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— *An update from Domenick Muoio*

**W**e now find ourselves a quarter way through the year already. April is here, and hopefully, the rest of the country is beginning to warm up as fast as it is in my home of North Carolina. Soon many of you may start your annual migration up north for the summer, but until then, I hope you can enjoy some of the great conditions that spring brings.

Since the last edition hit your mailboxes, I visited Ames Plantation for the Hall of Fame inductions and the beginning of this year's National Championship. I want to start by thanking the plantation staff and management for their hospitality and for granting me the unique opportunity to stay in the Ames Manor house. It was a privilege to stay in an environment that has remained untouched for generations and in a location where so much history around the Championship is centered. It allowed me to immerse myself in such a prestigious and historic atmosphere. The history of field trialing continued to surround me as I walked the countless passages of the Bird Dog Museum, surrounded by the likenesses of some of the most prominent individuals and canine athletes.

It was my first year attending the Hall of Fame induction and having the honor of presenting the scrolls, so I wasn't sure what to expect. One can easily assume the level of emotion that comes from an individual or an owner presented with a scroll after a career of bettering field trials. However, what is lost to someone who has never been, is how those emotions become your own.

Once again, congratulations to this year's Hall of Fame inductees:

**David Johnson • Fred Rayl • Just Irresistible • Miller's Happy Jack**

*Thank you for your life's dedication to the sport of field trialing!*

## SPECIAL NOTE ON REGISTRATION

It has been brought up a few times recently, so I decided to mention it in this month's issue. When registering your dog, please utilize the registration forms provided at [americanfield.com](http://americanfield.com).

While UKC registration has the option to submit an application for single registration online, the process differs from registering in the *Field Dog Stud Book*. While both registries now exist under the same roof, the processes and databases are currently independent of one another. Registering your dog with UKC and requesting a pedigree may differ from the pedigree you would expect from *Field Dog Stud Book*.

The *Field Dog Stud Book* process is still done by mail; however, we are working on getting an online registration option, so look for that on the horizon!

Until next time, stay safe, and the best of luck with your field trials.

— *Domenick Muoio*

Field Trial & Hunt Test Program Manager





# National Champion



## MILLER'S BLINDSIDER

Nick Berrong, Owner | Jamie Daniels, Handler | Fran & Jack Miller, Breeders

[Photo by Chris Mathan]

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2023 National Champion Miller's Blindsider with owner Nick Berrong.

Photo by Jamie Evans

# THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

## Miller's Blindsider Wins 124th Running

By Tessa Hughes | Grand Junction, Tennessee | February 13, 2023



National Champion Miller's Blindsider is posed by scout Judd Carlton, joined by owner Nick Berrong (behind), handler Jamie Daniels (left), the judges, NFTCA officials, and well-wishers. [Photo by Jamie Evans]

Valentine's Day morning delivered Ames Plantation an exciting surprise this year, as it brought us the brace of dogs that included Miller's Blindsider, who would go on to become the new 2023 National Field Trial Champion. He certainly was a sweetheart of a contender, always running to the front and hunting hard, hanging out on the edges the way we expect an all-age dog to do, and looking fine on his birds, the way a champion must do. Miller's Blindsider is a 6-year-old orange and white English pointer male owned by Nick Berrong of Maryville, Tenn., and handled by Jamie Daniels of Daniels Kennels, Dawson, Ga. Judd Carlton of Cairo, Ga., Daniels's lifetime friend and a fine handler, pitched in to scout Blindsider to his win.

### The Championship Brace

Miller's Blindsider ("Sam") is sired by this year's newest Hall of Fame (HOF) inductee, one of the first dogs Daniels handled at the National Championship, the remarkable sire Just Irresistible. Blindsider's dam is Miller's Bring The Heat, by National Champion Lester's Snowatch and L G White Lily (sired by Ch. White Powder Pete), so Blindsider has a star-studded pedigree to support his claim to the laurels.

