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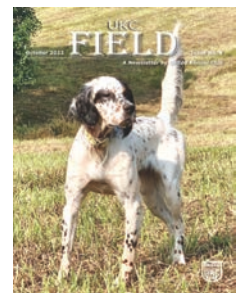
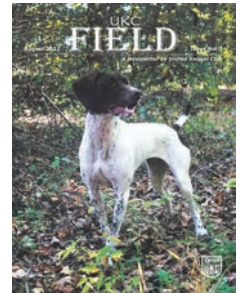




UKC TEAM IN THE FIELD

— An update from Domenick Muoio

149 Years



This year, the American Field turns one-hundred and forty-nine years old. There is no better time to appreciate the longevity and tradition of the great sport of field trialing than at the beginning of the year!

One of those traditions was a newsletter version of the print publication launched in March of 2022. If you are reading this in print, here is your reminder to keep your subscription renewed to ensure you continue to receive your monthly publication. Reminders are also mailed to you before your subscription's expiration date.

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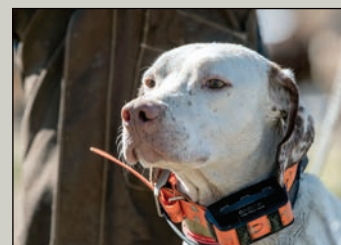
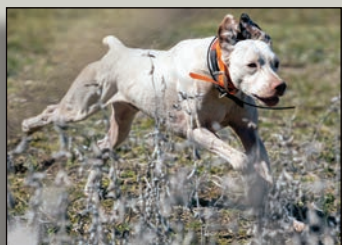
We hope you have enjoyed this new version of the UKC Field publication, and we look forward to continuing the tradition that started almost a century and a half ago.

— Domenick Muoio

Field Trial & Hunt Test Program Manager



National Champion



LESTER'S SHOCKWAVE

Tommy & Bonnie Hamilton, Owners | Gary Lester, Handler | Derek Bonner, Breeder

[Photos by Jamie Evans]

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The National Field Trial Champion Association will hold the National Championship February 13, 2023 at Ames Plantation, Grand Junction, Tennessee

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- The M.G. (Mike) Perkins Trophy, a replica of the Julia Colony Ames Memorial Trophy, will be presented for permanent possession to the owner of the 2023 National Champion.
- The Barry H. Saunders Memorial Trophy, with a sterling silver likeness of the last hat pin Barry designed, will be presented to the winning handler for permanent possession.
- The Bank of Fayette County, serving Fayette, Hardeman, McNairy, Shelby and Tipton Counties since 1905, will furnish a \$2,000 purse supplement to the winning handler as noted above.
- The Waldo E. and Pearl H. Dodge Commemorative Silver Belt Buckle will be given to the winning owner.
- The Whippoorwill Wild Card Memorial Breeders Award will be presented to the breeder of the winning dog.

Qualifications: Details of the qualification requirements for the 2023 National Championship were included in our announcement advertised March 30, 2022, on the American Field website and in the May 2022 issue of UKC Field. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary, NFTCA.

NOMINATIONS FOR DOGS NOW ELIGIBLE CLOSE FEBRUARY 1, 2023

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

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE DOG COMPETES!

Drawing will be on Saturday evening, February 11, 2023, at Bryan Hall on Ames Plantation at 7:00 P.M.

The drawing will be held on Facebook “LIVE” and open to the public.

The 29th Annual Winner of the Joe H. Hurdle Top Dog Award (as described in The American Field, page 1, November 6, 2010 issue) will be announced during the drawing ceremonies.

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

Judges: Jadie Rayfield, Mt. Pleasant, SC; Tom Shenker, Hurtsboro, AL; and Dr. Stan Wint, Gardner, KS.

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

• **PURINA PRO PLAN**, is the “OFFICIAL” dog food sponsor of the NFTCA’s 2023 National Championship, Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, MO 63164—(www.proplan.com/sportingdog). Contact Greg Blair, Purina Area Manager, W128 N6239 River Heights Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. Phone: (262) 939-2775. **Purina was founded in 1894 by William H. Danforth, two years before the inaugural running of the National Championship and Purina’s 127+ year history now teams with the 124-year National Championship, celebrating the last 108 years at the historic Ames Plantation.** Purina will provide a year’s supply of pet food to the winner and a sample to each handler as well as a one-of-a-kind 2023 National Championship souvenir cap to participating handlers, owners and club officials. Purina will sponsor the Kick-Off Dinner at the Bird Dog Museum on Sunday night, February 12th. Purina will sponsor the National Championship Oil Painting of the 2023 winner by Ross B. Young, Preston, ID. Purina is also making a monetary contribution to the National Field Trial Champion Association to help defray the expenses associated with conducting a quality event.

• **SPALDING LABORATORIES**, P.O. Box 778000, Henderson, NV 89077—(888) 880-1579—(www.spalding-labs.com)—Fly Predators™ brand bio-beneficial insects for fly control. Spalding donates a year’s worth of Fly Predators to the Ames Plantation for control of flies with their horse herd and Bye Bye Odor which is a safe and natural solution especially formulated to substantially reduce or eliminate a wide range of odors associated with animal urine or manure in barns and horse trailers.

• **THE BANK OF FAYETTE COUNTY**, 1265 Hwy. 57 East, Collierville, TN 38017—(901) 854-2265—(www.thebank1905.com), serving Fayette, Hardeman, Shelby, McNairy and Tipton Counties since 1905, will provide a cash supplement of \$2,000 to the winning handler as noted on the previous page.

• **GARMIN INTERNATIONAL**, 1200 E. 151st St., Olathe, KS 66062—(913) 397-8200—(www.garmin.com)—will provide 3 Garmin Astro 430 Receivers & T 5 Collars; one unit each to the winning owner, handler and scout of the 2023 National Championship, as well as providing 4 Garmin Units for use during the competition by the handlers and officials. Garmin will also provide a Tri-Tronics Pro550 Remote Trainer and a Bark Limiter Deluxe to the winning handler.

• **SPORTSMAN’S PRIDE® PET FOODS**, 500 6th St., Red Bay, AL 35582—(800) 633-3349—will provide a year’s supply of Professional 30/20 product to the winning handler. Sportsman’s Pride® is produced by Sunshine Mills, Inc., a 55 plus year old family business, under Global Food Safety Initiative guidelines to support compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). Sportsman’s Pride® will host the “everyone’s invited” Brunswick Stew, Thursday, February 16, 2023. Pet food samples and hats will be given to all participants and everyone visiting the Rhea Clubhouse while supplies last. Sportsman’s Pride® will make a monetary contribution to the National Field Trial Champion Association to help defray the expenses associated with conducting a quality event.

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• **Jack Haggis Saddlery**, Jeff and Karen Haggis, 4733 Scotchmere Dr., RR #2, Glencoe, Ontario, Canada N0L 1M0—(519) 289-5544—(www.haggissaddles.com)—will provide a Haggis Trooper Saddle for the handler of the 2023 National Champion.

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• **The Saddle Guy**, 21110 Hwy. 59 South, Robertsedale, AL 36567—(334) 414-4228—(www.thesaddleguy.com)—will provide a Trooper Field Trial Saddle to the winning scout of the 2023 National Championship.

• **Tennessee Tractor LLC**, 11495 US-64, Somerville, TN 38068—(731) 465-9811—(www.tennesseetractor.com)—will furnish the use of two John Deere Gators for the trial.

• **John and Susan Ivester**, Charlotte, NC, owners of 2000 National Champion Marques Gold Rush, will provide owners, handlers and officials of the 124th Running, a commemorative hat pin, a one and only original designed by the late Barry Saunders.

• **Predator Management Solutions**, Professional Trapping and Wildlife Management by Doug McKenzie, Madisonville, TN—(432) 253-4042—(www.predatormanagement.com)—Predator Mgt. Solutions provide 14+ days of predator control on the 6,000 acres of field trial courses at Ames Plantation.

• **5 Star Equine Products**, 4579 US-71, Hatfield, AR 71945—(870) 389-6328—(www.5starequineproducts.com)—will provide a 5 Star Equine Saddle Pad to the owner, handler and scout of the winning dog.

• **Hendrix Farms** will provide 2 tons of All-Grain Horse Feed for use by club officials and Ames horses during the running of the National Field Trials.

• **Area Wide Communications**, 260 Hwy. 45E North, Medina, TN 38355—(731) 783-5380—(www.areawidecomm.com)—will donate the use of 6 two-way radios for use by the Ames Security Patrol during the competition.

• **Ames Plantation** will provide twice daily updates of each day’s running on the website below. Bracings should be posted by 10:00 P.M., February 12, 2023.

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

PURINA, Garmin and others, will sponsor a National Field Trial Championship dinner & kickoff party at the National Bird Dog Museum on Sunday, February 12, at 6:00 P.M.

Sportsman’s Pride® plans to host an “Everyone Invited” Brunswick Stew on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at Bryan Hall immediately following the afternoon brace, 4:30 to 6:30 P.M.

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

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

Lunches will be provided daily in Bryan Hall from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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REGION 9 (AFTCA) AMATEUR & IDAHO OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Name Like Mike Named Region 9 Champion; Edge's Hidden Canyon Wins Idaho Open Shooting Dog

By Chris Perkins | American Falls, Idaho | September 16, 2022



Region 9 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Mike Mathews, Chris Perkins, Judge Brian Gingrich, Tom Griffin, Sophie Robbins, Ed Mayhew, Mike Robbins, Dave Noell, Bill Owen, Judge Lance Schulz, Alex Mauck, Shannon Nygard.

The Region 9 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog and Idaho Open Shooting Dog Championships were held in conjunction with the Everton Derby Classic on September 16–21, 2022. This field trial has been held southeast of American Falls, Idaho, for many years. The grounds are privately owned and mostly part of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The majestic views range north across the American Falls Reservoir and the Craters of the Moon National Reserve to the Smokey and White Mountains. To the south, the Bannock range separates the Arbon Valley from the Rockland Valley further south to the Sublet range. On the west is the Snake River and on the east is the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. It is truly Big Sky Country.

Six courses cover approximately 30 miles of CRP grass, sagebrush, wooded islands, high ridges, and cultivated ground. Each course presents unique challenges for handlers, horses, and dogs, giving all an opportunity for success. In addition to pheasant, Sharptail grouse, and Hungarian partridge, big game, including moose, elk, and deer, are often sighted. The CRP grass blends the original crested wheatgrass, sagebrush, and newer blends from the SAFE program. This year early spring rains jump-started these grasses, creating a tall, thick cover for the upland birds and lush grazing for big game.

The weather for these two events started with a nice rain on the evening of September 15 that settled the dust from a long, dry summer. During the AFTCA Amateur Championship, temperatures ranged from the mid-40s to the low 70s. Winds ranged from 5 to 15 mph. The weather was perfect. During the Idaho Shooting Dog Championship, temperatures ran from the high 50s to the high 80s, and winds ranged from 5 to 25 mph, with gusts that reached 35 mph. In the afternoons, it was hot and dry with gusting wind.

We thank our club members for stepping up and making this field trial a success, our sponsors—Purina and SportDOG, and others from around Region 9, who also contributed. The judges that were selected did a fine job. Their professionalism and hard work are appreciated. The placements in both championships were well received. Finally, we thank our landowners for allowing us to meet every year to compete in our sport, renew friendships, and prove the breeding for the future of the pointing bird dog. Without these folks,

this great wild bird field trial would not exist.

Region 9 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

The Running

R C's Bobtail (PM/Mathews) and Redeemed (PM/Nygard). Bobtail ran big to the front, had a find at 7, again at 15, unproductive at 20, was wide at the ridge, unproductive at 30, went with a flush at 40, and picked up. Redeemed, stop to flush at 20, and a limb find at 34. He self-relocated at 40 after his bracemate left and was picked up.

Searchin For A Rainbow (PF/Jones) and Perkins Trace of Snow (PF/Perkins). Rainbow was scratched. Snow was found standing at 25; the handler announced that birds had left, and he fired. She had a find at 55.

Skydancer Gold Rush (ESM/Griffin) and Mauck's Wyeast Owhyee Ajay (ESF/Mauck). Skydancer ran a consistent race with a find at 25. Ajay had one find at 29.

Edelman (PM/Jones) and Meg (ESF/Noell). Edelman had an unproductive at 15 and ran a big race. The handler lost track of him, and the tracker was requested at 45. Meg ran a medium race, had a find at 54, and took a few steps when a bird flushed and was picked up.

Jake (GSPM/Thompson) and S B Always Dreamin (PF/Owen). Jake shortened up at 45 due to the heat. Dreamin ran a consistent race throughout. No bird work was reported for either dog.

H B V's Lambeau Leap (GSPF/Favor) and Love Train (PF/Griffin). Leap was scratched. Love Train ran a nice forward race in the heat. No bird work was reported.

Mauck's Wyeast Owhyee Jack (ESM/Mauck) and Perkins Diamond Cutter (PM/Perkins). Jack had multiple STFs throughout the brace; the race was shortened due to an overwhelming number of birds. Cutter had a big race to the front, with a stop to flush at 20, a find on Sharptail at 25, stop to flush at 27 and 30, a find at 33, stop to flush at 36, bumped a bird at 40, and was picked up.

Edge's Hidden Canyon (PM/Robbins) and Idaho's Lucky Mike

(PM/Heaton). Canyon had a classy find on Sharptail where the handler flushed birds at 18, an unproductive at 42, and a Sharptail find at 55. He made large casts with a solid forward race throughout the brace and cued off the handler well. Mike pointed at 37 and self-relocated while the handler was flushing.

Miller's Newest Version (PF/Owen) and Perkins Lakeside Wild Child (PF/Perkins). Version had a strong race. No bird work was reported. Child had unproductives at 20 and 45 and was picked up.

Lone Tree Splish Splash (PF/Owen) and Perkins Sawyer's Warrior (PM/Perkins). Splash had a consistent race. No bird work was reported. Warrior had a strong race with a find at 55 on a covey of Huns.

Name Like Mike (PM/Robbins) and Perkins Rebel Within (PM/Perkins). Mike had a stylish Sharptail find at 05, where birds were flushed by the handler, followed by another beautiful find at 10 on a covey of Huns, and a final Sharptail find at 15, and unproductive at 40. He had a solid race throughout, with an outstanding finish where he made a final cast down the massive ridge. Rebel had a stop to flush at 02 and 10.

Charlie's Zip Tie (ESM/Owen) and I Got This (PM/Favor). Zip had a strong race in the heat. No bird work was reported. His bracemate was scratched.

Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee (ESF/Mauck) and Perkins Elhew River Rail (PF/Perkins). Dallee had an excellent race, unproductive at 24, and a stop to flush at 34 and 39. Rail had a good forward race with unproductives at 12 and 25.

Sassy (PF/Mayhew) and Skydancer's Deal Maker (ESM/Griffin). Sassy ran a strong, pretty race. No bird work was reported. Maker had a strong start, a failed stop to flush at 28, and was picked up.

Bandit (PM/Mayhew) and Touch's Jimi Thing (PM/Perkins). Bandit's strong race got a little sideways at the halfway point. No bird work was reported. Jimi had a strong start, unproductive at 28, and shortened up at the end.

American Falls, Ida., September 16
Judges: Brian Gingrich and Lance Schulz

REGION 9 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 21 Pointers, 7 Setters and 2 German Shorthairs

Winner—NAME LIKE MIKE, 1687329, pointer male, by Dominator's American Rebel-Searchin For A Rainbow. Mike Robbins, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—EDGE'S HIDDEN CANYON, 1691532, pointer male, by Edelman-T's Inlieu of Rum. Mike Robbins, owner and handler.

Judges: Tim Fullerton and Mike Mathews
EVERTON DERBY CLASSIC – 6 Pointers, 2 Setters, 1 German Shorthair and 3 Vizslas

1st—PERKINS DIAMOND CUTTER, 1698024, pointer male, by Touch's Diamante-Perkins Trace of Snow. Christopher Perkins, owner and handler.

2d—COSTAS, 1698042, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Searchin for a Rainbow. Gordon Jones, owner and handler.

3d—RAMBLIN RIVERS UNPLUGGED, 1698585, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-Wells Southern Charm. Bill Stapleton & Mike Northwood, owners; Brian Gingrich, handler.

Idaho Open Shooting Dog Championship

The Running

Upfront's Southern Star (PF/Schulz) and Perkins Sawyer's Warrior (PM/Perkins). Star ran a nice big forward race with a stop to flush at 33. Warrior ran a consistent race, with a find at 08 and stop to flush at 12.

Redeemed (PM/Nygard) and M H Rockford Peach (PF/Sampson). Redeemed had a solid race to the front. Peach had a forward race. No bird work was reported for either dog.

Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Jack (ESM/Mauck) and Edge's Hidden Canyon (PM/Robbins). Jack had finds at 15 and 20 and an unproductive at 32, and a find on Huns at 53. Canyon was found

standing on the hillside at 04 on Sharptail flushed by the handler, had an unproductive at 14, a find at 18 on Sharptail flushed by the handler, a find at 25 on a covey of Huns flushed by the handler, and a final find at 45 on Sharptail. A solid and consistent race with a strong finish to end the exciting brace.

Meg (ESF/Noell) and Ramblin Rivers Natural (PM/Gingrich). Meg ran a forward race and had a stop to flush at 20 and 36. Natural ran a large race, with unproductives at 33 and 48.

Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee (ESF/Mauck) and S T's Locked N Loaded (VF/Gingrich). Both dogs ran a large race. No bird work was reported for either dog.

S B Always Dreamin (PF/Owen) and Perkins Elhew River Rail (PF/Perkins). Dreamin had a large race, out of sight at times, and had a find on a covey of Huns at 43. Rail produced a stylish find at 07 off the hillside, a covey of Huns was flushed in front of her, and a find at 15 where the handler flushed a group of Sharptail. She showed stylishly to the front, making big casts consistently without fatigue.

R C's Bobtail (PM/Mathews) and Touch's Katrina (PF/Turley). Bobtail had a medium race, a find at 20, and finished. Katrina had a strong race in the heat of the day, a find on Sharptail at 07, stop to flush at 13, divided unproductive at 25, and a stop to flush at 29 and 33, where she moved on her own and was picked up.

Emmalita (PF/Turley) and Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Ajay (ESM/Mauck). Emmalita ran a large consistent race throughout the entire brace in the heat. She had a pheasant find at 25. Ajay had a consistent race with a stop to flush at 18.

Name Like Mike (PM/Robbins) and Miller's Newest Version (PF/Owen). Mike had a find at 15, unproductives at 33 and 44, and picked up. Version had unproductives at 13 and 33 and was picked up.

Touch's Jimi Thing (PM/Perkins) and Carbonado's Silver Sage (PF/Turley). Jimi had a stop to flush at 25, unproductive at 35, and was picked up by the handler at 40. Sage had a find on Sharptail at 12, backed bracemate at 35, and stop to flush at 39, with a strong finish.

C K Post Route Scout (VIZM/Gingrich) and Touch's Diamante (PM/Turley). Scout ran a consistent race with a stop to flush at 22. The handler lost track of Diamante toward the beginning and asked for the tracker at 12.

Burr Oak's Born Again (VIZM/Gingrich) and Edelman (PM/Jones). Born Again started strong, but heat fatigue sat in, and he was picked up at 35. His bracemate was scratched.

Lone Tree Splish Splash (PF/Owen) and O T F's Good Time (GSPM/Gingrich). Splash ran a big race throughout, with a stop to flush at 07. Good Time ran a consistent race. No bird work.

C K Guy's Light My Fire (VIZF/Gingrich) and Touch's Amazing Greyce (PF/Turley). No bird work was reported for Fire, and she was picked up at 55. Greyce ran a nice consistent race, with no bird work reported.

Charlie's Zip Tie (ESM/Owen) and Carbonado's Rodeo (PM/Turley). Zip had multiple stops to flush going up the ridge from 20-35. At 45, he failed to stop after putting up a covey of Huns. Rodeo suffered an unproductive at 11, numerous flights going up the ridge from 20-35, and had a Sharptail find at 50.

Judges: Richard Burgi and Tom Griffin
IDAHO STATE OPEN SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]
– 20 Pointers, 7 Setters, 1 German Shorthair and 4 Vizslas
Winner—EDGE'S HIDDEN CANYON, 1691532, pointer male, by Edelman-T's Inlieu of Rum. Mike Robbins, owner and handler.
Runner-Up—PERKINS ELHEW RIVER RAIL, 1687352, pointer female, by Elhew Riverman-T Rail. Christopher Perkins, owner and handler.

NEW ENGLAND OPEN GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Neo Wins Big After Earning Runner-Up Title At Northern New England Woodcock Championship

By Jim Hathaway | Berlin, New Hampshire | September 19, 2022



Championship Winners (from left): Judge Ed Kostka, David Theroux, Adam Dubriske with Neo, John Stolgitis with Chasehill Poison Ivy, Stakes Manager Tony Bly, and Judge Jamie Leitch.

The Setter Club of New England's 98th annual fall event, now the New England Open Grouse Championship, was set to go. Mother Nature didn't make it easy this year. During the summer, the Northern New Hampshire Bird Dog Club holds work party days to cut and clean up courses. It was hoped that they would be able to cut and clear six courses for the championship as we had just a few years ago. Most of the summer was bone dry, which just magnified the heat. Temperatures in the upper 80s made much more than preparing the three championship courses and the Beaver Hole course for the derby undoable. Some work did get done on other courses; Deer Mountain needed a complete rerouting. A couple of years ago, the forest service used our course trail as their guideline for a logging road so they could harvest other parts of the course.

So, with the courses set and good to go—Goldenrod, Moosehorn, and Ammonoosuc—at just minutes past 7 a.m. on the morning of Monday, September 19, Stakes Manager Tony Bly lead the caravan up York Pond Road to Loop Road and the start of the first brace of the New England Open Grouse Championship.

It had rained most of the night but slowed to less than a drizzle by the time we reached the start of Goldenrod. Even with the rain stopped, the prediction was for more at most any time. So most everyone was dressed in full rain gear and rubber boots. Championship Chairman Lloyd Murray opened the trial by welcoming the participants and gallery and introducing the judges. Jamie Leitch of Essex Junction, Vt., was back for his second year judging this championship. Into the fray for his first go-round of judging here was Ed Kostka of Fort Edward, N. Y.

Starting the day on the Goldenrod course under dense clouds, steady drizzle, and 50 degrees, the first brace broke away at 7:14 a.m. Both the male setters in this brace sport the same Lightning Flash prefix. Adam Dubriske handled Lightning Flash Moose, and Kelly Hays handled her setter, Lightning Flash Frank. Any grouse hunter or trialer knows that wet weather favors the birds. If they come out of the trees, when they come out, they don't like getting wet, so they won't settle long enough or tight enough for the dogs to get a good scent. An hour of running wasn't enough for either of

these dogs to find a bird.

The ride from Goldenrod to Moosehorn takes nearly a half hour once everyone gets turned around and heads back in the same direction. We must drive back to the start and then in the opposite direction on Loop Road for five or more miles.

The key to the rest of this trial rests on what we see in this brace on the Moosehorn course. My dog, Wizard's Cas Dubh ("Finley"), a 3-year-old male setter, and I were braced with John Stolgitis and his pointer Chasehill Little Izzy. We couldn't have been more than a hundred yards up the trail when the first grouse left from a tree right along the left side of the path. It hadn't been perched much more than head high. Each dog worked the course well. Izzy kept more to the left and Finley more to the right. About ten minutes in, Izzy was well into the dense cover on the right and must have pressed too hard for the wet conditions. A grouse got up with Izzy too close behind. She was collared and leashed. During all this, Finley was working a sweet spot to the right. He was going one way when a grouse, about 20 yards away, left a tree going the other way. About halfway into the brace, Finley went on point in a young fir stand. After a flushing attempt, he was allowed to relocate. Finley put him up on his second pass-through. It was a bump, not a stop to flush. With both dogs up, the walk to the takeout was long but not uneventful. We walked up at least another half dozen grouse on the course. It depends on whom you talk to, but the best guess was that nine grouse were put on that brace.

The Ammonoosuc course runs through the same bottom of the river with a similar cover as Moosehorn, so you would expect similar results as far as a dog's bird contact chances would go. Breakaway at 10:10, the weather hadn't changed much. It was up to 53 degrees and still spitting rain occasionally. This was another setter vs. pointer brace—Joe Dahl's setter Magic Mist Sydni and Craig Doherty with pointer Elhew Snakewood. Sydni thought she had a bird right off the breakaway, but nothing came of it. Both dogs dug into the cover but came up birdless in their hour. Not a good hunting day; blame it on the weather.

The ride back to Goldenrod for brace No. 4 included a stop at the staging area for lunch. The worse weather was moving in, so we swallowed our pizza and headed to the breakaway for Duck Hook and Cold Creek Rip.

With the introductions of this pointer vs. setter matchup, Duck Hook (John Stolgitis) and Cold Creek Rip (Adam Dubriske) hit the course just after noon. Rip's bell stopped less than a quarter into the hour. Unfortunately, Adam wasn't able to put up a bird for him. At least one grouse was seen on the course. But like many of them in this weather, it left from up in a tree. Duck Hook was digging deep into the woods at 45. The rain was coming down moderately now. Duck Hook's bell had been out of range for a few minutes. I couldn't tell you if he was up on the right or down on the left. John must have had him last on the right, down in the woods on the northeast corner of the Goldenrod field, because that's the way John headed, leaving the course, taking the judge with him. It started to rain harder when John found and shot for Duck Hook and the woodcock he was on. All in order, John sent Duck Hook on. Now the sky opened up. The rain pounded down so hard that handling a dog was impossible. You couldn't see the dog 20 yards in front or hear the bell. So close to the end of the brace, John felt for the dog's safety, and he took his tracking receiver from the judge to find Duck Hook. He was found, standing another woodcock in the most godawful downpour.

Back on the road for the drive for the last two braces of the day. The caravan stopped back at the staging area. The chairman, stakes manager, and judges consulted in this nasty rain. The radar didn't show a chance that the rain would even let up enough to allow a dog to run safely, so the rest of the day was canceled.

It continued raining on and off most of the night. By 6 a.m., the temps were in the upper 40s, and everything was wet. Picking up where we left off on the first day, after the cancellation of the rest of the day, brace No. 5 was set to breakaway on the Moosehorn course with Daddy's Little Boy Butch, handled by John Stolgitis, and Neo, handled by Adam Dubriske. Though getting on in years, Butch is still a strong going pointer. He won this championship two years ago and is always a threat and fun to watch. Butch's bracemate Neo had just won runner-up honors two days earlier at the Northern New England Open Woodcock Championship. He's a young setter coming into this season strongly under Adam Dubriske's hand. It became apparent right off the breakaway at 7:26 a.m. that even though the rain was just a drizzle, rubber boots were in order, even more today than yesterday. Yesterday's puddles on this hillside trail were connected to a series of streams on this day and were impassable. The overnight rain turned the courses into wet obstacle courses. This may explain why both dogs started this brace a bit erratic on the ground. That changed for Neo. Not long into the brace, his pattern improved, more forward than lateral. Finding and handling his first grouse perfectly lit a fire under him. His second point, a textbook limb find with no time on the clock, produced a small brood of four grouse. Proving he could still be a handful, Butch was all over the woods, not making an easy job for John's handling. His wide swings put them behind Adam and Neo for most of the brace.

It takes a little car or truck shuffling to get all the right people and vehicles to the start of Ammonoosuc, brace No. 6. As setters outnumber pointers 14-8, by the luck of the draw, there is no pointer vs. pointer braces to run this week. Elhew Snake Dancer, with Craig Doherty handling her, may be one of the last true Elhew pointers on the circuit. The breakaway was at 8:47 a.m., and the temperature had climbed to 50 degrees. Stakes Manager Tony Bly's setter, B Stokley Max, was the first on this course that day to offer hope to his handler. Both dogs had been working hard for nearly the first half of the hour when Max's bell stopped 20 yards in on the left. It's never a good sign when you hear a bell, shot, and whoa! Max made it back to the course on a leash. Snake Dancer finished her hour strong, but there didn't seem to be birds where there should have been that day.

Now back to Goldenrod, where we would have started the day under normal conditions. When we took a short break at the staging area before moving up the road to brace No. 7, I was elected by a majority of one, Stakes Manager Lloyd, to remain behind for 15 minutes and retrieve lunch at the designated time. As I was waiting, I received a call. One of the handlers in the next brace hadn't shown up yet. He wasn't in the staging area. I didn't pass him on the way out to pick up more of Gord's Corner Store's famous pizza, so I was no help to the proceedings at Goldenrod.

While I was gone on the pizza run, brace No. 7 got underway. Handler Jack McNulty and his setter Mooselook Mac never arrived, so brace No. 12's bye-dog, Fern, and Bruce Mueller, moved up to take Mac and Jack's place in the seventh brace with Lloyd Murray and Long Gone Porky. Fern had the only grouse find in the hour. In all, the find wasn't without faults by both dogs. Fern had established point. Porky moved into the area and crowded Fern, who moved and repointed the grouse right before him. Well, that's the way one judge saw it. The other thought Porky had the find and Fern the back. From there, Fern was not handling for Bruce. Porky didn't seem to have the snap in his run, then somewhere around three-quarters of the run, he was credited with an unproductive point.

So much time is taken up driving from Goldenrod to Moosehorn/Ammonoosuc every day. Fortunately, the line of travel between the courses goes through the staging area and times out perfectly for the lunch break.

