to honor your litter and recognize you as a good breeder.

Greg Robinson pilots the dog wagon. Greg picks up the dogs before 8 a.m. and again before the afternoon braces. He later returns the dogs to their trailers. He makes sure the dog boxes are clean, have hay, and are locked and pinned. He also has water on board for handlers to refill water bottles. Riders may board the wagon after selecting covered cushions; however, this

year's Futurity had some brisk temperatures; therefore hindering riders. Greg carries hot coffee, water, and a large selection of goodies for break time each a.m. and p.m. If you're lucky, he may even share his special stash of his home-roasted peanuts.

The Winners

The top placement went to Cool Hand Luke, a Pointer male bred by Brian Tiffany, with handler Mike Tracy. The owners are Bob and Linda Bergen from Vineland, New Jersey. Luke laid down a snappy, far-reaching race; the kind judges like to see. The judges' comments were that his race was a bold, strong, always forward attack of the course. Cool Hand Luke blazed through the 30-minute first series and then somehow bumped up his ground application with impressive quickness, showing a speedy and powerful big race superior to his peers in this second series. The animated race was pleasing to all who were watching. He scored perfect style and manners on his three finds at 34, 50, and 56. With three minutes to go, he continued a strong forward march for a potentially strong finish, with everyone sitting tall in the saddle to watch. It was at this time that deer were spotted at the top of the next

hill; however, no dogs had reached the summit before time was called, and handlers rode to gather their charges. The judges agreed that Cool Hand Luke's strong, forward and big race made him deserving of the top accomplishment. Other dogs had made valiant attempts; however, they had not located quail.

Second place went to English Setter male Tanglebriars Will. He was bred by Ben Dillard and handled by Mike Hester. Ben is a breeder who faithfully gets his litters nominated before they are sold. The owner of Tanglebriars Will is Tom Smith from North Carolina. Both Tom and Ben were present for both series to keep an eye on Tanglebriars Will. Ben and Tom were both present for the hour series. In his first series, he made his way gracefully around the course, scoring two finds in his 30 minutes. His race was consistent from start to finish. Tanglebriars called back for the second series came with a little advantage: he had scored two precise quail finds in the first series. His race was buoyantly gaited in a purposeful rolling ground heat. At times, he cast to the side but was quickly met by scout or had point called. During his hour brace, there was a large gallery expanding from the 18 that started at 1:30 to a group of 30-plus as we passed below the clubhouse. And that does not include the two handlers, scouts, judges and the multiple car gallery spectators. Tanglebriars Will had solid birdwork in locating game and was steady to wing and shot at 20 and 40, and the frosting was his find at 58, where the covey was well to the left with the strong wind bringing scent to Tanglebriars Will. Scouting for Tanglebriars Will was Robert (Lefty) Henry.

Third place went to Deena Jet Boyer, a Pointer female bred by Nick Marietta, owned by Darren and Steve Boyer from Grantham, Pennsylvania, with Mike Tracy. Deena Jet Boyer had a find just after the break away whistle was heard. The quick



Presentation to Chairman Gary Miller by committee: Margaret Drew, Earl Drew, Gretchen Adsit, G. B. Hatcher, and John Adsit.

point with a rigid poise surprised everyone, although everything was in good order as birds were flown and shot taken. She required a lot of scouting by scout George Tracy as she covered the course in a very big way with no further bird work scored. Deena Jet Boyer and other derbies found quail difficult to locate despite the fact that bird availability at Hoffman this year is good. Deena Jet Boyer's mostly white body, with a narrow female frame, caught your eye as she reached forward with beautiful casts to areas promising quail. Deer were seen at 35, with Deena Jet Boyer luckily on the other side of the clearing. She paced herself from beginning to end with a consistent rate at a moderate range. During her hour, she had no further bird indication. Her find in the first series would earn her a ribbon in the combined tabulation of assets.

Fourth place went to another Pointer female, Hunt's Centerfold, who was bred by and is owned by Jason Hunt, to be part of the Shawn Kinkelaar team. Jason is from Blakely, Georgia. Hunt's Centerfold moved snappily on the ground with forward and lateral casts. Hunt's Centerfold had a strong and never-halting search for a quail opportunity, which she succeeded in finding at 42. No complaints with style or reaction to wing and shot. Her medium-to-distant-ranging rhythmic animation took her forward for an hour. On point, she stood with a pleasing style.

The First Series Running

The opening brace of the 61st

United States Quail Futurity called Honky Tonk Thunderstruck (Hirollins B K Bushwacker-Hirollins Jammin Jade), a Pointer male bred and owned by Dr. Stan Wint with Scott Miller and his wife Jamie as the scout to be bracemate for Heatseeking Hurricane, (Miller's Heat Seeker-War Creek Daizie), a Pointer male bred by L. J. Lundsford. The handler was George Tracy, with Mike Tracy scouting for this derby belonging to Muriel and Bill Primm. The group was ready and on the line with breakaway whistles heard at 8:05 following announcements by chairman Gary Miller and prayer by committee member/ wagon driver Greg Robinson. The dogs burst to the front with scouts dispersed early, leaving the gallery to take in the howling of handlers and the rattling of the wagon carrying the dogs for the next five braces. At 13, things were looking grim, and by 20, each handler took their location devices when no dogs were seen. We really didn't see enough of this pair to comment; however, it appeared they were in a foot race.

Brace two was away by 8:29 with English Setter male Texas Snow (Merritt's Bear-Shamrock Snow Shadow) bred by Fred Potts and owned by John Fort. This Setter is part of the Calvin Curnutte team residing at the Merritt Kennels as Drowning Creek Bird Dogs in Derby, North Carolina. Wayward Stewed Tomatoes (Wayward Flyin Tomato-Doodle Ridge Fern), an English Setter male bred and handled by Mark Hughes, was the bracemate. Wayward Stewed Tomatoes is owned by Bruce Mueller and is enrolled in the Hughes team from Pennsylvania who spend some January and February time here in the local south. Texas Snow required scout Hunter Pruvet to kick his horse into action quickly, although Snow showed a strong, independent mind today. Wayward Stewed Tomatoes was scouted by Chris Catanzarite as he moved along the course in a moderate medium race. At 21,



Presentation of painting of 60th winner Backcountry Champagnesupernova by artist Leah Brigham. Gary Miller, Margaret Drew, Chris Catanzarite, and Earl Drew.

his classy gait was close at hand as he crossed the field ahead of the wagon. This was a brace with two very white athletic setters who, unfortunately, went birdless in this first series.

Brace three welcomed Pointer male BK Real McCoy (Bittersweet War Cry-Bittersweet Recovery) with Brooke Lanning on her first trip to these spectacular trial grounds. Brooke is co-owner of McCoy with Sergio Velez, as well as handler. Bracemate Pointer male Bittersweet War Dance is a littermate to BK Real McCoy. War Dance is owned by Pete Del Collo, although due to a horse accident, Pete had veteran trainer Pat Casey handling. Pat does not enter every year, but when he does, he brings a derby that makes a callback or better. Both dogs hunted to the front at a strong medium range with a bouncy gait. On hand to scout were Steve Browder and Chris Catanzarite. Once again, these two promising entries went birdless.

Sterling Ridge Carly (Caladen's Tennessee Red-Caladen's Dream Maker), a Pointer female, was the top dog in brace four with her owner Frank Scarpinato in the gallery to watch as Mike Tracy guided her on course five. Carly was bred by Ross Callaway. At about 20, she was watered and appeared to limp. Handler and scout dismounted to closely evaluate her before returning her to the wagon for further evaluation. Backcountry Fearless (Springflow's Backcountry P-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight), a Pointer female bred, owned and

handled by Chris Catanzarite, was the brace mate. The pair had a good breakaway when turned loose in the long field adjacent to Derby Road, allowing the gallery to watch them skirt the edge and round the corner at bear claw beyond Jacob's corner. Fearless had a forward medium-range race requiring very little scouting by Mark Hughes. No birds were flown.

Brace five found English Setter male Tanglebriars Will (covered earlier) and brace mate Miss Bullette (Rentz's Hijacker x Dominator's Heir Kate), a Pointer female bred by Joe Rentz, although now owned by the team of Primm and Saniga as part of the Mike and George Tracy team. Each of these dogs had satisfactory races with bird contact.

By 11:05, brace six was on the ground, bringing the morning competition to an end. Mohawk Mill Lady Justice (Imagine-Mohawk Mill Dolly), a Pointer female bred by Gary and Ellen Winall, had recently been purchased by Ed and Megan McCay to be trained and handled by Matt Basilone. Pointer female Hunt's Centerfold is covered with the winners above. Justice was snappy on the ground and moved inconsistently, some lateral; however, always gleefully moving. She did not locate birds. Sheperd's pie was served for lunch with salad and cookies. By 1:30, the wagon had picked up 12 more dogs, and the judges were at the breakaway, ready to get back to work.

Brace seven started on course one, as the Futurity always runs these courses in reverse. Brace seven had Mojo's Winston Joy (Wayward Flyin Tomato-Doodle Ridge Fern), an English Setter male bred and handled by Mark Hughes although owned by Bruce Moelders. Joy's race was short and immature. Mike Tracy had brace mate Cool Hand Luke (covered earlier under the winners).

The eighth brace called Marty Moore's Pointer male, Moore's Base Hit (B K Bonafide Stallion x

B K Hirollins Wild), bred by Sergio Velez to the line with Scott Miller. Mike Hester had Tomb Stone (Quickmarksman's Excalibur-Little River Psycho), a Pointer male bred, owned and handled by Mike himself. This pair presented two good races, Base Hit often lateral and then forward. At 28, Base Hit pointed just before pick-up was called. Despite a long flushing effort and a relocation attempt, no quail were flown. Tomb Stone began his 30 minutes with a nice point at 7 as quail lifted, all steady to wing and shot. Brace nine paired two Pointers, Haneys Juggernaut (Pleasant Run Samuel x Pleasant Run Sally), a Pointer male bred and owned by Jason Hunt, although under the command of Kinkelaar. Brace mate was Bowser's Backcountry Mickey (Springflow's Backcountry P-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight), a Pointer male bred and handled by Chris Catanzarite, although recently purchased and now owned by Tyler Bowser, who could not make the futurity trip. Juggernaut had a very good ground race, hitting the right spots for quail, although he found no one home during his 30-minute search. Bowser's Backcountry Mickey was closer with a cautious use of his nose. He had an immature find at 10, as well as a second quail contact at 25; however, he broke into a big chase at shot, causing difficulty in getting him back into a forward hunting mode for a few minutes.

George Tracy was on the line at 3:30 with Speck of Gold (Miller's Heat Seeker-War Creek Daizie), a Pointer female bred by John Chambers. She is owned by Primm and Linder. She jumped off the breakaway, never looking back, and was seen much later via a locating device. The English Setter male, Ravenwood Game On (Shagtime Max-Shagtime Zee), was bred by Chris Cagle and owned by Joe Cincotta with Matt Basilone handling. He carries a nice waving tail, although, on these grounds, his race was a little short. He scored an

unproductive at 4.

Brace 11 called up Silver W Wildflower (Elhew Sinbad-Silver W Free Spirit), a Pointer female bred by Brooke Lanning, although owned and handled by Debbie Ozner. Brace mate was Buffalo Junction Calico (Erin's Redrum-Calico's Country Strong), a Pointer female bred by Calico Kennels and now owned and handled by Al Dahl. Their races were similar, both reaching so that the gallery could only get glimpses of their animated races. Silver W Wildflower had a big covey find at 8 with acceptable derby manners. Buffalo Junction Calico had a consistent forward hunt, showing plenty of style and determination. His first series was birdless.

The final brace of day one was brace 12 with Backwoods Dine & Dash (Springflow's Backcountry P-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight), a Pointer male bred by Chris Catanzarite and now owned by Justin Mason. Mark Hughes is now the trainer and handler. Brace mate was Bluebar Maggie (Miller's Heat Seeker-War Creek Daize), a Pointer female; another from John Chambers breeding. The owners are Hood and Primm, with the dog under the whistle of Mike Tracy. Backwoods Dine & Dash zipped through the back fields, approaching the back of the barn. He had a covey located at 23, although he happily gave an extended chase. He repeated the use of his nose to locate at least two more covey, although your reporter did not see how they were handled as by then, he was well off course. Bluebar Maggie had a happy tour of the course, always to the front, although she did not locate any quail.

Day two arrived with a chill in the air and light frost on the grass. Brace 13 called River Keeper (Shagtime Smoke-Merritt's Princess), an English Setter male bred at the Terry Merritt Kennel, owned by John Fort and handled by Calvin Curnutte. Brace mate was Hirollin's Relentless

(Hirollins Gone and Done It-Hunter Run's Libby), a Pointer male bred and owned by Tim Miller is in the string of the Scott Miller's fine derbies. River Keeper glided across and over the high grasses with ease and class. He kept a good forward pattern at a medium range. Hirollin's Relentless had a solid medium race, required little scouting, and scored a nonproductive before his 30 minutes were up.

Heat Seeker's Pearl (Miller's Heat Seeker-War Creek Daize), a Pointer female, headed up brace 14 with a Hood and Primm derby bred by John Chambers and handled by George Tracy. Another Pointer female, JL Sparkle Express (Miller's Heat Seeker x Rock Hill Marie Laveau), bred by the Walkers, is owned and handled by Earl Drew. These two females were look alike, one with orange and blue collars, the other with two blue collars. They were merrily off the line and forward. Handlers and scouts had to look closely to distinguish their charge. At 20, the course crosses the sand road beyond a thick plum brush area. Heat Seeker's Pearl and JL Sparkle Express were seen to the far right near the thicket, with scouts pulling out of the group to head in that direction. Pearl returned and moved on with handler and scout while JL Sparkle Express hunted further into the area known to harbor quail; however, she was missed by the scout. Both handlers took their locating devices before the 30 minutes were up. (A report from an assisting friend states JL Sparkle Express was found standing in that area with a covey of 12 quail, remained solid for flush, and shot before being roaded back to the wagon.)

Brace 15 had Longmeadow Wendy (Bozeann's Rex-Bozeann's Tailwind), an English Setter female, another setter from Ben Dillard's litter, this one owned by Ben as well, with Mike Hester handling. Bracemate was Deena Jet Boyer (covered with winners above). Wendy ran happily,

always to the front at a medium range, although had no bird contact.

The 16th brace called upon Marques Trail Boss (Lester's Boss Man-Marques Lucky Lady), a Pointer male bred and owned by John Ivester. Trainer Robert (Lefty) Henry had control over Boss. Bracemate was Pointer male Honky Tonk Hiroller (Hirollins Gone and Doneit-Pine Hollow Kate) bred by Warren Parrott. He is owned by Dr. Stan Wint and handled by Scott Miller. Boss runs with an active tail in a powerful gait. He was strong on the ground, although scout Matt Basilone had to stay on his toes. Honky Tonk Hiroller ran a medium-ranging race, although wide and lateral. Nearing pick up at the foot of the hill before the barn point was called for Honky Tonk Hiroller. As the judge approached, handler was on the ground, called bird, and shot. The judge had not seen the bird.

Bootpoint's Enforcer (Quickmarksman's Excalibur-Little River Psycho), a Pointer male bred and handled by Mike Hester, was in brace 17. The owner is Harold Walker. Bracemate was Thunder Road (Rentz's Hijacker-Dominator's Heir Kate, a Pointer female bred by Joe Rentz. The owners are Muriel and Bill Primm, with George Tracy as the handler. Enforcer started with an eye-appealing spark; however, her active race lessened as time elapsed. She did have one find. Thunder Road had a big race forward, although her independence required considerable use of scout Mike Tracy.

The 18th brace had Pointer male Backcountry Jacob (Springflow's Backcountry P-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight), another of Chris Catanzarite's nominated litters. Millers Customized Upgrade (Miller's Upgraded Version-Hackberry Hustler), a Pointer male, was the bracemate. The breeder was L. J. Lundsford for this derby owned by Allen Linder and granddaughter Madison McDonald. Handling was George Tracy. With Mike Tracy

scouting. Jacob ran a big forward race with no bird work. Millers Customized Upgrade had a very big race with much side-to-side mobility. No quail this brace.