Quickmarksman's Dan, a white and liver pointer male, handled by Mike Hester, owned by Larry Earls and Sam Starnes, and scouted by Korry Rinehart, was Blindsider's

bracemate for the three-hour-long brace. Dan was a worthy competitor for his illustrious bracemate, a son of Quickmarksman's Tony and a grandson of Ch. White's Solid Reward.

When we started away from the field trial stables at 8 a.m. on Blindsider's brace, only the third brace in the running on our second day, conditions were cloudy and 52 degrees, although the temperature steadily climbed during the brace. Blindsider started us off with a bang with a find at 4 on the right side of the Out Front field, standing beautifully for wing and shot. He then proceeded quickly through the next fields, head and tail high as he ran, with Daniels calling point for him again at 15 once he crossed Buford Ellington at the far south end of Morgan Field. Once again, Blindsider looked spectacular on his game and held well for wing and shot. He continued confidently to the front, and Daniels called point for him again at 25 at the Turner Road Crossing. Again, Blindsider looked beautiful on point, and all was in order at the find. Dan proceeded on, as well, and Hester called point for him at 28 at the beginning of Long Turner Neck, but no birds were produced. However, Blindsider was discovered on point at the far end of Long Turner Neck, and Daniels produced birds for his dog. Blindsider held well for wing and shot. The dogs continued on through Turner Pines at a fast clip.

At 1:29, point was called again for Blindsider at the north end of the Morgan New

Basin. Blindsider looked magnificent on his game when we arrived, head and tail high, and held firm for the flush. Hester decided to pick up Dan at approximately this point. Blindsider traveled on, swinging through the country. After a brief absence, Carlton collected him at 1:45 at National Championship Drive, returning him to Daniels. Blindsider scored another excellent find at 1:47 at Edward Clark South, looking beautiful on his game again and holding well for the flight of the birds.

Blindsider continued forward, experiencing brief absences but always showing well to the front. He made an excellent cast at 2:11 in the Jim Braddock field. He then showed nicely at 2:19 at Edward Clark North and showed us he was still in all-age condition by hanging out on the edge at 2:21 at the bottom of the same field. Blindsider showed again at 2:40 at Climmie Clark South, demonstrating he was still hunting aggressively to the front. The gallery folks were a little breathlessly worried we had lost him thereafter, but Blindsider had not left us. He was ever to the front and returned to his handler at 2:52 after being far across the road near the Tennessee Field. Returning to us, Blindsider continued on to the front, running hard, until time was called.

### Judges, Sponsors, Contributors, Officials

#### *National Championship Judges*

We had Jadie Rayfield of Mt. Pleasant, S. C., also a Director of the NFTCA, coming



to us to judge for the seventh time. Jodie has been involved in all phases of field trials for 30 years and has served in a leadership role for some time in the sport in his home state. He relies on his wealth of knowledge and experience and gives all contenders a careful and courteous eye. He is unfailingly cheerful and energetic in the saddle, and he does not miss anything going on about him in the field.

We were also delighted to have Dr. Stan Wint of Gardner, Kan., one of our newest Directors of the NFTCA, join us for the fifth time. He also has 30-plus years of experience. The "Superman" began his career in walking dog stakes with dogs such as Hall of Famer Honky Tonk Attitude and won his first championship in 1992. Dr. Wint has judged AKC trials and American Field amateur and open events. Although Dr. Wint experienced a flu-like illness for a couple of days during his time with us, he never allowed that to keep him from serving and showed each contender his undivided attention.