Back up to Moosehorn after pizza for a 12:46 breakaway for brace No. 8. Ten minutes in, Lloyd lost setter Dequan's bell off to the right. He sent his scout Tony off in a search, hoping to find Dequan on point. John Stolgitis, with his pointer Panola Bacon, pressed onto the front. I kept pace with John and Bacon to the front. Lloyd and Tony fell behind, with judge Ed Kostka. Following John and Bacon to the front, it wasn't long until we were out of earshot of Lloyd calling for Dequan. Even long after that, Dequan showed up from the front. There was no collaring Dequan, and Lloyd was so far back we couldn't call him to the front. At about 30, Bacon was found on point. Dequan was all over the place and threatened to run through Bacon's bird. Somehow it worked out. We got Dequan under control and leashed, and Bacon got shot over for his first grouse. After 12 minutes up the course and 15 minutes from the end, Bacon had his second grouse find. Unfortunately, this reporter got stuck back in line behind Dequan, straining to get out of his restraints, so I wasn't in a spot to see Bacon on point. All must have gone well as Bacon finished his hour.

Another setter vs. pointer matchup started seconds after 2 p.m. Known throughout New England for her full mask tri-color setters, Kellie Short had Paucek's Little Tommy Tucker on the Ammonoosuc course with John Stolgitis's Chasehill Hidden Jewel. Jewel had a good day on the ground, but after 40 minutes of the hour with no bird work, John opted not to push her for the rest of the course, leashed, and walked her out. Kellie, Tucker, and the judge separated from John and Jewel early. Tucker was wide and lateral on the course for most of the run. In Tucker's mind, he was where the birds were. He had two nice woodcock finds, then a third point just seconds after the second find. As this is a grouse championship, another woodcock find wouldn't benefit Tucker, so Kellie collared him and sent him forward, hoping to find a grouse in the last minutes of the brace.

It gets repetitive late in the day, but we were back in the vehicles for the long drive down this dirt road that was getting drier and dustier, even after all the rain the day before. This would be the last brace of the day, leaving only one brace to run in the morning and toeing the starting line on Goldenrod for brace No. 10, two male setters. Breakaway at 3:45, Tony Bly's Stokley's B Ricky got Tony's hopes up early when his bell stopped 15 minutes into the brace. Finding Ricky wasn't easy. He was buried in a thick woodcock cover and handled the bird well. Bruce Mueller's Roy wasn't

handling well at all for Bruce today. Roy was all over the course but not finding birds. After the half-hour, Roy went wide left when the course took a right. Bruce decided to end Roy's run at that right-hand turn. Ricky had a nice cover-digging race going and had to be scouted up to be found on point three more times in the hour. Each time, no bird could be produced.

Before the Bill Kearns Memorial Derby we need to get one more championship brace in. The derby courses are Beverhole, Moosehorn, and Ammonoosuc. Moosehorn and Ammonoosuc have been shortened to thirty minutes for the derby, and Beverhole is closer to Moosehorn and Ammonoosuc, so the travel time is much shorter.

But back to Moosehorn for the final brace of the New England Open Grouse Championship. Super Storm Nell wasn't on the ground long. She had a bit of trouble with her woodcock find in the first 15 minutes of the run, so she and handler Adam Dubriske had a short walkout. Last year's champion, Chasehill Poison Ivy, was on the course with her handler John Stolgitis again this year. Ivy is a smaller liver and white pointer, but her size doesn't deter her from hitting the most challenging cover. Depending on which judge you talked to, she racked up two quick woodcock finds or a woodcock, then a grouse before the halfway mark. With no bracemate to key off of, Ivy could cover almost every possible grouse covert on the course. Her efforts paid off. With minutes left in the brace, she stopped in cover to the left of the course. Flush, shot, all in order, Ivy had a confirmed grouse find, then finished her hour hunting hard.

The derbies are now set to go, waiting at the staging area for the caravan down to the Beaverhole course for the first brace. But before they can run, the championship awards ceremony takes place. Lloyd Murray and a small crew, Kelly Hays and I, had set up the awards podium while the last brace was running.

Judging the New England Open Grouse Championship is an ordeal that requires stamina and commitment. Not only do our judges commit to following dogs through cover, dense at times, and the roughest terrain in all field trials, but they also do it on foot. Courses cannot accommodate horseback judges here. They also commit to judging for two years. Having judges commit to two years gives an advantage to having a senior judge break in a new judge. It helps the first-year judge understand each course and individual quirks. This year's returning judge, Jamie Leitch of Holland, Vt., kept the pace of each brace and the entire championship on point. The Setter Club of New England and the Northern New Hampshire Bird Dog Club thank you. First-year judge Ed Kostka, of Fort Edward, N. Y., learned the flow of each course and the needs of following setters and pointers through Kilkenny's particular coverts. Thank you, Ed.

The Naming of the Champion and Runner-up

From the first braces on the second morning, the judges named Neo, handled by Adam Dubriske, this year's New England Open Grouse Champion. This is Neo's first championship win for his owner David Theroux. This year's runner-up champion came from the last brace of this year's running and was last year's champion. Chasehill Poison Ivy, handled by John Stolgitis and owned by Allen Raiano, stood on the podium as this year's runner-up. Both dogs had run their braces on the Moosehorn course.

Berlin, N. H., September 19

Judges: Ed Kostka and Jamie Leitch

NEW ENGLAND OPEN GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 8 Pointers and 14 Setters

Winner—NEO, 1689990, setter male, by Sterlingworth Jack-Sandland Miracle Maggie. David Theroux, owner; Adam Dubriske, handler.

Runner-Up—CHASEHILL POISON IVY, 1694453, pointer female, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Allen Raiano, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

The Bill Kearns Memorial Derby

The winner on the Ammonoosuc course was Long Gone Juniper,



Bill Kearns Memorial Open Derby (from left): Judge Kelly Hays, Lloyd Murray with Kenny standing in for winning kennelmate Long Gone Juniper, Adam Dubriske with The Gray Ghost, John Stolgitis with Chasehills Wango Tango, and Stakes Manager Tony Bly.

owned and handled by Lloyd Murray. Juniper had at least one recorded find on a grouse just as time was up. On the ground, she was what you would want in a coverdog, willing to dig into the thickest cover in search of game, stretch her legs, and cover ground quickly when the objectives were further from the course line.

Second place was awarded to The Gray Ghost, handled by Adam Dubriske and owned by W. Smoot Carter. The Ghost put down a nice forward race, found and pointed his bird in the first 10 minutes, and didn't back off the gas for the next 20.

Third place went to Chasehills Wango Tango, handled by John Stolgitis and owned by Allen Raiano. Tango is a kennelmate and younger full brother of Champion Chasehill Poison Ivy. Tango had his grouse find at 20 and finished going away.

This was the birdiest wild bird derby I have ever seen. In past years we had felt it necessary to have callbacks on quail to get bird work in when it was spare to nil on the courses. No need for that this year, there were birds found on every course.

By the time the derby awards were given, and photos were taken, it was almost 5 p.m., and this reporter had a five-hour drive back home. The championship judges were thanked earlier, so this thank you is for the derby judges. Thanks, Kelly Hays and Tony Bly. We got it done again in good order; doesn't get better than that. None of this gets done without the hard work and dedication of a handful of members and our sponsors. Keeping the New England Open Grouse Championship going with the help and co-sponsorship of the Northern New Hampshire Bird Dog Club, I want to thank Stakes Manager Tony Bly and Chairman Lloyd Murray. Lloyd and Tony have worked this championship, created and maintained the courses, and held a relationship with the National Forest Service that keeps the New England Open Grouse Championship going on some of the best wild bird grounds open to trialing. And lastly, thank you to our corporate sponsor, Purina, and Greg Blair. Yes, the winners appreciate the bags of Pro Plan for placements, but the trial and championship organizers know the depth of commitment Purina puts into our events with their sponsorship.

Ninety-eight runnings of the Setter Club of New England's fall event are in the record books. One more to go before the big 100th. Don't miss next year's championship!

Judges: Tony Bly and Kelly Hays

BILL KEARNS MEMORIAL OPEN DERBY – 7 Pointers and 7 Setters

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

2d—THE GRAY GHOST, 1696927, setter male, by Caladen's Davinci-Woodmont Virginia Shelby. W. Smoot Carter, owner; Adam Dubriske, handler.

3d—CHASEHILLS WANGO TANGO, 1697813, pointer male, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Allen Raiano, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

NATIONAL AMATEUR PRAIRIE CHICKEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Confident Nation Named Champion; Lawless Georgie Girl, Runner-Up

By Frank LaNasa | Buena Vista, Wisconsin | September 23, 2022



National Amateur Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Lee Long, Judy Reisner, Dennis Sneed, Rich Boumeester, Doug Reisner, Ann Ihrke, Ed Liermann, Linda Smith, Judge Larry Smith, Scott Jordan, Gary Wolfe, Frank LaNasa with Confident Nation, Judge Jarrett Bell, Allison Bell, Mark Johnson, participant, George Ihrke, Sue Duvall, Mike Duvall, Chris Sellers, Purina Rep Terry Terzinski, Sean Patrick Derrig, Brian Sheehan, and scholarship recipient Parker Kreie.

While a lot in our sport has changed from year to year, a lot remains the same. Showing up at the grounds each year for 35 years, we all wonder how and where the birds will be, and how the cover will be. The answer is different every year, sometimes a lot different. The Buena Vista Grasslands are unavailable for working dogs from horseback during the summer. Some locals will walk the grounds during the summer months with their bird dogs, but the heavy cover limits routes and the areas they investigate, so come trial time, we rarely know what the status is, but all are excited to find out. This year, birds were moved on every single brace of the trial.

We were fortunate to have two field trial competitors sit in the judges' saddles. Judges who breed dogs, raise puppies, develop youngsters, train, and successfully compete typically understand the challenges one faces in competition and resist the temptation to jump too quickly to conclusions on events that happen rapidly. If you ever want to see how fast things can go from good to bad or from bad to good, then come to Buena Vista. Judge Larry Smith was joined by his wife Linda for the week with us. Larry has been a stalwart supporter, giver, and successful competitor of field trialing for decades. He has been to most places and trialed on most birds more than once! He knows what he's looking for, and he's the type of judge you enjoy showing your dogs under. Judge Jarret Bell and his wife, Allison, are strong competitors who work and develop their dogs. They spend time in different venues, gaining the experience that competitors running under their judgment can appreciate. Larry and Jarret have had numerous champion performers and know a performance when they see it.

The National Amateur and National Open Prairie Chicken Championships run back-to-back. Consequently, both work hand in hand to help each other make it the best experience for the competitors. Ed Liermann has not only been a superb trial chair for the Open Championship but has done much to advocate for the benefits of having quality field trials on these native prairie chicken grounds. Ed has shown that field trial events can be givers to the

local communities and positive influences for the natural resources and wildlife on the venues. The benefits of Ed's work reach far beyond the boundaries of just the Buena Vista Grasslands and well into the other public grounds in the state of Wisconsin. His work with the Wisconsin DNR on a local and statewide level and his networking with local institutions of education preparing our next generation of Natural Resource managers have been a blueprint for others to follow.

Others that assist are my Co-Chair Mark Johnson, the AFTCA Vizsla trustee at-large; Gary Wolfe, dog wagon driver extraordinaire; George and Ann Ihrke and Judy and Doug Reisner with road crossings; and John Mathys with marshaling.

This year's champion, Confident Nation ("Smoke"), is no stranger to the winners' circle. Smoke is a 4-year-old male pointer owned and handled by Scott Jordan of White Bear Lake, Minn. Smoke is by True Confidence x Southern Songbird and a seventh generation winner going back to Champion Isanti Blacktop, who won this event in 1999. Smoke has been placed at this venue numerous times, and his performance this year on course No. 6 was in championship form. Smoke runs strong, so the cover seems to provide a different challenge for him than others. At 25, he was off to the left on the course and styled up beautifully. A large covey of chicken powerfully jumped to wing all at once in classic style, leaving a lasting memory. He continued a strong forward pattern, never backing down, and finished deep and strong well to the front, separating himself from the other competitors.

Runner-up this year was Lawless Georgie Girl. Girl, a 5-year-old female pointer by Oak Grove Pacemaker x Homestead Georgia, ran on course No. 4. Her ground race was pleasant, consistent, and forward and required little assistance. She reached into the country when it made sense and shortened when needed. Around 40, after crossing Griffith Road, she went forward into heavy cover and established point. While riding to her, unseen by her handler, her birds left. She was shot over and brought on, where she continued

her consistent hunt. Finishing strong, her hour was memorable as well.

The judges also mentioned the performance of Erin's Rebel Attraction, which pushed the winners for handler/owner Brian Sheehan with an outstanding hour.

The Running

Notorious Front Range (PM/John Mathys) and Cedar Creek Sixgun (ISM/Ed Liermann). Both dogs were consistent, with Front Range the wider. After crossing Griffith Road, Sixgun was upfront on the left of the course. At 10, a single bird left the area near Sixgun, and when Liermann arrived, he noticed Sixgun standing and called point. After a lengthy flush, the dog was taken on. It was unclear whether Ed ever knew a bird had left previously. Front Range continued his strong effort cumulating in a find at 58 with all in order.

Confident Nation (PM/Jordan) and Erin's Cure The Blues (PM/Dennis Sneed). Confident Nation was reported earlier. Cure The Blues started well but became more erratic as the hour progressed. He did not have any bird contacts.

Erin's Rebel Attraction (PM/Sheehan) and Cochise B (ESM/Marion Brown). Rebel Attraction scored on a big covey at 10. Birds were leaving during the ride to the find, and additional birds were flushed for Rebel. Rebel handled the tough cover on course No. 3 with a solid forward and unscouted performance, only shortening up some the final 10. Cochise was unable to connect with game.

Nine To Five Nation (PF/Dave Moore) and Lawless Georgie Girl (PF/Jim Lawless). Georgie Girl was reported earlier. Nine To Five ran a race equal to her brace mate, making for a pleasant hour for the pair. Unfortunately, Nine To Five was birdless.

Erin's Tin Lizzie (PF/Mark Johnson) and Stellar's Natural Disaster (PF/Mike Duvall). At 25, Natural Disaster had a stop to flush on a single chicken and went on to finish the hour with no more contacts. Lizzie ran a pleasant moderate race but was picked up at Lake Drive.

Cedar Creek Shindig (ISF/Ed Liermann) and Erin's Country Rebel (PM/Derrig). At 12, Rebel had a good find on a single chicken. Shindig failed to back and was picked up. Rebel suffered unproductives at 40 and 52.

Southern Confidence (PM/LaNasa) and Wibaux Sun B (ESM/Marion Brown). Confidence was strong and appealing, having finds at 6, 25, and 36, but the find at 42 proved too much as a covey of birds ran out from in front of his stand, exposing themselves and

taking to wing with Confidence right behind. Sun B was picked up, failing to back on Confidence's first find.

Notorious Dominator's Heir (PM/John Mathys) and Erin's Wild Rum (PM/Mark Johnson). Both dogs' efforts were big and strong but not always directed forward. Heir suffered an unproductive at 25. Rum was up at 40. Heir finished without any bird contacts.

Strut Nation (PM/Jordan) and Lawless Speck (PM/Jim Lawless). Nation and Speck started huge, with Speck having a good stop to flush on a covey of three chickens. At 25, Speck had an unproductive and was gone at 35. After making a couple of showy moves, Nation disappeared from judgment at 20.

Sellers Pashca Skylos (PM/Chris Seller) and Mac Golva B (ESM/Marion Brown). At 4, Golva B had a good find. At 12, Skylos had birds in the air and was up. Golva B had those same birds pointed and was shot over with all in order. Golva B did an excellent job, always forward and responsive to his handler. He pointed at 56 and ended the hour with an unproductive.

Northern Confidence (PM/LaNasa) and Erin's Southern Comfort (PM/Derrig). Confidence and Comfort were aggressive from the breakaway, causing a bit of a challenge to get them through the first loop on the course. Confidence pointed at 22; while going to him, Comfort came into the area and pointed as well. Both dogs had their birds, and both were shot over. Shortly after, Confidence went missing and was up. Comfort continued with a good stop to flush at 45 and ended his hour with an unproductive.

Notorious Slap Shot (PM/John Mathys) and Oak Grove Starlet (PF/Doug Reisner). Starlet suffered an unproductive at 20 and followed up with a good find at 35 with all in order. Reisner decided to pick up at 40. Slap Shot was doing well on the ground, and at 58, while working a bird, it lifted with Slap Shot stopping, ending his hour.

Cheyenne Nation (PF/Jordan) and Thumper's Anything But (PF/IS/Mike Duvall). Anything But, always mindful of her handler, hunted moderately without any contact. Nation had everyone watching the hour but could not score on game.

Buena Vista, Wis., September 23
Judges: Jarrett Bell and Larry Smith
NATIONAL AMATEUR PRAIRIE CHICKEN SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]
— 21 Pointers, 3 Setters and 2 Irish Setters

Winner—CONFIDENT NATION, 1684546, pointer male, by True Confidence-Southern Songbird. Scott Jordan, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—LAWLESS GEORGIE GIRL, 1676697, pointer female, by Oak Grove Pacemaker-Homestead Georgia. Jim Lawless, owner and handler.

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NORTHEASTERN GROUSE & WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

Chasehill Hidden Jewel Named Champion; Spring Brook Maximus, Runner-Up

By Russell Ogilvie | Frankfort, Maine | September 23, 2022



Championship Winners (from left): John Stolgitis with Chasehill Hidden Jewel and Spring Brook Maximus with Russell Ogilvie.
(Standing, from left): Judges Bruce Mueller and George Hetrick.

Every trial has its challenges, and this year was no exception. While we were not in the path of Hurricane Fiona, we felt her wrath. Bluebird skies and high winds with gusts over 30 mph made it challenging for dogs, handlers, and judges. Champion Chasehill Hidden Jewel came out of the first brace of the trial. “Juju,” owned by Tadaaki Terada and handled by John Stolgitis, was braced with Wynot Roscoe (Robbins). With winds bearable but gaining strength, the handlers turned their dogs loose at 7:30 a.m. on course No. 1.

The course, renamed “The Cut,” was modified this year to skip the open edges of the blueberry field to utilize the large cut that has grown in nicely and has been holding birds well. Both dogs went straight and hard down the path. Roscoe would swing deep to the right and fade out of the bell range. Juju moved forward and past the field into the mixed-growth forest. A scout was sent out for Roscoe as Robbins moved forward. As we reached the cut, Roscoe returned and surged to the left, deep into the cut, and Juju stayed forward and entered to the right. Roscoe had stopped, so the handler, judge, and scout went in search. At this point, Juju was swinging from the left, crossed over, and slammed on point at 33 for everyone to see.

One quick step in front by Stolgitis and a woodcock took flight. Returned to the course, Juju tore down through the cut and weaved her way through the saplings. Juju would strike again at 37 just to the left of the course. We could barely see her through the tangle as Stolgitis and the judge made their way to her. In short order, a woodcock lift over the gallery with all in order. At this point, Roscoe could not be located, and the tracker was called for, only to be found standing on woodcock. Juju had the rest of the course to herself, but the challenge was for both dog and handler not to lose each other in the wind. Juju sailed along, out of the cut, into the mature forest, and then back to the new growth. This young female shows class and style, which is a joy to watch. With her ranging at the edge of the bell in search of more birds, it was a relief when time was called, and she was gathered in. A strong start to the trial and one that would prove to be the best out of 28 dogs.

Runner-up Spring Brook Maximus came out of the 13th brace.

“Max,” owned and handled by Russell Ogilvie, was braced with Panola Bacon (Stolgitis). With much calmer winds, Max had his shot at The Cut. Even as Max quickly gains at nine years of age, he still only has one speed, which is wide open. Max and Bacon both drove hard and deep. Max returned briefly to go deep once again and to the left. Bacon was deep and right of the course. As both handlers made their way to the cut, both dogs worked to the right of the course when Bacon cut across and stopped at 28, to the left, for everyone to see. Max continued to go forward. Stolgitis flushed but could not produce a bird and was unsuccessful in the relocation. Bacon entered the cut first, with Max coming from behind and shooting straight in. Shortly after Max entered, his bell fell silent at 35. The handler, judge, and scout searched for a standing dog. Even with a good line, a thick cover always makes it difficult. After a lengthy search, Max was finally located, and Ogilvie flushed. Finally, the running woodcock lifted and all was in order.

As everyone worked their way back to the course, another woodcock and grouse were walked up. As this was all going on, Bacon had stopped at 37, and after a relocation, Stolgitis was able to produce a woodcock to get on the board. Both dogs started up again and gained strong forward momentum when just before the turn, Max’s bell fell silent to the front at 40, with Bacon’s falling silent shortly after. Both handlers and judges entered the thick cover in search of standing dogs. Max was located first, and as Ogilvie and the judge waited for Stolgitis to join them, Bacon’s bell tinkled to the left. A woodcock lifted in front of Max, and all was in order. Max was taken back to the course and turned loose. Bacon would move up on his bird, and Stolgitis would decide to snap on the lead. Max, showing a little age and an extra pound or two, stayed strong through the mature growth and then swung deep left on the edge of the log yard to pop out upfront and headed forward. As we turned back into the cut, Max worked his way back and dove in just as time was called and stopped. Ogilvie walked up the trail and stepped in to find Max pointing with a pair of grouse out in front of him.

This year, the Mid-Coast Maine Field Trial Club put in extra time to rework course No. 1 to take advantage of prime cover and add a

third course to its Frankfort grounds. Quality coverdog grounds are hard to find and a challenge to maintain at every level. Even with grounds, trials, particularly championships, would only be possible with the support of Purina and Greg Blair. The championship had a good mix of both amateur and pro handlers. We want to thank Wild Apple, Chasehill, and Cairds Siding kennels for their continued support. With the open border, it was great to see Bob turn dogs loose in Maine again. Our judges, Bruce Mueller and George Hetrick, made the trip from Pennsylvania to walk the thick cover and follow dogs in almost impossible winds. We thank them for taking time out of their busy schedules to help us. With the winds calming down, the club hosted their handlers' steak and lobster dinner on Saturday. As the lobsters and steak cooked, everyone gathered around, snacking on various smoked types of meat, pickled groceries, and cheeses to the point where you could be full before dinner was served. A thank you goes to the club members who came to watch the dogs run and help shuttle everyone around. With so many to thank, I can't say enough about the Town of Frankfort. This year, all our courses were on town land, and they again gave us full support for its use.

The Running

With high winds for two days, birds were hard to get pointed even though birds were seen on all courses.

Brace No. 1 was previously mentioned.

Sam (Townsend) and Riley on Beaver Pond. Sam was a tough luck dog as he was scouted late in the hour, and a grouse was walked up but was not verified by a judge.

Chasehill Poison Ivy (Stolgitis) had the first shot at our new course, Powerline. Ivy had an early stop at 15 without success. Remi (Little) had a late stop at 56 but was unsuccessful.

Sunkhaze Vera Masardis (Flewelling) and Magic Mist Sydni (Dahl) fought the wind. Vera stopped inside the cut at 30, but Flewelling could not get anything to fly. Sydni was going strong and, at times, hard to locate due to the wind being deep right. After making the turn out of the cut, Vera stopped to the front. We walked by her, and she eventually started up. Sydni was going strong to the front, and when we hit the log yard, she swung around the far edge, and her bell fell silent at 58. The handler, scout, and judge entered the thick cover. With some luck, she was spotted, and Dahl flushed and had a woodcock flip past her with all in order. A strong performance in the given conditions.

Daddy's Little Boy Butch (Stolgitis) and Kelly's Blitz'n Wheel Hank (Little). Butch went deep to the right early and was hard to communicate with in the winds. Tracker was called for at 29. Hank would run well, but he was picked up at 52.

Wild Apple Hard Cider (Doherty) and Ralph's Chasehill Molly (Stolgitis) had the last go of the day. Cider would have an early stop at 16, but nothing was produced. Molly would stop at 33 to the right of the course, but Stolgitis came up empty. Turning the final corner, Cider entered the other side of the woods road, and a woodcock got up for a mannerly stop to flush at 52. Molly would dive back in with a late stop at 58, but again, nothing was home.

Day two produced strong winds all day and equally challenging conditions.

Paucek's Little Tommy Tucker (Short) and Elhew Snakewood (Doherty). It was tough to hear bells right from the start. Tucker would go to the right, and Cobe would stay to the left. Tucker swung left and was scouted for but returned to the front. Tucker would go deep into the cut, and the bell was lost. Cobe made it to the cut and worked the transition line. Short moved forward but called it a day after deciding that she was unsure of her dog's location. Cobe would stop in the cut at 40 in the swirling winds. He was sent on only to have a woodcock pop up and end his day.

Cairds Little Macy Mae (Little) and Elhew Snakedancer (Doherty). Solid runs, but nothing moved.

Cairds Cracklin Rosie (Little) and Wynot Pete (Forrest) headed down the Powerline course. Both worked strongly to the right. Pete would stop to the left of the courses at 22; Forrest entered with the judge. Again, a tough luck situation as Forrest saw the grouse running out, but the judge could not verify it due to the wind and foliage. Rosie had a solid race only to go birdless. Pete would finish strong as well.

Mooselook Fionn Maccool (McNulty) and Calamy's Soul Man (Robinson) had the afternoon shot at the cut. Both dogs worked well in the high winds but made it through the cut without action. Elwood would stop at 45 in the pole timber, but nothing could be produced. Fionn ended up going deep and forward, and the tracker was called. Elwood would try his luck at the log yard but was unsuccessful.

Duck Hook (Stolgitis) and Wild Apple Pop's Dorothy (Doherty). Difficult conditions kept it a challenge to keep tabs on Brute. Dottie would have a smooth and strong ground race but had nothing to show for her work.

Cairds Dreaming of Jeannie (Little) and Ralph's Chasehill Rip (Stolgitis). Rip was a bit slow starting, then opened up. Jeannie had a solid ground race but needed a bird. Even the woodcock on the corner could not be located.

Brace No. 13 was reported earlier.

Chasehill Little Izzy (Stolgitis) and Mooselook Mac (McNulty) had much better conditions to run for the last brace of the trial. Izzy would stop to the right of the course early but was sent on. Both dogs made it to the powerline when Izzy stopped to the right, with Mac following suit. Stolgitis flushed, and when nothing was produced, he relocated, and Mac was taken on. After a lengthy relocation with a start and stop, Stolgitis decided to pick her up. Mac would make the final turn and be headed down the road when he stopped to the right of the course at 56. McNulty produced a woodcock to finish the trial.

Frankfort, Me., September 23

Judges: George Hetrick and Bruce Mueller

NORTHEASTERN GROUSE AND WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 22 Pointers

Winner—CHASEHILL HIDDEN JEWEL, 1692727, female, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Tadaaki Terada, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

Runner-Up—SPRING BROOK MAXIMUS, 1657296, male, by Chasehill Little Bud-Riley's Rowdy Shadow. Russell Ogilvie, owner and handler.

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WESTARK FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Upfront's Southern Star Wins Fleetwood Classic; Thunder's Wild Agin Wins Lone Star

By Thomas Rice | Booneville, Arkansas | October 3, 2022



Fleetwood Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (from left): Upfront's Southern Star with Virgil Moore, Charitable Deed with Eddie Taylor, and Cheap Thrill with Tommy Rice. (Back row, from left): Shawn Kinkelaar, Ronnie Miller, Rick Thone, Mike Lemmons, Judge Everett Brannan, and Jerry Oswald.

On October 3, the Westark Field Trial Club hosted the Fleetwood Shooting Dog Classic at the J. Perry Milkes Field Trial Grounds in Booneville, Ark. Ronnie Miller is the man that runs and makes this trial flow smoothly.

The judges were Everett Brannan from Powderly, Tex., and Greg Poole from Dancyville, Tenn. The handlers and club officials want to thank these two men for staying alert and giving their undivided attention to all dogs that were turned loose. That being said, the conditions were extremely tough! This part of Arkansas had not seen rain in nearly two months, and burn bans were in effect in several nearby counties. As you can imagine, finding birds was going to be a challenge, and a challenge it was! But the grounds were mowed to perfection, and courses looked great with good cover for birds and visibility to see dogs work.

Upfront's Southern Star ("Roo") was the first-place dog in the Fleetwood Open Shooting Dog Classic. This pointer female is no newcomer to the winners' circle. Star is a multiple champion, handled by Shawn Kinkelaar and owned by Lance Schulz. Roo drew the second course in the morning on the second day of running. She made big casts and stayed to the front the entire hour. Roo had her only find on the edge of a big field close to the Petit Jean River, where scout Virgil Moore called point after she had disappeared from the edge as she was rimming it. She finished her hour strong as pick-up was called right before crossing the bridge, a solid performance in tough conditions.

Another pointer female, who has been a consistent competitor throughout her career, was named second. Charitable Deed, owned by Keith Finlayson and handled by Tommy Rice, ran the 4th day on the first course in the morning. Deed had an unproductive within the first 5 minutes and then shortly after had her only find of the hour just before the creek crossing. She ran a strong race showing well to the front and handling.

Cheap Thrill ("Reba") was named third place; she is a first-year dog whose dam is Charitable Deed. Reba is also owned by Keith Finlayson and is handled by Tommy Rice. Reba ran the third hour in

the morning of the first day. She had her only find just past Mario's Hill around 30. Reba's race was to the front with some good casts but slowed down at the end of her hour. A good effort for a young dog, and her handler was pleased.