Following lunch, one first series brace remained, with four callback dogs loaded into the dog wagon to begin the hourly callbacks after the final brace.

The last brace, 19, mulled around outside the clubhouse before mounting horses, climbing into the gallery wagon or private vehicle to catch the final brace and the start of the callback house. With the anticipation of callbacks to follow soon, the gallery was large: nearly 30 riders. The English Setter male, I'm Crossroads (Hot Blooded-Shamrock's Miss Grace), bred by Tom Green, is owned and handled by Sam Giddens. The Pointer male, Zero Tolerance (Haney's All In-Haney's Two Dozen Roses), bred by Chris Cagle and owned by Marty Moore, is part of the Scott Miller team. The large gallery sat tall and rode fast to keep an eye on these two. Crossroads required a little scouting as he traversed the course without bird contact. Zero Tolerance hunted forward, although just inside the tree line. Both of these two maintained a medium to long race, albeit no birdwork for either dog.

[A full report including the Second Series Callbacks may be found at www.americanfield.com under the "Results" tab.]

Hoffman, N. C., January 2

Judges: Tommy Brigman and Steve Mills
61ST UNITED STATES QUAIL FUTURITY [Thirty-Minute Qualifying Series; Sixty-Minute Finals]
- 29 Pointers and 9 Setters

1st-COOL HAND LUKE, F1714223, pointer male, by Southpoint's Speedy G-Lone Tree Last Snow. Bob & Linda Bergen, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

2d-TANGLEBRIARS WILL, F1705427, setter male, by Bozeann's Rex-Bozeann's Tailwind. Thomas Smith, owner; Mike Hester, handler.

3d-DEENA JET BOYER, F1718103, pointer female, by Touch's Fire Away-World Class Dialing Out. Darren & Steve Boyer, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

4th-HUNT'S CENTERFOLD, 1718110, pointer female, by Touch's Mega Mike-Broomsedge Tiny Rebel. Justin Hunt, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

OKLAHOMA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Touch's Steely Dan Named Champion; Fast Money, Runner-up

By Mike Griffin | Inola, Oklahoma | January 3, 2025



Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Championship: Mike Griffin, Nathan Berendzen (judge), Virgil Moore with Touch's Steely Dan, Eddy Berendzen (judge), Bud Moore with Fast Money, and Justin Crook.

With a respectable draw of 36 shooting dogs and 18 derbies, we started on Friday with fair weather. We got in a few good days but knew it wouldn't last; we lost sun to high wind and rain.

We resumed Monday to extreme cold but sunshine. All through the trial, we moved a good number of birds. Monday did not deter from bird finding.

The winner came from the third course Monday morning.

Winner Touch's Steely Dan (Moore) turned loose at twin gates going into the south pasture. It was cold, crisp, and sunny and appeared to handle well. He was always in touch with his handler, staying up front hunted all the places where birds would hide; he was rewarded with four very nice finds handled all with style that would catch your eye.

He finished in the front with all the power you would want.

Runner-up Fast Money (Crook), a very nice Pointer female, ran in the second brace after lunch. She had a very consistent race up front using the country to the best as you would hope for. She was rewarded with two very stylish finds. She stayed in touch with her handler and searched the country well.



Open Derby: Nathan Berendzen (judge), Virgil Moore with Ramonds Patsy, Allen Vincent, Harold Gearhart with Witchy Women Mondo, Eddie Berendzen (judge), and Bob Barker with Hard Hat's Vista Cruiser.

Inola, Okla., January 3

Judges: Eddy Berendzen and Nathan Berendzen
OKLAHOMA OPEN SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]

– 32 Pointers and 6 Setters

Winner-TOUCH'S STEELY DAN, F1694320, pointer male, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Touch's White Assault. John Van Horn Jr., owner; Virgil Moore, handler.

Runner-Up-FAST MONEY, F1681232, pointer female, by Stash The Cash-Lester's Speed Queen. C. W. & Patty Moore, owners; Justin Crook, handler.

Open Derby

First place was awarded to Ramonds Patsy (Vincent), a nice Pointer female. She handled very good and searched the country with a desire to find birds. She was rewarded with a very good find and front running race.

Second place was awarded to Witchy Women Mondo (Gearhart), also a very nice Pointer female. She ran an extremely good race looking for birds, always out front with good rapport with the handler.

In third was Hard Hat's Vista Cruiser (Barker), a very nice-looking Setter female. She ran a big shooting dog race, always handling and staying with the handler, easy to keep in front, and a very nice little dog.

OPEN DERBY – 17 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-RAMONDS PATSY, F1712582, pointer female, by Raymond's Double Rebel Jess-Raymond's White Out. William Raymond, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.

2d-WITCHY WOMEN MONDO, F1712220, pointer female, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Jay McKenzie, owner; Harold Gearhart, handler.

3d-HARD HAT'S VISTA CRUISER, F1706645, setter female, by Doc's Second Wind-Hard Hats Bad Dotty. Jim Smith & Robert Barker, owners; Bob Barker, handler.

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REGION 7 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Texas Cool Named Champion; Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee, Runner-up

By Mary Ann Gustafson | Roby, Texas | January 3, 2025

The 2025 Region 7 AFTCA Amateur Shooting Dog Championship was held the weekend of January 3-5 at the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch. Located near Roby, Texas, in the heart of West Texas quail country, the facility is managed for the sole purpose of the study of quail. It is supported by the Rolling Plains Quail Research Foundation, which depends almost exclusively upon private donations. Their mission is "Preserving Texas' wild quail hunting heritage for this and future generations." (<https://www.quailresearch.org>)

The President of the Board is Mr. Steve Snell. The Executive Director is Dr. Ryan O'Shaughnessy. With their guidance, the day-to-day research efforts are overseen by a dedicated team that is working to understand the inter-species dynamics as they relate to the successful propagation of wild Texas quail. We would like to thank these two gentlemen, as well as the rest of the Board, for the outstanding job they are doing. Additionally, many thanks to Mitchell Riggs, Land Manager, and Dana Wright, Program & Communication Coordinator, for joining us at the trial and making us feel at home.

Thanks, also, to Purina for their continued support of bird dog events. Their support is instrumental in holding these championships.

Our judges for the championship this year were Trey Baer of Alvord, Texas, and Bunny Brown from Fort Worth. Both have extensive experience in training, handling, trialing, and judging bird dogs. They were attentive throughout the trial, and their placements were well received. We thank them for their hard work in the saddle.



Region 7 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (front row): Buck Neil with Texas Cool and Bill Owen with Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee. (Back row): Chris Cornman, Jason Super, Mike Rogers, Lindsay O'Neill, Tyson Traw, John Benoist, Chip Martin, Alex Mauck, Kris Wall, Trey Baer (judge), and Bunny Brown (judge).

Jason Super served as trial chairman. Jason had everything in place for the trial so things ran smoothly, in spite of him catching a bug just prior to the event and having to manage from the sidelines. He was ably assisted by Tyson Traw as chief field marshal and John Benoist as the dog wagon driver. Buck Neil was there to fill in where needed and spent time either running dogs or scouting. We were joined this year by two out-of-state participants, Bill Owen from California and Alex Mauck from Oregon. It was a pleasure meeting these two fine gentlemen, and we hope to see them again in the future.

Eighteen dogs competed in this year's championship. Texas Cool, a 6-year-old white and liver Pointer male owned and handled by Buck Neil, received top honors. "Bud" had five finds and a strong, forward race. He had an outstanding relocation on his fifth find. Runner-up was Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee, a coming 6-year-old tri-colored English Setter owned and handled by Alex Mauck. Dallee had three finds and a wide, ground-covering race. She showed

exemplary manners and style when backing her brace mate.

It was a small Derby stake this year with only three entries. Buck Neil's Ain't Easy Being Me ("Willie") took the placement with a strong race.

It's difficult to say how many coveys were located over the day and a half running. I would estimate at least 45. It was an exciting event with great dogs doing what they were born to do — giving everything they had to give in search of wild quail. Many thanks to all who attended and made this a quality event. We hope to see everyone back again next year.

Roby, Tex., January 3

Judges: Trey Baer and Bunny Brown

REGION 7 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 18 Entries

Winner-TEXAS COOL, F1690192, pointer male, by Ransom-Good Times Girl. Buck Neil, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-MAUCK'S WYEAST OWYHEE DALLEE, F1687695, setter female, by T's Gunslinger-Hidden Jasmine. Alex Mauck, owner and handler.

REGION 7 OPEN DERBY – 3 Pointers

1st-AIN'T EASY BEING ME, F1716299, pointer male, by Texas Cool-Baby's On Speed Dial. Buck Neil, owner and handler.

REGION 16 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Touch's Dancing Nancies Named Champion; Erin's Young Offender, Runner-up

By Don Price | Lake City, Florida | January 3, 2025



Region 16 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): LeRoy Griffis (judge), Paul Daniel, Chad Adams (judge), Lance Servais, Jim Womack, Maryann Womack, Brian Peterson, Dakota Hall, Mike Moses, Maria Bassham, Violet Romero, Rylan King, Chester Stokes, Joe Hicks, and Chip Jenkins.

The Region 16 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship drew 30 and began on Friday, January 3, 2025. The Championship was held just south of Lake City, Florida, on the private hunting plantation of Chester Stokes and simply called "The Farm." Chester is a gracious host and really enjoys the trials and sharing his property with bird dog folks. Chester had much success as an amateur handler in years past and campaigned an all-age champion for a while on the major circuit. His walking horses have won at the highest level, with his horse, Game World, winning the World Grand Championship a few years ago. Mr. Chester Stokes was voted by the Region 16 trustees as the 2024 Region 16 "Sportsman of the Year."

The Farm is a beautiful venue of scattered pines, wiregrass, and some blackjack oaks. Three courses are utilized, and they are bird-laden. Every entry had an opportunity for multiple finds. Leroy Griffis is the manager, Joe Hicks assists with the dog training, and Dakota "Doc" Hall and Rylan "Stick" King round out the crew. They all had The Farm perfectly

prepared for the trial.

Paul Daniel, Region 16 President, served as chairman for this renewal. He was assisted by the other three Trustees from Florida—Don Price, Dr. Kent Cantrell, and Mike Moses. Paul was also the head cook. Maryann and Jim Womack pitched in to help with the food, as did John Hicks. Everyone was well fed with pork loin and chicken on the grill Friday night and steaks on Saturday night.

Judging this year's renewal was ably handled by three well-qualified gentlemen. Chad Adams, Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Randy Bradshaw, Claremont, North Carolina, were advertised. Randy was unable to make it, so Charlie Ward, Monticello, Florida, agreed to fill in for Randy. Charlie sustained a pulled muscle on the first day of running and was unable to continue. Leroy Griffis was marshaling and had ridden every brace and agreed to take over for Charlie. The decisions of the judges were well received by all in attendance.

The Winners

Touch's Dancing Nancies, a 6-year-old Pointer female, handled by her

owner, Dr. Kent Cantrell, scouted by Paul Daniel, took home the championship trophy. Nancy ran in the ninth brace and carded five evenly spaced finds with perfect manners on each. She also had one unproductive. Nancy ran a big race to the front and was exactly what the judges were looking for in a champion.

Erin's Young Offender, a 4-year-old Pointer male, handled by his owner, Alan Atkins, scouted by Roger Key, was awarded the runner-up champion title. Offender ran in the very first brace of the trial with a white frost covering the ground. Offender recorded four stylish finds during his hour. He, too, ran a big forward race. He set a high mark to be overcome, and only Nancy was able to defeat him. No doubt, it was a close decision for two outstanding performances.

There were others who rendered good performances and pressed the winners. Listed in the order that they ran were Neely's Special Business, handled by John Neely; Erin's Demolition Man, handled by Paul Kelly; Just Sayin, handled by Mike Moses; and Erin's Grey Ghost, handled by John Neely. I must mention CKC Gun Runner, handled by Dr. Kent Cantrell, in the sixth brace, who was putting on a stellar performance until a juvenile mistake on his fifth find just at pickup.

Lake City, Fla., January 3
Judges: Chad Adams and Leroy Griffis
REGION 16 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
— 27 Pointers and 3 Setters

Winner-TOUCH'S DANCING NANCIES, F1680402, pointer female, by Touch's Big Whiskey-Blackhawk's Sunflower. Dr. Kent Cantrell, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-ERIN'S YOUNG OFFENDER, F1692325, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Irresistible Bess. Alan Atkins, owner and handler.

CALIFORNIA BIRD DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hale's Honey Badger Named Champion; Battle Born Bette, Runner-up

By John Beauchamp | California City, California | January 13, 2025

The California Dog Championship cast off the morning of Monday, January 13. The morning was cold (22 degrees at cast off) and dry, not a cloud in sight—just a haze from the fires burning in Los Angeles. The fires cut into our turn-out and support. But nothing compared to the thousands of lives turned upside down by this disaster. Cancellations from those impacted or under warnings meant plenty of changes, we were on about Plan D to make everything come together, and it worked.

Monday's running was cut short by high winds. We were able to get four braces run before we suspended running. Once the wind locks in, in that vast basin, it isn't going to stop for hours. Handling dogs is almost impossible, so stopping is the only way to keep the playing field level and give all the dogs a fair shot at the trophies.

Several dogs had strong performances in the stake, giving the judges plenty to talk about. But when it was over, Hale's Honey Badger, handled by Bruce Hale, was the champion, and Tom Griffin's Battle Born Bette was the runner-up champion. Badger had a pair of finds with all in order and a solid forward race. Badger's application was right on the money selecting prime objectives and working a shifting breeze quite well. Bette carded two clean finds with all in order. It was getting warm by this brace, but a very good performance for the full hour.

Thank You All

Our judges, Mr. Brian Smith and Mr. Jeff Rhine, were on time and attentive for every brace. Thank you so much, gentlemen!

And, of course, thank you, Purina! Greg Blair supported us again this year. Having worked with Greg for several years, he is always responsive, timely, and accurate. With all the challenges and changes one encounters in planning and



California Bird Dog Championship (l-r): Bruce Hale (owner/handler), John Beauchamp, Terry Erickson with Hale's Honey Badger, Ed Mayhew, Tom Griffin with Battle Born Bette, Brian Smith (judge), and Jeff Rhine (judge).

executing these trials, Greg is the person you can count on.

We were pleased to have had the support of SportDOG allowing us to have collars for both the champion and runner-up champion.

Terry Erickson and Bruce Hale handled bird planting in the dark each day. Let me tell you, 23 and 25 MPH winds on an ATV are COLD. Thank you, Terry. I can't sign off without thanking my wife, Patti, for pulling the hot lunches together.

It was a good trial and a good time in the desert.

California City, Cal., January 13
Judges: Jeff Rhine and Brian Smith
CALIFORNIA BIRD DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 7 Pointers and 5 Setters
Winner-HALE'S HONEY BADGER, F1691840, pointer female, by Touch's Grey Street-Hainline's Silver Star. Bruce Hale, owner and handler.
Runner-Up-BATTLE BORN BETTE, F1698151, setter female, by Sunrise's Final Chapter-Lying Eyes. Tom Griffin, owner and handler.

Wally Wallace Open Derby

The Wally Wallace Open Derby kicked off after the championship. We took a break to refresh, get judges saddled, and plant a small set of courses. Basically, we shortened the courses used for the championship to accommodate 30-minute derby braces.

The conditions were less than

optimal for the young dogs. The soils were very dry, and we had a stiff breeze in our faces on the way out and then at our backs coming back. But the youngsters sorted themselves out, and our judges, Mr. Bruce Hale and Mr. Terry Erickson, took note. They had three stronger efforts/performances to use. And some of the others decided to spend time chasing chippy birds. All three of the named derbies are now qualified, and they earned it.