Tom Shenker returned to us from Hurtsboro, Ala., for the fourth time to round out our panel of judges. Tom brings much experience in our field, given that his father was a professional trainer. Tom manages the Easter Plantation in Hurtsboro, Ala. Tom always shows leadership and magnanimity in the saddle, showing courtesy and patience to all contenders, never riding off and leaving a dog or handler behind. We were fortunate also to have Melody, Tom's lovely wife, join us. Melody, like her husband, is also a blue-blooded field trialer, given that her grandfather was Hall of Fame member John Samuel Gates. We also enjoyed it when Mr. Gates's namesake, Tom and Melody's son, John Samuel (quite an athlete in his own right, having been a first-string player at Auburn University), and his new wife, Ann Jackson, drove up from Auburn to ride with us on Saturday. We enjoyed their cheerful participation and interest in the event.

One of the things that most impressed me in this, my first year as a reporter of the National Championship, was the unflinching courtesy of the judges and marshals to the contenders and handlers. Having recognized the quality and time to be dedicated to the canines they were judging, our judges seemed determined to give every entry all opportunities to be seen. Time and again, I was struck by our judges' intensity in holding up at road crossings, other natural turns, and stopping points to ensure handlers and scouts had sufficient time to gather their dogs and continue if such appeared reasonably possible. In that manner, judges ensured that dogs were not inadvertently run over at road crossings, left behind on point, etc., or otherwise if such could be avoided. They also were never peevish in their interactions with the scouts but often sent them out in one direction or another, rarely waiting for them to ask permission to leave the gallery. Their interaction with the handlers and the scouts was both professional and courteous. All of these traits in judges contribute to making a great trial.

### ***Generous Supporters***

We were also delighted to have Domenick Muoio of the United Kennel Club (UKC) join us for several of the festivities before the Championship's commencement. He also stayed with us at the Manor House and joined us in the saddle to watch the action on the first day of the Championship.

In addition to UKC, the National Championship would not be possible without the generous support of its many sponsors, including Nestlé Purina, SportDOG Brand and Gun Dog Supply, Tennessee Tractor, Garmin International, Gary Lester, the Bank of Fayette County, Tucker Trail Saddles, Jeff Haggis and Haggis Saddles, Hardeman County Chamber of Commerce, Hunt & Field Magazine and Lauren Abbott, John and Susan Ivester, Area Wide Communications, Spalding Laboratories, David Kelley Jewelers, Hendrix Farms, Glovers' Eats-N-Sweets, 5 Star Equine Products, Predator Management Solutions, the First Baptist Church Grand Junction, Tennessee, the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors Association, the family and friends of Mike Perkins, the family and friends of Barry H. Saunders, the sponsors of the Whippoorwill Wild Card Memorial, the sponsors of the Waldo and Pearl Dodge belt buckle, Sportsman's Pride for its sponsorship of the Brunswick Stew event, as well as generous anonymous donors.

### ***Contributors***

Others who contribute greatly to the continued success of the Championship include Jamie and Dee Evans, Jamie being the official Ames/National Championship Photographer, and Dee, his wife, both of whom are employed by Ames working with row-crop production, as well as the Ames Cultural Resources program and who work magic together to swiftly coordinate and post online the wonderful photographs Jamie captures each day of the Championship. They also post the amazing videos Dr. Rick Carlisle, Secretary/Treasurer of the National Field Trial Championship Association (NFCTA) and Director of Ames Plantation, took this year from horseback. The Evanses could also decode my handwritten morning and evening synopses of the braces and upload all of that quickly onto the Ames Plantation website. Their hard work keeps everyone informed of the progression of the trial.

Dr. Carlisle and Assistant Director Matt Backus were on hand and in the saddle each day to assist with the smooth running of the trial. Backus and his wife, Kristin, and their little son, Jones, joined us for dinner one evening during the trial and brought their darling little daughter, Penny, who had just arrived in this world four weeks prior.

Others who were in the saddle each day working hard included our Front Marshal, Ryan Braddock, and our Back Marshal, Chris Weatherly, but their duties did not start or stop there, as they also oversaw feeding, grooming, tacking up, unsaddling, and trailering plantation horses both morning and

afternoon, as well as directing equine traffic. They also work hard to ensure all participants can access the accommodations/facilities they need during the trial.