The Fleetwood Derby was run the day after the shooting dogs, and conditions had not changed. Fourteen derbies were turned loose. Winning the stake was a female pointer named Dollywood Thrill. Dolly ran the last brace and had a strong ground performance for a derby in the heat. She had a fall derby find where she was seen pointed, then bumped birds but was whoa to stop only a few yards away from the initial point and stayed steady through gunfire. Dolly was handled by Tommy Rice and is owned by Benny Cain. Second was Cold Creek Thrill Tuff. Tuff is handled by Tommy Rice and is owned by Terry Reinke. Tuff ran in the second brace, had a strong race, handled very nicely, and showed well to the front with some big casts. Gamechanger was named third place for handler Eddie Taylor and owner Rick Thone. Changer had a nice smooth race. He handled nicely, made a couple of good casts for a derby, and moved well.

The Lone Star Open Shooting Dog Classic started October 8, following the Fleetwood Open Shooting Dog. Weather conditions had not changed from the Fleetwood, except the few water holes that were present were no longer existing. Greg Poole of Dancyville, Tenn., and John Humphrey of Claremore, Okla., were judges in this stake. Thank you to these two men who watched hard from the saddle in the hot, dry conditions. Another appreciation goes to Rick Thone and Mike Lemmons, who put the Lone Star on.

Thunder's Wild Agin took first place. This pointer female is owned by Doug Swingley and Brett Bruggeman, and handled by Shawn Kinkelaar. Wild ran a moderate shooting dog race, but she tallied two finds where her style was staunch and high. Her first find was at 5 on a big covey, and the second was at 35, where she was in thick cover. Wild finished her hour strong to the front.

Second place was Lester's Another Shockwave, handled by Shawn Kinkelaar. Shock ran a good race on the third hour of the first



Lone Star Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (from left): Thunder's Wild Agin with Virgil Moore, Lester's Another Shockwave with Tommy Rice, and Rick Thone with Whiteway Anarchy. (Back row, from left): Shawn Kinkelaar, Judges Greg Poole and Jon Humphrey, Eddie Taylor, and Jerry Oswalt.



Fleetwood Derby Winners (from left): Dollywood Thrill with Tommy Rice, Cold Creek Thrill Tuff with Shawn Kinkelaar, and Gamechanger with Virgil Moore. (Back row, from left): Dr. Jeff Hale, Rick Thone, Eddie Taylor, Jerry Oswalt, and Judges Everett Brannan and Mike Lemmons.

day of the trial. He showed well, ran edges well, and had a divided find for his only piece of bird work.

Third place was Whiteway Anarchy, handled by Eddie Taylor and owned by Kevin White. Anarchy was braced with the second-place dog and had a good race with a divided find. He did suffer an unproductive but finished his hour ahead with range to the front.

The heat and dry conditions hurt the bird-finding abilities of dogs in this stake. There were birds seen in several places, but dogs never made game except for the three dogs that were placed. Several other dogs made valiant efforts on ground races that were strong and to the front but could not locate quail. But that is hunting and field trialing; some things must fall in place to succeed. It was a good atmosphere with good people and nicely prepared grounds to have a trial.

Booneville, Ark., October 3
Judges: Everett Brannan and Greg Poole
FLEETWOOD OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC
[One-Hour Heats] – 40 Pointers and 5 Setters

1st—UPFRONT'S SOUTHERN STAR, 1662479, pointer female, by Ransom-Double Wild. Lance Schulz, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.
 2d—CHARITABLE DEED, 1658659, pointer female, by Three Rivers-B W Molly. Keith Finlayson, owner; Tommy Rice, handler.
 3d—CHEAP THRILL, 1699020, pointer female, by Just Thrilling-Charitable Deed. Keith Finlayson, owner; Tommy Rice, handler.

Judges: Everett Brannan and Mike Lemmons
FLEETWOOD DERBY – 12 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—DOLLYWOOD THRILL, 1701883, pointer female, by Just Thrillin-York's Hollywood. Benny Cain, owner; Tommy Rice, handler.
 2d—GOLD CREEK THRILL TUFF, 1699324, pointer male, by Just Thrillin-York's Hollywood. Terry Reinke, owner; Tommy Rice, handler.
 3d—GAMECHANGER, 1701067, pointer male, by Game Wardon-Whippoorwill Bumble Bee. Rick Thone, owner; Eddie Taylor, handler.

Judges: Jon Humphrey and Greg Poole
LONE STAR OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC
[One-Hour Heats] – 44 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st—THUNDER'S WILD AGIN, 1691314, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Double Wild. Doug Swingley & Brett Bruggeman, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.
 2d—LESTER'S ANOTHER SHOCKWAVE, 1691812, pointer male, by Lester's Shockwave-Miller's Stitch In Time. Tom Jackson, Jerry Moisson, Lance Schulz, Bjorn Peterson & Todd Mann, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.
 3d—WHITEWAY ANARCHY, 1682553, pointer male, by Ready's First Pitch-Black Icy Night. Kevin White, owner; Eddie Taylor, handler.

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ABHA CENTRAL REGION CHAMPIONSHIP
Georgia Born Windstorm Named Champion; All Out, Runner-Up
By Ronnie Rogers | Berea, Kentucky | October 6, 2022

The championship and companion stakes were well attended, with 64 entries and dogs from 8 states. Conditions were extremely dry and unseasonably hot; plenty of water had to be carried! The grounds are in excellent shape, and the food plots are doing great. Early rains help make for thick cover and lots of quail food.

Thanks to the staff for doing a great job of managing grounds for trials. A big thank you to all that helped make it a successful trial. Thanks to Justin Crook, Adam Thomas, Bill Brown, Brian Stockrahm, Marla Stockrahm, James Cleve, and Scott Luther for pitching in and helping wherever needed. Special shoutout to Ken DeLong, who drove from Michigan to run two dogs and jump back on the road to host a trial. Thanks to my Daphne Rogers for keeping me supplied with food and drinks while keeping me straight. Without our sponsors, SportDOG and Value-Pak, it would not have

been possible; thanks. SportDOG makes great training collars, and their customer support is fantastic; Value-Pak makes a variety of great dog foods at great prices. Please support them!

Our championship judges were great. They rode hard and gave undivided attention to each entry. Thanks to Donnie Duckworth, of Morganfield, Ky., and Shane Duckworth, of Fredericktown, Mo. They are accomplished horsemen and avid bird hunters. Their decisions were well received, and everyone appreciated how they handled their assignment.

We want to thank Justin Crook for help judging the puppies and amateur shooting dogs. Adam Thomas and James Cleve did a great job of looking at horseback stakes. They were very attentive, and the results were well received. Thanks again, James, for hurrying from way up north, running some derbies, and judging; much appreciated.



ABHA Central Region Championship Winners (from left): Sam Ridings, Margie Ridings with Georgia Born Windstorm, Judge Shane Duckworth, Joe Hopkins with All Out, James Kleve, and Judge Donnie Duckworth.

The championship was run in hot and dry conditions; never seen these grounds this dry in 35 years! Taking the championship and never looking back, Georgia Born Windstorm blew through the country, always to the front and going forward. This beautiful, primarily white pointer handled with a purpose for Miss Margie Ridings from Cumming, Ga. He had four great finds along the hour, one being a true limb find that sealed the championship. Congratulations to Miss Ridings!

Runner-up was the local product and always competitive setter male, All Out. He has graced the winners' circle many times in ABHA championships for his owners, Joseph and Brittany Hopkins, with Joe as his handler. All Out running in the first brace of the morning garnished seven good finds. He was always to the front with a very nice race, although not as forward as the champion. Congratulations, Joe!

A couple of dogs that pushed winners in Justin Crook's string were Jojo's Dark Knight and Unfinished Business. Dark Knight had an excellent race with one good find and finished very strong in terrible heat, an outstanding performance for the conditions. Unfinished Business did a fantastic job with five finds and a beautiful stop to flush on a covey of birds. He could have finished a little stronger, which could have impacted the outcome. Ken DeLong's pointer, Faith's Maximum Justice, did a great job with five finds in the first brace and a nice forward race. Good to see he fully recovered from ACL surgery last spring.

The Walking Derby showcased three nice young setters. James Kleve piloted Terry Boatright's nice young setter to first with a spectacular ground-eating big race. James also handled another young setter to second. She ran well and was very classy moving. Justin handled the third-place setter to a nice race that faded in the heat at the end. A nice group of youngsters that will do good in the future.

The Puppy Stake was fantastic. Eight beautiful young dogs showed their stuff. A pair of mixed females, setter and pointer, ran in the first brace and ran away with the first two spots! They turned it on and handled it with great range. It was close to Terry's and a little more consistent. This was Marla's first time handling a dog at a trial, and she looked like a pro at it; great job! Third went to new handler Mike Edwards with his pointer male, Top Gun. He was great on the ground making several casts to the front that were impressive,

especially later in the brace. Third place was pushed hard by Gary Vitali's setter with a lot of class and a hard-charging race. One judge said this was a good group of puppies; the future is bright!

Eight entries came to the line in the amateur walking shooting dog with three good performances. Herbie's Shasta La Vista scorched the ground for 30 minutes with three nice finds for handler Scott Luther, a beautiful dog to watch! Second went to Mike Fox's winning red setter female, Foxy Lady Sadie. She ran a huge race with one dug-up find discovered as the other handler and bracemate were flushing on the same bird. Amazing what happens at a field trial! Third went to consistent Coal Camp's Annie, littermate to the first-place dog, for handler Adam Thomas. She is gorgeous on point!

Sunday brought cooler weather and the horseback portion of the trial. The shooting dog stake brought out 18 very competitive entries, along with a visit and participant from our old friends Ed and Dee Stevens of Ohio. Birds were at a premium again, but few dogs found them. Justin secured first with always-in-the-running setter male Pistol Pete. Like his namesake, he turned a crowd-pleasing performance and won easily. Ed's Penny female put down a fantastic race to the front, always snappy and going forward to capture second. Justin turned Fast Money loose, and she did not disappoint, easily moving into third.

The final stake was the Derby and saw several excellent performances, especially first place P B Hurrin Hoosier for owner Brian Stockrahm and Justin handling; a great young dog with a bright future. I would like to add that Brian's help this weekend made the trial possible; thank you. Smooth Operator proved to be just that for Ed Stevens, as this youngster got better and better as the brace went on. He had lots of potential in him. Justin finished out placements with Powerhouse Big, a young pointer that runs like his name; congratulations.

Thanks to all who pitched in to help and to owners and handlers.

Berea, Ky., October 6 – One Course

Judges: Donnie Duckworth and Shane Duckworth

ABHA CENTRAL REGION CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 2

Pointers, 3 Setters, 1 Brittany and 1 Irish Setter

Winner—GEORGIA BORN WINDSTORM, 1690185, pointer male, by Knight's White Light-Bone Collector. Margie Ridings, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—ALL OUT, 1658806, setter male, by All In-Walnut Hills Rocket Onpoint. Joseph & Brittany Hopkins, owners; Joseph Hopkins, handler

TENNESSEE VALLEY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

ABHA OPEN DERBY – 2 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st—BOATRIGHT'S MAVERICK, 1694705, setter male, by Rufus Del Fuego-Outcast Starburst. Terry Boatright, owner; James C. Kleve, handler.
2d—STARDUST OUTCAST COCO, 1695076, setter female, by Woodville's Yukon Cornelius-Outcast Stardust. Sean F. Williams, owner; James C. Kleve, handler.
3d—JOJO'S QUICK JUSTICE, 1695122, setter male, by Swift Justice-Shamrock's Tish. Christian Ogle, owner; Justin Crook, handler.

Judges: Justin Crook and William R. Rogers

ABHA OPEN PUPPY -8 Pointers, 2 Setters and 1 Irish Setter

1st—BOATRIGHT'S MORNING STAR, 1700324, setter female, by Woodville's Yukon Cornelius-Outcast Star Breeze. Terry W. Boatright, owner and handler.
2d—P B HELLES BELLES, 1702138., pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Three Stripe's Anomaly. Brian Stockrahm, owner; Marla Stockrahm handler.
3d—PINEHILL ELHEW TOP GUN, 1699947, pointer male, by Pinehill Elhew Damascus Max-Pinehill Elhew Damascus Jan. James M. Edwards, Sr., owner and handler.

ABHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 6 Setters and 2 Irish Setters

1st—HERBIE'S SHASTA LA VISTA, 1684251, setter female, by Full Blast-Herbie's Asta La Vista. Shannon Humphrey & Adam Thomas, owners; Scott

Luther, handler.

2d—FOXY LADY SADIE, 1691626, Irish setter female, by Zansett Simply Red-Foxy's Lil Red Missy. Mike Fox, owner and handler.

3d—COAL CAMP'S ANNIE, 1687566, setter female, by Full Blast-Herbie's Asta La Vista. Jim Humphrey, owner; Adam Thomas, handler.

Judges: James Kleve and Adam Thomas

ABHA OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 13 Pointers and 5 Setters

1st—GUN'S PISTOL PETE, 1667396, setter male, by Barker's Big Coon-Carpenter's Daisy Duke. Colby Tackett, owner; Justin Crook, handler.

2d—R S SHINEY PENNEY, 1694807, pointer female, by Valiant-Reed's Winter Spirit. Ed & Dee Stevens & Rattle Snake Creek Kennel, owners; Ed Stevens, handler.

3d—FAST MONEY, 1681232, pointer female, by Stash The Cash-Lester's Speed Queen. C. W. & Patty Moore, owners; Justin Crook, handler.

Judges: James Cleve and Adam Thomas

ABHA OPEN DERBY – 4 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—P B HURRIN HOOSIER, 1696778, pointer male, by Erin's Lone Star Law-Three Stripe's Bullseye. Brian Stockrahm, owner; Justin Crook, handler.

2d—SMOOTH OPERATOR, 1701773, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Rebel Maiden. Rattle Snake Creek Kennel, owner; Ed Stevens, handler.

3d—POWERHOUSE BIG, unreg., particulars not given. Sweet Hodges, owner; Justin Crook, handler.

MINNESOTA GROUSE DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Grouse Trails Warrior Cat Wins Open Shooting Dog; Little Hawk Wins Reuel Henry Pietz Classic

By Ryan Hough | Mora, Minnesota | October 10, 2022



Minnesota Grouse Dog Championship Winner (back, from left): Scout Ryan Hough and John McKellop with Grouse Trails Warrior Cat. (Front, from left): Judges Eric Munden and Ben Mergens.



Reuel Henry Pietz Derby Winners (from left): Ryan Hough with Little Hawk, Rod Lein with Over The Hill Morgan and Ben Brettingen with Amos. (Front, from left): Eric Munden and Ben Mergens.

On October 10 at 8:00 a.m., the first brace of shooting dogs cut loose on the first course near Mora, Minn. Thanks to hard work by club members and attendees, the trial was a success despite conditions that were not ideal. Without the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources partnership and the huge efforts put into course maintenance and planning, wild bird trials like this would not happen. The club is grateful for the strong attendance, many traveling from out of state to be here.

After some deliberation, judges Eric Munden of Philipsburg, Pa., and Ben Mergens of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., elected to revert the championship to an Open Shooting Dog stake.

Mora, Minn., October 10

Judges: Ben Mergens and Eric Munden

MINNESOTA GROUSE DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 6 Pointers and 27 Setters

[Title Withheld]

1st—GROUSE TRAILS WARRIOR CAT, 1690752, pointer female, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. John McKellop III, owner and handler.

2d—NORTHWOODS SIR GORDON, 1674314, setter male, by Erin's Prometheus-Northwoods Carley Simon. Ben McKean, owner and handler.

3d—NORTH SLOPES ALLIE, 1683347, setter female, by A Kesytone Kid-Signature Ridge Cody. James Graddy, owner and handler.

REUEL HENRY PIETZ OPEN DERBY CLASSIC

The Reuel Henry Pietz Derby Classic saw a change of weather as clouds moved in and the temps cooled. Judges Neil Anderson of Duluth, Minn., and A. J. Kalupa of Big Lake, Minn., observed more grouse pointed during the derby than were pointed during the three-day shooting dog event.

Judges: Neil Anderson and A. J. Kalupa

REUEL HENRY PIETZ OPEN DERBY CLASSIC

– 9 Pointers and 9 Setters

1st—LITTLE HAWK, 1698254, setter female, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-War Paint. Paul Cook, owner; Ryan Hough, handler.

2d—OVER THE HILL MORGAN, 1699010, pointer female, by J T H Scion-Over The Hill Patty. Robert Zielke, owner; Rod Lein, handler.

3d—HACKBERRY'S AMOS MOSES, 1695788, pointer male, by Elhew Sinbad-Numark Surefire Peg. Ben Brettingen, owner and handler.

CENTRAL KENTUCKY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Fall Trial Held At Miller Welch Wildlife Management Area

By Pam Tucker | Berea, Kentucky | October 21, 2022



Amateur All-Age Winners (from left): Judge Ronnie Rogers, Matt Pendergest with Dialed In, Buster Tucker, Tim Hammons, Megan Henry with Pendy's Good Grace, Shannon Pennington, and Charlie Turner with Blue Eye Dreamer.



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (from left): Judge Barry Stumbo, Kris Hammons, Ed Stevens, Ross Leonard with Nickajack Pathfinder, Deedee Stevens, Tim Hammons, Lynn Heard with Heard Hill's Jaybird, Matt Pendergest, Judge Ronnie Rogers, Buck Heard with Heard Hill's Tom Cruiser, and Buster Tucker.

The Central Kentucky Field Trial Club ran on October 21 with 32 entries on the Miller Welch Wildlife Management Area in Berea, Ky. Judges Barry Stumbo of Versailles, Ky., and Ronnie Rogers of New Market, Tenn., provided decisions for the three placements. Appreciation of their attentive observations, long days in the saddle, and willingness to give their time is expressed and valued.

The Amateur All-Age's first placement was Dialed In, Jim Pendergest's pointer female. Matt Pendergest handled "Claire," who put down an impressive race having a find at 15 and 59. Second place was Pendy's Good Grace, owned and handled by Matt Pendergest, having a find at 43. Charlie Turner's pointer female Blue Eye Dreamer ("Hannah") came in third with a find at 5, another find at 20, having a good run and finish.

The Amateur Shooting Dog's first place went to pointer male Nickajack Pathfinder, owned and handled by Ross Leonard. Nickajack had a find at 18, a back at 32, another find at 55, and ran a good race. Second place Heard Hill's Jaybird, a pointer male handled by owner Lynn Heard, was steady, handled easily, having a pheasant find at 10 and a very nice, good run. Third place was earned by pointer male Heard Hill's Tom Cruiser, handled by Lynn Heard through a wide-ranging forward brace with a quail find at 40, and after a relocation handler was able to produce a bird.

Purina provided support with dog food for the placement winners, hats, and ad payment. The Central Kentucky Field Trial Club thanks Purina for its continued support and generosity.

Trial entrant Lynn Heard presented Sunday morning devotion before the day's running. Lynn read from Tessa Hughes's newly published book, "The Miracle Path." Dr. Kristine Hammons sang acapella, "This is the Day that the Lord Hath Made." All were blessed by their messages received.

The Central Kentucky Field Trial Club is grateful for all 32 entries, all KFTA members (Buster, Tim, Charlie) who helped put out birds and drive the dog wagon, and Rocky for cleaning stalls

and kennels and making sure the many tasks are completed to host a field trial.

All meals and snacks were complimentary and provided by the Central Kentucky Field Trial Club.

Berea, Ky., October 21

Judges: Ronnie Rogers and Barry Stumbo

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

1st—DIALED IN, 1655274, pointer female, by Miller's Dialing In-Rester's Zumba Girl. Jim Pendergest, owner; Matt Pendergest, handler.

2d—PENDY'S GOOD GRACE, 1664858, pointer female, by Reloaded-Dialed In. Matt Pendergest, owner and handler.

3d—BLUE EYE DREAMER, 1674780, pointer female, by Casey Creek Icy Hot-Charlie's Dream Girl. Charles Turner, owner and handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]

– 13 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—NICKAJACK PATHFINDER, 1680947, pointer male, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Cocklebur Stripper Candie. Ross Leonard, owner and handler.

2d—HEARD HILL'S JAYBIRD, 1664195, pointer male, by Game Strut-Heard Hill's Queen Mary. Lynn Heard, owner and handler.

3d—HEARD HILL'S TOM CRUIZER, 1679831, pointer male, by Miller's Light Cruiser-Heard Hill's Queen Mary. Lynn Heard, owner and handler.

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PURINA COVERDOG AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2021-22 Winners

By Thor Kain | Carbondale, Pennsylvania



Ponderosa Mac
Coverdog of the Year



Scott Chaffee
Coverdog Handler of the Year



Chasehill Hidden Jewel
Coverdog Derby of the Year

2021/22 Purina Coverdog Handler of the Year

Scott Chaffee

This is Scott's fourth time winning this prestigious award. His owners compliment his hard work ethic and dedication to the craft he loves. His competitors will add that he does it the right way. These traits, no doubt, lead to his success. He racked up wins/points in several states and venues and finished the season with a whopping 2640 points. Congratulations, Scott, on winning Coverdog Handler of the Year!

2021/22 Purina Coverdog of the Year

8x Ch./3x R-U Ch. Ponderosa Mac

Mac's list of accomplishments is long, but this is his first Purina Coverdog of the Year award. Owned by grouse dog enthusiast and longtime coverdog trial supporter Steve Snyder and handled by Scott Chaffee of Claire, Mich., Mac finished the season with 1572 points, 700 points ahead of the next points contender. This season is even more special for Steve and Scott because, at the age of 10, this was Mac's final season on the trial circuit. A remarkable ending to a legendary career. According to Scott, Mac's ability to consistently find birds and do so with extreme composure has kept

him winning his entire career. Although Mac may be retired, his legacy lives on through his offspring, which Scott says possess the same qualities that made Mac special. His offspring are adding up the wins, including a championship title for a direct son, Snyder's Pioneer Scout. Congratulations, Ponderosa Mac, Steve Snyder, and Scott Chaffee!

2021/22 Purina Coverdog Derby of the Year

Chasehill Hidden Jewel

Owned by Taadaki Terada and bred and handled by John Stolgitis, "Juju" comes from a long line of grouse champions; her sire, Panola Bacon, and dam, Chasehill Little Izzy, are multiple-time champions. This breeding proved to be special, as Juju's accomplishments confirm. Taadaki has been a long-time trial enthusiast who spent time in the States learning from Hall-of-Famer, Harold Ray. When he went looking for his next champion, he called John Stolgitis of the famed Chasehill Kennel, and shortly after, he became the owner of JuJu. She tallied 303 points with John handling, placed in the Woodcock and Grouse Futurities, and capped off her season by winning the National Grouse Derby Classic. Congratulations, Chasehill Hidden Jewel, Tadaaki Terada, and John Stolgitis!

GEORGE BENTLEY ETHRIDGE

September 19, 1936 – November 14, 2022

Mr. George Bentley Ethridge, 86, of Leesburg, died Monday, November 14, 2022. The family will have a private service at "Covey Hill," Ethridge's family place in Leesburg. Born in Birmingham, Ala., Bentley was the son of George and Virginia Ethridge. He was a graduate of West End High School and attended Auburn University. After starting his career at Vulcan Life Insurance Company in Birmingham, his passion for bird dogs and quail hunting brought him and his family to Southwest Georgia to work in the quail hunting industry. He spent a large part of his career at Oakland Plantation and retired from Enco Materials.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Doris, his parents, and his brother Bill Ethridge of Atlanta. Survivors include his sister Jenny Fryer (Johnny) of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and his children David Ethridge (Jolene) of Chelsea, Ala., Diane Beck (Darrell) of Sylvester, Brian Ethridge (Melissa) of Hoover, Ala., and Clay Ethridge (Annie) of Leesburg. Mr. Ethridge has nine grandchildren—April Terry, Crystal Terry, Katie Summers, Will Ethridge, John Ethridge, Morgan Ethridge, Laura Ethridge, Maggie Ethridge, and Lindsey Ethridge, and two great-grandchildren, Jonas Summers and Avery Ethridge.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be given to Zoe Ministries (zoemeanslife.org).

NATIONAL AMATEUR PHEASANT SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Navajo Cody Named Champion; Miller's Unbridled Forever, Runner-Up

By Lloyd Miller | Lacey Township, New Jersey | October 21, 2022

The English Setter Club of America hosted the National Amateur Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship October 21-23, with an excellent field of 36 top shooting dogs on the Greenwood Wildlife Management Area in Lacey Township, N. J. The weather was perfect throughout.

The club would like to thank Purina for its support of this event. Their backing is always most welcome. We also thank Joe Cincotta for getting this championship again for all the field trialers in the eastern part of the country. We all appreciate his effort, and it was a great success. Others who helped were Piper Huffman of the AFTCA, who handled the entries and drawing; Matt Basilone, who planted all the pheasants throughout the trial; Bob Brooks, who handled the dog wagon; Mark Janiec of Growing Concerns, Inc. (Cranbury, N. J.), who brought in water for the dogs and horses; Joe Lordi, Marcus Ramseur, John Frank, Joe Buchanan, Louise Wilcox, Muriel Primm and others who did things behind the scenes to get things done that were needed to make this event run smoothly. We also would like to thank Gary Miller, who put on a great pig roast Friday night with all the trimmings, and Kevin Joyce, who hosted a great catered Italian meal Saturday night in honor of his winning last year's championship. The food was top-notch.

Judges this year were Joseph Luisi of Vernon Hill, Va., and Ashby Morgan of Hudgins, Va. They both are extremely good dogmen with a lot of judging experience. We thank them for their time in the saddle and attentiveness throughout. Their decisions were well received. This year we utilized our normal counterclockwise course for the hour stake taking in the extreme southern limits of the grounds and then switching to the inner north and south loops before starting over on a continuous course layout. It provided a nice flow for dogs and handlers and plenty of bird work for all, including the expected pheasants and some coveys of quail left over from the Brittany Championship and Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship a week prior.

The Winners

After some discussion Sunday afternoon, the judges made their decision, and Chairman Joe Cincotta made the announcement. Navajo Cody, a 6-year-old white and liver pointer male, owned by Camille Masiello and Sal Morelli of White Plains, N. Y., and handled expertly by Joseph E. Lordi of Atco, N.J., was declared the winner. Cody broke away at 9:09 Saturday morning and handled the course with good forward range and in good rapport with the handler. He scored with good style running and pointing on four well-located pheasants and two quail stands. His finish was well to the front. It was a very good effort that put him at the top of the judge's book and eventually held off many good challengers.

Miller's Unbridled Forever, an 8-year-old white and orange pointer male owned by Great River Kennels and Neil Walker of Central Islip, N. Y., and ably handled by Brian Sanchez, took the runner-up spot. Unbridled ran Sunday morning in the third brace. Off at 11:07, he started with a nice back of brace mate at 7, followed by stylish well-located pheasant stands at 21, 30, and 57. It was a strong performance. His race was always forward and handled, showed confidence in the dog riding at a nice pace, and trusted that he would be found standing at the front, which he did. A good effort to closely take the runner-up spot.

Others that completed the hour in order of running are as follows: Brace No. 3 (Friday Morning): Limbsmoke Skeet Rock, a setter male, scored on two backs of brace mate plus a good single quail



Championship Winners (front row, from left): Joe Lordi with Navajo Cody and Marcus Ramseur with Miller's Unbridled Forever. (Back row, from left): Judges Joe Luisi and Ashby Morgan, Brian Sanchez, and Sophie Ramseur.

find and an unproductive after relocation at pickup at horseshoe mound area, A likely quail spot, but not home today. He also had an excellent forward race on the ground.

Brace No. 6 (Friday Afternoon): Bull Biscuit, pointer female, with Ernie Saniga at the helm, had a nice pheasant find on a good relocation coupled with an unproductive and a nice in-the-pocket forward race. Pheasants were at a premium on Friday.

Brace No. 11 (Saturday Afternoon): Bull Finch, pointer female, with Ernie Saniga, had backs at 9 and 23 and a nice pheasant stand at 40.

Brace No. 12 (Saturday Afternoon): Waybetter Bobby, a pointer male, with Bob Verderosa, had six finds on pheasants. He took tiny steps on some, which hurt.

Brace No. 13 (Sunday Morning): Ravenwood Gemstone, pointer female, with Joe Cincotta handling, scored nicely on five pheasant finds and finished to the front. A good effort.

Brace No. 14 (Sunday Morning): Bella Bulli, pointer female with Ernie Saniga, had three nice pheasant finds. One was with an excellent relocation and a good stop to flush. She also had a pretty good race to boot.

For mention, many others were getting something done, but the wily pheasants were not cooperating this year. Dogs were having trouble when they came across the many birds running in front of them or escaping into the cover, producing an unproductive stand. It was a challenge for most, but the best dogs and handlers that could handle the obstacles were rewarded. It was a good championship, and I think everyone enjoyed the trial and the commodity with friends, old and new. We hope to see everyone next year.

Lacey Township, N. J., October 21 – One Course

Judges: Joe Luisi and Ashby Morgan

NATIONAL AMATEUR PHEASANT SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 32 Pointers and 4 Setters

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

Runner-Up—MILLER'S UNBRIDLED FOREVER, 1661404, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Great River Kennels & Neil Walker, owners; Brian Sanchez, handler.

SPENCER FARMS FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Fall Trial

By Jim Spencer | Milton, Florida | October 22, 2022



Amateur All-Age Winners (from left): Jade Todd, Hanna Todd, Bobby DuBose with DuBose's Wander Bog, Jim Spencer with Spencer's Rambling Justice, and Junior Sims with Sims Game Changer.



Amateur Derby Winners (from left): Roger Key and Hanna Todd with Erin's Mason Man, Hardy Martino, and Daley Dawson with Daley's Long Tall Sally.

The fall field trial was run on October 22-23 in Milton, Fla. The weather conditions were warm, dry, and dusty, with the temperatures reaching the low 80s. Pastries and grilled sausages were provided each morning. Lunches were a selection of pulled pork, homemade soup, egg salad, potato salad, and all the trimmings. Saturday evening, the club hosted a full-course ribeye steak dinner enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Cleve and Nancy Rhodes for catering the meals and refreshments.