Judges: Terry Erickson and Bruce Hale
WALLY WALLACE OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers
1st-TUCA'S FOX ON THE RUN, F1712984, pointer male, by Montana Buck-Tucalota's Rebel Touch. Ed Mayhew, owner and handler.
2d-SMITH'S SHINING TRUTH, F1706310, pointer female, by Man O War-Hale's Honey Badger. Brian Smith, owner and handler.
3d-TUCALOTAS DAX, F1711952, pointer male, by Tucalota's Rebel Rush-Paladela's Shadow Rose. Ed Mayhew, owner and handler.



Wally Wallace Open Derby (l-r): Ed Mayhew with Tuca's Fox On The Run, Brian Smith with Smith's Shining Truth, and Terry Erickson with Tucalota's Dax.

AMES AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

Club Hosts Hobart Ames Memorial, Open All-Age, and Joe Walker Open Derby Classics

By Jim Atchison | Waynesboro, Georgia | January 1, 2025



Open All-Age (front): Mrs. Rita Corder with Game Heir. (Standing, l-r): Dr. Stan Wint (judge), Dr. Fred Corder, Jarrett Bell (judge) and Allison Bell. (On steps, l-r): Isaiah Todd, Ike Todd, Matt Backus, Greg Tapp, and Chris Cagle.

The Ames Amateur Field Trial Association hosted the 76th renewal of the Hobart Ames Open All-Age Classic, followed immediately by the Joe Walker Open Derby Classic, January 14-18 on the Ames Plantation National Championship courses. The start was delayed by one day because of about 8 inches of snow that fell on the preceding Friday and remained evident in densely shaded areas throughout the five days of running.

The All-Age drew 39 entries, and the Derby drew 20. Late Hit, owned by Chris Campbell and handled by Tom Shenker, won first place in the All-Age, followed by second place to Lester's Storm Chaser, owned by John Ivester and handled by Robert (Lefty) Henry, and third to Game Heir, owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder. Ike Todd swept the Derby contest, handling all the winners, which were first-place Sunset Sam Houston, owned by Matt Brown; second-place Haney's Double Down, owned by Chris Cagle; and third-place DS Raising Kane, owned by Alex Rickert.

The Ames Plantation field trial courses and plantation facilities were available through the generosity of the Trustees of the Ames Foundation. Management of the plantation is overseen by Matt Backus, Center Director, who was capably assisted by Ryan Braddock, Chris Weatherly, and several other hardworking employees. Backus is the secretary-treasurer of the sponsoring club, and both Braddock and Weatherly are directors. Other officers and directors include Joey McAlexander, President; Dr. Fred Corder, Vice President; Otis Ozier; and Jonathan Burch.

Dr. Stan Wint from Gardner, Kansas, and Jarrett Bell from Troy, Missouri, judged both the All-Age and Derby stakes. The sunny January days of running were excellent, with frosty mornings and afternoon temperatures reaching from the upper 30s to low 50s in the afternoon.

Purina was again the generous official sponsor of the Classics, and their continuing support was acknowledged and appreciated. Also

greatly enjoyed and appreciated was the Wayne Tate Memorial Dinner, held in Bryan Hall on Tuesday night and sponsored by the family of Dr. Frank McKnight, the Bank of Fayette County, and the host club. The First Baptist Church of Somerville provided sausage and biscuits for breakfast each morning at the end of the first-hour course.

In addition to the Wayne Tate Memorial dinner, the judges, reporter, and wives were graciously entertained throughout the week. Chris Weatherly and his wife, Dr. Amy Plummer Weatherly, DVM, entertained the group in their home on Monday and Thursday nights. Then, Joey and Elise McAlexander hosted a dinner on Saturday night in their home, located near Holly Springs, Mississippi. Joey is the president of the hosting club, and the judges/reporter group was joined by two directors of the club, who were accompanied by their wives. They were Chris and Amy Weatherly and Jonathan and Jennifer Burch.

Ken Blackman efficiently operated the dog wagon throughout the week. Ryan Braddock and Chris Weatherly marshaled every brace, with Matt Backus always nearby. Several men who work full-time on the plantation helped handle and transport horses all five days.

Alex Jackson and several of his Tall Timbers associates rode several braces through the week, anticipating the beginning of their ecology and land stewardship efforts and modifications, which will begin soon, with the goal of improving the habitat for quail on Ames Plantation.

All-Age Classic

Late Hit won first place for Tom Shenker, competing in the 16th brace, which was run on Thursday's first-afternoon course. He had two finds, with the first occurring near Ames Road shortly before crossing Buster Graves' driveway. Afterward, the winner continued to run a strong race and found birds again at 42, having looked strong and stylish both running and on his game. He demonstrated no movement during the flush and shot, appeared to show himself well when such opportunities were available, and required minimal scouting.

Lester's Storm Chaser had birds at 20 neat the southwest corner of the Morgan Field and again at 57 in the eighth brace for Robert (Lefty) Henry. He also participated in an unproductive when both dogs stood a short distance north of Kyle's barn at 29, but no birds were flushed. Storm Chaser was pretty running, with strength, long strides, and plenty of style.

Game Heir stood twice in the 19th brace. He first backed an unproductive of his bracemate at 19 and then found birds at 57 on the Mary Scott Loop north of the National Championship Drive. He consistently ran to the front for Dr. Corder, demonstrated good style throughout the hour, and remained perfectly calm and stylish when the large covey was flushed at 57.

The other dogs in the All-Age contest are reported herewith in the order in which they were drawn to run. Como Thunder, owned by the Russell, Blackwell, and Arthur group, was handled by David Russell and paired with Barshoe Forget Me Not, owned by Robert Gum and handled by Allen Vincent, in the first brace. Como Thunder had one find at 42, but Russell could not find his dog within the allotted time at the end of the hour. Barshoe Forget Me Not

had no birds and was picked up prior to the end of the hour.

Whippoorwill Vette, owned by Dale Bush and handled by Larry Huffman, ran in the second brace with Wynona's All Business, owned by Dr. Robert Rankin and handled by Allen Vincent. Neither dog had any birds, and both handlers picked them up at 31 near Kyle's barn.

Coldwater Odyssey, owned by Andrew and Debra Agnew and handled by Weldon Bennett, and World Class High Def, owned by John Kumpeter and handled by Patrick Siebels, were loosed at Kyles barn for the third brace. High Def was picked up at 39, and Odyssey finished the hour but found no birds.

Haney's Hurricane Seeker, owned and handled by David Russell, and Lester's Front Porch, owned by John Kumpeter and handled by Patrick Siebels, were loosed after lunch for Brace 4. Front Porch had one find at 21, north of the Agronomy Unit. Both dogs finished but no other birds were located.

Game Surge went next, owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder, together with Miss Arkansas, owned and handled by Mike Lemons. Neither dog located any birds. Game Surge had an unproductive at 15, and Miss Arkansas had unproductive stands at 34 and 40.

In the sixth brace, Mayfield's Storm Charger, owned by Jake Davis and Scott Mason, was handled by Allen Vincent and ran with Mr. Arkansas, owned and handled by Mike Lemons. Storm Charger had a stop to flush at 19. Mr. Arkansas found birds at 29 and again at 43 to end the first day of competition.

With the temperature at 28 degrees, Weldon Bennett had Coldwater War Cry, owned by Paul Melton, and Patrick Siebels had World Class Migraine, owned by John Kumpeter. War Cry had an

unproductive at 20, and Migraine had an unproductive at 36. Both were picked up before the end of the hour.

I'm Gallant, owned by Jay McKenzie and handled by Allen Vincent, was in Brace 8 and paired with the second-place winner. He backed his bracemate at 20 and shared a divided unproductive at 29 but did not independently find any birds during the hour.

Allen Vincent loosed Wynona's Rebel, owned by Dennis Beauford and Bruce Sooter, while Larry Huffman loosed Whippoorwill Frontline, owned by Jeff Busby, in Brace 9. Rebel had birds twice, at 3 and again at 16, to successfully finish the hour under judgment. Frontline found no birds, and Huffman picked him up at a Turner Road crossing near the end of the hour.

Superstition's Jake, owned and scouted by Ric Peterson, was handled by Brody Byrd, while Allen Vincent handled Sandridge for owners Dr. James Mills, Dr. Natalie McDonald, and James Lighter in Brace 10. Sandridge had an unproductive at 29 and no other birds, prompting both owners to pick up early.

Brace 11 was an excellent hour, with both dogs running good races and producing birds. Game Nation, owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder, and Misty Morn Masked Man, owned and handled by Joey McAlexander, were together for the entire hour. The pair raised three coveys of birds, as Game Nation pointed, and Dr. Corder flushed at 14 and again at 38. Masked Man had birds once, at 34. Both dogs were stylish and nice to watch, making the hour pass quickly.

Dr. Corder's Game Star and Ric Peterson's Rock Acre Yellow Hawk found no birds in Brace 12 during the last hour of running on Wednesday

afternoon.

Miller's Family Tradition, owned by Jannie Chapman and handled by Kory Rinehart, and Haney's Storm Warning, owned and handled by Chris Cagle, started Brace 13 at 8 a.m. Thursday morning. Rinehart's dog pointed at 2, and birds were flushed in the milo stubble of the breakaway field. He finished the hour with no more birdwork. Storm Warning never crossed Buford Ellington Road and was out of contention early in the hour.

Valor's Lace and Grace, owned by Ray Carter and handled by Kory Rinehart, and Coldwater Bounty Hunter, handled by Weldon Bennett for Andrew and Debra Agnew, were drawn for the 14th brace. Lace and Grace finished the hour with no birds. Bennett picked up Bounty Hunter early.

Southern Thunder, owned by Chris Campbell, and Haney's Silver Dollar were the 15th brace pairing. Neither dog finished as Chris Cagle asked for Silver Dollar's tracker at 20, and Tom Shenker asked for Southern Thunder's tracker at 23.

Bonner's Hot Rize, owned by Jannie Chapman and handled by Kory Rinehart, was braced with the first-place winner, Late Hit, in the next brace. Ms. Chapman was in the gallery to watch Hot Rize point and Rinehart flush coveys at 5 and again at 14. However, Hot Rize did not finish the hour, as his tracker was called for at 49.

Dunn's True Reign, owned by Norris Sims and handled by Allen Vincent, and Rebel Dreams, owned and handled by David Williams, went next in an hour that involved several unproductives, some confusion, and no birds.



Jack Walker Open Derby Classic (front, l-r): Isaiah Todd with Sunset Sam Houston, Ken Blackman with Haney's Double Down, and Ike Todd with DS Raising Kane. (Standing, l-r): Matt Backus, Caitlin Jackson, Jarrett Bell (judge), Alex Jackson, and Dr. Stan Wint (judge).

Vincent and Williams had dogs braced together again in the 18th and last brace on Thursday afternoon. Vincent loosed Blackhawk Lucky Charm, owned by Dr. Mills, Dr. McDonald, and Steve Lighter, while Williams loosed Rebel Gold from his kennel. The pair stood together once, at 25, in an unproductive stand, and both finished the hour with no more birdwork.

Two all-age braces remained to be run on Friday morning. Costas, owned by Gordy Jones and handled by Ike Todd, and Game Heir, the third-place winner, were braced together. Costas had an unproductive stand at 12 and did not finish the hour, as Todd got his tracker at 30.

Only the bye-dog remained for the final brace, #20. Brody Byrd had Como Rain, scouted by owner Ric Peterson. Byrd shot as birds were flushed at 31 and continued to finish the hour.

Grand Junction, Tenn., January 14
Judges: Jarrett Bell and Stanley Wint
OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]
- 38 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-LATE HIT, F1687601, pointer male, by Miller's Blindsider-Abigail Lil. Christopher Campbell, owner; Tom Shenker, handler.

2d-LESTER'S STORM CHASER, F1697205, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. John Ivester Jr., owner; Robert (Lefty) Henry, handler.

3d-GAME HEIR, F1691409, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Game Snow. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

JOE WALKER OPEN DERBY CLASSIC
WINNERS

Ike Todd swept the board, handling all of the three winners. The first-place winner was Sunset Sam Houston, owned by Matt Brown. Second place was awarded to Haney's Slim, owned by Chris Cagle, and the third-place winner was DS Raising Kane, owned by Alex Rickert.

Sunset Sam Houston ran in the second brace, which was the first brace after lunch on Friday. He ran a really nice and forward race, showing himself nicely on several occasions. He had one find, at 15, near Ames Road and continued throughout the hour to clench his first-place win with an impressive finish.

Haney's Slim showed well throughout the hour on the third-hour morning course. He handled well and scored one find on birds that had not been seen at any of the previously run trials on Ames this year.

DS Raising Kane stayed forward and ran well on the first morning course on Saturday morning. He had one nice find, at 17, in native vegetation near the southwest corner of the Morgan Field.

JOE WALKER OPEN DERBY CLASSIC
[One-Hour Heats] - 18 Pointers

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

2d-HANEY'S DOUBLE DOWN, F1715340, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

3d-DS RAISING KANE, F1717824, pointer male, by Rester's Cajun Spirit-Awakened. Alex Rickert, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

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ARIZONA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Horizon's Bea Named Champion

By John Beauchamp | California City, California | January 15, 2025

The Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship cast off the morning of Wednesday, January 15, following the conclusion of the Wally Wallace Derby Classic. We were only able to get two braces run that day due to high winds. We suspended running to ensure all the dogs had an even playing field. The next morning brought favorable conditions, and we were able to complete the championship and get the accompanying derby run. Morning temps were in the low 20s, and the afternoons never made it into the 60s. We still had some wind gusts and a reasonable breeze—a good day for field trialing.

The trial was significantly impacted by the Los Angeles fires raging out of control throughout the week. We lost judges, had to reshuffle judges based on availability, and our entries dipped. With the increasing cost of putting on championships and clubs, our club at least cannot take too many years in the red as badly as this year.

The grounds were in rough shape this year. Rain did not support germination of the annual grasses, and there hadn't been any rain in months. Leaving the grounds bone dry and the cover thin. But that didn't seem to affect the dogs as they worked the courses in search of game.

Horizon's Bea (Terry Erickson) was up in the first brace and looked good from cast-off to completion of the hour. She worked both sides of the main drainage at good range going out. She made the corner heading east and searched the rocks until she scored her one find late in the brace. But better late than never. Very solid Shooting Dog performance.

California City, Cal., January 15, 2025
Judges: Ed Mayhew and Cliff Mesnard
ARIZONA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 6 Pointers and 2 Setters
Winner-HORIZON'S BEA, F1685955, setter female,
by Northwoods Charles-Gertrude. Terry Erickson,
owner and handler.
No runner-up was named.



Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship (l-r): John Beauchamp, Ed Mayhew (judge), Terry Erickson with Horizon's Bea, and Bruce Hale (judge).

Bill West Open Derby

This was the first year in several years that we were able to run the Bill West Derby. Bill West was a prominent trainer and field trialer in the 80s-90s. His methods and teaching have influenced a number of today's trainers—a good man who helped the game and always had time for individuals.

We used the front half of the championship courses for the stake, allowing us to run one brace out, change side of the road, and run the other brace back in. Derbies are always fun to watch, and we had some very nice typical derby performances. And yes, some time spent on chippy birds.



Bill West Derby (l-r): Ed Mayhew, Terry Erickson (judge), John Beauchamp with Smith's Shining Truth, and Bruce Hale (judge).

Judges: Terry Erickson and Bruce Hale
BILL WEST DERBY – 6 Pointers

1st-SMITH'S SHINING TRUTH, F1706310, pointer female, by Man O War-Hale's Honey Badger. Brian Smith, owner and handler.

2d-ALMOSTA'S BART SIMPSON, F1706309, pointer male, by Man O War-Hale's Honey Badger. John Beauchamp, owner and handler.

3d-ALMOSTA'S DORA THE EXPLORER, F1706308, pointer female, by Man O War-Hale's Honey Badger. John Beauchamp, owner and handler.

Thank You All

Our Championship judges, Mr. Ed Mayhew and Mr. Cliff Mesnard, were on time and attentive to every brace. Our Derby judges, Mr. Terry Erickson and Mr. Bruce Hale, thank you so much, gentlemen!