Those in Ames Security were also invaluable to us, including Aubrey Green, Head of Security, organizing Joe Thompson, Chris Kelley, Zack Parsons, Jacob Jenkins, Kerry Kimery, and Greg Tapp on horseback (Tapp, a paramedic for Fayette County Ambulance Service, also served as a paramedic on call during the trial). Green also oversaw the hard work of Fayette County Deputy Ken Crawford and Marilyn Woody on the roads. In addition, we are very grateful to Fayette County Sheriff Bobby Riles for allowing two deputies from the Sheriff's Department, Deputy Crawford and Deputy Ricky Wilson, to assist us with road traffic.

We would have been lost without the expert assistance of Amy Weatherly, DVM, who rose early and stayed late at Ames Brick Stables, caring for all things equine and other animals. She is a marvel, and we are grateful for her compassion and care for the animals we treasure.

Also joining us was Dr. Allan Houston, a forester/wildlife biologist with Ames, who provided the details and helpful announcements at each breakaway, and James Morrow, who drove the truck with the medical equipment and dog boxes.

We were also delighted to have Pat Bryan, Kay Carlisle, Jane Rhea, and Libby McKnight assist us at Ames Manor House as we hosted a hospitality event for owners and handlers the afternoon their dogs ran.

We were also able to provide backgrounds on each competitor with the dedication and countless hours of work contributed by Steeple Bell. Without his generosity of spirit, we would all look at the dogs each year without a deep understanding of the bloodlines that bring them to the trial, which adds so much color and history to the event.

With the assistance of all the people mentioned, this author could identify the many fields, house places, and crossing points on the morning and afternoon courses. This is Dr. Carlisle's last year as Director, and his direction and leadership will be greatly missed.

In addition, without the help of Ryan, Chris, and all of the gentlemen at Ames Brick Stables who tirelessly saddled, unsaddled, made tack adjustments, and helped her mount her horses, this author, Dr. Carlisle, and the judges could not have completed the ten days of riding at the plantation required this year to finish this trial. She notes that this trial would not be possible without all the tireless work the Ames staff do behind the scenes, rising early at 3:30 a.m. and staying late into each night. We were also incredibly grateful for NFTCA President Charlie Frank Bryan, who proceeded at all times with sound leadership, unflinching good humor, and always made everyone laugh, to boot. Without him, this author could never have made it from one place to another or

even understood where she was supposed to be next. And last but not least, she certainly would not have been able to carry out her duties without the support of her husband, Joe Hughes, who also cheerfully celebrated his 62nd birthday during the Championship.

### **The Running**

Brace No. 1—The first brace broke away at 8 a.m. on Monday, February 13. Conditions were sunny and 44 degrees with dry courses. Bonner's Bulletproof, a white and orange pointer male, handled by Randy Anderson, owned by Dr. Chris Cornman, and scouted by Bubba Spencer, and Lester's Storm Surge, pointer male, handled by Gary Lester, owned by Tommy and Bonnie Hamilton, and scouted by Korry Rinehart, started us off.

Bulletproof is sired by Miller's Speed Dial, the 2020 National Champion, who also returned to compete this year. Bulletproof's dam is Miller's Martha White, sired by newly inducted Hall of Fame member Miller's Happy Jack.

Storm Surge (a brother to Lester's Shockwave) is sired by the remarkable sire, Ransom, and Storm Surge's dam, Beane's Line Dancer, was sired by House's Line Up, a star on any field trial dog's pedigree.

Spencer called point for Bulletproof at A. T.'s House Place at 11. The dog stood elegantly with head and tail high for the flush of the birds and the shot, and we were away again. Both dogs returned at 14 and continued on, but Storm Surge was absent for an extended time.

