



## Rodney Shoemaker wins the 2021-2022 AFTCA Top Handler Award

Handling his four derbies to seven different club derby events Rodney Shoemaker of Kearney Kansas accumulated an impressive 355 total topping all amateur handlers during the just concluded amateur season. Rodney placed his HP Social Distancing three, HP Dirty Dancing three times, HP Shockwave twice and HP Shots Fired an impressive five times for a total of thirteen placements in recognized amateur 30 minutes stakes held by member clubs. The placements include seven first places, three second places and three third places, all in derby competition. The competition wasn't decided until the final weeks as Shoemaker, Thor Kain and Warren Parrott were all within high point striking distance. Nearly 200 different handlers accumulated almost 10,000 competition points this season. Rodney has been invited as our guest to the 2022 Purina Banquet to accept his award.

The top points earners from each region are recognized below. Each will receive a blue crystal award commemorating their impressive accomplishments in handling excellence.

It was rewarding to see member clubs hosting an increasing number of 30 minute amateur All Age, Shooting Dog and Derby stakes this season. These all important stakes are the foundation and front door to pointing dog competition participation. The AFTCA certainly encourages its membership to invite their local clubs to become members of the AFTCA and host these important stakes allowing their individual members to join the competition.

### AFTCA Regional Top Handler Awards

<b>AFTCA Region</b>	<b>Amateur Handler</b>	<b>City, State</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
1	Tim Cavanaugh	East Hampton, CT	97
2	Thor Kain	Carbondale, PA	315
3	Warren Parrott	Scranton, SC	304
4	Kenric DeLong	Greenville, MI	224
5	Jack Glover	Shelbyville, MO	178
6	Bubba Spencer	Bolivar, TN	104
7	Jason Super	Ft. Worth, TX	161
8	Bob Barker	Inola, OK	14
10	Sergio Velez	Chilliwack, BC	141
11	Gina Bosio	Modesto, CA	71
12	Richard Peterson	Memphis, TN	39
14	Louis Qualtiere	Saskatoon, SK	24
16	Patrick McPherson	Evergreen, AL	168
17	Rodney Shoemaker	Kearney, KS	355
19	Mike Duvall	Janesville, WI	118

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