The rotating panel of trial judges were Scott Phipps, Lance Johnson, Keith McDill, Robert Thomas, Junior Sims, and Tom Hennes. Their decisions were well received.

The grounds were in great shape, with plenty of burning, chopping, and mowing quite apparent. Water tubs were placed strategically on the course, and the dogs took advantage of them. Birds were plentiful, yet the scenting conditions were at a premium.

We want to thank all who attended, making this a memorable and enjoyable field trial event.

First place in the Amateur All-Age was DuBose's Wander Bog, owned and handled by Bobby DuBose. At 83 years young, Bobby has not lost touch with his dogs and young horses. Second place was Spencer's Rambling Justice, owned by Jim Spencer and handled by Junior Sims. Third place was Sims Game Changer, owned and handled by Junior Sims.

The Amateur Derby winner was Erin's Mason Man, owned by Alan Atkins, Roger Key, and Phil Tomlinson, and handled by Roger Key. He had a nice find and a forward race. Second place was Daley's Long Tall Sally, owned by Stan Padgett and handled by Daley Dalton. This is Daley's first placement, and she is still in high school.

The Amateur Shooting Dog was won by Erin's Young Offender, owned by Alan Atkins, and handled by Roger Key. The second place was Murphy's Law, owned by Jim and Mary Ann Womack and handled by Jim. Third place was DuBose's What A Dog, owned and handled by Bobby DuBose.

The Open All-Age winner was McFay's Dire Straits, handled by Michael Martino. He had one find and a strong forward race. Second place was Spencer's Rambling Justice, owned by Jim Spencer and handled by Junior Sims. He had two finds and a forward race. Third place was Melrose Ramblin Man, owned and handled by Terry James Chastain, Jr. He had a smooth forward race, always to the front.

The Open Derby was won by Erin's Mason Man, owned by Alan Atkins, Roger Key, and Phil Tomlinson, and handled by Roger Key. He had a nice find and a forward race. Second place was Erin's Johnny Be Good, owned by Alan Atkins, Roger Key, and Phil Tomlinson and handled by Roger Key.

The Open Shooting Dog was won by Melrose Ramblin Man, owned, and handled by Terry James Chastain, Jr. He had a smooth forward race, always to the front and one find. Second place was Deception Wild Justice, owned by Jeffrey Gilbertson and handled by Michael Martino. He had one and a nice race. Third place was Wiggins Pree Dawn Reward, owned by Katie Lyons and handled by Tom Hennes.

Milton, Fla., October 22 – One Course

Judges: Tom Hennes and Scott Phipps
SBHA AMATEUR ALL-AGE – 6 Pointers

- 1st—DUBOSE'S WANDER BOG, 1684553, male, by Heard Hill's Memory Lane-Dubose's Snow White. Bobby Dubose, owner and handler.
2d—SPENCER'S RAMBLING JUSTICE, 1684191, male, by Spencer's Rambling Lawman-Caladen's River Hawk. James Spencer, owner and handler.
3d—SIMS GAME CHANGER, 1692936, male, by Sims Ramblin Rex-Caladen's River Hawk. Junior Sims, owner and handler.

Judges: Lance Johnson and Robert Thomas

SBHA AMATEUR DERBY – 4 Pointers and 1 German Shorthair

- 1st—ERIN'S MASON MAN, 1701057, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Pearl. Alan Atkins, Roger Key & Phil Tomlinson, owners; Roger Key, handler.
2d—DALEY'S LONG TALL SALLY, 1698599, pointer female, by Conner's Trigger Man-Cordell's Always Right. Stan Padgett, owner; Daley Dawson, handler.

Judges: Keith McDill and Scott Phipps

SBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 8 Pointers, 3 Setters and 1 German Shorthair

- 1st—ERIN'S YOUNG OFFENDER, 1692325, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Irresistible Bess. Alan Atkins, owner; Roger Key, handler.
2d—MURPHY'S LAW, 1669023, setter female, by Attitude's Iron Will-Broken Bridges. Jim Womack, owner and handler.
3d—DUBOSE'S WHAT A DOG, 1684554, pointer male, by Heard Hill's Memory Lane-Dubose's Snow White. Bobby Dubose, owner and handler.

Judges: Lance Johnson and Robert Thomas

SBHA OPEN ALL-AGE – 10 Pointers and 2 Setters

- 1st—MCFAY'S DIRE STRAITS, 1694069, pointer male, by Miller's Hennessey-Jamback's Amazing Grace. Cleve McFay, owner; Mike Martino, handler.
2d—SPENCER'S RAMBLING JUSTICE, 1684191, pointer male, by Spencer's Rambling Lawman-Caladen's River Hawk. James W. Spencer, owner; Junior Sims, handler.
3d—MELROSE RAMBLIN MAN, 1686301, pointer male, by Melrose Strong Heart-Melrose Ramblin Gal. Terry J. Chastain, Jr., owner and handler.



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (from left): Roger Key with Erin's Young Offender, Mary Ann and Jim Womack with Murphy's Law, and Jade Todd and Bobby Dubose with Erin's What A Dog.

Judges: Lance Johnson and Junior Sims

SBHA OPEN DERBY – 9 Pointers and 1 German Shorthair

1st—ERIN'S MASON MAN, 1701057, male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Pearl. Alan Atkins, Roger Key & Phil Tomlinson, owners; Roger Key, handler.

2d—ERIN'S JOHNNY BE GOOD, 1701056, male, by Erin's Redrum-Dominator's Rebel Maiden. Alan Atkins, Roger Key & Phil Tomlinson, owners; Roger Key, handler.

3d—SUNBELT JOE, unreg., male, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Backcountry S H Sassy. Michael Martino, owner and handler.

Judges: Keith McDill and Scott Phipps

SBHA OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 10 Pointers

1st—MELROSE RAMBLIN MAN, 1686301, male, by Melrose Strong Heart-Melrose Ramblin Gal. Terry J. Chastain, Jr., owner and handler.

2d—DECEPTION'S WILD JUSTICE, 1676380, male, by Eri's Wild Justice-Wild Covey Sandstorm. Jeff Gilbertson, owner; Mike Martino, handler.

3d—WIGGINS PREE DAWN REWARD, 1690453, female, by Wiggins War Trace-Wiggins Elhew C. Katie Lyons, owner; Tom Hennes, handler.

The Club would like to congratulate all the winners and thank all those who participated and were in attendance, making this field trial a success.

During the Saturday night supper hosted by our gracious host, Jim Spencer, the club presented him with The Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. "Life Patron Membership" plaque for his 45 years of participation in the field trial sport. The following article was submitted to the Bird Dog Foundation, and an abbreviated edition of the article was inscribed on the plaque presented to Jim and will be displayed at the Bird Dog Museum.

Lifetime Patron Recognition — James W. "Jim" Spencer

In the 1970s, approximately 7,000 acres of the Blackwater Forest were set aside for the exclusive use of conducting 7-10 field trials per year. For the success of such a premier field trial venue in the Black Water WMA, it required continuous hard work from a dedicated group of individuals (Billy Taylor, Mark Cohorn, Jim Spencer, and



Open All-Age Winners (from left): Michael Martino with McFay's Dire Straits, Junior Sims, Jim Spencer with Spencer's Rambling Justice, and Terry James Chastain, Jr. with Melrose Ramblin Man.

others) who had the same passion. Jim Spencer was employed with the Florida Fish and Game Commission between the mid-1970s through 1986 and was assigned as head Law Enforcement Officer overseeing the Blackwater WMA and field trial grounds. Beyond his official duties, he assisted Billy Taylor in setting up/marketing the field trial courses and provided the use of family tractors for bush hogging and planting on courses. Jim allowed the use of the family's stables for the judges' and club officials' horses. He also arranged the housing for judges.

With grounds for bird dog training and field trials becoming scarce, Jim embarked on a mission to groom the family farm to be suitable for achieving such purposes. Jim always welcomed newcomers to the sport and opened his grounds for training. Jim provided pigeons, quail, and use of assorted training tools and shared the knowledge he acquired from the prior years he participated in the sport between the mid-1970s through 1986. As the grounds improved, he allowed AKC field trial clubs, The Florida Panhandle Pointing Breed Club and Emerald Vizsla Club, to name a few, to host field trials regularly.

Seeing a lack of qualified judges, Jim acquired his judging certificate with AKC and filled in as a judge on stakes. Later as he campaigned his two dogs, DC/AFC Pakjos Semper Special Ops MH (Gunny) and FC/AFC Spencer's Rambling Addition MH (Willie), across the southeast, his judicial services became sought.

A new pup (Copper) acquired in 2014 was the conduit that brought back his involvement with the American Field horseback field trial venue. Copper, being a true all-age prospect, Jim sought the services of professional handler Fred Rayl to train his horseback field trial prospects and his support in forming Spencer Farms Field Trial Club. In 2016, Jim and Spencer Farms Field Trial Club started hosting fall and spring field trials with both amateur and open stakes and putting on training seminars.

— Friends of James W. "Jim" Spencer



Open Derby Winners (from left): Roger Key with Erin's Mason Man, Jade Todd with Erin's Johnny Be Good, and Michael Martino with Sunbelt Joe.



Open Shooting Dog Winners (from left): Terry James Chastain, Jr. with Melrose Ramblin Man, Michael Martino with Deception's Wild Justice, Katie Lyons and Tom Hennes with Wiggins Pree Dawn Reward.

LAKE STATES GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Sterlingworth Jack Wins The 78th Annual Running; Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire Named Runner-Up

By Richard Hollister and Tammy Chaffee | Meredith, Michigan | October 25, 2022



Championship Winners (from left): Stake Manager Bryan Wood, Judge Brent Peters, Sterlingworth Jack with handler R.J. Ecker, Jr., Reporters Tammy Chaffee and Richard Hollister, Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire with handler Scott Forman, Judge Doug McMillen, and Christy Helmes.

The 2022 Lake States Championship commenced Tuesday, October 25, on the grounds of the Gladwin Game Refuge near the small village of Meredith, Mich. Judges Brent Peters of Gladwin, Mich., and Doug McMillen of DuBois, Pa., presided over an entry of 36 setters, 11 pointers and one red setter. Topping the field was Sterlingworth Jack, a male setter owned by Jim Millett and handled by Pennsylvania pro trainer Robert Ecker of Midnight Kennel. The judges' choice for runner-up was Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire, owned and handled by pro trainer Scott Forman. Both dogs were braced together on courses 15-16 on the third day of the championship, and they made for a very memorable hour.

The Lake States Club's history is bound to the Gladwin Game Refuge. The refuge was established in 1916 with the Lake State's Club created in 1945 as a consolidation of grouse and quail trial clubs from around the state, several of them having already held competitions at the refuge. The inaugural Lake States Championship was held on December 3, 1945. The date of December 3 was chosen so as not to interfere with the Grand National Grouse Championship. With the late date, the weather conditions for the inaugural run were rather cold and snowy.

According to Fred Leggett, the reporter, "Enough birds were raised, but under conditions as bad as they were, it was a miracle we saw any." This year's event was a mixed bag of weather. As is often the case in northern Michigan, the weather was ever-changing and challenging, with temperatures on day one a balmy mid-60s, followed by a fast-moving Canadian cold front bringing a cold, windy, and rainy day two. The final days were nearly perfect, with partly cloudy skies and temperatures at or below freezing early, warming to highs in the 40s and 50s. The rain from Monday evening into Tuesday brought some much-needed moisture to the dry, sandy grounds. Unlike the 1945 running, the bird counts were as good for this year's event as has ever been recorded, with 55 grouse and 49 woodcock noted throughout the championship. Every brace held birds, which is a testament to the habitat management by the Gladwin Area DNR and its head biologist Bruce Barlow. We here

in Michigan are blessed to have such a wonderful field trial area to hold our events.

To get the championship off to a great start, Lake States Club President Mike Brown and his lovely bride Christine hosted a walleye dinner at Alibi Hall on Monday evening. Those in attendance enjoyed great food and swapped stories about past field trial feats. For those that have not had the pleasure of spending some time at Alibi Hall, it is a veritable museum of past Michigan coverdog competitors through the many dozens of pictures and plaques that adorn the walls. Mike and Deb Singleton hosted lunches throughout the week, as the braces were suspended for lunch at Alibi each day of the contest, culminating with a wonderful fried chicken dinner with cheesy potatoes on Friday, reminiscent of past meals held at Alibi Hall.

In addition to the meals the Browns and the Singletons provided, many who were in attendance assisted with the countless duties of running a smooth event. At the end of the championship, with the announcement of the winners, Field Trial Chairman Bryan Wood thanked them all. We would be remiss if we did not mention the horse wranglers, Rich and Jenny Hollister. Many times, a comment is heard about how special these horses are. They make it possible for judges to do their job without having to be expert horsemen. And last but certainly not least, a huge shoutout to Purina and Greg Blair for supporting the coverdog field trials. Purina provided the winners with bags of Pro Plan Sport and the club with the trial's advertising cost.

This year's entry was an impressive lineup of 15 previous championship winners and runners-up, making for a tough competition and some great races for judges and the gallery to witness. These two judges bring decades of grouse and woodcock hunting and trialing experience. Brent Peters has been involved in field trialing since 2005 when he campaigned his first setter, Baxter's Captain Jack. In recent years he has competed with his beloved setter Baxter's Apache John (AJ) to many placements. Brent has sat in the judge's saddle many times, most recently for



Open Derby Winners (from left): Big Chungus with owner/handler Travis Burnett, Judges Trey Rector and Joe Colglazier, and O'Callaghan's Luna Eclipse with owner/handler Steve McKalko.



Open Puppy Winners (from left): Grouse Hill Princess with Christy Helmes, Richard Hollister and Harold Holmes (co-owners) of Dunroven Hillbilly Hattie with handler Harold Holmes; and Scotland Country Boy Too with handler Scott Forman.

the 2021 Grand National Grouse Championship held in Marienville, Pa. Doug McMillen has been a tough competitor on the field trial circuit, owning and handling multiple champions, the most recent Double Deuce Zeke. Doug has also judged the Wisconsin Cover Dog Championship and the Michigan Woodcock Championship in past years, in addition to this year's Lake States Championship.

Shadow Oak Bo sired this year's winner in 2014. His previous wins include a runner-up placement at the 2020 Pennsylvania Grouse Championship. On the walking quail trial circuit, he has garnered invitations to the U. S. Complete and the Southern Bird Hunters Association's Open Invitationals. Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire, a wise 8-year-old, has also graced the podium, placing as runner-up in the 2017 Pennsylvania Grouse Championship and winning the 2018 Michigan Woodcock Championship. His pedigree comes from the Forman brothers' highly successful Shady Hills Kennel lineup of competitors.

The winners' courses are a mixture of bigger woods, turning into a more recent cutting, with a mix of popple and scrubby oaks, then a couple more turns through mature trees and a long stretch of thick, young popples. The hour-long brace has no real opportunity for water, so the dogs must show their perseverance through the high, dry ground. The weather was cooperating, with temperatures in the low 50s. Both dogs dug into the cover immediately, swinging big casts and showing fast and flashy. Jack was moving in a forward manner crossing to the front. Whiskey moved nicely with a little more lateral charge. Jack stopped in the cover to the right of the course just before we crossed to course 16. He was found standing high and proud in an open area, and as Robert approached, a big grouse launched into the clearing in front of Jack, flying out with gusto. As Robert continued to make his way to Jack, another grouse thundered off to the right with all in order, and Robert brought Jack back to the course to restart. Both dogs moved along the road at the course crossing as Whiskey stopped, followed by Jack. As we advanced toward them, we found the dogs standing close together with a grouse flushed in front of Whiskey, soaring across the road. As the shot fired, another grouse could be seen running in front of Jack. It burst into flight, thundering right over our heads as a shot was fired for Jack. Both dogs finished their hour hunting in true championship quality.

The Running

Day 1—The first day dawned bright and warm, with temperatures in the 40s, peaking into the balmy 60s.

Setter Ridge Flash Forward (ESF/Scott Chaffee) and Upper Ammonoosuc Poison Ivy (PF/Scott Forman) on courses No. 1 and 2. Both dogs went to work right away, Ivy being a little wider and deeper while Flash moved more conservatively. Both dogs sped through the open pole timber, working their way down into the

scrub oak cut. Flash went right towards Joy Road and stopped at 22. Handler and judge proceeded to the dog. Chaffee flushed but could not produce a bird. Flash was allowed to relocate and stopped again, but still, no bird found. Flash was sent to relocate again and pinned a grouse between the cover and Joy Road, all good. Moving forward, Ivy went deep and was thought to be on point but could not be located. Flash continued with a woodcock find at 28 on the left side of the course, all in good order. Flash struck again after crossing through the bird field with another woodcock on the edge of the field just into the woods at 48. Ivy was leashed at the road crossing onto course 2, while Flash finished her hour and was a likely contender to start the championship.

Singleton's Lady Kati (ESF/Mike Singleton) and Pine Straw Fatbottom Girl (ESF/Dale Ash) on courses No. 3 and 4. Both dogs ran course 3 like it should be run. The dogs stayed out and were forward and wide. Crossing the tubes to course No. 4, Girl slowed but continued to bust through the cover while Kati stayed fast and hard running. Kati had woodcock finds at 34 and 42, but neither dog could pin a grouse.

Flambeau River Meg (ESF/Joe Colglazier) and Springpond Rockin Sidney (ESF/Tammy Chaffee) on courses No. 5 and 6. Both dogs started hunting the cover on both sides of the course, crossing in good style. Coming down the hill before the heart attack climb, Meg stopped in a likely spot, but the handler could not produce a bird. Meg moved forward and had another stop at 25 with Sidney backing. But the handler was unable to produce a bird here either. Sidney stopped on the right of the course at 36 with an irresistible grouse at her nose, which unfortunately ended her bid. Meg continued onward, slowing to work bird scent in the open bowl. Unfortunately, she got too close to an uncooperative grouse, and the encounter ended her bid.

Hifive's Ruff Runner (PM/Bruce Minard) and Blue Ribbon's Harper Bella (PF/Robert Ecker). Both dogs put forth a very good effort running hard and forward. Neither dog was able to connect with a bird. Following the brace, participants and the gallery headed into Alibi Hall for lunch, prepared by Mike and Deb.

Rebellious Fearless Fred (ESM/Mike Luebke) and Snyder's Fireside Ed (ESM/Tammy Chaffee) on courses No. 9 and 10. Each dog flew ahead into the thick popple cover of course No. 9. Ed struck first, having five woodcock finds in his first 20 minutes on the first half in the heavy cover. Fred covered all of the course in good fashion and suffered an unproductive at the end, with another stop at the beginning of course No. 10. Fred was moved on to relocate and was rewarded with a woodcock find at 45. He continued his hour with woodcock finds at 52 and again at time.

Cedar Creek Spec (ESF/Robert Ecker) and B K Rolling Dice (PF/Bruce Minard) on courses No. 11 and 12. Dice took one big cast,



Lunches. Bringing back tradition, we held a handlers' walleye dinner the night before at Alibi Hall. President Mike Brown and his wife, Christine, hosted the dinner. We ventured back to the Alibi for lunch daily, something we had not done since COVID struck.



The Gallery. Unusually warmer climate for the Lake States Championship. This, the beginning of Course 7, shows the many participants enjoying the weather and wearing braces.

and the tracker was called for. Speck diligently hunted the sparse cover of course No. 11, suffering two unproductives, and was up at the halfway point.

Day 2–Wednesday began cold, rainy, and blustery. Suitable for dogs, but not so great for humans!

Dun Ravens Zip (ESM/Rich Hollister) and Oscar Robinson (ESM/Scott Forman) on courses No. 13 and 14. The dogs broke away quickly, moving forward. At 5, both bells stopped off of course, on the right side. As handlers and judges approached the dogs, they found Zip backing Oscar. Forman flushed, but no bird was present. Both dogs continued moving up the course when Oscar stopped on the left side, but again no bird was present. Forman was not happy with Oscar's performance and picked him up. Hollister moved forward and was not pleased with Zip's response to him, and he elected to pick up too.

Ramapo Mountain Doc (PM/Robert Ecker) and Faith's Maximum Justice (PM/Ken DeLong) on courses No. 15 and 16. Both dogs started searching the scrub oak cover on course No. 15, with Justice making his normal fast and reaching moves. Coming to the beginning of course No. 16, Robert elected to pick up Doc, and Justice continued forward, slowing his pace as they reached the end of their time. No birds were contacted by either dog.

Meridith Grade Corky (ESM/Tammy Chaffee) and Sutter's Backwoods Rumble (ESM/Rich Hollister) on courses No. 1 and 2. Both dogs adequately worked the pole timber moving through the winding trail into the scrub oak cover on course No. 1. Arriving in the cover, Rumble was found standing at 20 with Corky backing. Hollister flushed a low-flying woodcock, and at shot, Rumble moved up and was leashed. Corky continued forward and had an unfortunate altercation with a woodcock which caused him to be leashed.

Thornapple Cody (ESM/Bruce Minard) and Rowling's Star (ESF/Scott Forman) on courses No. 3 and 4. These dogs hit the course with purpose and flash as both owners were present to watch their charges run. A resident grouse on course No. 3 got up wild with no dog contact. Star had her running shoes on, was last seen on the wrong side of the river, and was up at half. Cody continued to course No. 4 and was rewarded with a woodcock find at 39, scouted up by his proud owner Bob Leet. At 45, a pair of woodcock and a single grouse lifted. At 52, Cody struck again on a woodcock with good manners. Unfortunately, a flighty woodcock at 53 proved to be Cody's undoing, and he was leashed, ending his bid.

After lunch at Alibi Hall, we proceeded to the final two braces of the day. The weather had begun to moderate, although the winds were still fairly brisk.

Emert's Grouse Ringer T (ESM/Zac Erne) and Dun Ravens Midnite Ike (ESM/Robert Ecker) on courses No. 5 and 6. Both

dogs covered course No. 5 with moderate range and hit all the likely spots. At the crossover between courses No. 5 and 6, T was seen underneath a grouse and was picked up. Into course No. 6, Ike connected with a woodcock, displaying finished manners. At the turn into the cut along the tote road of course No. 6, Ike hit point on the right side of the course, and a triple of grouse rose to the air. Ike was perfect through wing and shot. Unproductives at 14 and 49 may have hurt his chances of making the winners' podium.

Moss Meadow Seeker (ESM/Ken Moss) and Flycast Rollie Fingers (ESM/Scott Chaffee) on courses No. 7 and 8. Seeker struck first at 3 with a nice woodcock find. At 13, Rollie stuck a grouse along the course at the top of the hill before the turn into the pole timber. Both dogs continued through the thick popple cover of course No. 7, moving hard and fast and continuing with a wider reach through the pole timber and swamp. Both dogs continued their far-reaching search onto course No. 7, where Seeker again stood on a woodcock at 54 near the tote road crossing.

Day 3–Thursday began cold, but sunshine promised an improvement in conditions from the previous day.

Kalamity Cinder (RSF/Bruce Minard) and Fireside Sally Forth (ESF/Tammy Chaffee) on courses No. 9 and 10. This morning was our coldest start, with temperatures in the high 20s. Both dogs took advantage of the nice cover on the right of course No. 9 right away, with Sally scoring on a woodcock find at 3, then another well-located woodcock find at 10. Cinder also stuck a woodcock at 16. Both dogs ran well but were unable to locate a grouse.

Travel Alert (ESM/Harold Holmes) and One Acre Wood Lucky (PF/Trey Rector) on courses No. 11 and 12. This proved to be a very exciting brace as both dogs fired up course No. 11. Travel Alert pointed deep in the cover to the left at 10, and after an extensive search, a shot was fired over him. Alert came to another stop at 30, which did not produce a bird, and again at 31, with no bird. Alert had a woodcock find at 40, had an altercation with a woodcock at 44, and was leashed. Lucky moved forward with speed and agility and was rewarded with a woodcock on course No. 12 at 55.

Grouse Hill Pepper (PF/Scott Chaffee) and Northview's Dixie Storm (ESF/Bruce Minard) on courses No. 13 and 14. These dogs broke away hunting the scrub oak cover, with Dixie getting to work, sticking a grouse right off the course at 1:30, and displaying perfect manners. Crossing the tote road, Pepper was working scent when she pointed left of the course, but Chaffee could not raise a bird for her. Chaffee elected to pick Pepper up at 20. Dixie moved forward, hunting all available cover with a high head and classy style.

Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire and Sterlingworth Jack's efforts were described previously.

After brace 16, a much-appreciated lunch at Alibi Hall was served.

Kit's Whiskey Creek Patsy (ESF/Scott Chaffee) and Grouse Ridge Mags (ESF/Scott Forman) on courses No. 1 and 2. Both dogs commenced their hour, moving well. Patsy could be heard tracking scent forward into the oak scrub along Joy Road when she came to a stop. With the judge in tow, Chaffee headed to the dog and produced a woodcock, all in order. As both dogs headed to the half-hour crossing, Forman elected to pick Mags up as she did not please him. Shortly thereafter, Patsy was also leashed.

Glassilaun Parabellum (ESF/Robert Ecker) and Thornapple Casey (ESM/Bruce Minard) on courses No. 3 and 4. Ecker made a late scratch, leaving Casey the course to himself. Casey proceeded through course No. 3, but at a limited range, and Bruce elected to end his bid at 20.

Day 4—A day with weather much like the previous one, but a bit warmer.

Dun Rovens Soozee (ESF/Rich Hollister) and Ponderosa's Copper Penny (ESF/Rob Ellis) on courses No. 5 and 6. Both dogs started to hunt the cover provided on both sides of the course. At 28, Penny stopped on the right in the scrub oaks, and a grouse was flushed with all in order. Penny was restarted, and at 34, Soozee reached deep to the front, and her bell went silent. Hollister found her standing, and a grouse flushed from a distance with a shot to follow. Penny then came in and pointed with a grouse flushed for her. Both dogs continued moving forward, with Soozee reaching deep to the front with another stop. Hollister flushed to no avail. A woodcock lifted during the relocation effort, ending Soozee's bid. Penny finished her brace big and forward.

One Acre Wood Bandit (ESF/Trey Rector) and Vitali Grouseringer Pappy (ESM/Scott Forman) on courses No. 7 and 8. Both dogs raced from the start through the heavy cover at the beginning of course No. 7. At the road crossing, Bandit was at a distance towards the east gate and could be heard barking. She didn't rejoin her handler until the gallery was well into course No. 8, where she commenced her hunting efforts and was rewarded with a woodcock find. Pappy continued, working the popple cuts. At 48, Pappy halted on point in front of Scott along the trail, pointing the right side of the course in likely cover. After a short flushing attempt, Scott released his charge to relocate, and a grouse immediately lifted behind the dog. An unfortunate example of a wily, running grouse ended Pappy's bid. Bandit finished her hour with no additional bird contacts.

Bundy's Buckeye Molly (ESF/Zac Erne) and Snyder's Sadie (ESF/Tammy Chaffee) on courses No. 9 and 10. Both dogs shot out of the gate on a mission. After a lengthy first cast, both returned to point separate woodcock on the hillside of course No. 9, all in order. Sadie was a handful, while Molly covered the entire course and had three more sterling woodcock finds. Near the road crossing at the end of course No. 9, Sadie's bell stopped, and as she started up again, a pair of grouse were heard to blow out, ending her run. At the half, Erne elected to pick Molly up, as she was bleeding profusely from a stick through her lip.

Bo of Piney Woods (PM/Robert Ecker) and Grouse Ridge Larry (ESM/Rich Hollister) on courses No. 11 and 12. Both dogs took off with a whistle and covered the scrub oak at the course, beginning their quest with well-placed casts. Larry was checking in often while Bo reached deeper into the cover. Larry stopped at 22, with Bo stopping nearby. Hollister flushed a grouse, and shots were fired, with all in order. Both handlers elected to pick up at the half as neither dog was performing to expectations.

Grouse Hill Bullet Proof (ESM/Scott Forman) and Hifive's Power Line (PM/Bruce Minard) on courses No. 13 and 14. Both dogs hunted the cover diligently through 13. After an extended absence, Forman called for his tracker and picked up Proof at 28. Power Line now had the course to himself and hunted nicely with a grouse find

in the thick cover at 34 with multiple birds leaving the area. Power Line was then released to hunt the rest of the course but went with a grouse at 38.

Brace 24: Back Creek Lucy (ESF/Rich Hollister) and Hifive's Top Shelf (PF/Bruce Minard) on courses No. 15 and 16. Right from the breakaway, both dogs searched hard for the king of game birds when Lucy's Bell stopped at 4 on the right of the bend to the course. Top Shelf came in but failed to back and was leashed. Hollister flushed a grouse for Lucy and went on. Lucy wasn't reaching very well but could pin another grouse at 25 with all in order. Hollister was disappointed in Lucy's performance and picked up at the road crossing.

Meredith, Mich., October 25

Judges: Doug McMillen and Brent Peters

LAKE STATES GROUSE DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 11 Pointers, 36 Setters and 1 Irish Setter

Winner—STERLINGWORTH JACK, 1655602, setter male, by Shadow Oak Bo-Hunter Run's Dawn. Jim Millett, owner; R. J. Ecker, Jr., handler.
Runner-Up—SHADY HILLS WHISKEY BONFIRE, 1662697, setter male, by Shady Hills Billie Too-Shady Hills Beanie. Shady Hills Kennel, owner; Scott Forman, handler.