Spencer called point again at 30 for Bulletproof before the Turner Ditch field, and again Bulletproof looked very nice on his game and handled his find very well. Then, Bulletproof was absent for a short time until Judge Rayfield spotted him on a hill at 41. He scored an elegant find at this juncture, holding well for wing and shot. At the Buford Ellington crossing, Lester requested his tracker at 1:06, not having seen Lester's Storm Surge again. Lester found his dog on point at Rube Scott Road and went ahead and reported flushing a covey of 25-30 birds.

At 1:36, Bulletproof returned to the front after an absence, but his handler was out of pocket, so Amy Spencer briefly took over handling duties. Bulletproof's owner briefly stepped in to scout as Bubba Spencer was not seen. Bulletproof continued on to the front, then was absent for a short time, and then returned to the front at 1:56. Anderson returned to take over handling at 1:57. Bulletproof had his last find at 2:05 north of Edward Clark Pines. He looked fine on point again, still as stylish as ever. The birds flew out from under Bulletproof's nose when Anderson went in to flush for his dog, but Bulletproof stood firm for his bird work and the shot. He then continued on, showing nicely at 2:40 in the field in front of Lowland's, making a beautiful cast. He was still hunting hard and to the front at 2:49 at the last road crossing. Bulletproof finished his brace with no further



Scout Judd Carlton with Miller's Blindsider  
[Photo by Jamie Evans]

game contact.

Brace No. 2—Anderson returned to us in the afternoon with Touch's Fire Away, a white and orange pointer male. Fire Away is owned by Greg and Carmen Adams and was scouted by Rinehart. His bracemate was Dream Chaser, a white and liver pointer male, handled by Andy Daugherty, owned by Brad Calkins, and scouted by Allen Vincent.

Fire Away is last year's Purina All-Age Dog of the Year. This dog had also secured the Alabama Open All-Age Championship the week before. He is sired by House's Ring of Fire, and his dam is Touch's Maswood Anne.

Dream Chaser is sired by Pleasant Run Bob, sired by Touch's Knight Rider. Interestingly, once again, Dream Chaser, on top and bottom, goes back to House's Line Up.

We broke away on the afternoon course at 1:15 p.m. Conditions were sunny and 66 degrees. Both dogs were away strong from the breakaway showing nicely in the first two fields; then both turned into the cover to the left.

Fire Away returned to Anderson at 17 in the Buster Graves field. Daugherty dropped to the left side to look for Dream Chaser with Judge Rayfield accompanying him. They discovered Dream Chaser on point at Buster Graves's mailbox, but no birds were flying. Dream Chaser then continued on strong but experienced another unproductive at the base of Cedar Hill at 25 and was up.

In the meantime, Fire Away returned to Anderson beautifully at 27 in the Old Mounting Block field. His scout called point for him at 31 at George Kemp West, and birds were flying. Fire Away stood beautifully for wing and shot. In the meantime, a gallery member reported to the officials that he flushed a large covey of birds with his horse in George Kemp East as he rode toward the find. Fire Away continued showing nicely from

time to time to the front, with his scout calling point for him again at 1:55 on the hill west of the Jack Harris cabin. However, no birds were flying upon relocation, and Anderson decided to pick him up at 1:59, concluding the day's braces.

Brace No. 3—The third brace was the Championship brace and has been covered.

Brace No. 4—The afternoon brace started cloudy and 63 degrees with some wind. Game Heir, a white and orange pointer male, owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder, with Reinhart as his scout, and Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Jack, a white and orange setter male, handled by Alex Mauck, owned by Steven Croy, and scouted by Nick Thompson, comprised our afternoon brace.

Game Heir, a son of Dominator's Rebel Heir (a relative of HOF inductee Just Irresistible), started strong and had a beautiful find at 12 in the East Pasture, standing firm for wing and shot. He then went on, hunting hard and to the front, with a subsequent find at Buster Graves at 15, which he also handled well.

The beautiful Jack was away well in the first few fields. He is sired by Tekoa Mountain Patriot, and his dam goes back to Hytest Sky Hawk. Jack's handler decided to pick him up at 17.