And, of course, thank you to Purina! Greg Blair supported us again this year. Having worked with Greg for several years. He is always responsive, timely, and accurate.

We were pleased to have the support of SportDOG, which allowed us to have collars for the champion.

Planting birds when it is 18-21 degrees out is tough! We want to thank Terry Erickson and Bruce Hale for getting up and getting us going each day, sticking around, and helping plant birds in the dark each day. I can't sign off without thanking my wife, Patti, for pulling the hot lunches together.

Hope to see you all down the road. Safe travels, John.

VIRGIL BEASLEY SR. MEMORIAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

Hytime Dixie Wins Classic Hosted by Old Hickory Field Trial Club

By Jeff Blackwell | LaVergne, Tennessee | January 17, 2025



Virgil Beasley Sr. Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog (front row, l-r): Malachi, Micah, and Dereck Layne (dad/scout) with Hytime Dixie, Madison McDonald (scout) with Miller's Triple Digit Heat, and Joe Hughes (scout) with Warioto's Mia Storm. (Back row, l-r): Morgan, Tracy, Mason Layne, Justin Howard (judge), Ben Weddington (winning handler) and Charlotte, Allen Linder, Buddy Morrison, Scott and Lisa Little, Tessa Hughes, Todd Montgomery (judge), and Jeff Blackwell (reporter).

A beautiful sunny Friday morning greeted participants, gallery, and club officials at the Virgil Beasley Sr. Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog Classic at Poole Knobs WMA in LaVergne, Tennessee, on January 17, 2025. As the first Virgil Beasley Classic was held in 2008, this would make the 17th running (one year was canceled due to weather and no available make-up date) to honor long-time, respected dog man Virgil Beasley Sr.

The members of the Old Hickory Field Trial Club were pleased to have Dr. Justin Howard from Selma, Alabama, back in the judicial saddle for the second year in a row. Todd Montgomery, Union Springs, Alabama, ably aided Howard as the second judge. We appreciate their time and attention in marking the Derby and Virgil Beasley Classic cards.

Surprisingly, scenting conditions must not have been good as eight derbies participated, but only one

bird contact was scored. Bryant's Silver Lining, a Pointer male owned and handled by Kenton Bryant, was the first-place winner in a strong forward-ground race. Second place was awarded to Dry Kreek Fiasty B, a Pointer female owned and handled by Chris Koutras. Pointer male, High Drive Impact, owned by Allen Linder and handled by Buddy Morrison, placed third. All three dogs showed great potential with out-front, pleasing races.

The first brace of the Virgil Beasley Classic was dropped down at Martin Lane. Birds were found at the Power Lines 30 minutes in by Gentry's Little Jane, owned and handled by Taylor Henley. Her bracemate, Lovely Lady May, was a little eager to get to the birds and was picked up by owner/handler Joe Hughes. Jane had an unproductive with five minutes to go and finished the hour.

Tennessee Farmer's Co-op, a longtime supporter of our trial, furnished a delicious barbeque lunch. After Derby winners were

announced, prizes handed out, and the blessing of our meal, everyone enjoyed fellowshiping and a warm lunch. It was great to see field trialer of the past and friend of the club, J. D. Bumpus, down from Clarksville, Tennessee, for a visit. He even assisted with the dog wagon and some trailer repairs. Thanks, J. D.!

Brace 2 turned loose at the clubhouse at 1 p.m. First-time participant of the Virgil Beasley Classic, Robert Spillman, and his Pointer female Ubetcha B K scored her first find at :53 at Courtney's Crossing and was backed by running mate Gal Gadot, a Pointer female, and Joe Hughes. Ubetcha found birds again at :31 at the Big Oak and finished the hour. Gadot was picked up before time.

Next were Bryant's Give It A Rip, an English Setter male with Kenton Bryant, and Hengen's Spunk, a Pointer male, with Taylor Henley. Rip was gone, and the tracker requested. Spunk was picked up with no birdwork.

With clouds moving in and a forecast of all-night rain, scenting conditions definitely changed for the last brace of the day. With Warioto's Crazy Daisy, Scott and Lisa Little's Pointer female being scratched, Ben Weddington and Hytime Dixie had the course to themselves. Dropped down at the Gas Lines heading toward the back, Ben's Setter female said there were birds at the top of the hill, but none were found four minutes into the hour. However, she impressed the judges with a great out-front shooting dog race and four good finds over the next 56 minutes. The first at :43 at Martin Lane, next at :21 at the end of the S-curve fields, at :11 before entering

the Knob Field, and lastly at :05 at the Power Lines. Ben was “on the whistle” and Dixie finished the hour out front still hunting game.

The weatherman was mostly correct. It rained all night, but instead of continuing through Saturday morning, it stopped well before our 7:30 start time. Especially after the extremely dry summer and fall in Middle Tennessee, we thanked the Lord for the rain and for not having to ride in it! Four braces were scheduled for the day, and hats were in the air 27 times on Saturday. Boy, what a difference a day and weather change makes.

Veteran handler Buddy Morrison turned loose Miller’s Triple Digit Heat for owner Allen Linder, and owner/handler James Heimdal whistled to Big Creek’s Coldwater Frank to begin the day from the clubhouse starting line. Both Pointer males tallied five finds each. Heat, a big running dog, was on point at :50 in the Gas Line Field, :34 at the Power Line Turn, :25 (divided find) at the Big Oak, :10 at the Banana Fields, and was found at time at the end of the S-curve field way out front. Another strong performance for this multi-time winner at these Percy Priest grounds. Frank scored at :52, :40, :36, :25, and :14 but just had the urge to get a step closer to the birds a couple of times.

Brace 6 started at the S-curve and featured Pointer females J Maple Jester and Miller’s Flowers and Lace for Joe Hughes and Madison McDonald, respectively. They started off with a bang as both dogs were on point with separate finds at the end of the field at :57. Jester crossed



Amateur Derby (front row, l-r): Bryant’s Silver Lining with Kenton Bryant, Dry Kreek Feisty B with Chris Koutras, and Dereck Layne (scout) with High Drive Impact. (Back, l-r): Justin Howard (judge), James Heimdal, J.D. Bumpus, Buddy Morrison, Todd Montgomery (judge), and Jeff Blackwell.

the field and pointed at :53 with Lace backing, all in order. Lace found birds at :44 before the Knob Field and Jester backed. At :35, Jester stopped again at the Carp Pond for her third find. Lace found her third at :29 in the Gas Line Field, with Jester wanting to “get a better view,” but she did honor Lace. Both dogs finished in the Banana Fields, with Jester on point with one minute left and Lace found pointed after time at fields end. A great brace to watch!

The 7th pairing of the Virgil Beasley Classic saw Heimdal and Little dropping down Big Creek’s Hamilton, a Pointer male, and Warioto’s Mia Storm, a Pointer female, respectively, from the Martin Lane starting line. Hamilton had bird work three times at :40, :32, and :25 and backed Mia Storm twice. Mia Storm tallied four nice out-front finds at :40 just before the Pond Dam, at :32 entering the Knob Field, at :22 by the Carp Pond and lastly :15 in the Gas Line Field. Mia Storm finished out front with nose to the ground, still hunting.

After three exciting pairings with lots of birdwork and fairly rain-soaked grounds, most all involved

“didn’t have enough horse” to make a fourth hour, so lunch was the next order of business. Tracy Layne, wife of club president Dereck, had the food ready and waiting. Thank you, Tracy!

With fresh horses under saddle, Hughes and McDonald would show the judges the last two dogs of the trial, Dominator’s Big Mike, a Pointer male, and Miller’s Upgrading the Ante, a Pointer female. Mike had a breach of manners and was picked up by Hughes. Ante had finds at the Carp Pond and the Big Oak and finished the hour.

I had the privilege to thank our judges, Justin and Todd, again, along with all owners, handlers, and club officials, and announce the 2025 winners. Congratulations to all!

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Lavergne, Tenn., January 17
Judges: Justin Howard and Todd Montgomery
AMATEUR DERBY – 8 Pointers
1st-BRYANT’S SILVER LINING, F1710183, pointer male, by Haney’s Silver Dollar-Haney’s Price Penny. Kenton Bryant, owner and handler.
2d-DRY KREEK FIESTY B, F1705464, pointer female, by Electronic Warfare-Midge’s Miracle. Chris Koutras, owner and handler.
3d-HIGH DRIVE IMPACT, F1706166, pointer male, by Erin’s Grey Justice-Erin’s Miss Daisy. Allen Linder, owner; Buddy Morrison, handler.

VIRGIL BEASLEY SR. MEMORIAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]
– 14 Pointers and 2 Setters
1st-HYTIME DIXIE, F1682354, setter female, by Hytest Palladin-Wynona’s Bohawk Dixie. Ben Weddington, owner and handler.
2d-MILLER’S TRIPLE DIGIT HEAT, F1685675, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller’s Bring The Heat. Allan Linder, owner; Buddy Morrison, handler.
3d-WARIOTO’S MIA STORM, F1696703, pointer female, by Lester’s Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Scott Little & Lisa Little, owners; Scott Little, handler.

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All ads must be submitted and approved by
4:30 p.m. (EST), Wednesday, March 5.

Field Trials

 **STUMP HILL FARMS
FIELD TRIAL CLUB**
Member SBHA

March 6, 2025 to Conclusion • Rose Hill, NC
Grounds: Joe Edwards Farm, 2516 Register Sutton Rd.,
Rose Hill, NC. **Drawing:** Monday, March 3, 6:00 p.m., at
the home of Daniel Bell.

OPEN PUPPY—Awards.....	\$40.00
OPEN DERBY—40%, 50-30-20.....	\$55.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG—40%, 50-30-20.....	\$60.00
AMATEUR GUN DOG—Awards	\$50.00

Judges: To be announced
Entries to: DANIEL BELL • **Phone:** (910) 372-3175



**GEORGIA-FLORIDA
INVITATIONAL
FIELD TRIAL CLUB**
Blank Ammo & Solid Barrel Guns Only!



March 7-9, 2025 • Starts 8:00 a.m.
Hickory Head Plantation, Quitman, GA
Open Shooting Dog (45 Min.) • Open Derby (30 Min.)
Drawing: Monday, March 4, 5:00 p.m.
Judges: Jeff Gibbons, Deatsville, AL, and one to be announced
— All horses must have current Coggins test —
Phone entries to: AMY FULLER • (850) 508-8909
Please call or text your entries in before 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 3.

Entries accepted with the understanding that the Georgia-Florida Invitational Field Trial Club and its officers, directors, members, and the landowners are not in any way responsible and shall not be held liable for any accidents or occurrences involving any individual, their property, or animals while attending or participating in the trial.

 **BLUEGRASS WALKING
SHOOTING DOG CLUB**
Member NBHA, AFTCA & KFTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

March 8-9, 2025 • Berea, KY
Grounds: Miller Welch Central KY WMA, 638 Dreyfus Rd., Berea, KY.
Entries Close/Drawing: Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m., with drawing to follow.

AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.).....	\$30.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.).....	\$50.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.).....	\$40.00
*OPEN SHOOTING DOG QUALIFIER (30 Min.).....	\$60.00
*OPEN DERBY (30 Min.).....	\$45.00

**Entries permitting*
— Ribbons or plaques to all placements —
Judges: Tim Hammons and Matt Hadley

Entries to: JONATHAN DUNN • (859) 404-7359
NBHA, Bluegrass WSD Club, AFTCA, or KFTA are not liable for accidents or injuries to persons and/or animals.

PENNSYLVANIA AMATEUR GROUSE DOG CLUB

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

MARCH 8-9, 2025 • STARTS 7:00 A.M.

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST, MARIENVILLE, PA

Drawing: Wednesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m., at home of Eric Munden.

- *AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour).....\$50.00
- AMATEUR PUPPY (30 Min.).....\$30.00
- *EDNA MORGAN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.).....\$40.00

Rosettes, Tom Vassen Trophy to Winner • *Multiple Course



H. Y. COOPER MEMORIAL

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Liberated Birds ...\$40.00

Judges: To be announced

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

61 Church St., Philipsburg, PA 16866



Club and landowners not responsible for accident or injury.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

March 15-16, 2025

The Farm, 1674 SW Farm Court, Lake City, FL 32024

Drawing: Thursday, March 13, 1:00 p.m., at The Farm.

STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:

- OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)\$30.00
- OPEN ALL-AGE (30 Min.).....\$30.00
- *OPEN RESTRICTED DERBY (30 Min.).....\$30.00
- *No prior Derby placements*
- *OPEN RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.).....\$30.00
- *No prior Open Shooting Dog placements*
- OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)\$30.00
- *OPEN RESTRICTED ALL-AGE (30 Min.).....\$30.00
- *No prior Open All-Age placements*

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: DON PRICE—(904) 655-5402 -or- JOE HICKS—(386) 249-1210

Club, club officers, and landowners not responsible for accidents, injury, or loss to any person, horse, dogs, or equipment.

BIG SKY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

MARCH 22-23, 2025 GREAT FALLS, MT

Grounds: Ulm Bench, above Ulm Pishkin, 15 miles west of Great Falls, MT. Starting time at the chairman's discretion. Pre-Drawing: Thursday, March 20, 7:00 p.m., at the Noell residence, Laurel, MT. Multiple courses on native Sharptail grouse, Hungarian partridge, and pheasant. Motels: Holiday Inn Express—(406) 453-4000; Crystal Inn—(406) 727-7788; Motel 6—(406) 453-1602. Dinner: To be announced.

- OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)\$45.00
- OPEN ALL-AGE (30 Min.).....\$45.00
- AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.).....\$45.00
- OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Time permitting; All-Age Standards.....\$40.00
- OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Time permitting; Shooting Dog Standards ..\$40.00

All entries must include dog's FDSB registered name and number.

—AFTCA win certificates to all placements in all stakes—

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: DAVE NOELL

Phone: (406) 861-6818 • Email: dnjnoell@gmail.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 Annotated, § 27-1-725 (1963).

Association of South Carolina FTC presents the MID-CAROLINA FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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

MARCH 13-16, 2025 • CAMDEN, SC • STARTS 8:00 A.M.

Horseback & Walking Stakes • ASCFTC Points Trial



Grounds: Club grounds, Camden, SC, located off of Field Trial Road and Greenfield Drive. One course; released quail. Negative Coggins papers in hand for all horses. Pre-Drawing: Monday, March 10, 7:30 p.m., at the home of the secretary.

- OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Entries permitting\$30.00
- OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Purse: 50%, 50-30-20.....\$50.00
- OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Purse: 50%, 50-30-20.....\$55.00
- AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.).....\$45.00
- AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.).....\$40.00
- OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG.....\$50.00
- AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG.....\$45.00

Judges: To be announced

Field Trial Chairman: Mike McKinney

Entries to: ROGER McPHERSON • (843) 623-2186 [Home] • (814) 657-0712 [Cell]

Night of the drawing call: (814) 657-0712

The Mid-Carolina FTC, its officers and members are not liable or responsible for any loss, damage or injury to participants or their property.



INDIANA WALKING SHOOTING DOG CLUB

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

March 16, 2025

Crooked Creek Conservation Club

13203 E. 264th St., Noblesville, IN 46060-6984

(crookedcreegunclub.org)

Drawing: Tuesday, March 11, 8:00 p.m.

- AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG\$50.00
- AMATEUR DERBY\$50.00
- AMATEUR PUPPY—Time permitting.....\$30.00
- GUN DOG—Time permitting.....\$50.00

Judges: To be announced



Entries to: GRADY HOWARD • Phone: (317) 431-8666

Email: gradyhoward027@gmail.com

BLACK ASH WILD BIRD DOG CLUB

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

March 22*-23, 2025 • Starts 8:00 a.m.

(*If entries warrant, Amateur Shooting Dog will start Friday, March 21)

— One-Hour Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Wild Bird Classic —



Grounds: PA State Game Lands #69, Guys Mills, PA. Meeting location at the gravel boat launch parking lot on Carpenter Rd., approx. two miles north of State Hwy. 27. Drawing: Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m., at the home of John McKellop—(814) 795-7691 [text or call].