Companion Stakes

Open Derby

In the Open Derby stake, judges Trey Rector and Joe Colglazier liked Big Chungus, a male setter owned and handled by Travis Burnett. Chungus coupled a good ground performance with a flash point on a quickly flushing grouse followed by a solid point on a grouse, securing first place. Second went to Meredith Grade Penny, a female setter owned by Dennis Keysor and handled by Scott Chaffee. Penny ran with extreme style and grace with a good ground performance for her 30 minutes, staying forward and handling great. Third place was O'Callaghan's Luna Eclipse, a female Brittany owned and handled by Stephen McKalko. Luna had a hard driving run and handled well.

Judges: Joe Colglazier and Trey Rector

OPEN DERBY – 7 Pointers, 7 Setters and 1 Brittany

1st—BIG CHUNGUS, 1700011, setter male, by Caladen's Davinci-Kasida. Travis Burnett, owner and handler.
2d—MEREDITH GRADE PENNY, 1694628, setter female, by Ponderosa Mac-Eldridge's Beauty and Beast. Dennis Keysor, owner; Scott Chaffee, handler.
3d—O'CALLAGHAN'S LUNA ECLIPSE, 1699850, Brittany female, by Walt Longmire O'Call-O'Shallaghan's Run Around Sue. Stephen A. McKalko, owner and handler.

Open Puppy

Judges Mike Lareau and Chris Wasserman looked at eight future contenders. First was Grouse Hill Princess, a female English setter owned by John Capocci and handled by Scott Forman. Princess put down an excellent ground performance showing the ability to move to the next level. Second place was Dunroven Hillbilly Hattie, a female setter owned by Harold Holmes and Rich Hollister and handled by Harold. Hattie ran a good forward and fast race, also showing the ability to advance to the next level. Third place was Scotland Country Boy Too, owned by Scott Johnston and handled by Scott Forman. "Sam" ran a good race, hunting in all the right spots.

Judges: Mike Lareau and Chriss Wasserman

OPEN PUPPY – 1 Pointer and 7 Setters

1st—GROUSE HILL PRINCESS, 1702135, setter female, by Grouse Hill Bullet Proof-Spata Setters Sally. Giovanni Capocci, owner; Scott Forman, handler.
2d—DUNROVEN HILLBILLY HATTIE, 1702221, setter female, by Dun Rovens Drifter-Back Creek Lucy. Richard Hollister & Harold Holmes, owners; Harold Holmes, handler.
3d—SCOTTLAND COUNTRY BOY TOO, 1699777, setter male, by Long Hair Country Boy-Scotland Winnie Too. Scott Johnston, owner; Scott Forman, handler.

DALE BUSH

— *An Interview*

By Robert Franks | DeWitt, Arkansas

Dale Bush's connection to field trials started in 1972. He has witnessed many great performances that we can only read about. A love of the sport and the people participating still burns inside him. His seven years of dedicated service as a board member of the Field Trial Hall of Fame will have a lasting effect on the field trial world for generations to come.

"I got involved with bird dogs because of Colonel Adams, who was the band director at Texas A&M," said Bush. "He had a bird dog and loved to hunt. When he retired, the Aggie Band Association gave him a book of all the ranches in Texas where he could hunt for free. We hunted all over Texas and never paid a penny!"

When recalling his experiences in judging the National, Mr. Bush said there were two performances of special note. "The one that stands out the most was the Lancelot dog that Hoyle Eaton ran. They could have run dogs for a year, and no one could have beaten that dog. That dog had, like, ten or eleven finds right straight to the front, with everything just as perfect as it could be. Then toward the last fifteen minutes, Hoyle went to the rear. When he did, the dog started to loosen up a bit. While Hoyle was absent, someone took the dog over, and immediately Lancelot knew Hoyle was not there. He started getting a little bit undone around his game and not performing as well as he did through most of the brace.

"When we got right to the very end of the brace, he pointed. As we were riding toward the dog, the birds started spitting up out of the hedgerow over the top of him, and he finally broke and went on. That dog just did a hell of a job. They could have run there a month and up to that point, not even touched his performance. The grounds were muddy. The thing I remember the most is that Lancelot was white, and he hardly got a drop of mud on him the whole brace. I don't know how he did it, but he did. He was just about as clean at the end as he was at the beginning. How a dog could be that light-footed, I don't know. We always look for a dog that has multiple finds, and he had finds just right smack up front. You could just ride dead to the front and there he would be, standing. It was something to behold. I hated that he broke on those birds, but as I said, if I had it to do again, I'd overlook it.

"Another performance I distinctly remember was Harpeth Valley Hawk, who was braced with Cypress Gunpowder. The two of them just went toe-to-toe for the whole two hours. That was the hardest brace for me to judge. One would point and then the other would back. This went on and on like that to the very end. When we got back, the other judges and I started talking about it and said, 'Gee, we don't know who to pick here.' So we would lay it down for a while and then come back to it, which you probably shouldn't do. It's best to make your decision right then and there. We didn't name Harpeth Valley Hawk, but he did a good job, I'll say that. Gunpowder had a bird run under him while pointed, and he never moved a muscle. Hawk trailed some and was shorter than Gunpowder at pickup."

Asked about his recollections of performances other than the National, Mr. Bush quickly replied, "Bill Hunt had a derby that was running at Mortlach that I'll never forget. The wind was blowing just as hard as it possibly could and delayed the start of that day's braces. Finally, we said, it's not going to quit so we might as well run. Some of the trainers did not want to go into that wind, but we, the judges, said we were going to go anyway because some of us had to travel home. Bill ran a dog, and he went through that country and ran about as pretty of a race as you could run in those conditions against that wind. That stood out to me. Garland Priddy

had one in that trial that stood out and did a hell of a job. It made it tough to judge. Sometimes it's like judging the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders—which one do you like?

"Ken McClain ran a dog up in West Texas, possibly in the Region Seven Championship, and it was hot. He ran that dog for thirty to forty-five minutes, then called it in and watered it. I thought that was going to be the end of him. And danged if he didn't go out and do a hell of a bang-up job. I mean, that dog just laid down like it was going to die. Ken gathered him up, and he just came out of there like he was fresh.

"The dog that stuck out the most at that trial was Cindy Crawford. She ran through that country without a bit of a problem and pointed birds and just did a hell of a job.

"We ran trials on the King ranch, and Tobe Stallings had a dog that he ran. It was miserably hot, and I don't think he even had a drink of water. I think they stopped him one time and watered him down, but I don't think he even took a drink then. I told Tobe, I don't know if I want to breed to that dog or not; he's too tough for me!"

Mr. Bush enjoyed telling this story concerning the Quail Futurity, "There were two very prominent handlers, who will go nameless. They had very good dogs that were braced together. The dogs went over a little hill into a valley where you couldn't see them. One pointed and the bracemate backed. When the handlers got to the dogs, the backing dog's tail was level. The backing dog's handler asked the other handler, 'Do you mind if I style my dog up a bit where it will look better?' The other handler was OK with this. When he touched the backing dog to style him up, the dog broke like it was supposed to when touched to move up and pen birds. The judges arrived shortly after and named the dog that stole the point first and the dog that had the find runner-up. The runner-up handler said, 'Aren't you going to tell them what really happened?' The winning handler said, 'Hell no I'm not.' There was no further conversation on this topic, at least in public, that I know of."

Looking over his years of judging and following field trials, two handlers stood out to Mr. Bush. "Garland Priddy was a damn good handler for Pete Frierson. When Garland took over for Pete, he didn't know that much about the game. Garland learned fast and became a very good handler. Bill Hunt is about as good a handler as you can find and can do a lot with a dog. Whether the dog is a shooting dog or all-age, Bill can make 'em do whatever they need to do to win."

Dale Bush has always supported the Hall of Fame. His thoughts, "Over the years, countless owners and trainers have put so much effort and money into the sport that it's fitting they have a place to be recognized. The Hall of Fame at Grand Junction is a great showplace for it. Gary Lockee has done a tremendous job putting that thing together, and the field trial community has done a wonderful job supporting it. Anyone that travels close owes it to himself to visit."

In what direction does he see the sport going in the future? "Let me answer this in a backward direction. The best thing that has happened to the sport is the walking dogs because we brought in a whole new supply of owners and dogs. And those dogs are extremely good. And once those walking guys got their feet wet, then they jumped to horseback.

"One of the trial grounds I just love is the Continental," Bush said when asked about his favorite grounds. "The grounds and people are just superior, and they have lots of birds. The Continental doesn't have a lot of edge country. I'm not fond of a dog running the edge,

although I do understand the beauty of it. I like dogs that move around pretty good to find birds.

“They have done a remarkable job of grooming the grounds at Ames for us to run on. Are they the best? No. Are there better places to run? Yes. But for what we do, it’s in the central part of the United States, and everyone is pretty close to it. The mechanics of it, the judges, and the manor house all fit together well. There are not many places other than the plantations that could put this on, because of the cost.”

His thoughts turned first to Bob Wehle when the question of dog breeding was posed. “What he did with the Elhew dogs was remarkable. He created a gene pool that produced a really good shooting dog. The rest of us are looking for those all-age dogs that from time to time just show up. You can breed all you want to breed—the good to the good, the bad to the bad, and the good to the bad; those good all-age dogs just show up and surprise you. I raised El Sauz Doll as a puppy in my kennel. She was named after the South Division of the King Ranch where she was broke. From day one, when I would turn her litter loose and look at the litter as a whole, Doll just stood out like a diamond. Tommy Davis was in Kansas, and when he got back I said, ‘Tommy, I think you have one super dog there, possibly one for the National.’ He took her and won the National. She was just a good old South Texas hunting dog that made it big. Her mother was about as good a shooting dog as you could ever be around. When Tommy went to Canada, he had a dog we called Lucky because all he did was sit in the kennel and bark twenty-four hours a day. I told Tommy not to let him get close to Lady. Well, he found a little hole, Lucky got lucky, and that’s where Doll came from. Lucky was just a big running son of a gun that could take the heat and the grass spurs. And here comes Doll out of all that.”

Mr. Bush had the last straw of semen out of Johnny Crockett. “Johnny Crockett came to Texas A&M right after he won the National. I live very close to A&M. They wanted to put him with someone who would look after him, so they put him with me. Johnny Crockett stayed with me here at the house. This was in 1970

and collecting semen to freeze was just starting. When it was time to collect from him, they would come over here and everything would be just great. He was a small, wiry kind of dog, and his semen was excellent. Johnny Crockett was an exceptional individual; he could run like a fox and not get hot. That was an exceptional quality in that dog. I also had Tomoka here too. Tomoka was old at that time, but his semen was like he was two years old.

“I used the last of the Crockett semen about two years ago (2020). I kept a female out of that frozen semen litter that went to Canada in the summer of 2022 with Larry Huffman. She’s a really good female, pretty running, who can take the heat with lots of class. She will be a derby in the 2022–23 season.

“Guard Rail stayed at my kennel while they were collecting from him at A&M. He would lay in that kennel like an old coon dog and wouldn’t bark or get up or move around. He was the most interesting dog in the kennel I have ever been around and was just a super easy keeper.”

In hindsight, if Mr. Bush could breed any dog from the 1960s forward, it would be Tiny Wahoo. “He was an amazing dog. Not only was he tough but he produced a lot of really good dogs. He was not bred a lot. Many of the really good producing dogs are not bred until it’s too late.”

What has the experience with field trials and the people connected to them meant to his life? “It’s a wonderful sport. I wouldn’t trade my experiences and field trial friends for anything. I’ve been very fortunate. I got involved with the Rockefeller family many years ago, and they invited me to come over and guide for them. I’ve been with them for forty-two years. They have been wonderful to me. I have loved going down to their first-class ranch and taking dogs. I don’t do it for money. I told Nelson Rockefeller, I don’t do this for money. If money is involved, it becomes work, and I don’t want to be working when it comes to dogs. I want it to be fun.”

The field trial world has been fortunate to call Dale Bush its friend. His lifelong contributions have made the sport better for future generations of field trial lovers.

JOE BARKSDALE HAS DIED

Joseph Allen Barksdale, long associated with bird dogs and field trials, died November 16 at age 95.

Joe Barksdale was born in Anniston, Ala. He and his wife Virginia later moved to Ohio, where he was a salesman for Alsco of Iowa, an aluminum, window, door, and siding manufacturer, then to Iowa in 1958, where he assumed a management position with the firm. Joe’s efforts on behalf of the company over some 33 years produced annual sales of over \$100 million.

Joe became involved with field trials in the 1960s and began attending the annual trials of the Northern States Amateur Field Trial Association in Solon Springs, Wis., whose program began with open stakes mid-week, then paused for the amateur stakes on the weekend, resuming on Monday with the balance of the open stakes. He was involved with the local Iowa Sporting Dogs Inc. club and the Midwest Field Trial Association. His early field trial competitor was Whitey Pale Face, later The Enchantress, and Winning Colors, among others.

Joe expanded his field trial activity when he enlisted the services of erstwhile Alabama handler Roy Jines to campaign his dogs on the open all-age circuit. Those efforts earned accolades when Joe’s pointer female enjoyed a successful career, culminating in her election to the Field Trial Hall of Fame in 1989. Roy Jines followed her into the Hall of Fame in 1994.

Each fall, for many seasons, Joe and Ginny traveled to Harpster,

Ohio, for the annual pheasant trials, the American Field Pheasant Futurity, and the International Pheasant Championship. Handler Roy Jines was a frequent competitor at both.

When working, Joe’s wife Ginny, a nurse, would take time off during the summer to be home with their children and attend the Iowa State Fair in August. In 1976 the Barksdales’ daughter Kathy decided to start a food stand on the fairgrounds. Her mother and father helped, and the family became barbecue roast beef and ribs concessionaires.

When Joe retired from the door and window business in 1985, he took over the barbecue stand and ran it with the same determination he had shown at Alsco. In 1993, he sold his cookies at the fair for the first time, making it the fair’s iconic treat, where the cookies were available at the main stand and eventually three “cookie trailers” on the fairgrounds.

In 2019 Joe decided to give the business to the fair. A spacious building was built on the fairgrounds adorned with his name. In announcing his death, the Des Moines Register’s headline termed Joe “The Iconic State Fair Cookie Man.”

Joe’s longtime friend, Gary Cowell, field trialer and co-owner with him on several bird dogs, gave the eulogy at Joe’s memorial on November 28.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife Ginny in May 2022 and a son Bruce in 2004. He is survived by his daughter Kathy Cornwell who informed of her father’s death.

PENNSYLVANIA GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Blast Off Named Champion; Suemac's Sashay, Runner-Up

By Mike Husenits | Marienville, Pennsylvania | October 25, 2022



Pennsylvania Grouse Championship Winners (from left): Marc Forman with Blast Off and Mark Hughes with Suemac's Sashay. (Standing, from left): Joe Cammisa, Judge Dr. Tim Perschke, Reporter Mike Husenits, Norm Meeder, and Judge Jim Winnen.

The 2022 Pennsylvania Grouse Championship went into the record books after three days of running over the vast expanses of the Allegheny National Forest near Marienville, Pa. The Ruffed Grouse is Pennsylvania's state bird that has seen population decline drastically over the past 15-20 years, with the southern two-thirds of the state nearly extinct of grouse, the upper tier north of Interstate 80 not quite as barren but still a challenge to find many. In the two and half days of running at this championship, the bird count numbered 12, with only two on a very warm and dry first day, 10 on the second day, and none on the final half day on Thursday.

The Pennsylvania club is ultra-rich in history, organized in 1912 and first conducting quail trials, then shifting to grouse in 1913, later sanctioning the National Grouse Championship, held until the formation of the Grand National Grouse Championship organized in 1943, then reverting to the Pennsylvania Grouse Championship starting in 1947 and held annually since then.

Interestingly, a story of early grouse trials written by the late H. H. Cahoon around 1943 indicated that grouse dogs wearing bells were not in vogue, with several handlers competing in that era, the claim being that bells scared the birds to flight before the dogs got near enough to point them. Over time, that theory became a myth, and it is now a rarity to see a dog competing in grouse trials that is not wearing a bell.

Appreciation is extended to Greg Blair and Purina for their ongoing support. The Pro Plan product distributed to the winners and participants is second to none in the industry. Thank you, Purina!

Planning and implementing an event of this caliber requires the dedication and teamwork of many. Dave Duell served as secretary and handled the pre-trial arrangements, took entries, held the drawing, picked up and delivered lunches, and helped move vehicles from one course to another. Joe Cammisa served as trial chairman and opened up his nearby camp cabin where several spent the nights. Joe prepared breakfast and served homemade cookies and sweets during daily coffee breaks. Susie Cammisa and Helen Brenneman donated the homemade goodies. Thank you, Helen and Susie.

Dick Brenneman took on the role of stake manager and marshaled many braces on foot. Tom Mains helped with marshaling duties on Wednesday, and Norm Meeder assisted with road guarding and vehicle moving the entire trial.

The club hosted a dinner on Tuesday evening at Bettina's Italian Restaurant in Marienville, an establishment that welcomes field trial folks with open arms and prepares Italian food second to none. On other nights several rendezvoused at the Kelly Hotel for food and refreshments.

The club was fortunate to recruit the services of knowledgeable judges for the championship and the companion Open Derby stake. Dr. Tim Perschke of Butler, Pa., and Jim Winnen of Wattsburg, Pa., judged the championship and rendered a decision that left no reason for questioning. They rode in style on Jim Winnen's woods-wise trail horses. The Open Derby judges were Jerry Mercatoris of Brookville, Pa., and Russ Richardson of Guys Mills, Pa. They walked for the one-course stake with a callback on liberated birds, their decision well received.

The Champion and Runner-up

Blast Off, an orange-marked 8-year-old setter male owned by Justin Evans and handled by Marc Forman, was declared champion on the merits of a most deserving performance. Blast Off ("Sam") is no stranger to winners' circles as he began his career winning the Grand National Grouse Futurity in 2015, followed by runner-up titles in the Ontario Grouse Championship and the Michigan Woodcock Championship, plus crowned champion in the Northern Michigan Cover Dog Championship. His sire is Champion Full Blast; dam Moss Meadow Rose, both top and bottom sides trace to five-time Cover Dog Champion Pennstar. Sam rendered his winning performance here in the seventh brace, which happened to be the first brace on the second day of running. The Loleta 1 course starts by the hard road near the clubhouse, the first 10 minutes through fields with brushy pine edges before skirting swampy bottoms and more mature timbered forestland. Sam laid down a



Breakaway at the first brace of the Championship (front, from left): Rob Boos with Runnin On Duncan and Dave Hughes with Conneaut Creek Scenic River. (Back, from left): Stake Manager Dick Brenneman and Judges Jim Winnen and Dr. Tim Perschke.

smartly directed forward effort, mostly within bell range but fading out at times. Nearing a small stand of pines at 25, Sam's bell fell silent, and he was found standing stylishly and holding his pose tight as a drum as a grouse was put to flight, with Sam remaining steadfast and composed for the shot. Sent ahead, Sam continued to reach the limits for the remainder of the hour and finished going away with the strength to spare.

Suemac's Sashay ("Sass"), an 8-year-old liver-marked pointer female owned by Roger, Susan, and Dalton McPherson of Chesterfield, S. C., and handled by Mark Hughes, earned the runner-up nod in most deserving fashion. Sass has been a consistent winner starting with a placement in the National Walking Shooting Dog Futurity in 2016, followed by six runner-up championship placements, including this one plus the New York Grouse, Northern New England Woodcock, U. S. Complete Open Invitational, U. S. Complete Great Lakes Regional and AFTCA Region 4 Walking Championships, not to mention numerous other open and amateur shooting dog placements. Her sire is multiple-champion Chasehill Little Bud, her dam Richfield Stella, and her gene pool is a mix of top-flight field trial champions in horseback and cover dog events. Sass ran in the eighth brace on Loleta course No. 2 on the second day of running right after the champion's brace. She ran a classy, highly animated ground race that the judges deemed very well handled and medium to wide in overall range. Her bell fell silent at 13 in a bottom gulch near a white spruce tree where Sass had a grouse well located with statuesque style and rock-solid intensity demonstrated for the flush and shot. She finished the hour hunting hard and handling out front.

The Running

Conneaut Creek Scenic River (Dave Hughes) with Runnin On Duncan (Rob Boos). Start made at 8:08 Tuesday morning under dry conditions, plenty of sunshine, and the promise of a warm day on the horizon. Less than ideal conditions for a successful grouse hunt appeared in order. We broke away on Loleta 1 by the hard road near the Thoma Camp. River, a hard-hunting red setter, tried his best to hunt the cover at medium range the whole hour and handled like a glove to no avail in the bird-finding department. The same can be said for Duncan, with the difference being that Duncan's ground race was wider in scope and overall ground coverage.

Thunderhills Storm Rider (Dave Hughes) with Grouse Trails Warrior Cat (John McKellop). Away at 9:34 on Loleta 2, modified recently to take advantage of the better cover on the M & M course. Phil Tsepelias followed Storm Rider, who laid down a steady forward well-directed race. At 3, a grouse exploded near the first hilltop, and neither dog was involved. Cat laid down an impressive effort showing plenty of speed and a classy way of going as she flitted to the likely-looking cover but to no avail.

French's Grouseringer Woody (Marc Forman) with Miller's Hopped Up Version (Mark Hughes). We moved to Lamonaville Road course No. 1, some eight miles distant, and released at 10:55 under warming conditions. Woody tried hard, digging into the most ideal-looking cover but couldn't connect with game. Version went fast and wide to the front; tracker requested at 35.

Pistol Grip (Mark Hughes) with Lightning Flash Billie Sue (Marc Forman). Conditions were really warm and dry at the 2:10 breakaway on Lamonaville 2. Pistol, a previous winner of this stake, tried hard but to no avail. The same could be said for Sue, good race and no birds.

Pleasant Valley Shiner (Jim Stiteler) with Thunderhills Back In Black (Mark Hughes). Start at 3:28 on Lamonaville 3, which follows a ridge top first half, then turns downhill into a valley and circles back, ending near the next start point. Shiner hunted forward with plenty of eye appeal at medium range, but no birds were found. Black handled well initially but extended his casts beyond the limits; the tracker requested at 25.

Double Deuce Zeke (Mark Hughes) with Full Breeze (Dave Hughes). Start at 4:56 on Lamonaville 4, which winds through a stretch of ideal cover, ending along the main Lamonaville road. Zeke laid down a near-perfect hard hunting out-front ground effort, the judges commenting that it was the best so far. Unfortunately, no birds were found. Breeze started strong but may have been sidetracked on deer, counted out at 35. With darkness setting in, this was the final brace for the day.

Overnight, rain moved in, and temperatures fell into the 40s. Wednesday morning appeared to have ideal conditions for hunting ruffed grouse.

Blast Off (Marc Forman) with Warrior Zeke (Mark Hughes). Start on Loleta 1 at 8:05, Blast Off's championship effort described above. Zeke started slowly, then warmed to the task, finishing well ahead.

Anna Lake Samantha (Dave Hughes) with Suemac's Sashay (Mark Hughes). Start at 9:22 on Loleta 2, Sami stylishly ahead, then ranged out of pocket; the handler fell behind with Sami rejoining the forward party and up at 35. Sass's runner-up performance is described above.

Super Hawk (Rob Boos) with Miller's Special Upgrade (Mark Hughes). Move to Lamonaville 1, start at 11:26. Hawk laid down an industrious forward ground heat, point called at 29 in the beaver dam bottom, steady for the shot as a woodcock exited. Hawk also suffered an unproductive near pine thicket at 44, finishing well ahead. Upgrade hunted hard and far forward, out of range at 30 when the tracker was requested.

Lightning Flash Remington (Marc Forman) with Double Deuce Oscar (Mark Hughes). Start made at 1:05 on Lamonaville 2, both tore away fast and furious, neither seen much, and both counted out at 21.

Jar's Way Leroy (Mark Hughes) with Deciding Point (Dave Hughes). Off on Lamonaville 3 at 2:02, the steady rain slowed to a drizzle as Leroy hit the front at a torrid pace and lost to judgment at 25. Point laid down a ground race that surpassed all others up to this brace. She was wide, classy, fast, and handled like a glove. Had her stylish intense stand at 58 produced a bird, the outcome may have been different.

A Distant Spec (Mark Hughes) with Shady Hills Zeena (Marc Forman). Final brace of the day away on Lamonaville 4 at 3:20. These two champions started in earnest, both well forward with Zeena pointed at 10, no birds produced. At 16, both bells fell silent in a heavy laurel thicket, with judges and handlers frantically trying to locate them. Finally, Zeena discovered on point, Spec also pointing in the area as no less than seven birds exploded all around, some seen running, some airborne. The situation was confusing and became difficult to define clearly. Zeena followed this incident with

two barren stands in the vicinity. At the same time, Spec hunted far forward with exuberance but became intractable at 50 and counted out, bringing an action-packed brace and day of running to a conclusion.

Conneaut Creek Lake Erie Storm (Mark Hughes) with Timber Doodle Farms Sal (Marc Forman). Start made at 8:17 on Loleta 1 with a clear sky and cool temperatures. Storm and Sal hunted their hearts out at a moderate range, but birds were not found.

Wayward Flyin Tomato (Mark Hughes) with Mountain Top Ryn (Marc Forman). Off at 9:39 on Loleta 2, Cooper was wide and handsome but couldn't come up with a bird. Ryn hunted hard and, to the fore, pointed stylishly at 28 with only a deer seen exiting the area.

Braggabull (Dave Hughes) with I'll Be Back (Mark Hughes). The final brace away at 11:38 on Lamonaville 1, Braggabull a classy forward hard, hunting moderate range birdless effort. Back ran a hard-hunting, well-directed race with an unproductive at 25, plus a strong finish.

Marienville, Pa., October 25

Judges: Tim Perschke and Jim Winnen

PENNSYLVANIA GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 16 Pointers, 12 Setters and 2 Irish Setters

Winner—BLAST OFF, 1657342, setter male, by Full Blast-Moss Meadow Rose. Justin Evans, owner; Marc Foreman, handler.

Runner-Up—SUEMAC'S SASHAY, 1658242, pointer female, by Chasehill Little Bud-Richfield Stella. Roger, Susie & Daulton McPherson, owners; Mark Hughes, handler.

Open Derby

On Tuesday, the 12-dog Open Derby stake was held on a single course off Lamonaville Road. One grouse was moved during the running with no involvement by the dogs. The judges ranked what they considered to be the top five dogs that demonstrated the most potential for future grouse field trials and called for a second series with chukar liberated to test pointing ability, style, and deportment.

The top three dogs on ground effort were Leslie's Elli Mae, owned and handled by Les Bressler; Rock Solid Ronnie, handled by Marc Forman; and Pretty Boy Leo, handled by Mark Hughes. Held in reserve were two Marc Forman-handled pointers named



Open Derby Winners (front, from left): Leslie's Elli Mae with Les Bressler, Rock Solid Ronnie with Marc Forman, and Pretty Boy Leo with Mark Hughes. (Back, from left): Judges Russ Richardson and Jerry Mercatoris.

Bella and Sky. First placed Elli Mae, after a great race, the best on groundwork, plus a very attractive way of going. Elli quickly located a released bird, unsure and flagging at first, then tightening nicely and holding her ground as the bird was put to flight and shot fired. Second-placed Rock Solid Ronnie ran a classy well-directed race in her first appearance. In the callback, she failed to point the first bird she contacted but briefly pointed her second contact, giving way to merry chase as the bird flew away. Pretty Boy Leo finished third following a forward, well-directed race initially. When called back to point a bird, Leo showed how it should be done by pinning a chukar with high style and rock-solid intensity, showing perfect steadiness for flush and shot.

Judges: Gerry Mercatoris and Russ Richardson

DAVID BLAKLEY MEMORIAL DERBY CLASSIC

– 7 Pointers and 5 Setters

1st—LESLIE'S ELLI MAE, 1697969, setter female, by Grouse River Rocken Roll-Grouse River Patti Cakes. Les Bressler, owner and handler.

2d—ROCK SOLID RONNIE, 1700176, setter female, by Lightning Flash Remington-Grouse Ridge Lazer. Douglas Dix, owner; Marc Forman, handler.

3d—PRETTY BOY LEO, 1699782, pointer male, by Grouse Hill Smokey-High Desert Storm. Theodore Mappas, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

SLEEPLESS IN SACRAMENTO

May 5, 2013 – November 20, 2022

The daughter of Super Express Nash Begone by I B Iron Horse, like a good percentage of the great ones' development, didn't come without its challenges. The early years were spent establishing the rapport that eventually earned her the tag "Princess." It was after her fourth or fifth open championship performance that her consistency in competition and the way she began looking over her shoulder for direction that she began working into the hearts of her owner/scout, Jim Wolthuis, and myself; hence the Princess. Hopefully, not so unique that a handler becomes so enamored with their charge.

Meg went on to win nine Open National Qualifiers and six runners-up over the western regions; Jim scouted her here and in the south. Both he and I will miss the beautiful moments Meg gave us on and off the field. Her absence is already taking its toll on those of us that had the pleasure of knowing her.



Owner Jim Wolthuis adds, "The three times I ran her in amateur championships, she gave me the highlight of my 20 years of field trialing with an amazing breathtaking four-find championship win and another runner-up performance."

— Sheldon Twer

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GEORGIA-FLORIDA INVITATIONAL FIELD TRIAL CLUB

60th Running Held At Burnt Branch Plantation

By Maria Bassham | Ochlocknee, Georgia | October 28, 2022



Open Shooting Dog Winners (front, from left): Greg Shepherd with Snapback, Ray Pearce with Nonami's Johnny Come Lately, Tommy Rice [with unidentified dog], Judges Tim Moore and Steve Standley, and admirers.