Heir proceeded on solo and had an impressive find with many birds flying at 19 at Buster Graves Turn. His handler then called point for him at 32 at George Kemp West, but no birds were flushed; however, deer were sighted leaving the area. Dr. Corder continued on with his dog and then suffered another unproductive at 47 in the middle of the Chute. At 1:44, the weather conditions deteriorated, and it began to rain. Heir then had another nice find at the top of Cox's Ridge at 1:59. He then showed nicely to the front at 2:10, making a good cast at South Cox's Ridge. He then made a pretty swing through John Fason Bottom at 2:16. Heir showed nicely at 2:37 at Big Oak Field and finished the brace at the field trial stables.

Brace No. 5—Conditions for the morning brace were partly sunny and 62 degrees. Shadow's Lord Magic, a white and liver pointer male, handled by Luke Eisenhart and scouted by Carlton, and Lester's Shockwave, our returning champion, a white and orange pointer male, handled by Lester and scouted by Rinehart, comprised our brace. Owners Carl Bowman (Lord Magic) and the Hamiltons (Shockwave) were in the gallery.

Shockwave's impressive pedigree mirrors that of his full brother, Lester's Storm Surge.

Shadow's Lord Magic is sired by National Champion In the Shadow, but his dam side is just as interesting in that his dam, Hello Kitty, is a product of the fabled Whippoorwill Wild Agin x Sparkles. This cross has produced countless champions, including National Champion Whippoorwill Justified, Champions Skyfall, Ransom, Whippoorwill Mayhem, Whippoorwill Forever Wild, Whippoorwill



Blue Blood, and Texas Wild Agin.

Shockwave was spotted at 7 on the right at Elm Tree Back. At 15, Lester gathered up Shockwave at the Buford Ellington crossing before Shockwave continued on to make an impressive cast in the next field. Lord Magic had not returned at this point. Shockwave had a nice find at 25 at Morgan Basin, looking very classy on his game and standing well for wing and shot. Lord Magic returned to his handler at the Turner Road crossing at 29. Shockwave had another find at 38 after the Turner Basin, again looking very impressive on his game. Large coveys boiled out for both finds. He then had a find on the left at 41 going into the William White Crossing, with Lord Magic backing. Again, a large covey of birds was flushed.

Lester called point for his dog at 58 on Dunn's Property and relocated him, but no birds were produced. Shockwave made a nice cast at 1:05 before the pond. Shockwave made another impressive cast at South Turner Pines. The dog was briefly absent but returned to the front at 1:25 at the Turner National. Eisenhart asked for the tracker for Lord Magic at the Turner Road Crossing at 1:27. Shockwave made a beautiful cast in Big Oak field. At 1:47, the dog was spotted on the left at the beginning of No Man's Land. Lester called point again for Shockwave at 1:56 just north of Edward Clark Pines, but upon relocation, no birds were flying. Lester put his dog in the harness, concluding the morning brace.

Brace No. 6—Conditions for the afternoon brace were overcast and 70 degrees. Touch's Malcolm Story, a white and orange pointer male, handled by Mark McLean, owned by Alex and Brianna Rickert, and scouted by Ike Todd, and Hendrix's Touch Up, a white and orange pointer male, owned by Guy and Burke Hendrix, handled by Burke Hendrix, and scouted by Jonathan Burch, made up our next brace.

Malcolm Story is a descendant of Touch's Knight Rider. His dam, Blackhawk's Sunflower, was a sister of the great Sparkles (previously mentioned) and is a daughter of the beautiful Rock Acre Blackhawk, a great field trial dog lost too soon in a tragic kennel fire.

Touch Up bears the same illustrious pedigree as his full brother and fellow contender, Dream Chaser.

After the breakaway at 1:15, both dogs cast to the right-hand side of the East Pasture, and the scouts called point for both, resulting in a beautiful divided find at 4. Both dogs stood well for wing and shot. Upon release, both dogs continued down the same feed strip and swung in to point again at 6, resulting in another divided find on a separate covey. Both dogs again held well for the flush.