*AMATEUR WILD BIRD CLASSIC (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$65.00

**OPEN WALKING DERBY (30 Min.)—Callback on quail Entry Fee: \$40.00

**OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—No earlier than Sun., 8:00 a.m. .. Entry Fee: \$30.00

*Multiple courses on wild game birds • **Single course

Judges: Classic—Mark Forman and Deb Nihart;

OWD & OP—To be announced.

Phone or text entries to: JOHN MCKELLOP—(814) 795-7691

Entries are accepted with the understanding that the club, its officers and members and landowners are not responsible and cannot be held liable for accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs, or equipment. AFTCA member number must be included with entry.



TWELVE O'CLOCK FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member NBHA & AFTCA
Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



March 22-23, 2025 • Ottawa Field Trial Grounds—East

Grounds: Located on the east side of Hwy. 67, approx. 5 miles south of Dousman, WI, or 5 miles north of Eagle, WI. Drawing: Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m., at the residence of the Chairperson. Entries limited to the first 32 dogs entered, regardless of stake, due to available daylight hours.

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

***Judgment ceases at flush; Run at club's discretion**

Judges: To be announced



Entries to: DEB DLOBIK • Phone: (262) 490-6876

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

LAKE STATES FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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

Member AFTCA & AMFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!
American Field requirements regarding electronic devices will be enforced!

March 28*-30, 2025 • Spring Trial • Starts 7:00 a.m.

Gladwin Field Trial Area, Meredith, MI

*Starts Friday, 7:00 a.m. (determined by entries) and no later than Saturday morning.

PURINA POINTS TRIAL • INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL



Entries Close: 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 23, with Drawing at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Sec.-Treas. Denise Peters, 7888 Greenwood Rd., Gladwin, MI. All are welcome.

JOHN HADAWAY COVER DOG CLASSIC [OSD] (30 Min.)—Multiple Courses \$60.00*

THE BRYAN WOOD OPEN PUPPY CLASSIC (25 Min.)—Single Course \$45.00*

Puppy will run Saturday morning (time TBD at drawing).

DELL TODD OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Multiple Courses \$55.00*

OSD will start Friday; Derby will begin no later than Sunday morning (all determined by entries).

*Purse: All stakes—40% (less \$3/dog) divided 50-30-20.

Rotating Trophies and Ribbons will also be awarded.

Judges: OSD—Shane Haskin and Marc Dozeman; OD—Chris Wasserman and Ronnie Eldridge;

OP—LeeAnn Parnell and Frank Illijanic.

Direct entries to: DENISE PETERS, 7888 Greenwood Rd., Gladwin, MI 48624

Phone: (269) 209-1255 • Email: dpeters1255@yahoo.com

Entrants and spectators participate at their own risk. LSFTC and/or its officers are not responsible for injury or accidents.

YORK POINTER & SETTER CLUB

Member AFTCA & EPAFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns only!

APRIL 4-6, 2025 • STARTS 8:00 A.M.



Grounds: Located at 7730 Carlisle Rd., Wellsville, PA 17365.

Drawing: Thursday, April 3, 8:00 p.m., at the clubhouse.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

(Fri.) MERV EISENHART MEMORIAL

OPEN SHOOTING DOG—50%, 50-30-20; Rosettes... \$65.00

OPEN DERBY—50%, 50-30-20; Rosettes \$65.00

(Sat.) GERALD TRACY MEMORIAL

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Rosettes \$55.00

AMATEUR DERBY—Rosettes \$45.00

(Sun.) OPEN PUPPY \$35.00

YOUTH STAKE—To follow Open Puppy

— \$3.00 grounds fee deducted before purse is paid —

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: GREG STRAUSBAUGH, Trial Chairman

Cell: (570) 510-2692

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



WEST COAST BIRD HUNTERS CLUB

March 22-23, 2025 • Starts 7:00 a.m.

Wasatch Wing & Clay, Cedar Fort, UT

Grounds: Located at 8002 N 16800 W St., Cedar Fort, UT 84013. GPS Coordinates: 40.37709, -112.08518. No grounds fees from landowner. Be respectful to the property and keep it tidy. Hook-ups: Primitive camping available is at no charge. Lunches: Provide your own lunch. Judges and bird planters will be furnished lunches. Drawing: Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m., at Barratt Gorshe's home. The AFTCA requires amateur handlers/owners have individual AFTCA membership (apply at www.aftca.org). Hotels (in Lehi, UT): Tru by Hilton, Holiday Inn Express, and Motel 6.

NBHA OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG.....	\$50.00
NBHA OPEN WALKING DERBY DOG	\$50.00
NBHA OPEN WALKING PUPPY.....	\$40.00
NBHA AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG	\$50.00
NBHA AMATEUR WALKING GUN DOG—JC@F	\$50.00
NBHA AMATEUR WALKING DERBY	\$50.00
NBHA AMATEUR WALKING PUPPY—Time permitting.....	\$40.00

Plaques/Rosettes awarded

Judges: Rich Burgi, Scott Evans, Colby Healey, and Kyle Oxborrow

Entries to: BARRATT GORSHE • Phone: (801) 836-7291 • Email: bgorshe12@gmail.com

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

The NBHA would like to thank our gracious sponsors: Purina Pro Plan, Garmin, OnX Hunt, Gun Dog Supply, Mule Brand Gear & Apparel, Gun Dog Central, and Home Field Training & Kennels

UTAH FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

March 29, 2025

Anderson Ranch, Howell, UT

Drawing: Thursday, March 27, 7:00 p.m.,

at the home of Rich Burgi, President.

STAKES TO BE RUN:

OPEN SHOOTING DOG • OPEN DERBY

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: RICH BURGI, President

9238 Maison Dr., Sandy, UT 84093

Text or Phone: (801) 556-9777



INDIAN TERRITORY BIRD HUNTERS CLUB

Member NBHA

April 10*-13, 2024 (starts Thursday if entries warrant) • Starts 8:00 A.M.

Grounds: Located between Hwy. 10 and 4250 Road, between Lenepah and Welch, OK. Signs will be posted. From Lenepah, go 12.77 miles east on Hwy 10 to 4250 Road and turn south to grounds. From Welch, go 18.67 miles west on Hwy. 10 to 4250 Road and turn south. Drawing: Monday, April 7, 7:00 p.m., at Woods Kennel, Adair, OK.

KURT OCHSNER MEMORIAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG—Prizes; Traveling Trophy to Winner..... \$60.00

OPEN DERBY—Prizes..... \$60.00

OPEN PUPPY—Prizes..... \$40.00

OPEN RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG—For dogs without placements; Run at club's discretion; Prizes.. \$60.00

JERRY MYERS MEMORIAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Prizes; Traveling Trophy to Winner..... \$60.00

AMATEUR GUN DOG—JC@F; Prizes..... \$60.00

AMATEUR DERBY—Prizes..... \$60.00

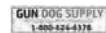
AMATEUR PUPPY—Prizes..... \$40.00

YOUTH STAKE—Prizes..... FREE

— Sheridan Belt Buckles to 1st Place in Open Shooting Dog and Amateur Shooting Dog, donated by Mark Dunlap —

Judges: Allen Vincent, Collinsville, OK; Bruce Sooter, Welch, OK; Kevin Guess, Prague, OK; Bill Osborne, Inola, OK; Ray Roberts, Grove, OK; Eddy Smith, Fruitvale, TX; Tom Lovett, Vinita, OK; Kevin White, Choctaw, OK; and Belinda DeLaby, Talihina, OK.

Entries to: TOM WOODS, President, 12803 N. 431 Road, Adair, OK 74330 • Phone: (918) 785-4593





Brad Hargis, President



John Hott, Vice President

2025 SPRING FIELD TRIAL SCHEDULE

**Denotes Walking Trial*

Date	Club	Location
Mar. 1-2	Lasalle Brittany Club*	Des Plaines
Mar. 7-9	Heart of Illinois Brittany Club*	Moraine View
Mar. 7-14	Hoosier FTC	Pyramid State (Captain)
Mar. 7-14	Southern Illinois BHC	Pyramid State (Captain)
Mar. 8-9	Mid-South BHC*	Orchardville
Mar. 8-9	Mid-State Bird Dog Club	JEPC
Mar. 8-14	NGSPA Region 5 Championships	Pyramid State (Denmark)
Mar. 13-16	National German Pointing Dog Assn.	Pyramid (Denmark)
Mar. 13-16	Rend Lake FTC	Pyramid (Captain)
Mar. 15-17	All Breed Winners Classic	JEPC
Mar. 20-22	Heart of Illinois Brittany Club	JEPC
Mar. 20-23	Southern Illinois BHC	Pyramid (Captain)
Mar. 22-23	Lasalle Brittany Club	JEPC
Mar. 27-30	Region 5 Amateur All-Age Chmp.	Pyramid (Captain)
Mar. 31-Apr. 6	Egyptian Open Shooting Dog Chmp.	Pyramid (Captain)
Apr. 6-8	Indiana Shooting Dog Classic	Pyramid (Captain)
Apr. 12-13	Fort Dearborn GSPC*	Des Plaines
Apr. 12-16	National Red Setter FTC	Pyramid (Captain)

Note: FTCL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DATE ERRORS

Dates and locations could be subject to change. Contact the FTCL Secretary for more information.

TRIAL CHAIRPERSONS: Each member club is responsible for reporting their trial results. Please forward the trial results to the appropriate chairperson and mail your activity fees with results to the secretary/treasurer of FTCL within 30 days of the trial.

Brittany	Continental Breeds	Jr. Handler	Horseback Pointer/Setter
Neveta Salmons 529 E 2200th St Liberty IL 62347 217-845-3749 nsalmons@adams.net	Angie Vicari 975 E Nerge Rd., Ste. 120 Roselle, IL 60172 847-525-2550 Avicari22@aol.com	Mauve Derrig 639 38th St. Rock Island, IL 61201 847-877-9303 Mdoggie555@gmail.com	Brian Sheehan 1442 Iris Ave. Carol Stream, IL 60188 630-876-0613 Briansheehan_359@msn.com
Walking Pointer/Setter Brad Hargis 308 Lazy Acre Rd. Salem, IL 62881 618-292-1798 Bsh51863@hotmail.com	Vizsla Chad Chadwell 743 Etherton Springfield, IL 62712 217-520-1581 cnchadwell@gmail.com	Secretary/Treasurer Donna Janulis 26110 S. Cherry Hill Rd. Manhattan, IL 60442 708-738-7916 ejannus@aol.com	

SUNFLOWER CLASSICS

Hosted by Holler Point Field Trial Club

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

March 7-9, 2025 • Starts 8:00 a.m. each day

Holler Point Farm, Abilene, KS

National Amateur, U. S. Derby Invitational

& Purina Amateur Points Trial



Directions to Grounds: Near Abilene, KS, exit I-70 at Abilene; Go south on Hwy. 15 for 20.6 miles. Entrance to farm is between 400 and 300 Ave., off Hwy. 15. Look for signs on west side of the road. Trial to be run on 1 1/2-hour continuous course on native quail, prairie chickens and pheasants, with substitution of pre-released coveys. **Meals:** Lunch to be served daily. Supper will be served Friday and Saturday night; *Saturday night banquet*—ribeye steaks hot off the grill. **Drawing:** Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Diane Shoemaker. Limited to 3 days running. **Lodging:** America's Best Value—(785) 263-2050; Super 8 Motel—(785) 263-4545; Budget Lodge—(785) 263-3600. There will be great food, great prizes, and plenty of birds; we hope everyone can make it!

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

SUNFLOWER OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....\$110.00

National Amateur Points; Prizes to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

SUNFLOWER OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.).....\$ 60.00

U.S. Derby Invitational Points; Prizes to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

SUNFLOWER AMATEUR ALL-AGE CLASSIC (1 Hour).....\$110.00

Purina Amateur All-Age Award & National Amateur Points;

Prizes to 1st & 2nd; Points to 3rd only

Judges: Dr. Stan Wint, Howard Burbach, and Klaus Schmidt

Trial Chairman: Rodney Shoemaker—(816) 558-2427

All entries to: DIANE SHOEMAKER • (816) 309-4773

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SOUTHERN PINES CELEBRATION

Hosted by Southern Pines Celebration Field Trial Club



— Sponsored by Purina —

March 6-9, 2025 • Starts 8:00 a.m.
Sandhills Wildlife Area, Hoffman, NC
A PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD
& AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL

Drawing: Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Johnny Atkinson; Phone: (843) 430-2492. **Accommodations:** Located in Rockingham only (12 minutes from grounds). Ask about field trial rate. Electrical hook-ups available on a first come, first served basis for \$10 per night.

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.).....\$ 50.00

RAY JOYE AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour).....\$115.00

***AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....\$100.00**

**Time permitting*

Judges: Larry Cox, Randleman, NC, and Todd Williams, Jackson Springs, NC

Directors: Grayson Francis, Johnny Atkinson, Til Hankley, Dwight Smith

— Thank you to Richmond County for your support —

Entries to: JOHNNY ATKINSON—(843) 430-2492

-or- GRAYSON FRANCIS—(434) 610-8601

The Southern Pines Celebration Field Trial Club and the NCFTCA accept no responsibility or liability for any accident or loss on grounds or during participation in trial. Each and every participant must have their native state hunting license.



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2025 EAST REGION SUPER QUALIFIER



Starts March 7*-9, 2025 • Union Springs, AL

**Start date depending on entries*

Bonus Point Trial: 1st—25 points; 2nd—15 points; 3rd—10 points plus standard 3, 2, 1 per starter

Grounds: Tony & Becky Gibson's Conecuh Station, Union Springs, AL. Lunch and breakfast served daily and the Conecuh Station clubhouse.

Drawing: Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. (EST), at the residence of Chairman Quintin Wiseman, 5453 Hwy. 100, Hogansville, GA 30230.

Dinner: Saturday evening dinner will be held at nearby Shenandoah Plantation in support of the Alabama Field Trial Club and the Alabama Youth Field Trial Club.

UNITED STATES AMATEUR DERBY INVITATIONAL

45-Min. Heats • Entry Fee: \$125.00 (includes all fees)

— Dogs judged on Derby standards —

Purina Pro Plan to Winners • Trophy Buckles to Winners

Judges: Steve Hurdle and John David Smith

Entries to: QUINTIN WISEMAN • Text: (678) 464-1998

OIL CAPITAL FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

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

MARCH 14-16, 2025 • INOLA, OK



**A PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG, PURINA TOP DERBY,
AND PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD POINTS TRIAL**

Grounds: McFarlin-Ingersoll Ranch, 7 miles south of Claremore, OK, on Hwy. 88. Three one-hour courses with wild and liberated birds. Lunches provided by the club. Drawing: Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Trial Chairman Lynn Oxendine. Lodging: Will Rogers Motel, Claremore, OK—(918) 341-4410.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) Entry Fee: \$85.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—All-Age Standards.. Entry Fee: \$50.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$85.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)..... Entry Fee: \$50.00

Entry fee includes \$15 Grounds Fee and Bird Fee.


Prizes to winners in all stakes.

The running of stakes will be at the club's discretion.

Judges: *All-Age Stakes*—Kevin White, Oklahoma City, OK, and Barry Moore, Tulsa, OK; *Shooting Dog Stakes*—Doug Meyer, Tonganoxie, KS, and Jon Humphrey, Oologah, OK.

Phone entries to: LYNN OXENDINE, Trial Chairman
Call or Text: (417) 438-3414

Neither the Oil Capital Field Trial Association, the Officers, the Directors, or the Landowners are liable for any accidents or injuries occurring during this field trial. All participants and observers do so at their own risk.






CEDAR VALLEY CLASSIC

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Friday, March 21, 2025 • Starts 8:00 a.m.
Hoffman Field Trial Grounds, Hoffman, NC

Horseback Stakes hosted by Derby Field Trial Club
Early Drawing: Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. (EST).