The 60th Georgia-Florida Invitational fall trial was held at the beautiful Burnt Branch Plantation in Ochlocknee, Ga. The two days started cool and brisk and turned into gorgeous 70-degree, clear sky afternoons. The birds were in abundance and fellowship even more so.

We would especially like to thank Eddie Sholar and his family, Greg Shepherd, and the entire staff of Burnt Branch for inviting us to use their facilities and run dogs in their beautiful piney woods. Without Eddie's selfless generosity, this trial would not have been possible. Thank you, also, to all our sponsors and members of this club for keeping the field trial sport and this trial alive and running for 60 years.

Riding in the judicial saddles for the Open Shooting Dog stake were Steve Standley of Greenville, Ga., and Tim Moore of Blakely, Ga. Mark Haynes of Brownsville, Tenn., joined Tim Moore as judge of the Derby. We want to thank these gentlemen for their time and expertise in watching these canine athletes.

The first-place Open Shooting Dog winner was Snapback, handled by Greg Shepherd and owned by Eddie Sholar. Snapback is a three-time winner of the Georgia-Florida Handlers' trial. She placed first in the fall of 2020 at Norias Plantation, spring of 2021 at Seminole Plantation, and fall of 2021 at Cherokee Plantation. This beautiful female pointer ran an impressive race with 10 finds in the second brace of the day on Friday morning. She started with a find at 1 and finished strong with a bountiful covey at 58:30. She ran very classy and forward-moving, keeping the judges and gallery sitting high in their saddles.

The second-place winner was Nonami's Johnny Come Lately, handled by Ray Pearce and owned by R. E. Turner. Johnny ran the third brace on Friday morning with eight great finds. From his first find at 10 to the last one at 58, he held steady to wing and shot for each one. At 34, a divided find resulted in substantial coveys for both dogs. Johnny ran a very classy, polished brace with style and grace.

The third-place winner was Melody and Tommy Rice, Sr. Melody had seven finds in her hour-long brace, starting with her first one at 4. She continued to point coveys in her race to third place and ended strong with a find at one hour. Birds were not lacking in this sixth brace and the conclusion of our super exciting Friday in the piney woods.

This year's trial had an impressive line-up of talented dogs and

handlers. The coveys were thrilling to watch with the sheer number of birds that flushed. Friday morning's first brace started with Shon Powell and Bill running with Jason Loper and Chance. Chance had seven finds that began with a sizeable covey at 5. Both dogs pointed at 11, with Chance backing Bill. Sean picked up his tracker at 38, and Jason ran Chance to three more points. The brace ended with the last find at 55.

The first brace on Saturday morning was run by Melrose Ramblin Man, handled by Terry Chastain, Jr., and Boy, handled by Tommy Rice. Both dogs had a divided find early in the brace, and shot was fired for Boy. There was a second divided find at 38 with both handlers flushing coveys. Boy was up at 40, and Melrose Ramblin Man finished his race with six finds total for the hour.

Ochlocknee, Ga., October 28

Judges: Tim Moore and Steve Standley

OPEN SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats] – 16 Pointers

1st—SNAPBACK, 1675717, female, by Elhew G Force-Beane's Line Dancer. Eddie Sholar; owner; Greg Shepherd, handler.

2d—NONAMI'S JOHNNY COME LATELY, 1694190, male, by Ransom-Pinewood's Jenny Bell. R. E. Turner; owner; Ray Turner; handler.

3d—REAL THING MELODY, 1698183, female, by Melrose Big Rambler-Hill's Georgia Brown. Thomas Rice, Jr., owner and handler.

Open Derby

The Derby dogs began their run on Saturday morning. We took a break for an enjoyable lunch provided by Ag-Pro and then continued with the remaining dogs. The sixth brace of the day drew the trial to a close on Saturday afternoon.

The first-place Derby winner was Chance and Jason Loper. Chance pointed an impressive covey at 18 and was the front dog on a divided find at 27. Jason relocated him for another successful steady wing and shot in the first derby brace of the day.

The second-place Derby winner was Half and Lee Phillips. Half had three great finds in the fourth brace. The third-place derby winner was Merry and Tommy Rice, Sr. Merry also had three finds and ran in the second brace.

OPEN DERBY – 11 Entries

1st—TALLOKAS NEW BUSINESS, 1701627, pointer male, by Miller Unfinished Business-Tallockas Sun Dial. Tallockas Kennels, owner; Jason Loper, handler.

2d—PINE STRAW HALF N HALF, 1698806, setter male, by Pine Straw Black Hawk-Pine Straw's Tupelo Honey. Michael Reeves, owner; Lee Phillips, handler.

3d—REAL THING MERRY, 1700675, pointer female, by Erin's Tough Grit-Dekle's Chasehill Maria. Thomas Rice, Jr., owner and handler.

CHICKAHOMINY FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

Jake The Joker Wins Dave Pomfret Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog

By Meredith Jones | Dillwyn, Virginia | October 29, 2022



Dave Pomfret Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (from left): Sharon Townley with Beechwood Cowboy, Ashby Morgan with Mowhawk Mill Good Advice, and Jimmy Crandall with Jake The Joker. (Standing, from left): Judges Jim Jones and Grace Ann Lawson.

We held our fall trial this year at Slate River Farm at Dillwyn, Va., in Buckingham County. This year's judge panel consisted of Phil Rutter, Grace Ann Lawson, Sharon Townley, Jim Jones, Ashby Morgan, and Lee Flanders. All these folks have vast experience in bird hunting, judging, and handling dogs in walking and horseback field trials. We thank them for judging and for their well-received decisions.

The grounds at Slate River are as nice a set of grounds as you can find in the area and provide nice courses for both our walking and horseback stakes.

We thank the many folks who helped with the many tasks that it takes to put on a successful trial. Sharon Townley served once again this year as our chairman. This trial could not happen without the many tasks that Sharon tended to. Thank you, Sharon. Danny Gooch planted all the birds, and Waverly Coleman drove the pick-up that pulled the gallery wagon furnished by Pat Brooks. Stevie Graham helped drive the dog wagon, and Judy Jones fixed a delicious lunch both days.

We ran our U. S. Complete Walking Puppy, Derby, and Shooting Dog stakes on Saturday.

We had five puppies who all ran good races and showed handling, making it difficult for the judges to separate them. When they were able to separate them, Sharon Townley's puppy, a setter female, "Abby," was named first; Greg Isenburg's pointer male, "Said," second; and Bobby Phillips's pointer male, "Macy," was third.

The Derby had only three entries and was topped by Lee Flanders's pointer female, "Dot," who had a wide race to the front with many shooting dog finds with extreme style. Stevie Graham's setter female "Suzie's" race was wide with finds with derby style. She was a little hard handling but finished to the front handling and was placed second. "Fred," Joanna Yeoman's Brittany, ran a moderate race with derby-style bird work and took the third-place spot.

The Shooting Dog stake had 16 entries and was won by "Jake,"

Jimmy Crandall and Mitchell Forrester's pointer male. He had a strong, searching, forward race with two finds, one divided find and an unproductive. "Jake" was all style on the ground and around his birds. Second went to Ashby Morgan's "Speck." Speck scored five times on birds. He is a stylish, mostly white first-year shooting dog, and his race was to the front. Sharon Townley finished the placements with her setter "Blake" in third. Blake had two finds and exhibited good manners on both. His race was searching and consistent.

At the end of the trial, the Dave Pomfret Memorial Shooting Dog Trophy was awarded to Jimmy Crandall and Mitch Forrester's "Jake."

Your reporter thanks Jim Jones for his help in providing his observations of the Walking Shooting Dog winners.

Purina, the national sponsor, provided Purina Dog Food and supplies and discount coupons for purchasing Purina Dog Food products. We thank Purina and encourage you to buy their products.

We ran our Virginia Association of Field Trial Clubs horseback stake on Sunday, drawing 11 entries.

First in the stake was a setter male under the whistle of Sharon Townley, named "Ruger." This setter male had a strong forward race with a back at 18. At 20, he had a nice covey find with birds getting up all around him. He continued to the front with finds at 25 and 28. Pete Del Collo's male pointer, "Bull," had a nice forward race with two finds and finished strong. He was named second place dog. Rounding out the placements was Grace Ann Lawson's pointer female "Stevie," with finds at 8, 12, 20, and 25. However, she was not as good with her birds as the others.

Your reporter thanks Ashby Morgan for his help in providing his observations of the horseback Shooting Dog winners.

The Chickahominy Field Trial Association sends out a big thank you to all those who supported our silent auction. The funds raised greatly help our efforts to continue to put on our trial. Plans are



Derby Winners (from left): Back Creek Suzie with Stevie Graham and Chippoke's Warrior Girl with Lee Flanders.



Horseback Shooting Dog Winners (from left): Rutter's Ruger with Sharon Townley, Sugarknoll Bull Whip with Pete Del Collo, and White Winged Dove with Grace Ann Lawson. (Standing, from left): Judges Lee Flanders and Ashby Morgan.

underway for our spring trial, and we do hope that you will be able to be with us.

Dillwyn, Va., October 29 – One Course

Judges: Grace Ann Lawson and Phil Rutter

AMATEUR PUPPY – 5 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—BEECHWOOD I GOT THIS, 1701218, setter female, by Rutter's Lone Ranger-Black Water Lady. Sharon Townley & Howard Schultz, owners.

2d—TENACEE NUFF SAID, 1701536, pointer male, by Tenacee Franklin-Ringo's Sweet Heart. Greg Isenburg, owner and handler.

3d—BOB'S GRAY STREET MACY, 1702075, pointer female, by Touch's Grey Street-Bandit's Hill Lady. Bobby Phillips, owner and handler.

Judges: Phil Rutter and Sharon Townley

AMATEUR DERBY – 1 Pointer, 1 Setter and 1 Brittany

1st—CHIPPOKE'S WARRIOR GIRL, 1696674, pointer female, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Mohawk Mill Fantasy. Lee S. Flanders, owner and handler.

Judges: Jim Jones and Grace Ann Lawson

DAVE POMFRET MEMORIAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

– 10 Pointers, 5 Setters and 1 German Shorthair

1st—JAKE THE JOKER, 1693052, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Legacy's Pride-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Jimmy Crandall & Mitchell Forrester; owners; Jimmy Crandall, handler.

2d—MOHAWK MILL GOOD ATTITUDE, 1691865, pointer male, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock-Quickmarksman's Z Z Top. Gary S. Winall, owner; Ashby Morgan, handler.

3d—BEECHWOODS BOY'S ROUND HERE, 1686430, setter male, by Grouse Ridge Gambler-Beechwoods Madison. Sharon & Phil Townley, owners; Sharon Townley, handler.

Judges: Lee Flanders and Ashby Morgan

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 8 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—RUTTER'S RUGER, 1675027, setter male, by Rutter's Dusty Socks-Pinecone Whistling Dixie. Sharon Townley & Phil Rutters, owners; Sharon Townley, handler.

2d—SUGARKNOLL BULL WHIP, 1686086, pointer male, by Sugarknoll Snow Warning-Ronda Rousey. Pete DelCollo, owner and handler.

3d—WHITE WINGED DOVE, 1668825, pointer female, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Painted Lady. Grace Ann Lawson, owner and handler.

SUNSHINE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Chinquapin Legacy Wins Open All-Age Classic

By Don Price | Lake City, Florida | October 29, 2022

Once more, the end of October arrived, and we were focused on returning to the bird-laden sandhills of Chinquapin Farms for the Sunshine Open All-Age Classic and Open Derby. There has been much speculation about the future of the Sunshine, and the Florida Championship, since the passing of Mr. Ted Baker. Thankfully through the generosity of the Baker Family, we were allowed to continue to hold The Sunshine. The Board of Directors of the Florida Championship, along with the Baker Family, has decided not to continue with the Florida Championship. While it will certainly be missed in January, everyone understood the reasoning for their decision.

Many years back in the 1950s, the Sunshine Club had been running trials. For many years, the club was inactive, and in 1968, myself and Claudos Spears decided to bring it back to life. In the fall of 68, Mr. Ted allowed us to run on Chinquapin. We ran amateur stakes and an Open Shooting Dog stake. Since our interest was mainly in all-age dogs, we decided to begin holding an Open All-Age and Open Derby following the amateur. Our goal was to get a National Qualifying stake. In the mid-1980s, The Sunshine became a National Qualifier. Later we obtained Purina Top Dog and Top Handler points. This was about when John Milton had become involved in field trials and, with the passing of Claudos Spears in 1988, John came on board with me to continue to hold The Sunshine.

Sunshine, hot, dry, dusty, poor scenting conditions, and plenty of birds best describe this year's renewal. The grounds were in great shape and ready for our arrival, as always. Slade Sikes and his crew always do a fantastic job preparing for the trial. John Milton prepared a delicious meal for everyone on Saturday after the running. "T" Hicks and Belinda Sikes prepared the lunches, and we had the usual breakfast biscuits and muffins at the 9 a.m. crossing. Greg Blair and Purina provided dog food for the winners. The Sunshine is thankful to Greg and Purina for their continued support.

Ricky Furney of Leesburg, Ga., and Erik Small of Tallahassee, Fla., ably handled this year's trial. Both are household names in the field trial world. Ricky judged last year and Erik in years past. Their decisions are always well received.

To say this year was a challenging trial, with the conditions being so bad, would be an understatement. Thirty-one of the best all-age dogs in the southeast were drawn, and 30 started. However, as the old saying goes, the cream rises to the top. Each winner ran on the first morning course, which is the first time this has happened.

Chinquapin Legacy, owned by Chinquapin Farms, and no stranger to the winners' circle, placed first for his handler Slade Sikes. Legacy recorded three perfect finds in his hour, one a true limb find, a big race, and a strong finish. Woodville's Yukon Cornelius,



Open All-Age Winners (from left): Jamie Daniels with Erin's High Note, Haley Moreland with Woodville's Yukon Cornelius, Slade Sikes with Chinquapin Legacy, and Ray Warren. (Standing, from left): Judd Carlton, Jerry Raynor, Judges Erik Small and Ricky Furney, Mark McLean, Howard Brooks, and John Milton. (Seated): Don Sparrow.

owned by Carl Owens, was second. Mark McLean handles him and seems to find his place in the winners' picture at Chinquapin. He has recorded two seconds and a runner-up championship on these grounds. Rudy also carded three nice finds, a big race, and a strong finish. Legacy and Rudy ran in the first brace on Monday morning. Erin's High Note was third. Note ran in the first brace on Sunday morning and was handled by Judd Carlton for owner Mike Moses. Note tallied two nice finds and a good race with a big finish. Note is in his first year and is beginning to demonstrate consistency, as he has placed in his last two trials.

Six derbies were run under hot, dry, and trying conditions. The three winners were all placed on all-age potential ground races. While there is a small stake in numbers, the future for these contenders looks bright. Rester's Cajun Spirit was first, Erin's Iron Man second, and The Farm Stain third.

Lake City, Fla., October 29

Judges: Ricky Furney and Erik Small

OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 28 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—CHINQUAPIN LEGACY, 1668768, pointer male, by Chinquapin Reward-Hilltopper Solid Anne. Chinquapin Farms, owner; Slade Sikes, handler.

2d—WOODVILLE'S YUKON CORNELIUS, 1673091, setter male, by Caladen's Davinci-A Tarheel Miss Bo. Carl Owens, owner; Mark McLean, handler.

3d—ERIN'S HIGH NOTE, 1696464, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Erin's Quickmarksman's Mae. Mike Moses, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.

OPEN DERBY - 6 Pointers

1st—RESTER'S CAJUN SPIRIT, 1695796, male, by Miller's Blindsider-Rester's Amazing Grace. Allen Linder, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.

2d—ERIN'S IRON MAN, 1699569, male, by Dominator's Bull Marker Bud-Erin's Wild Callie. Sue Graunke, owner; Judd Carlton, handler.

3d—THE FARM STAIN, unreg., male, by Just A Honky Tonk-Arcanum's Lady Aston. E. Chester Stokes, owner; Leroy Griffiths, handler.



Open Derby Winners (from left): Dakota Hall with The Farm Stain, Ray Warren with Erin's Iron Man, and Slade Sikes with Rester's Cajun Spirit. (Standing, from left): Leroy Griffiths, Judge Erik Small, Jamie Daniels, Judge Ricky Furney, and Judd Carlton.

MICHIGAN TRIALER RUSS GINGRAS HAS DIED

Dr. Russell Gingras, 79, a Michigan coverdog trial enthusiast, died October 19, in Kalkaska, Michigan, near his home in Fife Lake, Michigan. Russ was a retired professor from Saginaw Valley State University School of Business. He served a term in the U.S. Army and then completed his Doctorate at Michigan State University in Lansing. His retirement took him "up north" in Michigan, where grouse and woodcock were plentiful, and good fishing was at hand, to a lakefront home at Fife Lake, where fishing, working, and breeding good coverdogs was his passion.

He was far more than a coverdog enthusiast. He was a longtime

club member of the Beaverton and Lake States Clubs, served on the Gladwin Grounds Committee, was a faithful worker at coverdog trials at the Gladwin Field Trial Area, training and competing his dogs in Cover Dog events, and his expertise at judging bird dogs and especially reporting field trials was much in demand.

Russ is survived by his wife of 34 years, Margaret Anne (Knowlton), and his children Paul, Rochelle, Carrie, and Kristen, stepchildren Kristen and Alison, brothers Tom and John, and sister Carol.

— Dave Fletcher

REGION 4 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Erin's Wild Rum Named Champion; Erin's Country Rebel, Runner-Up

By Jim Cipponeri | Ionia, Michigan | November 5, 2022



Region 4 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Bill Branham, Ron Williams, Blake Rizzo, Mark Johnson with Erin's Wild Rum, Mike Duvall, Joe Guzman, Jeff Haggis, Jim Cipponeri, Brian Sheehan with Erin's Country Rebel, and Jill Sheehan.

The first attempt of a pheasant release at the Ionia Field Trial Area in over 45 years was a resounding success. With entries coming from across the Great Lakes Region (Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Ontario), participants endorsed the locale as an affirmed "pheasant venue." Members of the Ionia Grounds Association manicured the courses this summer to promote adequate cover and feed to establish a sustainable pheasant population during and after the field trial season.

For over 30 years, Jeff Haggis has sponsored numerous pheasant championships in Canada and has been a frequent visitor to these grounds. He should know a thing or two about this resplendent and magnificent game bird and what is required to have a successful trial. Jeff pointed out "how refreshing it was to see bird work in so many different locations compared to the usual throw-down bobwhites that everyone seems to know where they're at." Hopefully, events of this stature will become more common at Ionia soon.

Mark Johnson entered three dogs with an Erin's prefix and solid contenders. Mark is a true gentleman and ambassador of our sport. One that stood out above all was the eventual champion, Erin's Wild Rum ("Pete"). The black and white pointer male has been knocking on the door of his first championship with several classic and one-hour wins. Acquired from Erin's Kennels as a derby and spending some time on the disabled list with a tick-born disease, Mark eventually developed him with summer trips to Nebraska and northern Wisconsin. Pete was also campaigned by Andy Daugherty for a short time.

The first hour's rain let up briefly, but Mark must have brought the winds of Chicago with him as they were evident at breakaway atop Oak Tree Hill. Pete traveled along the riverside drive while brace mate Jack's Rockin Rocco roamed the Crossbow Fields. They traded huge forward casts either along the south treeline bordering Fletchers Pond or north along the Boundary fence near the old State Infirmary. Pete progressed smoothly through the aged apple orchard while Rocco established an iffy point at the end of the Shotgun Range area. No bird flushed but a likely place for an incessant

running rooster.

Mark stopped to water Pete in front of the course No. 2 parking lot and headed toward Sessions Creek Crossing. He was spied rimming the distant sorghum strips toward the Christmas tree fields while Rocco rimmed the edges along the horse bridle paths. Rocco decided to follow the equestrian trails rather than the field trial course, and Cipp called for the tracker as Pete would continue his championship performance on his own.

At 24, the big black and white pointer was found standing just before Tibbets Creek, where a big rooster flushed as the handler and judge approached (has anyone ever flushed a small rooster?) All was in order. During the next 15 minutes, Johnson's attractive charge flowed effortlessly across the lush green pastures bordering Tuttle Hill and The Looney Bin while approaching the last 20 minutes of the brace. He worked the treelines and swamp edges superbly before entering Hires Field. He was seen along Ainsworth Road looking as solid and fluid as he did at breakaway. Scout Brian Sheehan, who always does a splendid job scouting for those that ask, kept a keen eye on the winner. Pete's rapport with his handler was evident throughout the brace and influenced the decision-making by judges Guzman and Rizzo. Soon after the judges called "pick 'em up," Pete slammed into point on a large covey of bobwhites hanging around all fall. Nice find but not in time to register in the scorecard.

Sean Patrick Derrig has attended many trials here at Ionia since he was a young teenager, usually riding his beloved Palamino while kibitzing and chaffing with his sister Maeve in typical good-natured brother/sister bantering. Erin's Country Rebel decisively earned his runner-up title while running in the fifth brace Saturday with Mike Duvall's Thumper's Anything But.

Breaking away from the Horse Barn, both dogs hit what we call the "Milk Route." The duo took the edges to the end before searching intently near the duck ponds. Rebel traveled along the edge of the woods on the southeast corner of Hires Holdings and was rewarded with a covey find at 12. He then showed well for the next 10 minutes in the hay fields adjacent to the Old Headquarters

Building and was viewed by the gallery slamming onto point just before the Dog Leg. Another bevy of birds put to flight. The pair of pointers hit the fields below Logan's Lookout as both dogs ran with purpose and intent in the Show Me fields along Riverside Drive. They were rewarded with a divided find across from the Sheriff's Posse Station, the third and final contact for Rebel.

Judge Joe Guzman has been an officer of the Michigan Shooting Dog Championship for many years. After retirement, he relocated to northern Michigan, where he spends most of his time fishing and hunting along the Lake Huron coast. He makes an annual pilgrimage to the prairies of western Canada for two weeks every September before hitting the trial circuit back home. Blake Rizzo and the Rizzo name are synonymous with bird dogs and field trials, as Blake's late father, Dr. Vince Rizzo, was a mainstay in the German shorthaired world for over 50 years. These men know a good performance, whether it be an all-age, shooting dog, or walking dog.

I thank Ron Williams for manning the dog wagon and keeping everyone entertained. Ron never misses a beat and always has the dogs where they need to be at the various pickup and breakaway spots. Dick Lipski, who is primarily involved with Brittany clubs, always finds time to join us for our pointer championships, where

his sense of humor is almost as valuable as the bird planting he does every morning from his Razor side-by-side. Jeff and Matt Haggis helped organize this event and assisted in bird planting and clean up.

It was encouraging to see many out-of-staters here enjoying the warm but extremely windy weather. Many stories were fabricated or embellished around the clubhouse on Saturday night. Joining fellow Michiganders Sandy MacLean and Bill Branham were past Region 4 President Mike Jackson, who came in from Battle Ground, Ind., Tim McClurg from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Mike and Sue Duvall, and Brian and Jill Sheehan. We should never take for granted the continued support Purina provides. Without their contributions, putting on these championships would not be easy. Region 4 Secretary Mary Sue Schalk couldn't attend this year, but the beautifully engraved plaques for the winners were well received.

Ionia, Mich., November 5

Judges: Joe Guzman and Blake Rizzo

REGION 4 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 16 Pointers and 1 Setter

Winner—ERIN'S WILD RUM, 1660750, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Wild Fox. Mark Johnson, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—ERIN'S COUNTRY REBEL, 1684352, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Erin's Miss Faye. Sean Derrig, owner; Sean Patrick Derrig, handler.

SANDLAPPER FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Annual Fall Trial

By Tim Ruff | Camden, South Carolina | November 10, 2022



Open Shooting Dog Winners (from right to left): Hirollins Talkin Smack with Scott Miller and Walden's Ridge Slap Shot with Jett Ferebee.
(Not pictured): Rolex Time Is Ticking and Andrea Cerofolini.

The Sandlapper Field Club held its annual fall trial November 10-13 at the Mid-Carolina field trial grounds in Camden, S. C. The trial started on Thursday, with a few rain delays Thursday and Friday, turning to 80 degrees on Saturday.

I want to commend the Mid-Carolina club members for their continued improvement on the grounds.

The Sandlapper is one of the oldest clubs in the Association of South Carolina Field Trial Clubs and has been putting this trial on for over 50 years. With the help of Dr. Billy McCathern, Bill Britt, and Tim Ruff, we pulled a great trial with 78 entries.

I thank our judges for the open, Rodney Poston and Carl Owens, and the amateur, Matt Basilone and Calvin Curnutte.

I want to thank everyone for supporting the Sandlapper field trial, and I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Camden, S. C., November 10 – One Course

Judges: Carl Owens and Rodney Poston

OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 36 Pointers, 7 Setters and 1 German Shorthair

1st—HIROLLINS TALKIN SMACK, 1678552, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Wiggins Miss Stella. Ron Little & Jamie Miller, owners; Scott Miller, handler.

2d—WALDEN'S RIDGE SLAP SHOT, 1692371, pointer female, by High Drive Rocky-Walden's Ridge Watter Boy. David Steele, owner; Doug Ray, handler.

3d—ROLEX TIME IS TICKING, 1669736, pointer male, by Attitude Night Hawk-Twin Oak's Cassie. Andrea Cerfolini, owner and handler.

OPEN DERBY – 16 Pointers, 1 Setter and 1 Vizsla

1st—HIROLLINS WHITE LIGHTNING, 1696976, pointer male, by Hirollins B K Unforgettable-Newbegun Courtney. Warren Parrott, owner; Scott Miller, handler.

2d—GREAT RIVER STALLION, 1702396, pointer male, by B K Bonafide Stallion-B K Hirollins Wild. Great River Kennel, owner; Doug Ray, handler.

3d—KLEE'S BEN, 1695401, pointer male, by Marques Dark Knight-Decoy Lakes Lexie3. Roger & Susan Duerksen, owners; Roger Duerksen, handler.

Judges: Matt Basilone and Calvin Curnutte

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 10 Pointers, 1 German Shorthair and 1 Vizsla

1st—COTTONWOOD BANJOE, 1675918, pointer male, by Cottonwood Reward Bandit-Class Act Kasey. Tim Ruff, owner and handler.

2d—MASTER'S TOUCH, 1668517, pointer male, by Bar P Big John-Lil Miss Sunshine. Dr. Roger Duerksen, owner and handler.

3d—CLAYHILL BONES, 1637930, pointer male, by Clayhill Bopper-L F Party Girl. Bill Britt, owner; Tim Ruff, handler.

AMATEUR DERBY – 3 Pointers and 1 Vizsla

1st—COOK'S FLEETWOOD MAC, 1699983, pointer male, by Bonner's Excalibur-Hirollins Canadian Mist. Harry Cook, owner and handler.

NATIONAL RED SETTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Firefly's Power Play Named National Red Setter Champion; Cedar Creek Sixgun Wins Amateur

By Bonnie Hidalgo | Pinckneyville, Illinois | November 9, 2022



National Red Setter Championship Winners (front row, from left): Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo with Firefly's Power Play and Ed Liermann with Cedar Creek Sixgun. (Back row, from left): Clayton Thompson, Roger Boser, Kelli Aitken, Judge Alan Benson, Linda and Don Beauchamp, Judge Jarrett Bell, Allison Bell, Wendy Schafer, and Sam Nutting.

Firefly's Power Play won the National Red Setter Championship at Illinois' Pyramid State Park with an exceptional all-age race and two perfect finds. Power Play ("Puck") is owned by 16-year-old Robbie Nesson, of Sun Prairie, Wis., and his grandparents, Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo of Brighton, Colo. Dennis handled the 7-year-old Irish setter male to the title. Cedar Creek Sixgun was named runner-up for owner-handler Ed Liermann of Palmyra, Wis. Sixgun, a 5-year-old Irish setter male, ran a big, predominantly forward race and scored one very nice find.

In the National Red Setter Amateur Championship, Cedar Creek Sixgun gave a splendid, two-find performance to capture the championship for Ed Liermann. Dawson's High Chaparral ("Luke") was runner-up with a big, edge running race and a covey find. He is owned by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo and was handled by Dennis.

The drawing was held on Sunday evening, November 6, at the Oshkosh, Wis., home of Milt and Wendy Schafer. Milt and Wendy conducted the drawing and prepared the running orders for all participants. Each of the championship stakes drew 12 dogs. Supporting stakes included an Open Derby, Open Walking Shooting Dog, and an Open Walking Derby, each drawing six entries. This fall's entries came from Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado, and Pennsylvania.

The National Red Setter Club's 2022 National Championship trial kicked off on Wednesday morning, November 9, near Cutler, Ill., at the Pyramid State Park's Captain area. The grounds were well groomed, and the parking lot, clubhouse, barn, and corrals were tidy. The NRSFTC greatly appreciates the work of the State personnel who manage and groom this area. Local field trialers also play a huge part in the maintenance and improvement of the facilities. Three one-hour courses were utilized for each of the National Red Setter Championships. Members of the local trial clubs lay out these courses.

We were fortunate to have Don Heisner come out to show our bird planter the rounds and then assist him with planting on the first

day of the event. Jon Lam marshaled the first morning to ensure we knew the route. These two gentlemen were indispensable to the trial's success. The Red Setter Open Derby was held Friday upon the conclusion of the Amateur Championship, conducted over continuous courses. The Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog and the Red Setter Open Walking Derby stakes were conducted over out-and-back courses, which covered a portion of the first-hour course. Birds were planted every morning on all courses; a few native pheasant and quail were also found. The trial was completed late on the afternoon of November 11, just as the rain was beginning to fall. The following day the grounds were covered in snow.