**A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD,
PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD
& PURINA TOP DERBY AWARD POINTS TRIAL**

***OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour)\$225.00**
***RAY B. JEFFERS OPEN DERBY
CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Time permitting\$125.00**
***50%, 50-30-20**

Judges: OSD—Phil Stevenson, Saltville, VA, and Mike McKinney, Charlotte, NC; **OD**—Ronnie Rogers, New Market, TN, and Grayson Guyer, Winston Salem, NC.

Entries to: CALVIN CURNUTTE
Phone: (910) 995-7902
4911 Hoffman Rd., Jackson Springs, NC 27281



HORSEBACK WINNERS' CLASSIC

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

March 15-16, 2025 • Starts 8:00 a.m. each day
Jim Edgar Wildlife Area, Chandlerville, IL

Open to all Pointing Breeds

— Bonus Points Trial for FTCl Dog of the Year Award —

Drawing: Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. (CST), at home of the secretary.

Lodging: Riverbank Lodge, Petersburg, IL—(217) 632-0202.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20 \$55.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20 \$50.00
*AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Prizes..... \$55.00
*AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Prizes \$50.00

***A Blue Ribbon Award Points Stake**

****JUNIOR HANDLERS' STAKE (20 Min.)—Prizes**

****Entry fee sponsored by club. No dog required; Club can provide.**

Walking or Horseback.

Judges: Mike Vicari, Sean P. Derrig, Dennis Sneed, and Brian Sheehan



Entries to: SEAN PATRICK DERRIG, Secretary
1843 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL 60613

Phone: (773) 447-6131 • Email: Spderrig@gmail.com

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The Kansas Field Trial Clubs Association presents the KANSAS OPEN DERBY & PUPPY CLASSICS

Sponsored by: Kansas Red Setter Club & Wichita Bird Dog Club
Members AFTCA & KFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

March 21, 2025 to Conclusion • Dexter, KS • Starts 8:00 a.m.
(Limited to 3 days of running)



KANSAS DOG OF THE YEAR AWARDS POINTS TRIAL
This Event Sponsored by NutriSource



Grounds: Paula Radcliff Ranch, located approximately 15 miles east and 1/2 miles south of Winfield, KS, or 1 mile north, 1/4 mile east & 1/2 miles north of Dexter, KS. Directions: Leave Winfield, KS, east on Hwy. 160 and 15, go 1 mile east on Hwy. 28 from its junction with Hwy. 15. Then follow the sign south 1/2 miles to trial headquarters. Lunch served daily at the Red Barn on Hwy. 28. Motels: The Cabins at the Stone Barn, just outside of Dexter, or Bunk House in Dexter—Home: (620) 876-3467 or Cell: (620) 886-1703; or Grouse Valley Lodge in Dexter—(620) 876-7323. Drawing: Tuesday, March 18, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Don Beauchamp, Cheney, KS—Home: (316) 542-0103 or Cell: (316) 772-3684.

*OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour) Entry Fee \$100.00
National Amateur All-Age Invitational Points Trial

**KANSAS OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (45 Min.) Entry Fee \$ 90.00
American Derby Invitational Championship Points Trial

*OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee \$100.00
National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Points Trial

**KANSAS OPEN PUPPY CLASSIC (30 Min.)..... Entry Fee \$ 75.00
*Gifts to 3 places • **Purse: 50%, 50-30-20

Judges: Paul Roederer, Jay Lewis, Ed Berendzen,
Nathan Berendzen, and Scott Henning

DON BEAUCHAMP, Chairman • Cheney, KS
Home: (316) 542-0103 • Cell: (316) 772-3684

An entry is accepted as a waiver of any claim for loss or damage from the sponsoring clubs, Kansas Red Setter Club and Wichita Bird Dog Club, their employees and officers, landowners, and/or other trial sponsors.

McMINNVILLE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA, Southern Circuit & TFTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



MARCH 21-23, 2025 • STARTS 7:30 A.M. (CST)
**A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG, TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG
 & HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL • REGION 6 POINTS
 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT POINTS FOR SADDLE • INVITATIONAL POINTS**

Grounds: Percy Priest Wildlife Management Area, LaVergne, TN. From Nashville, take I-24 East to Waldron Rd. (Exit 64) and turn right. Go to Hwy. 41, turning right through LaVergne. Turn left on Fergus Rd., right on Jones Mill Rd. and follow signs. Lunches will be served. Drawing: Monday, March 17, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Pam Morrison. Phone: (931) 668-9319. Motel Accommodations: Econo Lodge, LaVergne, TN (on I-24)—(800) 228-5150 or (615) 793-3600.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....	\$ 85.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.).....	\$ 60.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—50%, 50-30-20.....	\$135.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Time permitting; 50%, 50-30-20.....	\$ 85.00

Judges: Brad Kennedy, Red Bay, AL, and Hunter Clark, Ethel, MS

Mail or phone entries to:

PAM MORRISON, 251 Ponderosa Dr., McMinnville, TN 37110
 Phone: (931) 668-9319 • Email: bpjmorrison@benlomand.net

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All field trial ads may be found on the website
 Calendar at: www.americanfield.com

Submit early to be included in print!

Please email ad particulars to:
gsmith@ukcdogs.com

RUFFED GROUSE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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

APRIL 11-13, 2025 SPRING TRIAL

— A PURINA POINTS TRIAL —

Grounds: Gladwin Field Trial Grounds, Meredith, MI. Trial gallery will be leaving Alibi Hall each morning. Lunches will be available. Retrieval collars allowed in accordance with AFTCA and UKC guidelines. Entries Close: Sunday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. Drawing: Monday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Chris Wasserman. Hotel Accommodations & Restaurants: Located in Gladwin, Prudenville or Houghton Lake, MI.

JACK SECOR MEMORIAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) ...\$50.00

To start Saturday, April 12, 8:00 a.m. • May start Friday, April 11, if entries warrant

Purse: 40% of entry fees, less fees, split 50-30-20

Rotating Trophy to Winner • Multiple Courses

Judges: Brandon Short and Jimmy Johnson

JOHN R. STUART DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)\$50.00

To start at the conclusion of the OSD, but no sooner than noon, Saturday, April 12

Purse: 40% of entry fees, less fees, split 50-30-20

Rotating Trophy to Winner • Multiple Courses

Judges: Tom Fruchey and Jeff Sweet

BERNIE BAUMAN MEMORIAL OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.).....\$40.00

To start Saturday, April 12, 9:00 a.m.

Purse: 40% of entry fees, less fees, split 50-30-20

Rotating Plaque to Winner • Single Course

Judges: Russ Fazio and Steve McKalko

Email entries to: ruffedgrouseclub@gmail.com

— **Only entries to this email address will be accepted and will be confirmed** —

BEAVERTON GROUSE DOG CLUB

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

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

April 18-19, 2025

Gladwin Field Trial Area, Meredith, MI



Drawing: Monday, April 14, 8:00 p.m., at the home of secretary Tom Fruchey.

***WAYNE FRUCHEY OPEN**

SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.)Entry Fee: \$65.00

40% divided 50-30-20 • A Purina Points Stake

Multiple Courses • Starts Friday, 8:00 a.m.

Judges: Christy Helmes and Dave Heavlin

***19th EATON SPRING DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.).....Entry Fee: \$55.00**

In Honor of Club Founders Andy & Betty Eaton of Beaverton

Multiple Courses • Starts Saturday; time to be announced

Judges: Dale Ash and Travis Whitfield

Cash Purse: 40% of entry fees divided 50-30-20 • A Purina Points Stake

***44th MICHIGAN GROUSE DOG**

PUPPY CLASSIC (25 Min.)Entry Fee: \$45.00

In Memory of Judd Kline

One Course • Starts Friday; time to be announced.

Judges: Jeff Sweet and Mike Singleton

Cash Purse: 40% of entry fees divided 50-30-20

***Rotating Trophy to Winner • Rosettes to 3 places**

\$3.00 of all entry fees for Grounds Fund and AMFTC

The use of retrieval collars will be allowed under the rules set forth by UKC/The American Field.

Entries to: TOM FRUCHEY, Secretary, 952 Van Dyke Rd., Beaverton, MI 48612

Phone/Text: (989) 324-8451 • Email: tomkelinc@yahoo.com



SOUTH CAROLINA OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC

Eukanuba[™] Sporting Dog

Monday, March 10, 2025 • Starts 8:00 a.m.

H. Cooper Black Grounds, Patrick, SC

Horseback stakes hosted by Derby Field Trial Club | Member SBHA

Early Drawing: Friday, March 7, 7 p.m. (EST).

OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC (1 Hour)..... \$280.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Time permitting..... \$120.00

Purse: 50%, 50-30-20

Judges: Sylvester and Sam Ridings, Cumming, GA

Entries to: CALVIN CURNUTTE JR. • Phone: (910) 995-7902

4911 Hoffman Rd., Jackson Springs, NC 27281



\$15,000 IN CASH PURSES PLUS PRIZES!

NBHA NATIONAL FREE-FOR-ALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Hosted by: Croton Creek Bird Dog Club

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

March 11, 2025 to Conclusion • Croton Creek Ranch, Cheyenne, OK

Grounds: Croton Creek Ranch, 4 miles west of Cheyenne, OK, on Hwy. 47, two miles north on paved road 1820, 2 miles west on gravel road 950. Signs will be posted. Single one-hour course on native and pre-released quail. Drawing: Friday, March 7, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Matthew Puckett. The AFTCA requires amateur handlers/owners have individual AFTCA membership (apply at www.aftca.org) for any amateur handler to receive a win certificate for their placement. Lodging: Croton Creek Hotel, cabins and RV hook-ups available on-site—(316) 847-2149; Bear Den Inn (alternate hotel), Cheyenne, OK—(580) 383-8759. Trailer parking, dog and horse paddocks on a first come, first served basis (or by reservation). Food: Meals and social hours will be in the Social Barn each day (Judges and workers complimentary). All other meals \$15 per meal. Social Events (open to the public): Social Hour each evening; Callback Banquet: Friday, 6 p.m.; Champions Celebration: Saturday, 5 p.m.; ReMax Realty will have their hot air balloon on-site Saturday, 5-7 p.m. Note: Negative Coggins papers required. Everyone must sign a liability release before competing or riding. No smoking on courses. Companion stakes run at hosting club's discretion.

— The Championship is the main event with all other stakes being companion stakes —

NBHA FREE-FOR-ALL CHAMPIONSHIP (One Hour)—One-Hour Callback; \$8,000 to Champion; \$3,000 to Runner-up \$185.00

Championship Callback Dogs will have a payout of \$3,000 (sponsored by CUDD and Mayfield Kennels) divided evenly with the top dog getting a bonus.

\$500 to each callback dog, \$250 to each standby dog, \$500 Bonus to Top Qualifying Dog, Ronnie Crawford Award Plaque (sponsored by Security State Bank).

NBHA OPEN WALKING DERBY (30 Min.)—50% (less NBHA Dog Taxes & \$15.00 Grounds Fee) of entries divided 50-30-20; \$500 added \$ 80.00

NBHA OPEN WALKING PUPPY (30 Min.)— 50% (less NBHA Dog Taxes & \$15.00 Grounds Fee) of entries divided 50-30-20; \$500 added \$ 60.00

Judges: Dr. Stanley Wint, Gardner, KS and Ryan Mulcahy, Boise, Idaho • Reporters: Josh and Rilee Pool, Tim Thornton

Entries to: MATTHEW PUCKETT • Phone: (214) 728-1520 • Email: mpuckett88@yahoo.com

[Cash, check, Venmo, and credit cards accepted]

Entries accepted & attendance of this event are with the understanding that NBHA, AFTCA, AF/UKC, Croton Creek Ranch, their officers, directors, members, sponsors, and the landowner(s) are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents or occurrences involving anyone attending the trial, their animals, or equipment.

The NBHA would like to thank our gracious sponsors: Purina Pro Plan, Garmin, Park Cities Quail Coalition, Gun Dog Supply, Mule Brand Gear & Apparel, OnX Hunt, Gun Dog Central, Charger Services, CUDD, Croton Creek Ranch, Mayfield Kennels, ReMax Realty, and Security State Bank.



REND LAKE OPEN

— A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STAKE & PURINA POINTS STAKE —

Sponsored by Rend Lake Field Trial Club

Member AFTCA, FTCL & OVFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Solid Barrel Guns Only!

Starts March 11, 2025

or immediately after the All-America Quail Championship
Pyramid State Park, Captain Unit • Near Cutler, IL



Grounds: Captain Unit of the Pyramid State Park, near Cutler, IL. **Drawing:** Thursday, March 6, 7:00 p.m., at Jon Lam's residence, 256 White Deer Run, Makanda, IL.

HARVEY McCOWEN MEMORIAL OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)—60% of purse divided 50-30-20\$275.00*
***\$20 NFTCA fee included in entry fee**

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) To be run if time allows—60% of purse divided 50-30-20\$150.00
AMERICAN DERBY INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & PURINA DERBY AWARD POINTS STAKE

Judges: Mike Jackson, Battle Ground, IN, and Jim Pendergest, Lexington, KY

Phone or text entries to: JON LAM—(618) 967-5906

Entries accepted with the understanding that the RLFTC, landowners, their officers, directors and members are not liable for any accidents involving persons, animals or equipment.

John Atkinson, President

Grayson Francis, Vice-President

John Ivester, Secretary

**NORTH CAROLINA FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION
OPEN DERBY & OPEN ALL-AGE**

MARCH 14-17, 2025 • HOFFMAN, NC



Grounds: To be run on the Sandhills Wildlife Management Area. Continuous courses. Trailer hook-ups are available at \$10 per day. Please make reservations with entry.

Handlers' Night Out: Saturday, March 15. All guests, Dutch Treat.

Note—Pre-Drawing: Tuesday, March 11, 5:00 p.m., at the chairman's office.

OPEN ALL-AGE (One Hour)..... Entry Fee \$300.00*
**Includes all fees*

Purse: 50% of entry fees (less \$20 per entry) divided 50-30-20

**All-Age is a Qualifying Stake for the National Championship,
Purina Points Trial and a Purina Handler of the Year Points Stake**

OPEN DERBY (30 Minutes).....Entry Fee \$125.00
Purse: 50% of entry fees divided 50-30-20

Derby is a Purina Top Derby Award and Invitational Points Stake

Judges: Tony Bingham, Shelby, NC, and Cliff Monroe, Mooresboro, NC

Marshals: John Atkinson, Grayson Francis, Sammy Giddens, Robert (Lefty) Henry, and Bob Youngs

Entries to: JOHN IVESTER, Stake Manager • (704) 641-1570

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and NCFTA accept no responsibility or liability for any accident or loss on grounds or field trial areas during participation in trial. All residents must have game lands permit.

SOUTH COUNTY FIELD TRIAL CLUB PRESENTS THE
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NEW ENGLAND AMATEUR WOODCOCK CLASSIC



Proudly sponsored by Purina

March 15*, 2025 to Conclusion (*If entries warrant)
Arcadia Wildlife Management Area, Exeter, RI • Multiple Course
— A GRAND NATIONAL INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL —

Judges: Russell Ogilvie and Tim Cavanaugh
Entry Fee: \$75.00 (U. S. Funds) • Guaranteed Purse: \$1,000 split 50-30-20
Prizes: Plaques and Purina certificates to winners

Entries Close & Drawing: Wednesday, March 12, 6:00 p.m., at the home of John and Jill Stolgitis.
Entries to: JILL STOLGITIS • Phone: (401) 377-1005 or (401) 954-5498 • Email: jstolgitis@aol.com

Starting at the conclusion of the New England Amateur Woodcock Classic, but not before Monday, March 17

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

— A PURINA COVERDOG POINTS & GRAND NATIONAL INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL —

Entry Fee: \$125.00 • One-Hour Multiple Course • Purse: \$1,000 (32 dogs or more, \$1,500) split 70-30
Judges: John Olfson and Brian Dix

JOEL COLLIER DERBY CLASSIC—Single course on liberated birds; Purse: 50% split 60-40; USCSDA Points ...\$50.00
COVERDOG PUPPY CLASSIC—Separate course; Purse split 50-30-20\$50.00

Judges: *Derby Classic*—John Stolgitis and Mike Flewelling; *Puppy Classic*—Owen Comeau and Lanny Dellinger.