Judges for the entire trial were Jarrett Bell of Troy, Mo., and Alan Benson, a well-known local trialer from the Cutler, Ill. area. These gentlemen were courteous and knowledgeable in their judicial roles. The club greatly appreciates their time and attention. Jarrett Bell was accompanied by his wife, Allison; they train and campaign their own dogs. They have won numerous championships with their Vizslas and are starting to make a mark with a nice young pointer. Their kennel name is Big Gun Kennels, and their dogs' names bear the B G K prefix. Alan Benson has been training and trialing all-age pointers as a successful amateur for years. He has chaired many field trials in Southern Illinois, back to the Rend Lake days. Alan has a cheerful personality and a good knowledge of class bird dogs.

The National Red Setter Field Trial Club is extremely grateful for its generous and faithful sponsors—Purina, Garmin, and SportDOG. Purina is a great company with an incredible product in Purina Pro Plan, which keeps our dogs in optimal performance condition. We appreciate the quality of their product and the company's dedication to the sport of field trials. Greg Blair and Terry Trzcinski represent Purina well; they are always very helpful to clubs and individuals. Purina provided dog food for the winners of this trial, which was happily received by all. The Club held its Purina-sponsored banquet Thursday evening at Alongi's Italian restaurant in Du Quoin. The banquet was well attended, but the absence of Terry Trzcinski was noted; he was greatly missed. Thank you, Purina, Greg, and Terry,

for all you do for us!

Garmin provided their highly sought-after products for the winners of the National and National Amateur Championships. The NRSFTC is pleased to receive the support of Garmin; it adds significantly to the event's success. The club appreciates Garmin's continued contribution!

SportDOG donates products for fundraising, which aids in the trial's financial column, especially in these inflated times. We appreciate our relationship with Jim Morehouse, SportDOG's well-loved representative. Jim is always willing to teach someone how to best use the SportDOG products and helps with product support. Thank you, SportDOG!

Trial Chairman Ed Liermann did an excellent job organizing the event. He lined up Don Heisner and Jon Lam to familiarize participants with this fall's course design. Milt Schafer was the man of the hour, or more accurately, the man of the hours. He arrived early every morning to start planting birds at first light. Milt would finish bird planting and put on his dog wagon hat. He manned the dog wagon nearly every brace. Milt was assisted on the first day by Don Heisner. At other times, he was aided by Don Beauchamp, Sam Nutting, and Roger Boser. Dennis Hidalgo drove the dog wagon during the Walking Shooting Dog stake. The dog wagon personnel were kind enough to release dogs every brace to make things easier for the handlers and scouts. Those with bad knees appreciated this! Ed Liermann marshaled many of the braces after Jon Lam set the example. Ed was aided on occasion by Dennis Hidalgo. Wendy Schafer served scrumptious lunches in the clubhouse every day. Linda Beauchamp helped with the meals and covered her duties as club treasurer. Wendy provided cookies for the dog wagon, as did Dennis.

The group gathered every evening during the trial for dinner and camaraderie. The board of directors met for an informal meeting on the eve of the trial. Pizza was served before the meeting to all trial attendees. It was Board Member Dean Reinke's 75th birthday; Linda surprised him with one of her beautifully decorated cakes, tasting even better than it looked. Garth Sellen came down for a brief visit on Thursday and stayed for the Purina banquet that evening. Garth typically helps the club with its trials, but due to his mother's health, a brief visit was all he could manage. We were happy to see him and wished his mother well. Clayton Thompson and his wife, Kelli Aitken, were a positive addition to the event. Clayton scouted for Kelli's dogs, and she scouted for others when needed. The newlyweds were quick to lend a hand wherever they could. Dennis cooked a complimentary dinner for all on Wednesday evening at the clubhouse. On Friday evening, he again cooked for those who hadn't made alternate plans. Homemade apple and peach cobblers were desserts each of those evenings. It was a most enjoyable trial, with everyone helping each other and pitching in to help.

National Red Setter Championship

The Winners

Champion Firefly's Power Play ("Puck") drew the first brace. He thrilled with a big, forward race. He ran the edges, making fantastic moves, disappearing at times but always showing to the front. His race had a steady flow; he handled responsively despite the far range of his moves. Puck scored his first find on the corner of the tree lines at 18, displaying high style on both ends and flawless manners. His second find came at 38; relocation was required, which he performed promptly. A covey was flushed while the dog remained high and tight. Puck made a huge move around the cornfield on the wood's edge and showed well to the front. Firefly's Power Play finished his hour with plenty of fuel left in his tank. He had set an early mark that none would equal.

Firefly's Power Play was whelped on September 18, 2015. His dam, Firefly's Hot Tip, was the 2011 Red Setter Futurity winner and a multiple shooting dog stake winner. She was

sired by All-Age Champion Aiken. Power Play was sired by Runner-up Champion Flintstone, a son of the great champion and Hall-of-Famer, Breakstone. Puck has proven to be a worthy product of his bloodlines. This is Firefly's Power Play's fourth championship win; he also holds one runner-up title.

Cedar Creek Sixgun took runner-up with a big race that occasionally saw him out of pocket. He scored a beautiful find at 35; he showed extreme style and nice manners throughout. Sixgun finished his hour in the far corner of field three, still powering on.

The Running

Firefly's Power Play (Hidalgo) and Come Back Delta Dawn (Aitken). Power Play won this stake, and his performance is described above. Delta was predominantly forward with a snappy gait. She went without game contact.

Waycross (Boser) and Cedar Creek Sixgun (Liermann). Waycross was strong to the front and was eventually lost. Sixgun's performance earned him runner-up honors and is described above.

Windfall (Boser) and Firefly's Beeline (Hidalgo). Windfall ran a good forward race until the day's heat took its toll on him, and he was picked up at 30. Beeline was out of pocket a few times before her handler opted to pick up at 38.

Dawson's High Chaparral (Hidalgo) and Quantonas Reciprocal (Aitken). Luke was forward from the start but was gone when the course turned left and was not recovered under judgment. Reason ran a beautiful, consistently forward race. She pointed in the cornfield but looked strange; sure enough, she had a skunk that left without discharging. She could have been a contender if she had contacted birds.

Gratitude (Boser) and Cedar Creek Shindig (Liermann). Gratitude was strong and forward but was under a bird at 32. Shindig was incredibly fast and difficult to keep track of and was eventually lost.

Firefly's Lucky Penny (Hidalgo) and C H K Quantonas Rolling Rock (Aitken). Lucky notched a find in the first minute, then hunted close for a bit. She got over that to make some big moves, but she forgot to handle and was picked up before the hour elapsed. Not much was seen of Rock.

Pinckneyville, Ill., November 9

Judges: Jarrett Bell and Alan Benson

NATIONAL RED SETTER CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 12 Irish Setters

Winner—FIREFLY'S POWER PLAY, 1664073, male, by Flintstone-Firefly's Hot Tip. Robbie Nesson & Bonnie Hidalgo, owners; Dennis Hidalgo, handler.

Runner-Up—CEDAR CREEK SIXGUN, 1677430, male, by Come Back Magic-Come Back Lady Soul. Ed Liermann, owner and handler.

National Red Setter Amateur Championship

The Winners

Cedar Creek Sixgun put on a performance leaving no doubt that he would be named the National Amateur Champion. He ran course No. 2 as a bye-dog on Thursday afternoon. He showed well on the edges, racing quickly along. At 18, he pointed birds no other had found this trial. He showed fine style and excellent manners. Sixgun disappeared briefly after his find, only to show forward on the same edge. Sixgun made you sit up in your saddle. He missed a turn at 40 but was returned to the front at 45. Sixgun made a bold move to a far line and disappeared late in the hour. Just after the hour elapsed, his handler called point. His birds were flushed while he stood attractively.

Cedar Creek Sixgun was whelped on August 14, 2017, out of Joe Edward's fast and snappy, Come Back Lady Soul. Sixgun's sire is Come Back Magic, a multiple-winner of shooting dog and all-age stakes. Sixgun was bred by Joe Edwards and is owned and handled by Ed Liermann of Palmyra, Wis. This National Amateur win is Sixgun's second American Field championship; he also holds the



National Amateur Championship Winners (front row, from left): Bonnie Hidalgo with Cedar Creek Sixgun and Dennis Hidalgo with Dawson's High Chaparral.
(Back row, from left): Judge Alan Benson, Ed Liermann, and Judge Jarrett Bell.



Red Setter Open Derby Winners (front row, from left): Roger Boser with Wayward, Bonnie Hidalgo with Cedar Creek Jules, and Kelli Aitken with Quantonas Running Mate.
(Back row, from left): Ed Liermann, Judges Alan Benson and Jarrett Bell, and Dennis Hidalgo.

runner-up title won earlier in this trial.

Dawson's High Chaparral ("Luke") was fast forward from the release and showed from time to time, predominantly to the front, always on an edge. He came out of the lake on the right in time for a mannerly back at 18. Released from the honor, Luke, along with his brace mate, hit the forward edge and went left. Coming up the line, they pointed at 21, with Luke a few steps to the rear. The brace mate corrected on, but Luke remained; it proved unproductive. Luke continued forward in pattern, using the edges quickly and wisely. After the road crossing, he took the east edge to its end, then went up the south edge where at 48, he pointed a wild covey. It was an excellent piece of work. He finished forward in the cornfield.

Dawson's High Chaparral was whelped on April 18, 2013. His dam was Champion Kindle, a daughter of the great Champion Breakstone. Luke was sired by Runner-up Champion Chaperon, who in turn was sired by Champion Chaparral. Dawson's High Chaparral was bred by Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo and was sold as a pup to Gailen Cooper, who gave him a good start. Gailen gifted Luke, as a young dog, to Larry Meek's grandson, Dawson, who put Luke's first placement on him as a derby. He was purchased by Bonnie and Dennis when Dawson's focus turned to baseball. Luke holds one championship and two runners-up titles.

The Running

Gratitude (Boser) and Dawson's High Chaparral (Hidalgo). Luke took runner-up; his hour is described above. Gratitude was forward with power from the beginning. At 18, he slammed on point, to the front. All was in order. Gratitude took the forward edge to the left, pointed, then corrected at 21. Gratitude was rough handling, and he was absent for a time. He returned at 50, going on to finish strong and forward.

Waycross (Boser) and Cedar Creek Shindig (Liermann). Waycross ran a huge race with some difficulty but went the hour mainly forward. He pointed at 18, but no birds were produced. He pointed again at 56 in a location where birds had been previously, but none were found. Shindig showed her incredible speed with a far-forward race. She was out of pocket a couple of times before she vanished, and her handler pulled the tracker at 41.

Red Bird's The Fifth Element (Aitken) with Firefly's Beeline (Hidalgo). Griffin pointed stylishly at 9, but it was not productive. He ran an attractive, front-running race until the heat took its toll on him, and he was picked up at 35. Beeline ran a strong race, mostly forward with an excursion or two. She pointed at 44, high on both ends. She self-relocated during the flush attempt and was up.

Firefly's Power Play (Hidalgo) and Quantonas Reciprocal (Aitken). These two ran fast and forward. Reason scored on a covey at 1; she displayed superb style and manners. Puck pointed quail at

17, with style through flush and shot. Reason honored nicely. Puck made a big move on the edge before the road crossing that took him wide left. He was found on point in Field 3 on the east edge. Reason appeared and backed naturally. The call for point was heard only by Reason's scout, who rode to get the handlers and judges. The dogs stood mannerly for over 10 minutes while awaiting the handlers. Relocation was necessary, and Kelli took her dog on while Puck successfully relocated a covey. Unfortunately, he took steps on the flush and was picked up at 55. Reason went on to finish nicely forward.

Windfall (Boser) and Cedar Creek Sixgun (Liermann). Sixgun's winning performance is conveyed under "The Winners." Windfall was scratched.

Firefly's Lucky Penny (Hidalgo) and Come Back Delta Dawn (Aitken) ran on Friday morning. Lucky ran the edges, showing an effortless gait. She was out of pocket twice during the hour, showing on the left the first time and appearing in the front on the other. She ran a big race. Lucky pointed just before time, but all that was found were pheasant feathers. Delta ran a forward pattern at a lesser range than her brace mate. Delta scored a perfect find on a pair of pheasants at 53. At 55, she styled up beautifully. A covey was flushed for her while she remained high and tight. She completed the hour going away.

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

Winner—CEDAR CREEK SIXGUN, 1677430, male, by Come Back Magic-Come Back Lady Soul. Ed Liermann, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—DAWSON'S HIGH CHAPARRAL, 1657988, male, by Chaperon-Kindle. Dennis & Bonnie Hidalgo, owners; Dennis Hidalgo, handler.

Red Setter Open Derby

Wayward won the Red Setter Open Derby for his owner and handler, Roger Boser of Seven Valleys, Pa. Wayward moved gracefully and ran a consistently forward race.

Cedar Creek Jules, owned and handled by Ed Liermann, placed second. She was classy with a good gait but needed more maturity in her hunting pattern.

Quantonas Running Mate ("Pence") was awarded third. This young female is owned and handled by Kelli Aitken of Box Elder, S. D. She showed great ground speed in an attractive, predominantly forward race.

RED SETTER OPEN DERBY – 6 Irish Setters

1st—WAYWARD, 1699503, male, by Waycross-Stilleto. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

2d—CEDAR CREEK JULES, 1702275, female, by Cedar Creek Sixgun-Cedar Creek Copper River. Ed Liermann, owner; Sam Hutting, handler.

3d—QUANTONAS RUNNING MATE, 1699159, female, by Come Back Trump-Quantonas Reciprocal. Kelli Aitken, owner and handler.



Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog Winner (from left): Ed Liermann, Judge Alan Benson, Kelli Aitkin with Red Bird's The Fifth Element, Judge Jarrett Bell, and Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo.



Red Setter Open Walking Derby Winners (from left): Milt Schafer with Cedar Creek Jules, Judge Alan Benson, Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo with Firefly's Pancho, Judge Jarrett Bell, and Sam Nutting with Cedar Creek Jake.

Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog

The stake winner was Red Bird's The Fifth Element, handled by Kelli Aitken and owned by Kelli Aitken and Kristi Gallino. Griffin was steadily forward at good range for the entire brace. He scored a pretty find at 9, displaying excellent style and manners.

Cedar Creek MacArthur Ruby, owned and handled by Milt Schafer, did a pleasing job on the ground, handling responsively and mainly staying forward. She found no game which precluded her from the placements.

The remaining entries were picked up for indiscretions on game.

RED SETTER OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 6 Irish Setters

1st—RED BIRD'S THE FIFTH ELEMENT, 1687076, male, by Eshod's Barn Burner-Red Bird's River Wild. Kristen & Nicholas Ennis, owners; Kelli Aitken, handler.

Red Setter Open Walking Derby

Cedar Creek Jules, owned by Ed Liermann and handled by Sam

Nutting, was the clear winner of this stake. Jules ran a pleasant race, handling well and using the cover. Jules scored one find; she pointed with high style.

Firefly's Pancho, owned by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo and handled by Dennis, was second. Pancho was shorter in range and less confident in hunting than the winner. He had one find, pointing with nice style and holding until the bird flushed.

Third place went to Cedar Creek Jake, owned and handled by Sam Nutting of Indianola, Iowa. Jake is a snappy young dog that hunted and handled kindly.

RED SETTER OPEN DERBY – 6 Irish Setters

1st—CEDAR CREEK JULES, 1702275, female, by Cedar Creek Sixgun-Cedar Creek Copper River. Ed Liermann, owner; Sam Nutting, handler.
2d—FIREFLY'S PANCHO, 1698952, male, by Firefly's Goal Tender-Firefly's Calamus. Dennis & Bonnie Hidalgo, owners; Dennis Hidalgo, handler.
3d—CEDAR CREEK JAKE, unreg., male, breeding not given. Sam Nutting, owner and handler.

DEWEY A. MULLINS REMEMBERED

Dewey Mullins passed away December 3, 2022, at 102 years of age. He and his wonderful wife Ethel had lived on his farm on the Central Kentucky Wildlife Area, near Berea, Ky., almost all their lives. On the rolling hills about his farm, Dewey finished his years with a light, spry step, the proverbial twinkle in his eye, and the smile on his face.

Dewey was our friend for over half a century, and he left the woodpile higher than he found it. His kind is in great demand and short supply, now and always. He was a citizen, a patriot (a WWII veteran), a farmer, and a people person. I always asked him to marshal when I ran at Berea, and he did so for several decades.

Dewey's contributions to the bird dog world covered the waterfront. He was a club member, officer, judge, marshal, and reporter and bred some superb dogs. He used the Bearwallow prefix (referring to a location near his home) on his dogs' registrations. He and his friend Bill Ball, another field trial stalwart, bred Dewey's Flush-bred bitch Bearwallow Babe to Bill's Builder's Risk, the 1975 Quail Championship Invitational

winner. Builder's Addition, a landmark sire and performer, and Builder's Free Boy came from that breeding. Dewey bred other nice dogs, helped many folks with bird dogs, and enjoyed dogs of all breeds.



(From left): Mike Crouse, Dewey Mullins, and Mary Sue Schalk.

Dewey subscribed to The Field and helped promote our sport. He did so with little thought of self-promotion. He was honest, thoughtful, and fair. He was a family man and a man of dignity.

Although passing into the next realm is inevitable for us all, I will miss visits with Dewey. I am proud to have called him my friend and hope he felt the same toward my family and me. I am sure he approached his passing over as one who would draw his comforter about him and lie down to pleasant dreams. Rest well, my friend and friend of many others!

Dewey was preceded in death by Ethel and his son Donnie, and is survived by his daughter-in-law Susan, whom he held in the highest regard.

— Michael D. Crouse

REGION 16 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Rester's Cajun Justice Named Champion; Rester's Cowboy Bill, Runner-Up

By Don Price | Greenville, Florida | November 18, 2022



Region 16 Amateur All-Age Championship Winners (from left): Til Hankley, Dr. Kent Cantrell, Dr. Fred Corder with Rester's Cajun Justice, Cecil Rester, Paul Daniel, Judge Dave Walker, Holly Rester with Rester's Cowboy Bill, Shannon Braden, Judge Allen York, Mike Lemmon, Rita Corder, and Randy Floyd.

The Region 16 Amateur All-Age Championship was held on November 18-20 at the famous Dixie Plantation, renamed The Livingston Place. It will always be "Dixie" to all of us who have been fortunate to witness field trials there. Tall Timbers Research took over ownership nine years ago, and many changes have been made. Most notable to the field trial world is the opening up of the courses and the abundance of wild quail. Randy Floyd, in his 31st year as manager, along with his staff, has done an extraordinary amount of work to prepare the grounds for trials and quail hunting. Thanks also go to Tall Timbers for their continued support of field trials.

Dr. Kent Cantrell is the current president of Region 16 and is responsible for being the field trial chairman. Kent had all matters attended to, and he was assisted by two other Florida trustees, Paul Daniel and your scribe. Trustees of the Region from Georgia and Alabama also attended. Lunches were prepared by "Miss Gloria" in the commissary daily, and Paul Daniel cooked for everyone on Friday and Saturday nights. Til Hankley drove the dog wagon and provided snacks on the course. Shannon Braden, John McCormick, and Ben Miller marshaled and kept everyone on course. We must also thank Purina and Greg Blair for their constant support.

Judging this year's All-Age Championship was ably handled by Dave Walker, Forsyth, Ga., and Alan York, Louisville, Ga. Dave Walker has been a professional trainer for the last 16 years. Dave's focus has been on German shorthairs, and he has had great success in trials. Dave likes and knows a running dog. Alan York began field trialing in 2005 and has had much success in amateur competition. Alan has concentrated mostly on shooting dog trials but understands the all-age game and expectations of an all-age dog. They set a nice consistent pace throughout the trial and gave every entry their undivided attention. Their decisions were well received.

The Winners and Others

Cecil Rester made a clean sweep of the championship. This is the first time in his field trial career that he has accomplished this feat

in a championship. Rester's Cajun Justice was named champion for Cecil and his new half-owner, Dr. Ruben Richardson. Justice ran in the last brace of the trial; to say he ran is an understatement. Cecil handled Justice with all the confidence one could have in his dog and scout. Justice toured the course with some far-reaching cast, always to the front showing when and where he needed to. Point was called far to the right by his scout, Dr. Fred Corder, as the course made a hard left just past the Boy Scout Camp. Judge Walker reported that Justice was found in what appeared to be a sinkhole. Rester managed to flush, and a huge covey erupted. Judge Walker said he would remember that limb find for a long time. Justice finished his hour, leaving the Big Woods with some cast rarely witnessed.

Runner-up was Rester's Cowboy Bill. Bill ran in the first brace after lunch on Friday. Bill was being carried as champion until the last brace when Justice moved him. Bill, like Justice, ran a big race. After making the left turn at the Boyd Corner and heading into the Big Woods, Bill was absent but showed to the far left front. He continued to reach, and point was called to the left. All was in order here, and a limb find recorded. Bill went to the right past Squire's Pine and was gathered up for a big finish in the Long Field.

Pressing the winners was Touch's Lone Dominator ("Rose"), handled by Dr. Kent Cantrell. She ran a strong race and recorded four stylish points. Touch's Dancing Nancies, also handled by Dr. Cantrell, carded three finds and one unproductive. Southern Ritz Lane, handled by Brian Peterson, ran a big race and chalked up one clean piece of bird work. Game Heir, handled by Dr. Fred Corder, ran a strong race next to the last brace but could not produce any birds.

Greenville, Fla., November 18

Judges: Dave Walker and Alan York

REGION 16 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 27 Pointers and 1 Setter

Winner—RESTER'S CAJUN JUSTICE, 1691667, pointer male, by Whippoorwill Justified-Rester's Katie Lee. Cecil Rester & Dr. Ruben Richardson, owners; Cecil Rester, handler.

Runner-Up—RESTER'S COWBOY BILL, 1683365, pointer male, by Dunn's Tried'n True-Rester's Redial. Cecil Rester, owner and handler.

THE OWNERS

— *An Interview with Three Long-Time Owners and Competitors*

By Calvin Curnutte, Jr. | Jackson Springs, North Carolina

This month I interviewed three field trial dog owners: two long-time owners and competitors and one long-time NSTRA competitor and recent owner in horseback field trials.

The Owners

Mr. Allen Linder (Tennessee)

Long-time competitor and owner. He became hooked on the sport in 1972 when he ran a gun dog at a trial. He has been competing or has had dogs with professionals since. As he has put it, that one dog has cost him a lot of money.

Mr. Larry Earls (South Carolina)

Long-time hunter turned field trialer. He has had dogs his whole life and, to this day, has an extensive breeding program and training staff that sells to plantations and hunters, as well as turning out some field trial dogs.

Mr. Larry Bergen (South Carolina)

Has competed in NSTRA trials for many years. He has bred most of his dogs, keeping a few to compete with and hunt. Producing a few nice trial litters in the last couple of years has got him into being an owner of a setter on the circuit.

The Interview

• *How long have you been in field trials? How many years as an owner? Are your dogs with a professional?*

AL: Entered the sport in 1972 and started dogs with a pro in 1976.

LE: Entering the sport in 1963, training and running his dogs for many years. [Steve Murton ran a setter named Just Do It, a significant breakout dog for Mr. Larry.]

LB: NSTRA competitor for almost 35 years and 3+ years now, a horseback trial dog owner.

• *Which professional(s) have you had dogs with?*

AL: Many trainers throughout the years and currently running dogs with the Tracy Kennel, Luke Eisenhart's string, and Judd Carlton's string.

LE: Murton, Hester, Gates, Phil Stevenson, Fred Rayl. Currently, all of his trial dogs are with Mike Hester.

LB: Steve Hurdle, and currently, Mr. Larry has a setter on my string.

• *How often do you get to watch them compete? Do you go to watch them train at the grounds or the prairies?*

AL: During the winter, he travels east to watch, then again in the spring. Also attends some southern trials.

LE: When he started with Robin Gates, he and his wife traveled quite a bit to watch training. He has also been able to go to Ames all six times he's qualified a dog to watch it run in the National.

LB: He can just now start watching his setter run in trials but has been to the prairies to watch his training during the summer.

• *Pointers or setters? All-age or open shooting dog? Favorite age?*

AL: A pointer man, always looking for that right setter, all-age and open shooting dog. Loves an exciting up-and-coming derby.

LE: Larry says he's a bird dog man, likes a good dog, is primarily an all-age guy, loves a good derby, and a 5 or 6-year-old dog that's coming into its prime.

LB: Setter man, both all-age and shooting dog, and loves a good first-year dog.

• *A dog from your past that you genuinely enjoyed owning?*

AL: Erin's War Creek

LE: Season Finale, Quickmarksman's Tom Tekoa, Easy Terms, and Hard Terms.

LB: Penmark's Lady Oak Bo and A Carolina's Sport

• *A current dog or puppy you like?*

AL: Erin's Code of Honor and Miller's Upgraded Design

LE: Quickmarksman's Excalibur

LB: A Carolina's Sport

• *A favorite course or place to watch your dogs?*

AL: The Continental and Hoffman Field Trial Grounds

LE: The Masters courses and Hoffman Field Trial Grounds

LB: Hoffman Field Trial Grounds

• *What's the "big win" for you? A particular trial or series?*

AL: He's always wanted to win the Continental. The National Open Shooting Dog Championship and Free-For-All also hold a special place.

LE: Nationals at Ames is the big win; winning with Tom at Di-Lane was also very special.

LB: Winning any classic or championship would be awesome, Larry stated. The fields are so competitive that winning any big event is memorable.



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AMATEUR DERBY (30 Minutes)\$40.00

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STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING

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OPEN DERBY \$35.00

OPEN PUPPY \$35.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG \$45.00

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AMATEUR PUPPY \$35.00

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OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Horseback; 40%, 50-30-20..... \$50.00

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Horseback; 40%, 50-30-20; May run Sunday... \$45.00

(Sat.-Sun.) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Walking; Ribbons \$40.00

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Walking; Ribbons..... \$30.00

AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.)—Walking; Ribbons; At club's discretion.... \$25.00

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Walking; 40%, 50-30-20 \$40.00

OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Walking; Ribbons; At club's discretion..... \$25.00

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Judges: Jim Hupp, Bill Thompson, and others to be announced

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AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)..... \$80.00

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Sunday, January 22, 10:00 A.M. • Round Pond Plantation, Leslie, GA

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Directions to Grounds: From Leslie, GA, approx. 7 miles south on Hwy. 195 and east on Batts Road. From Leesburg, GA, approx. 10 miles north on Hwy. 195 and east on Batts Road. Lunch will be provided.

Drawing: Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 P.M., at the home of Neil Walker.

Judges: Walking—Claudia McNamee, Chattahoochee Hills, GA, and Chris Mathan, Pavo, GA;
Horseback—Brian Sanchez, Central Islip, NY, and Will Dunn, Lebanon, KY.

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Judges: To be announced

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

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AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$100.00

— National Invitational Qualifier —

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AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....\$75.00

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour)\$75.00

Judges: Keith St. John, South Fulton, TN, and Chris Sellers, Selmer, TN

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Grounds: Percy Priest WMA, 381 Old Jones Mill Rd., LaVergne, TN 36086. Directions: From I-24, approx. 10 miles south of Nashville, take Exit 64 (Waldron Rd.) and go east approx. 3 miles to Hwy. 41. Turn right and go south approx. 4 miles and turn left on Fergus Rd. Go approx. 2 miles and turn right on Jones Mill Rd. Go approx. 1.8 miles and turn left onto Old Jones Mill Rd. (dead ends into clubhouse). Lunch: Will be served daily including Friday courtesy of Pro Pet and Saturday and Sunday courtesy of the club. Drawing: Monday, January 16, 8:00 P.M. (EST), at the home of Derek Bonner. Must enter all dogs with registered names. Motel: Comfort Inn—(615) 793-3600. Ask for Jerry for field trial rate.

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AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour)\$70.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....\$70.00

AMATEUR DERBY\$40.00

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Percy Priest Wildlife Area, LaVergne, TN

*(*Unless entries warrant starting on Friday, January 6)*

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Judges: Ross & Caroline Leonard, Chatsworth, GA

Directions to Grounds: From Nashville, take I-24 East to Waldron Rd. (Exit 64). Turn right on Waldron Rd. to Hwy. 41, turning right through LaVergne, left on Fergus Rd., right on Jones Mill Rd., and follow signs.

Drawing: Tuesday, January 3, 7:00 P.M., at the home of the secretary.

An AFTCA Member number and FDSB registered name and number must accompany each entry.

Entries to: LISA LITTLE, Region 6 Secretary, 1301 Ross Dr., Woodlawn, TN 37191

Phone: (931) 980-0452 • Email: doubletroublestables@yahoo.com

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STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:

REGION 11 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour).....\$125.00

— A NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS QUALIFIER —

Judges: Rich Heaton, Meridian, ID, and Terry Zygalski, Watsonville, CA

Purina Dog Food to Champion and Runner-Up

REGION 11 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG DERBY (30 min.).....\$ 50.00

Judges: Robbie Thompson, Spring Creek, NV, and Rich Heaton, Meridian, ID

Purina Dog Food to Winners

Directions to Grounds: Hwy. 99 (North or South) to Hwy. 26. Go east approx. 26 miles to Silver Rapids Road. Go right to Hogan Dam Road. Turn right across river and continue approx. 7 miles to "T". Go left on gravel road to the gate. Signs will be posted. **GATE COMBINATION:** 0000 (2nd lock from right). Trial run on liberated Bobwhite quail and native valley quail. **Drawing:** Friday, January 6, 6:30 PM at Ranch Headquarters. **Ranch Accommodations:** Bunkhouse; bring your bag/towels. **Meals:** Three served daily. **Social Hour:** Held Friday and Saturday evenings at Ranch House.

All entries to: JAN CORBITT, Secretary • (209) 613-5327

Email: Ladymarten@aol.com (Please put WVBD in subject line)

WVBD, Moonlight Ranch owners, and Region 11 shall not be responsible for any injuries or damages to persons or property during the running of this field trial. No Live Ammunition!

The Ames Amateur Field Trial Association announces the 70th Renewal of the HOBART AMES MEMORIAL CLASSIC

Joey McAlexander, President | Dr. Fred Corder, Vice-President | Dr. R.J. Carlisle, Secretary/Treasurer | Matt Backus, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

Directors: Earl Connolly, William Smith, Mason Ashburn, David Williams



— Purina is this year's official sponsor —

Starting Monday, January 9, 2023

To be run on the National Championship Courses, Ames Plantation, Grand Junction, TN

Drawing: Saturday, January 7, 7:00 P.M., at the Ames Plantation office. Telephone entries to the Ames Plantation office—(901) 878-1067—between 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M., January 7. **Special Note for Entries:** Email, fax entries and scratches close Friday, January 6, at 10:00 P.M. Telephone entries close Saturday, January 7, at 6:00 P.M.

OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC (1 Hour)— 60% of entry fees divided 50-30-20..... Entry Fee: \$225.00

A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STAKE • PURINA DOG & PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS STAKE

There will also be a \$20/dog National Championship grounds fee in addition to the entry fee for the All-Age stake.

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (1 Hour)—Starts at conclusion of All-Age Stake, if time allows; 60% of entry fees divided 50-30-20..... Entry Fee: \$150.00

AMERICAN DERBY INVITATIONAL POINTS STAKE

Judges: Tom Milam, Ross, TX, and Ed Tillson, Wichita Falls, TX • **Reporter:** James A. Atchison, Caruthersville, MO

Note: If the All-Age Stake is longer than 4 days there will be a different set of Derby Stake Judges! The club will run at least 6 braces per day with the next brace always on standby!

Only solid barrel guns can and will be used during the trial! Ames Plantation will furnish solid barrel guns (.32 caliber pistols w/blanks) for handlers to use if necessary. Anyone attempting to use an open barrel gun with or without blank ammunition will be automatically disqualified!

No alcoholic beverages allowed on the courses. No stallions will be allowed on plantation property. All horses must have a current negative Coggins Test (less than 12 months). All individuals stabling horses

on plantation property must provide Ames Plantation, for permanent possession, a photocopy of their current negative Coggins Test upon arrival. Guests are allowed to use their cell phones before and after braces are run, but NOT during the actual running. Those in attendance are special guests of the Ames Plantation and will be asked to comply cooperatively with staff concerning traditional running rules on Ames Plantation. No running on Sunday.

There will be a Wayne Tate Memorial Steak Dinner sponsored by the McKnight Family, The Bank of Fayette County and the HAMFTC for all owners, handlers, club members, and invited guests on Tuesday, January 10, immediately following the afternoon running at Bryan Hall.

Send entries to: DR. R. J. CARLISLE, Ames Plantation, P.O. Box 389, Grand Junction, TN 38039

Phone: (901) 878-1067 • Fax: (901) 878-1068 • Email: rcarlisle@amesplantation.org

The Mississippi Amateur Field Trial Club presents the
Member AFTCA & Mid-South Assn. • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

MISSISSIPPI OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Starts Monday, January 9, 2022 • Hendrix Farm, Waterford, MS

— Special thanks to the Hendrix Family for the use of their farm —



— This Championship is graciously sponsored by Purina —

Grounds: Located at 4097 Wilson Golden Rd., Waterford, MS 38685, south of Holly Springs, MS. Take Hwy. 7, ½ mi. south of US 78 to Hwy 4. Go south 4 miles to Laws Hill Rd. (just past the Mt. Moriah Church) to Wilson Golden Rd. Go 3/10 mi. to Hendrix Farm, look for sign on right. Lunches served daily on grounds. **Drawing:** Saturday, January 7, at 6:00 P.M. (CST) at the home of the secretary.

Accommodations: EconoLodge, Holly Springs, MS—(662) 252-5444 or Magnolia Inn, Holly Springs, MS—(662) 252-7770. Overnight accommodations onsite for self-contained units.

MISSISSIPPI OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—TSDA Points Trial.....Entry Fee: \$200.00

DERBY.....Entry Fee: \$100.00

Payouts: *Championship*—50% of entry fees, divided 70-30 if Runner-Up named; *Derby*—60% of entry fees, divided 50-30-20.

Judges: Chris Cagle, Jr., Clarksville, TN, and Burke Hendrix, Hernando, MS

Entries to: BETTY SHEAROUSE, Secretary • Phone/Text: (423) 667-0702

Officers & Directors: Guy Hendrix, President • Betty Shearouse, Secretary • Burke Hendrix and Johnathan Burch.

Club officials, members, landowners and entrants are not responsible for accidents, injuries to persons or animals or loss of any kind. All persons are guests of the landowner and reminded to be respectful of judges, club officials and participants. Any violations of the rules of The American Field and AFTCA will be dealt with in accordance with published rules and regulations.

All Amateur entries must be accompanied with a current AFTCA Membership Number. Purina Points awarded in all stakes that meet the entry limits of the Purina Points Program.

ARIZONA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Arizona Bird Dog Club

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

**To follow the Wally Wallace Derby, but not before Wednesday, January 11
— California City, CA —**



**A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG POINTS, PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS
& AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL**



Entry Fee: \$170.00



Judges: Gregg Knight, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and Warren Esserman, Anza, CA

Purse: 30% of entry fees divided 70-30 • **Prizes:** Purina Dog Food, SportDOG collars, and Plaques to winners

Directions to Grounds: From Kramer Junction, head north on Hwy. 395 for 15 miles to 20 Mule Team Rd., and turn left. Head west on 20 Mule Team Rd. for approximately 5 miles. Follow the state park signs to "Camp H." **Drawing:** Tuesday, January 10, 5:00 P.M., on the grounds. **Accommodations:** Best Western Inn & Suites—(760) 373-1369. **Meals:** Lunch will be served daily.

**Entries to: JOHN BEAUCHAMP • Cell: (480) 235-1570 • Email: johnbeauchamp@gmail.com
-or- BRUCE HALE • Cell: (951) 712-4517**

Arizona BDC, Region 11, its officers and membership, assume no responsibility for participants or spectators in the event of injury or damage to persons or property.

TENNESSEE VALLEY FIELD TRIAL CLUB PRESENTS THE

Member ABHA, Region 6, KFTA, AFTCA & Southern Circuit FTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

ABHA NATIONAL FREE-FOR-ALL CHAMPIONSHIP

January 12-15 • LaVergne, TN



VALUAPAK
PERFORMANCE DOG FOOD



Grounds: Percy Priest Wildlife Management Area, Pooles Knob Recreation Area, La Vergne, TN. Lunches served. **Drawing:** Tuesday, January 10, 8:00 P.M. (EST), at the home of Ronnie Rogers. **Motel:** Econo Lodge (on I-24), La Vergne, TN. Phone: (615) 793-3600.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

(45 Min. Heats with One-Hour Callback)—50% of entries split 60-40	\$170.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min. Heats)—50% of entries split 50-30-20.....	\$ 80.00
OPEN PUPPY (20 Min. or Course)—50% of entries split 50-30-20	\$ 40.00
*OPEN HORSEBACK SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—50% of entries split 50-30-20	\$ 80.00
*OPEN HORSEBACK DERBY (30 Min.)— 50% of entries split 50-30-20	\$ 80.00

**Time permitting*

Judges: Taylor Henley, Soddy-Daisy, TN, and Chad Wheeler, Riner, VA

All entries to: RONNIE ROGERS • Phone: (865) 712-9229 -or- (865) 475-3459

The Tennessee Valley Field Trial Club, its officers and members are not responsible for injuries, losses or accidents involving anyone attending or participating in the trial and their horses, dogs, vehicles and equipment.

REGION 16 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Member AFTCA, Dixie Trace FTA & Alabama FTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

**Starts Thursday, January 12
Showtime Plantation, Bronwood, GA**



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

Entry Fee: \$175.00

Directions to Grounds: From Bronwood, GA, take Thornton St. past Bronwood Cemetery to Speir Rd., and turn right to barn 1/2 mile down road. **Drawing:** Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Larron Copeland. Phone at drawing: (229) 317-1812. Please be prepared to give your AFTCA Membership number at time of entry.

Judges: Ray Joye, Marion, SC, and Johnny Atkinson, Marion, SC

For further information, call:

JOE RENTZ—(770) 841-5948 -or- LARRON COPELAND—(229) 317-1812

Club and landowners not responsible for accidents or injuries.

The West Tennessee Field Trial Club presents the

Member AFTCA & Region 6 • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

TENNESSEE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Starts Thursday, January 12, 2023*, at Currie Farm, Dancyville, TN

*Or at the conclusion of the Mississippi Open Shooting Dog Championship

Special thanks to the Currie Family, Ed McClanahan, Alex Rickert, Dr. Gene Spiotta, Skip Taylor, Ike Todd and Larry Umber for the use of their property.



— This Championship is graciously sponsored by PURINA —

Grounds: At Dancyville, TN Hwy. 76. East on Fayette Corners Rd., approx. 2.3 mi. to right on Miller Rd.(south) to Field Trial Headquarters at Blalock Rd. Parking available. Overnight accommodations available for self-contained units. Lunches served daily on grounds. **Entries Close/Drawing:** Monday, January 9, 7:00 P.M. (CST), at the home of the field trial secretary. All dogs must be entered using the *FSDB* Registration Name and number. **Accommodations (at I-40 and TN 76 (Exit 56):** Comfort Inn—(731) 772-4082 or Days Inn—(731) 772-3297; Super 8, Whiteville, TN—(888) 826-1381; Deerfield Inn, Somerville, TN—(901) 465-4444.

TENNESSEE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—TSDA Points Trial..... Entry Fee: \$200.00*

*Plus \$15 Grounds Fee • **Payout:** 50% of entry fees divided 70-30, if Runner-Up named • Purina Pro Plan to winner(s)

TENNESSEE OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)— Payout: 50% of entry fees divided 50-30-20.....Entry Fee: \$125.00

Judges: Doug Meyer, Tonganoxie, KS, and Jon Lam, Makanda, IL

Championship Committee: Dr. Marion Brown, Dancyville, TN, and Dr. Gene Spiotta, Memphis, TN, Co-Chairs;
Bill Currie, Brownsville, TN; JP Hathcock, Brownsville, TN; Allen Currie, Brownsville, TN;
Crutcher Stoots, Brownsville, TN; and Dale Pool, Somerville, TN.

Entries to: KEN BLACKMAN, Field Trial Secretary

1905 Burnett Rd., Williston, TN 38076 • Text or Call: (901) 606-9553

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The Duplin County Field Trial Club

Member AFTCA

presents the

2023 ATLANTIC COAST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Grounds, Hoffman, NC

Tuesday, January 24
through January 28, 2023



Starts 8:00 A.M.
(Subject to Judges' directives)

— A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD AND PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS TRIAL —



Drawing will be held at 6:00 P.M., on Friday, January 20
at the home of Bill Faust, 179 Kenansville Highway, Warsaw, NC 28398.



2022 Champion: Miller's Lock and Loaded | Owned by Bill & Muriel Primm, and handled by Mike Tracy

ATLANTIC COAST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP.....Entry Fee: \$300.00

60% of entry fees (less grounds, dog wagon, and bird fees) divided 70% to Winner and 30% to Runner-Up.

To be run on continuous courses. Entry fees payable prior to running.

Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog placement required for qualification.

ATLANTIC COAST OPEN DERBY—Time permitting.....Entry Fee: \$150.00

60% of entry fees (less grounds, dog wagon, and bird fees) divided 50% to Winner, 30% to second place and 20% to third place.

Judges: Jeff Haggis, Glencoe, ON, and Mat Haggis, Glencoe, ON

ONLY MANUFACTURED SOLID BLANK GUNS AND AMMO ALLOWED!

Pig Pickin' Wednesday night, courtesy of last year's champion • Horses must have a current Coggins test • GPS collars permitted

Entries to: JOHN OUTLAW • Phone: (910) 271-2450

DAVID HUFFINE • Phone: (910) 620-2970 • Email: dhuffine1951@gmail.com

Entries accepted with the understanding that the NCFTA, their officers, directors, and members are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs, or equipment.

CAJUN CLASSIC OPEN ALL-AGE

— Hosted by Wolf River Field Trial Club —

Starts January 30* • Hickory Valley, Tennessee

(*Or after, depending on number of entries)



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING TRIAL

PURINA AWARD POINTS • PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS

PURINA TOP DERBY AWARD POINTS • AMERICAN DERBY INVITATIONAL POINTS

****CAJUN CLASSIC OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)—60%, 50-30-20Entry Fee: \$250.00**

EVANGELINE OPEN DERBY (30 Minutes)—60%, 50-30-20Entry Fee: \$125.00

Judges: Will Dunn, Lebanon, KY, and Sean Hauser, Manchester, IA

— \$5/dog bird fee not included in entry fee listed —

****\$20/dog National Championship fee not included in \$250 entry fee listed**

Grounds: Peterson, Powers and Weaver Farms, Hickory Valley, TN. **Directions:** From Hwy. 18 just north of Hickory Valley take Somerville Rd. for 4.6 miles then turn west on Bishop Rd., go 1.1 miles to the “Y” on Parks Rd. Go left 0.3 miles to entrance. **Entries Close:** Saturday, January 28, 6:00 P.M. **Accommodations:** Super 8, Whiteville, TN—(888) 826-1381 or Deerfield Inn, Somerville, TN—(901) 465-4444.

Entries to: AMY SPENCER, Secretary • Phone/Text: (731) 343-0561

Club, officers, members, and landowners assume no responsibility nor liability to participants or spectators in event of injury or damage.



U.S. COMPLETE SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY, LES HOBBS PUPPY CLASSIC & ROBERT E. LEE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC



January 30–February 5, 2023 • Dick Cross Wildlife Management Area, Boydton, VA

(Start date and time dependent on entries)



— Supported by Purina and Garmin —

ROBERT E. LEE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour)—Purse: 40% split 50-30-20 minus \$10/dog bird fee.....Entry Fee: \$100.00

Judges: Jim Jones, Gloucester, VA, and Bruce Conover, South Boston, VA

27th U.S. COMPLETE SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY—To follow Robert E. Lee ClassicEntry Fee: \$ 75.00

Judges: Bobby Phillips, Jonesborough, TN, and Greg Isenberg, Kingsport, TN

Purse: \$1,500 to be divided between breeders and owners (4 placements) • Winner also receives a Garmin collar and Purina dog food.

Proof of DNA required at owner's expense. Eligible derby dogs and litter information available from:

Verlene Stephenson, Futurity Secretary—Home: (252) 589-1521 or Email: verlene_stephenson@ncsu.edu

LES HOBBS OPEN PUPPY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Open to all puppies; To follow Futurity.....Entry Fee: \$ 40.00

Judges: To be announced

Directions to Grounds: From U.S. Rt. 58, between Boydton and South Hill, take State Rt. 4 South. Go approximately 5 miles to the management area entrance; entrance to grounds in front of Pino's Pizza. Lunch available on the grounds. A handler meal sponsored by Doug McMillen, owner of 2022 Bob Lee Classic winner, Double Deuce Zeke, will be provided if COVID restrictions allow. Lunch on Futurity day sponsored by Doug McMillen, owner of 2022 Futurity winner, Double Deuce Jack. **Entries Close:** Thursday, January 26, 6:00 P.M. Drawing to follow. **Lodging (in South Hill, VA):** Quality Inn—(434) 447-2600 or Comfort Inn—(434) 447-2200.

All entries to: VERLENE STEPHENSON, Futurity Secretary • Home: (252) 589-1521 • Email: verlene_stephenson@ncsu.edu

[No voicemail or text entries. Emails will be confirmed.]

Manufactured closed barrels only. Retrieval collars permitted but not provided. USCSA Futurity, its officers, directors and sponsors are not in any way responsible for accidents or injury to person, animal or property. U.S. Complete handicap rule applies.

SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

A PURINA AWARD

& PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS STAKE
A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER



— 60% of entry fees, divided 60%-40%, if a Runner-Up is named —

Running Rules: One-Hour Qualifying Series and One-and-a-Half-Hour Callbacks.

Sponsored by the
SOUTHERN CHAMPION FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

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Begins Tuesday, January 3, 8:00 A.M.
Hendrix Farm, Laws Hill, MS

Entry Fee: \$350 (plus \$20 per entry National Championship Fee)

Judges: Greg Bain, Hatton, AL, and Joe Hughes, Locust Fork, AL

Pre-Drawing: Sunday, January 1, 6:00 P.M., at the home of Betty Shearouse.
All entries accepted as a waiver of any claim or demand as a result of injury, loss or damages
against Hendrix Farm and the Southern Champion Field Trial Association,
their officers, members agents and employees.

Entries to: BETTY SHEAROUSE • Phone: (423) 667-0702 • Kimball, TN

Board of Directors: Albert Necaise, Bobby McAlexander, Myres Gray,
Elton Bray, Wayne Berry, Guy Hendrix, Burke Hendrix, Joey McAlexander, Jonathan Burch

NGSPA

Open All-Age Invitational
The Standard Will Be Set!

2022 NGSPA 5th Annual Open All-Age *Invitational Championship*

January 4-6, 2023 • Hell Creek WMA*, Blue Mountain, MS

**Do not use GPS directions; Proper directions mailed to entrants or call Keith.*

Entry Fee: \$450.00 (Due the night of drawing)

Drawing: January 3, at the Hell Creek Clubhouse during dinner.

Judges: Dr. Robert Rankin, Edmond, OK, and one to be announced

NGSPA DOG OF THE YEAR AND PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL

Confirmed Participants:

- **NC, R-U NC, CH B M B's Free Ride**
Brandon Blum, Owner & Handler
- **NC, CH Hi N's Allison Miranda**
Kirk Loftin & Larry Loftin, Owners • Kirk Loftin, Handler
- **OSDC R-U, CH Rumel's Augie Doggie**
Francesco Mucci, Owner • Dan DiMambro, Handler
- **NAC CH High Standing Cuttin Edge**
Dayna & Anthony Rusciano, Owners • Dan DiMambro, Handler
- **R-U NAC, CH B M B's Freeloader**
Brandon Blum, Owner & Handler
- **CH Quailpoint Blackriver Rusty**
Ken & Nancy Huyser, Owners • Mike Mullineaux, Handler
- **CH P W The Real Deal**
Keith & Bobbi Richardson, Owners • Rich Robertson, Handler
- **CH Cuttin Wild's Hank**
Tod Tuls, Owner • Jim West, Handler
- **CH Chicoree's Riden High Trixie**
Rondal "Jeff" Alexander, Owner • Dan DiMambro, Handler
- **CH Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee**
Kirk Loftin & Meghan Hagedorn, Owners • Kirk Loftin, Handler
- **CH B M B's Samsquanch**
Brandon & Jennifer Blum, Owners • Brandon Blum, Handler
- **CH B D K's Calamity Jane**
Kirk & Terry Bomer, Owners • Terry Bomer, Handler

PRIZE PACKAGES

Winning Handler:

- \$5,000 Guaranteed Purse
- Purina ProPlan: 12 large bags

Winning Dog's Owner(s):

- Purina Gift: Original Ross Young Oil Painting of Winner

Twelve dogs will compete. Their selection is based upon NGSPA Open All-Age award points earned from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. The prior year's winner will receive an automatic invitation. All braces will be one-hour heats on two consecutive days. Third day is a call-back with 90-minute heats. Judges will determine number of dogs called back.

General Information

Closest major airport is Memphis, TN. Grounds are about a 90-minute drive. Quail are released. Calcutta night of drawing. All meals catered at a cost of \$45 per person per day. Limited electrical hook-ups available. Horse pens and hay available. There will be a charge for hay. Jacket and tie appreciated. Unique Guidelines apply to this event; Available on request.

For questions, contact:

Keith Richardson

Cell: (307) 630-9907

Email: gspkeith@gmail.com



Ross B. Young

THE CONTINENTAL FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA, FFTA & Dixie Trace FTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Continental Field Trial Club Board of Directors: Randy Floyd, President • Larron Copeland, Vice-President
Dr. Kent Cantrell • Dr. Ron Deal • Dr. Robert McDavid • Julie Dillon Livingston Ripley • Clay Sisson
Dr. Terry Terlep • John Thompson • Bob Walthall

Extends Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
and proudly announces

THE 128TH CONTINENTAL TRIALS



Official Dog Food Sponsor

Beginning Monday, January 16, 2023
Held at Livingston Place (Dixie Plantation), Greenville, FL
CONTINENTAL OPEN DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP
CONTINENTAL OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

OPEN DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP PURSE—\$4,000

If Runner-Up is named, then \$3,000 to Winner and \$1,000 to Runner-Up
(Not to exceed these amounts in this category)

OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP PURSE—\$10,000

If Runner-Up is named, then \$7,500 to Winner and \$2,500 to Runner-Up
(Not to exceed these amounts in this category)

TOP QUALIFYING DOG—\$1,000

(Not to exceed this amounts in this category)

— Silver Bowls will be awarded to the owners of the winner and runner-up in both championships —

OPEN DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP (One-Hour Heats).....Entry Fee \$500.00*

OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP.....Entry Fee \$750.00*

— PURINA AWARD POINTS TRIALS & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS —

**Grounds and Participation Fees included in Entry Fee.*

(One-Hour Qualifying Heats; One-Hour & Fifty-Minute Finals | Number of Dogs Qualifying for Finals at the Discretion of the Judges)

Entries may be made by mail: 1583 Livingston Rd., Greenville, FL 32331

Email: livingstonplace@talltimbers.org • Phone: (850) 997-1957 • Fax: (850) 997-6673

Deadline for Entries is on or before 12:00 Noon (EST), Friday, January 13, 2023.

Drawing held at Livingston Place office at 6:00 P.M. (EST), Friday, January 13, 2023 (open to all participants).

— ENTRY FEES DUE AT TIME OF DRAWING —

Derby Championship Judges: Mike Jackson and Lamar Childers • **Derby Reporter:** Steve Standley
All-Age Championship Judges: Kent Patterson and Kirk Law • **All-Age Reporter:** Andrew Campbell

Purina will sponsor a fish fry during the field trial.

This trial will not tolerate disrespect of our judges, reporters, or officials in any form from anyone in attendance. Anyone failing in this regard shall be asked to leave and remove all dogs they may have in competition and forfeit all entry fees and winnings.

Note: Open or solid barrel guns are permitted with the proper blank ammunition. The Continental Field Trial Club, its Officers, Board of Directors, and Livingston Place are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs or equipment.

Horses and dogs to be quartered on Livingston Place. Negative Coggins for all horses required.



Frank LaNasa
President

Tony King
1st Vice-President

Ric Peterson
2nd Vice-President

Larron Copeland
3rd Vice-President

AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA PRESENTS THE
**NATIONAL AMATEUR
SHOOTING DOG DERBY
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Only Manufactured barrel blank guns with blank ammo to be used.



January 18-22, 2023

Sportsmen's Association Grounds, Grovespring, MO

(Start date dependent upon entries)

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$180

— immediately followed by the —

**NATIONAL AMATEUR
SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP**



One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$200

Judges: Tim Penn, Edina, MO, and Bob Rankin, Edmond, OK

Co-Chairmen & Reporters: Tony King, Thompson, MO, and Luke Topp, Crab Orchard, NE

Grounds: Sportsmen's Club of S.W. Missouri, Grovespring, MO. 2,600 acres, including a clubhouse, 36 horse stalls, outside pens, and 50 kennels. Bunks in clubhouse and other facilities are on a first come, first served basis. Six braces run per day. **Directions:** From I-44 and Hwy. 5 at Lebanon, MO, take Hwy. 5 south approx. 20 miles to Meadowlark Lane (a bird dog silhouette points the way); turn right, and follow road 1½ miles to grounds. **Entries Close:** Sunday, January 15, 6:00 P.M. (CST). **Drawing:** Monday, January 16, 9:00 A.M. (CST), at the office of the secretary. Must be an individual member of AFTCA to enter. According to the American Field, no dog or handler suspended by The AMERICAN FIELD or FDSB will be declared a winner. **Accommodations:** Hampton Inn—(417) 533-3100 and Super 8 Motel—(417) 588-2574. Ask for trial rates. **Social:** Purina will host a dinner Friday night; Cocktails and appetizers will be served Saturday evening.

GARMIN collars to the Winner and Runner-Up. | *Bruce Fox* sculpted game bird plaques to Winner and Runner-Up.

Contact: PIPER HUFFMAN—(662) 471-1700

[Entries will be taken by phone calls ONLY, no email entries accepted. All entries will be confirmed, no messages accepted.]

NATIONAL RED SETTER FIELD TRIAL CLUB

*presents its National Shooting Dog Championships
& 51st Running of the Red Setter National Futurity*

February 16–19 • Starts 8:00 A.M. (EST) daily
Sandhills Wildlife Management Area, Hoffman, NC



Entries close: Saturday, February 11, 1:00 P.M. (EST). Open to all FDSB registered Irish Setters. **Drawing:** Sunday, February 12, 6:00 P.M. **Lodging:** Motels, hotels and B&B available in Aberdeen and Southern Pines, NC. **Barn:** Located on grounds. Kennels available at trial 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 Saturday night in the clubhouse on the grounds.

NRSFTC OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: \$125.00

Purse: \$500 divided 70-30

Judges: Buck Heard, Moultrie, GA, and Gary Miller, Southern Pines, NC

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

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Purse: \$1000 divided 60-40 between owners and breeders of 4 placements.

Judges: Buck Heard, Moultrie, GA, and Gary Miller, Southern Pines, NC

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Awards to Champion and Runner-Up

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Prairie Open All-Age

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Georgia Derby & Quail Championships

January 2 / Waynesboro, GA
Contact: Nell Mobley
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Pelican Open All-Age

January 2 / Mayflower, AR
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January 2 / Hoffman, NC
Nominations Close: Friday, December 16
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Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Championship

January 3 / Inola, OK
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January 3 / Laws Hill, MS
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NGSPA Open All-Age Invitational Championship

January 4 / Blue Mountain, MS
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January 5 / Claremore, OK
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West Tennessee Field Trial Club

January 5 / Dancysville, TN
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Pinehurst Field Trial Club

January 6 / Hoffman, NC
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Region 6 (AFTCA)
Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship

January 6 / LaVergne, TN
Contact: Lisa Little
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South Carolina Amateur Shooting Dog Classic

January 6 / Cheraw, SC
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Region 11 (AFTCA)
Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

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& Wally Wallace Derby Classic**

January 9 / California City, CA
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January 9 / Grand Junction, TN
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January 11 / California City, CA
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Region 16 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

January 12 / Bronwood, GA
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Sandlapper Field Trial Club

January 12 / McBee, SC
 Contact: Tim Ruff
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Tennessee Open Shooting Dog Championship

January 12 / Dancyville, TN
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January 13 / Rose Hill, NC
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Associated Field Trial Clubs of Florida

January 14 / Punta Gorda, FL
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Region 15 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship

January 15 / Tone River Field
 Contact: Tatsuo Ishino
 Phone: 053-925-3029

Continental Derby & All-Age Championships

January 16 / Greenville, FL
 Contact: Randy Floyd
 Phone: (850) 997-1957
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National Amateur Shooting Dog Derby & Amateur Shooting Dog Championships

January 18 / Grovespring, MO
 Contact: Piper Huffman
 Phone: (662) 471-1700

Round Pond Shooting Dog Classic

January 18 / Leslie, GA
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Virgil Beasley Sr. Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog Classic

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Bando Field Trial Club

January 22 / Saitama Pref., Japan
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Atlantic Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship

January 24 / Hoffman, NC
 Contact: David Huffine
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United States Amateur Derby Invitational East Region Super Qualifier

January 26 / Huntingdon, TN
 Contact: Quintin Wiseman
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Clarksville Bird Dog Club

January 28 / Huntingdon, TN
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Cajun Classic Open All-Age

January 30 / Hickory Valley, TN
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National Open Shooting Dog Championship

January 30 / Union Springs, AL
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February 2 / Hickory Valley, TN
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February 17 / Valley Springs, CA
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United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship

February 18 / Conway, AR
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Region 15 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

February 19 / Tone River Field
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Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship

February 22 / Lake City, FL
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Fuji Field Trial Club

February 23 / Bando Tone River
 Contact: Satoshi Kobayashi

Kanto Pointing Dog Club

February 26 / Kanna River
 Contact: Nobumasa Takeishi

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March 2 / Hornitos, CA
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March 21 / Chiba-Ken
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March 26 / Jarratt, VA
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March 30 / Scottsville, VA
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Region 5 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship

March 30 / Cutler, IL
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Can-Am Shooting Dog Classic

March 31 / Payette, ID
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Cascade Open All-Age Championship

March 31 / Payette, ID
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ABHA TRIALS
ABHA National Free-For-All Championship

January 12 / LaVergne, TN
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Rolling Fork Bird Dog Club

January 27 / Berea, KY
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NBHA TRIALS
Westark Field Trial Club

January 14 / Booneville, AR
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SBHA TRIALS
South Carolina Amateur Classic Celebration

February 10 / Pamplico, SC
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USCSDA TRIALS
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January 7 / Buckingham, VA
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USCSDA Amateur Invitational Championship

January 13 / Boydton, VA
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Lancaster County Field Trial Association

January 28 / Regina, VA
 Contact: Jimmy Crandall
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January 30 / Boydton, VA
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