Entries Close: Friday, March 14, 6:00 p.m. **Drawing:** Saturday, March 15, 6:00 p.m., at Chasehill Kennels.

For information and entries, contact:

JILL STOLGITIS—Phone: (401) 377-1005 -or- JOHN STOLGITIS—Phone: (401) 954-5798

Email: jstolgitis@aol.com • All entries will be confirmed

Any harassment of club officials or judges will not be tolerated and constitute forfeiture of entries. Club and members not responsible for injury or losses.

Kansas Field Trial Clubs Association presents the

2025 JAYHAWK OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & DERBY CLASSIC

Hosted by: Flint Hills Field Trial Club

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



Starts 24 hours after the Midwest Shooting Dog Championship,
but not before March 17, 2025 • Bill Westfall Ranch, Elk City, KS

A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD, PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD
& PURINA TOP DERBY AWARD POINTS TRIAL

JAYHAWK OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—50%, 70-30.....\$265.00
DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20\$145.00

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

Judges: Alex Jacocks, Edmond, OK, and Todd Babbel, Lorton, NE

Directions to Grounds: From Independence, KS, go west on 160 for 18 miles to Road 1300, then north 3/4 mile to Road 5800. Then west one mile. From Longton, KS, go east on 160 to Blackjack Rd., then east one mile. **Drawing:** Thursday, March 13, 7:00 p.m., on the grounds. **Lodging:** The Knights Inn, Independence, KS—(620) 331-7300.

Entries to: LUKE TOPP—Phone: (402) 239-8167 -or- GARVIN COLLINS—Phone: (816) 898-8641

— There will be absolutely no tolerance for harassment of judges or club officials —

The Association and its members and the landowners are not responsible for accidents. Participation in the trial, as either a spectator, handler, owner, scout, or any other capacity constitutes a waiver and release of the association, its members and the landowners from any and all liabilities for accidents or other losses.

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3rd Vice-President

NATIONAL AMATEUR PHEASANT ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

March 20-23, 2025 • Entry Fee: \$200.00
Smith Farms, Gentry, MO 64453



Sponsored by Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America | Hosted by Pony Express Field Trial Club
Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

— A PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD & AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL —

Judges: Bruce Bryant, Silver City, IA, and Ryan Griess, Sutton, NE

Reporter: Steve Auxier, Lincoln, NE

Grounds: Smith Farms (GPS: 5002 State Hwy. O, Gentry, MO 64453). From Gentry, follow signs 1.2 miles west on State Hwy. O. Meals provided for attendees. Hay provided. Corrals available on grounds. Additional corrals available 1/2 mile west on State Hwy. O. Polaris Ranger (enclosed cab) provided for visitors and spectators not wishing to ride horses to view the running. **Entries Close:** Sunday, March 16, 6:00 p.m. (CST). All entries will be confirmed. **Drawing:** Monday, March 17, 9:00 a.m. (CST), at the office of the secretary. Win certificate number to accompany entry. You must be an individual member to enter your dog with the AFTCA. Running order will be posted on aftca.org the morning of the drawing. **Qualification:** A dog shall have won a place, under an amateur handler, in a stake held by an active member club of this corporation and hold a winner's certificate for the placement. **Lodging:** Countryside Inn, Albany, MO—(660) 726-5633 or Countryside Inn, Grant City, MO—(660) 564-2586.

collars to the Winner and Runner-Up.

Pro Plan® to the Winners.

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—At conclusion of Championship, time permitting; Awards to 3 placements..... \$75.00

Text or phone entries to: PIPER HUFFMAN—(662) 471-1700

[Phone entries only. All entries MUST BE CONFIRMED.]

NBHA NORTHERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Hosted by: Twelve O'Clock Field Trial Club

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

March 27, 2025 (depending on entries)



Grounds: Yellowstone Lake Wildlife Area, 8873 County Rd. G, Argyle, WI 53504 (Coordinates: 42.751448, -89.992225). Located 10 miles west of Argyle, WI, and 13 miles northeast of Darlington, WI. NO electricity on grounds. Water available at Yellowstone Park HQ. Lunch will be provided. **Drawing:** Sunday, March 23, 7:00 p.m. **Hotel:** Darlington Inn—(608) 776-8830; ask for field trial rate.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—Purse, Plaques, and Sponsor Gifts.....\$170.00

Qualification: An American Field recognized placement in a Shooting Dog or Derby stake.

OPEN DERBY (30 Minutes)—Purse, Plaques, and Sponsor Gifts\$ 70.00

Judges: Mike Kindler, Brownsville, WI, and Mike Northwood, Waunakee, WI

Entries to: GREG BLAIR, Chairman • Phone: (262) 939-2775 • Email: gblair5@gmail.com

Entries must include handler, phone number and dog's registered name. Grounds, dog and association fees deducted prior to all payouts.

The Twelve O'Clock FTC, its members and officers are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs or equipment.

JON LAM
President

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Vice President

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2nd Vice President

KAY MORRISON
Secretary/Treasurer

REGION 5 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

— AMATEUR INVITATIONAL & PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD POINTS TRIAL —



Starts Thursday, March 27, 2025, 8:00 A.M. (if entries warrant)
Pyramid State Park (Captain Unit), Cutler, IL
Entry Fee: \$150.00

Judges: Harold Gearhart, Kingsville, MO, and Luke Topp, Sterling, NE

Grounds: Located on first road north approximately 1/4 mile west of Denmark Church, 2262 Pyatt Cutler Rd., Cutler, IL. (Watch for Purina sign). **Drawing:** Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the chairman. AFTCA Win Certificate number required for dog and handler. **Lodging:** Oxbow B&B, 3967 IL-13, Pinckneyville, IL—(618) 790-4369; Fairgrounds Inn, DuQuoin, IL—(618) 542-5000.

Entries to: JON LAM, 256 White Deer Run, Makanda, IL 62958
Phone: (618) 967-5906 • Email: jonlam17@yahoo.com

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

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President

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1st Vice-President

Larron Copeland
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Jim Pendergest
3rd Vice-President

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Black Moshannon Field Trial Club

Member AFTCA • Manufactured barrel guns with blank ammo to be used.



March 28-30, 2025 • Entry Fee: \$150.00
Black Moshannon State Forest, Philipsburg, PA

Judges: Bob Kays, Sciota, PA, and Robert Little, McAdam, NB • **Reporter:** Jeff Keller

Entries Close: Monday, March 24, 6:00 p.m. (CST). **Drawing:** Tuesday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. (CST), at the office of the secretary. You must have a current AFTCA membership to enter. Drawing posted on aftca.org and cover dog websites. **Qualification:** For qualification, a dog shall have won a place, under an amateur handler, in a Shooting Dog stake, or Derby stake, or All-Age stake held by an active member club of this corporation in accordance with its regulations. Win certificate number should accompany entry. According to American Field: Dogs and handlers under suspension will not be declared winners. **Dinner:** Sponsored by Purina on Saturday evening.

GARMIN products to the Winner and Runner-Up.

Bass Fox sculpted game bird plaques to Winner and Runner-Up.

Entries to: PIPER HUFFMAN • Phone: (662) 471-1700

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

REGION 8 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

209 Primer or .32 caliber or larger blank ammunition required

Hosted by Croton Creek Bird Dog Club

Starts Friday, March 28, 2025, 8:00 a.m.

Croton Creek Ranch, Cheyenne, OK



AN OFTCA POINTS TRIAL

Grounds: Croton Creek Ranch, 4 miles west of Cheyenne, OK, on Hwy. 47, two miles north on paved road 1820, two miles west on gravel road 1802. Signs will be posted. Single one-hour course on native and pre-released quail. **Drawing:** Sunday, March 23, 8:00 p.m., at Croton Creek Ranch. **Lodging & Facilities:** Croton Creek Hotel (cabins and RV hook-ups available on-site)—(316) 847-2149 or Bear Den Inn (alternate hotel), Cheyenne, OK—(580) 383-8759. Trailer parking, dog and horse stakeouts in designated areas. Corrals and kennels available on a first come, first served basis. Water hydrants at all designated parking areas. **Food:** Meals and social hour will be in the Social Barn each day. **Note:** Coggins papers required. Everyone must sign a liability release before competing or riding in the gallery. No smoking on courses. Companion stakes run at the hosting club's discretion.

AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP\$175.00

AMATEUR WALKING DERBY (30 Min.)—To follow Shooting Dog, at hosting club's discretion\$ 75.00

Championship Judges: Gary Hill and Lisa Gordon

Prizes: Trophies to Champion and Runner-up

Entries to: TIM THORNTON, Event Manager • (316) 847-2149

[Must receive notification of entries received.]

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

EGYPTIAN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by: Little Egypt Field Trial Club

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

March 31, 2025 to Conclusion • Starts 8:00 a.m. each day

Pyramid State Park (Captain Unit), Pinckneyville, IL

— A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG & HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL —



GROUSE FEATHER WITCHER
— 2024 Champion —



Entries Close: Saturday, March 29, 6:00 p.m. (CST). **Drawing:** Saturday, March 29, 8:00 p.m. (CST).
Lodging: Oxbow B & B, Pinckneyville, IL—(618) 790-4369 or Fairgrounds Inn, Du Quoin, IL—(618) 542-5000.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

GAIL NEAL OPEN DERBY (30 Minutes)..... Entry Fee \$ 90.00 (includes \$15 grounds & bird fees)
Purse: 50% of entry fees less grounds fees divided 50-30-20; Plaques to owners

EGYPTIAN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)... Entry Fee \$250.00 (includes \$40 grounds & bird fees)
Continuous Course • Purse: 60% of entry fees less grounds fees divided 70-30 if runner-up is named; Plaques to winners.

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

Judges: Donnie Duckworth, Morganfield, KY, and Shane Duckworth, Fredericktown, MO

Entries to: JIM LAWLESS, Field Trial Chairman, 8760 County Line Rd., Sparta, IL 62286 • Phone: (618) 317-7811

REGION 3 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Solid Barrel Manufactured Guns Only, 209 Primer or .32 caliber or larger blank ammunition required.

April 6 or 7*, 2025 • Starts 8:00 A.M.
*(*To follow the conclusion of the Virginia Classics*

Greenfields Farm, 9300 Greenfields Farm, Scottsville, VA 24590



— Sponsored by Purina —

**A NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER
& PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS TRIAL**

Entry Fee: \$150.00 • Prizes to the Champion and Runner-Up

Judges: Johnny Atkinson, Marion, SC, and George Kimbrell, Fort Mill, SC • **Reporter:** Tommy Stargell

NOTE! Early Drawing: Tuesday, April 1, 5:00 p.m., at the home of Tommy Stargell. **Qualifications:** Entries must have an Amateur Derby or Amateur Shooting Dog AFTCA win certificate. Handler must have handled a dog to an AFTCA win certificate and be a member of the AFTCA. Owners and co-owners must be members of the AFTCA. No motorized vehicles on the course or in the gallery during the running of the Championship, except the official dog wagon and official bird planter vehicles. **Lunches and Dinners:** Served on the grounds compliments of Region 3. Handlers' Supper Monday, April 7. Food by the hands of Julie Richards.

**Entries to: TOMMY STARGELL • Phone/Text: (430) 960-2651 • Email: tastargell@gmail.com
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April 3-6, 2025 • Scottsville, VA • Starts 8:00 A.M.



**AN AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL, AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL,
U.S. AMATEUR ALL-AGE DERBY INVITATIONAL, PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD
& PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD POINTS TRIAL**

Grounds: Greenfields Farm, Scottsville, VA (GPS: 9300 Greenfields Farm, Scottsville, VA 24590). Continuous course on liberated, pre-released and native quail. **Drawing:** Tuesday, April 1, 5:00 p.m., at the home of Tommy Stargell. Complimentary lunches daily. Handlers' Supper provided by Grayson Francis honoring Rock Ridge's Second Chance on Friday, and Lane Hodges, honoring One Day Queen Bee on Saturday.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Time and entries permitting	\$ 60.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.).....	\$ 60.00
AMATEUR ALL-AGE CLASSIC (1 Hour)	\$120.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour)	\$120.00

Judges: 30-Min. ASD & AD—Club Members: AA-A—Mary Ann and Jim Womack, Pelham, GA; ASD—Steve Mills, Mayodan, NC, and Al Dahl, South Boston, VA.

Entries by registered name to: TOMMY STARGELL, Scottsville, VA

Cell: (434) 960-2651 • Home: (434) 286-3853 • Email: tastargell@gmail.com

Emails and texts will be acknowledged • Do not email entries on day of drawing
Entries are accepted with the understanding that the clubs and its members are not liable for personal loss or injury to persons, animals or equipment.

Don't miss the April issue print deadline!

**All ads must be submitted and approved by 4:30 p.m. (EST),
Wednesday, March 5**



THE SECRET
2024 Keystone Open Shooting Dog Champion
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INDIANTOWN GAP BIRD DOG CLUB, INC.

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Spring Trial begins Tuesday, April 8, 2025 • Starts 8:00 A.M.



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

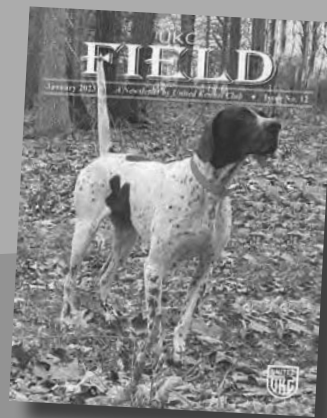
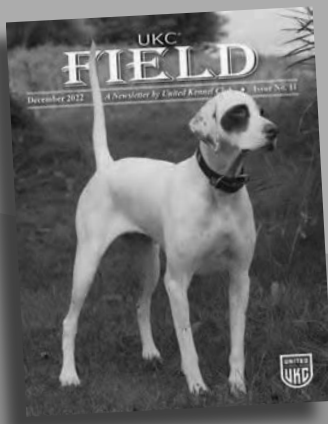
STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:

- (Tues., Apr. 8) **KEYSTONE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**—Purse: 50%, 70-30..... \$200.00
— **A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD, PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD & EPFTA POINTS TRIAL • A NATIONAL QUALIFIER** —
Judges: Dan Jolly and and Jim Wallace
- (Following Championship) **KEYSTONE YANKEE OPEN DERBY CLASSIC**—Purse: 50%, 50-30-20; Prizes: Purina dog food to winners..... \$ 75.00
— **A PURINA TOP DERBY AWARD & EPFTA POINTS TRIAL** —
Judges: Jim Wallace and Mark Calder
- (Not before Fri., Apr. 11) **INDIANTOWN GAP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC** \$100.00
— **A PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD & EPFTA POINTS TRIAL** —
Judges: Jim Wallace and Mark Calder

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

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Beginning March 1, 2025, at 8:00 A.M.



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**A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD, PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD
& DIXIE TRACE FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION POINTS TRIAL**

A QUALIFYING TRIAL FOR THE NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualification: Placement in a UKC/American Field recognized 30-minute or longer Open Shooting Dog or Derby stake. In the event more than 60 dogs are entered at the time of the drawing, the stake will revert to a 30-minute qualifying series with the judges selecting up to 12 dogs to run in a one-hour callback.

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$400.00 plus \$30.00 facility fee • Purse: 60% divided 70-30

Headquarters: Potter Community Center. From Albany, take Hwy. 91 south to Hardup Rd. (caution light), turn left on Hardup Rd., go to stop sign and turn right. Look for Potter Center sign.

Judges: Harold Johnson and Dr. Fred Corder • **Reporter:** Steve Standley

Drawing: Wednesday, February 26, 12:00 noon, at Nutrien Ag Solutions, 100 Industrial Ct., Colquitt, GA.

Entries to: POLLY MOORE • Phone: (229) 873-2436 • Email: moorepolly16@gmail.com

Headquarters Hotel: Merry Acres, Albany, GA—(229) 435-7721

56TH MASTERS OPEN QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Starts the day following the conclusion of the Southeastern All-Age
and Masters Open Shooting Dog Championship,
but not before March 4 at 8:00 a.m.**

— A PURINA POINTS & PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL —

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER • DIXIE TRACE FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION POINTS TRIAL

Qualification: Placement in a UKC/American Field recognized Open All-Age or Open Derby stake.

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$400.00 plus \$20.00 NFTCA tax and \$30.00 facility fee • Purse: 60% divided 70-30

Judges: Ed Chance and Darron Hendley • **Reporter:** Andrew Campbell

Grounds: Nonami Plantation and Nilo Plantation, Albany, GA

Drawing: Friday, February 28, 12:00 noon, at the office of
Woody Watson, 601 N. Slappey Dr., Albany, GA. Anyone can attend.

Entries to: WOODY WATSON — Phone: (229) 886-0422 • (229) 903-1217

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Starts 8:00 am, March 7, 2025 - Smith Setter Plantation, Waynesboro, GA

Hosted by the Pittsburgh Field Trial Club in association with the English Setter Club of America

Amateur Derby (30 minutes) • SBHA Points Stake

Entry fee: \$60.00 Judges: Sherry Ray Ebert, Jason Williams. Reporter: Barbara Teare
Gift Cards provided by SBHA: 1st place: \$200, 2nd place: \$150, 3rd place: \$100. Awards to all 3 placements.

The Elwin Smith Amateur Shooting Dog Classic (60 minutes)

A Purina Points Stake • An SBHA Points Stake • An AFTCA Invitational Points Stake

Entry fee: \$125.00 Judges: Sherry Ray Ebert, Jason Williams. Reporter: Barbara Teare

★★★ 3 Placements, 2 Honorable Mentions, and Smith Top Amateur English Setter Award ★★★

*Awards for all placements and acknowledgements. 1st place awarded a 410 Shotgun and Painting of the winning dog.
SportDog Training Collars to all 3 placements.*

The Elwin Smith Amateur Shooting Dog Classic will be recognized as the SBHA National Amateur Shooting Dog Stake

*Additional SBHA Awards and Prizes: Crystal Trophies to all 3 placements, Gift Cards: 1st place: \$750, 2nd place: \$600, 3rd place: \$500.
\$200 will be awarded to 2 Honorable Mentions, and \$300 to the Smith Top Amateur English Setter.*

The Bill McNamee Open Derby Classic (30 minutes) • A Purina Points Stake • An SBHA Points Stake

Entry fee: \$125.00 Judges: Sherry Ray Ebert, Jason Williams. Reporter: Margaret Drew

Purse: 50% of entries divided 50/30/20 • Awards to all 3 placements.

The Inez Smith Open Shooting Dog Classic (60 minutes)

A National Open Shooting Dog Championship Qualifying Stake • An SBHA Points Stake

Entry fee: \$250.00 Judges: David Huffine, Ashby Morgan. Reporter: Margaret Drew

★★★ 3 Placements, 2 Honorable Mentions, and Smith Top English Setter Award ★★★

*Purse: 50% of entries divided 50/30/20. 2 Honorable Mentions and Smith Top English Setter will receive \$500.
Awards for all placements and acknowledgements. 1st place awarded a 410 Shotgun and Painting of the winning dog.*

Eukanuba Dog Food for all placements and acknowledgements!

All entries must be made to Trial Chairman Joe Cincotta: 908-812-5587

Entries close: Saturday, March 1 at 6:00 pm EST. **Drawing:** Wednesday, March 5, 5:00 pm at the home of Chairman.

Field Trial Committee: Joe Cincotta: Chairman • Harold Ray: Grand Marshal

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Social Events: include Eukanuba sponsored Friday night dinner honoring Women in Field Trials and SBHA sponsored traditional barbecue lunch on Saturday...and lots more!

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**Announces the 31st Annual Running of the
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & DERBY CLASSIC
AND THE 27TH ANNUAL RUNNING OF THE NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**March 10, 2025 to Conclusion Open to Vizslas Only! Breakaway 8:00 a.m.
Sportsmen's Association Grounds, Parks Creek Road, Grovespring, MO**

Course is a three-hour continuous course. Approved retrieval collars permitted, but not supplied. Bitches in season are allowed to run provided they have been declared to the chair or secretary prior to the drawing, and the owner or handler arranges for separate transport to and from the course.

Grounds: Grovespring is approximately 45 miles east of Springfield, MO, or approximately 3 hours southwest of St. Louis.

Motel: Available in Lebanon or Marshfield, MO. **Camping & Facilities:** Camping, dog pens, and horse stalls are available on the grounds as well as electric hookups. All on a first-come, first-served basis. **Wrangler:** NO wrangler this year.

NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: \$200.00

Winner will receive a Garmin Collar, Gift Certificate to DOGS Unlimited, Traveling Trophy, Engraved Plaque and Purina Pro Plan.

Runner-Up will receive Engraved Plaque, Gift Certificate to DOGS Unlimited and Purina Pro Plan.

Six (6) braces run per day with two in reserve.

Judges: Tony King, Centralia, MO, and Chris Catanzarite, Scenery Hill, PA • **Stake Manager:** Jarrett Bell • Include AFTCA Handler Number

DERBY CLASSIC (30 Minutes)—Follows Amateur • Entry Fee: \$100.00

Derby Classic Cash Purse of \$500 plus the balance of the nominated entries – 70% to the winner and 30% to the runner-up. Cash Purse will be paid to the owner of the dog. A nomination fee of \$50 is payable prior to the closing of the entries in order to be eligible for cash purse. If the winning dog has not been nominated and the runner-up has been nominated, the runner-up will receive 50% of the purse and the remaining 50% will go to next year's purse. If neither dog has been nominated, the entire purse shall roll over to the following year. Derby Classic winner will receive Engraved Plaque, Traveling Trophy, Engraved Leather Saddlebags, Gift Certificate to Garmin, and Purina Pro Plan. Runner-up will receive Engraved Plaque, Engraved Leather Scabbard, and Purina Pro Plan. Second runner-up will receive Engraved Plaque and Purina Pro Plan.

Judges: Carey McMillan, Rice Lake, WI, and David Russell, Como, MS • **Stake Manager:** Mike Northwood

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—Follows Derby • Entry Fee: \$225.00

Winner will receive a \$1,000 Cash Purse, portrait painting of the champion, Garmin Collar, Traveling Trophy, Engraved Plaque, and Purina Pro Plan. Runner-up will receive a \$300 Cash Purse, an Engraved Plaque, and Purina Pro Plan.

Championship Qualification: A *Field Dog Stud Book* recognized placement in an All-Age, Shooting Dog, or Derby stake.

Six (6) braces run per day with two in reserve.

Judges: Carey McMillan, Rice Lake, WI, and David Russell, Como, MS • **Stake Manager:** Justin Hess

Send advance entries to:

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

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

Entries Close: Sunday, March 9, 6:30 p.m., at the Sportsmen's Assn. clubhouse, Grovespring, MO.

Drawing follows at 7:00 P.M. at the Sportsmen's Assn. clubhouse.

Completed entries and payment due on or before drawing. No exceptions!

The National Vizsla Association, Club Members, Club Officers, AFTCA, and Sportsmen's Association will not be responsible for any loss, accident, injury, or damage of any kind.

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REGION 5 NGSPA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pyramid State Park— Denmark Unit—Pinckneyville, IL
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— A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL —

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP \$200.00

SportDOG Collars to Champion and Runner-up • Trophies

Judges: Sherwin Van Kooten, Willow Springs, MO, and one to be announced

OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP..... \$200.00

Purse: \$500 to Champion and \$250 to Runner-up • Trophies • 20-dog minimum

Judges: To be announced

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP \$200.00

Purse: \$500 to Champion and \$250 to Runner-up • Trophies • 24-dog minimum

Judges: To be announced

DERBY—To be run at club's discretion..... \$100.00

Purse: \$100.00 to 1st • \$75.00 to 2nd • \$50.00 to 3rd • 12-dog minimum

Judges: To be announced

Please mail entries to:

DIANE RAKERS, Field Trial Secretary

2208 Motel Rd., Highland, IL 62249

Phone: (618) 604-4377 • Email: rakersd14@gmail.com

— All email entries will be confirmed —

Entries will close by 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 5

Entries must include *FDSB* and DNA numbers.

The Amateur stake will be drawn on Monday, March 10, 6:00 p.m.,
at 2208 Motel Rd., Highland, IL; all other stakes will be drawn on the grounds.

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Starts March 24, 2025

Imperial River Cattle Ranch, Maupin, OR

PACIFIC COAST ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1-Hour Heats).....Entry Fee: \$275.00

**A PURINA AWARD & PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS STAKE • NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER
AFTCA AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL**

Eligibility: A placement in a recognized Open All-Age or Open Derby stake.

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

PACIFIC COAST SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1-Hour Heats).....Entry Fee: \$260.00

**A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG & PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS STAKE
AFTCA AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL**

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

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

• **Grounds:** Imperial River Cattle Ranch, 941443 Hinton Rd., Maupin, OR 97037. *From Maupin*—Take Hwy. 197 to Bakeoven Rd.; turn left on Bakeoven Rd. for 17 miles to Hinton Rd.; turn left for 0.6 miles and turn right into the gravel pit area. *From US 97*—Go to Bakeoven Rd. towards Maupin, OR, for 7.5 miles to Hinton Rd.; turn right for 0.6 miles and turn right into the gravel pit area.

• **Drawing:** Friday, March 21, 6:30 p.m., at Imperial River Hotel. Appetizers will be served at the drawing.

• **Entry Fees:** All entry fees to be paid prior to drawing.

• **Prizes & Purses:** *All-Age*—Split 50% to club and 50% to winner and runner-up divided 70-30. From the winners' purse (per entry): \$20 to NFTCA, \$20 to Grounds Fees, \$5 to Region 10 (AFTCA), and \$25 General Fees. Winner takes all if no runner-up is named. The champion and runner-up will also receive a SportDOG collar. *Shooting Dog*—Split 50% to club and 50% to winner and runner-up divided 70-30. From the winners' purse (per entry): \$15 to Grounds Fees, \$5 to Region 10 (AFTCA), and \$25 General Fees. Winner takes all if no runner-up is named. The champion and runner-up will also receive a SportDOG collar. PURINA will award Pro Plan Performance Dog Food to all of the winners and runners-up.

• **Accommodations:** Imperial River Co., Maupin, OR—(800) 395-3903.

Reporter: Josh Miller, Boise, ID

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Email entries to: CHASE COCHRAN, Field Trial Chairman

Email: chase@turfmerchants.com

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**Beginning Saturday, March 29, 2025 and running to conclusion
Sportsmen's Association Field Trial Grounds, near Grovespring, MO**

*Championship Committee: Anthony Rusciano, Chairman; Mark Wasserman, Co-Chairman;
Robin Lambourn, Mark Verdoorn, Art Armbrust, and Lori Rezzardi*



49TH NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$275.00

Judges: Luke Eisenhart and Steve Auxier

Stake Managers: David O'Brien and Chris Young

Prizes: Specially engraved saddle to the champion; Trophies to champion and runner-up champion.

5TH NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP (ALL-AGE)

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$275.00

Judges: Mike Patrick and Rich Robertson

Stake Managers: Robin Lambourn and Chad Inderman

Prizes: Specially crafted bronzes to the champion and runner-up champion.

66TH NGSPA NATIONAL FUTURITY

30-Minute Heats • Entry Fee: \$250.00

Judges: Brandon Blum and Ray Larrondo

Stake Managers: James Messer and Harvey Franco

Prizes: Trophies to all placed dogs and cash awards based on nomination fees.

Futurity Qualification: Must have completed the Nomination Procedure and be *FDSB* registered.

72ND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$300.00

Judges: John Hicks and Jadie Rayfield

Stake Managers: Ray Larrondo and Keith Richardson

Prizes: Specially crafted bronzes and \$1,500 purse divided \$1,000 to the champion and \$500 to the runner-up champion, if named.

55TH NATIONAL SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$300.00

Judges: Tim Hidalgo and Jerry Langford

Stake Managers: Josh Nieman and Mark Wasserman

Prizes: Specially crafted bronzes and \$1,500 purse divided \$1,000 to the champion and \$500 to the runner-up champion, if named.

Qualifications for National Amateur Shooting Dog, National Amateur, National and National Shooting Dog Championships:
Listed on the NGSPA website at ngspa.org/events/nationals/ • Dogs must be *FDSB* & DNA registered, or DNA registration pending.

The NGSPA No-Crossover rule will be enforced. Entry fees must be received before any dog competes.

— NOTE ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 —

Phone entries will not be accepted. Entries MUST be on an entry form and include ALL information.

Drawing for the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship will take place at approximately 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 28, on the grounds.

Drawings for all other stakes will be held on the grounds no later than the night before the stake begins.

There is no training or roading allowed on the grounds for a two-week period before the trial begins.

This trial is run under the minimum requirements of the *FDSB* and NGSPA rules and regulations.

A current negative Coggins Test and Health Certificate for horses are required by Missouri law.

Purina Awards & Amateur Dinner: Sunday, March 30 • **Delegates' Meeting:** Monday, March 31 • **Annual Board Meeting:** Tuesday, April 1

Send Championship and Futurity Entries to:

LORI REZZARDI, Field Trial Secretary, 7798 Green Rd., luka, IL 62849

Phone/Text: (618) 604-1204 • Email: LRezzardi@gmail.com

Online entry forms are the preferred way to submit entries at: www.ngspa.org/events/nationals

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*presents its National Shooting Dog Championships
& 53rd Running of the Red Setter National Futurity*

**April 12-15, 2025 • Starts 8:00 A.M. (CST) daily
Pyramid State Park, Pinckneyville, IL**



Entries close: Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 p.m. (CST). Open to all FDSB registered Irish Setters. **Drawing:** Wednesday, April 9, 6:00 p.m. **Lodging:** Motels, hotels and B&B available in Du Quoin and Pinckneyville, IL. **Barn:** Located on grounds. Negative Coggins test for horses as well as health certificate on all horses entering state. Solid barrel firearms only. **Fees:** Grounds and Association fees collected prior to payout. **Purina Dinner:** To be held Monday night.

— **Starting 8:00 a.m., Saturday, April 12** —

OPEN WALKING DERBY (30 Min.) • Entry Fee: \$45.00

Awards to place holders • **Judges:** To be announced

OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) • Entry Fee: \$50.00

Awards to place holders • **Judges:** To be announced

OPEN WALKING PUPPY (20 Min. or course) • Entry Fee: \$35.00

Awards to place holders • **Judges:** To be announced

NRSFTC OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: \$125.00

Purse: \$500 divided 70-30

Judges: Todd Manns, River Falls, WI, and Bruce Bryant, Silver City, IA

Qualification: An Open All-Age, Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby placement in a recognized stake.
Judged on shooting dog standards.

OPEN PUPPY (20 Min. or course) • Entry Fee: \$35.00

Awards to place holders • **Judges:** To be announced

NRSFTC 53rd FUTURITY • Entry Fee: \$50.00

Purse: \$1000 divided 60-40 between owners and breeders of 4 placements.

Judges: Todd Manns, River Falls, WI, and Bruce Bryant, Silver City, IA

Dogs must have been nominated and all forfeits paid by the running.

NRSFTC AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: \$100.00

Awards to Champion and Runner-Up

Judges: Todd Manns, River Falls, WI, and Bruce Bryant, Silver City, IA

Qualification: An Amateur All-Age, Shooting Dog or Derby placement by an amateur handler in a recognized stake.
Judged on shooting dog standards.

Reporter: Bonnie Hidalgo

Entries to: ED LIERMANN—Cell: (414) 625-0715

Email entries to: redsetterentries@gmail.com

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National Amateur Shooting Dog Championships

March 3 / Grand Junction, TN
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March 17 / Grovespring, MO
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Region 4 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

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Mid-South Bird Hunters Club

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March 21 / Felton, DE
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