Both dogs were absent briefly but returned to their handlers at approximately 17. At the next road crossing, both handlers had their dogs. At 30, Touch Up was seen on the right making a nice cast. Touch Up was next seen in the Horseshoe field at 35 and then in the

Chute at 38. Both dogs showed well in the Agronomy Field. Touch Up was next seen at 52. Story returned at 55. Touch Up was seen making a pretty cast on the right behind Prospect Church at 1:03. At 1:16, point was called for Story on the hill over Turkey Bottom. Although Story looked beautiful on point, no birds were produced, and McLean decided to put him in the harness, concluding his brace.

Hendrix next pointed out Touch Up at 1:23 making an impressive cast at the far end of the Alfalfa Bottom. Touch Up was next seen at the top of Tyler's Test at 1:40. At 1:49, Touch Up showed nicely at the Agronomy Field. Touch Up returned to Hendrix at 2:04 before Cox's Ridge. Touch Up was sighted in the Big Oak Field at 2:45 and continued on. At 2:57, Hendrix concluded his dog's brace.

Brace No. 7—On the morning of February 16, thunderstorms in the area required us to cancel the scheduled morning breakaway. The announcement was made that the next brace of dogs would breakaway at 2 p.m. Pendency's Good Grace, a white and orange pointer female, owned and handled by Matt Pendergest and scouted by Matt's father, Jim Pendergest, and Touch's Amazing Greyce, a white and liver female running in season, handled by Keith Wright, and scouted by Jon Vanada, broke away in the East Pasture under cloudy skies at 67 degrees.

Good Grace was sired by Reloaded, himself sired by the previously referenced House's Line Up, with Reloaded's dam being Drama Queen. Good Grace's dam is Dialed In, a competitive field trial dog herself even today. Dialed In is sired by National Champion Miller's Dialing In. Dialed In's dam was Rester's Zumba Girl, sired by National Champion In the Shadow.

Amazing Greyce is sired by Touch's Grey Street. Her dam is Intentional, a sister to Good Grace.

It was exceptionally muddy and wet on the course the morning of the 16th, with a great deal of standing water. In addition, the creeks were high with areas of rushing water. Pendergest called point for Grace at 4 on the far right of the East Pasture. At the flush, approximately 15 birds boiled out of the feed strip, and Grace held firmly for wing and shot, head and tail high. We then quickly rejoined Keith Wright and the other judge at the front to find Greyce making a bold cast in the far-left field at 9. Pendergest next called point for his dog at Buster Graves's driveway at 17, with Greyce backing. Both dogs looked sensational, with Grace again holding firm on her birds. Wright then called point for Greyce at 24 at the Old Mounting Block, and she held well for the flush, with Grace backing nicely.

The handlers pointed out their dogs hunting hard and to the front at 26. Both dogs then showed nicely at the end of the Horseshoe field, making beautiful casts. Greyce was then spotted in the Chute on the right-hand side at 38; Judge Rayfield also pointed out Good Grace at the very end of the Chute at

38. Greyce suffered an unproductive at 42 at the end of the Chute. Both handlers had their dogs at the Dairy Containment Basin. At 1:07, both dogs showed at the far end of Lawrence Smith. Greyce then made a pretty cast around the far end of Marshall's Jack Harris at 1:24, with several gallery members pointing her out. Greyce was also sighted at the far end of Kerry's Seven Acres at 1:27, coming around the far end. At 1:42, Wright dropped to the right into Miller's Cove to search for his dog and called point for her. When the judges arrived, he advised that birds had already flown. He said he was going to just shoot for his dog and take her on, which he did without flushing for her.

At 1:50, after crossing the creek, both handlers placed their dogs in the harness, thus concluding the brace.

Brace No. 8—We broke away from the field trial stables at 8 a.m. with unexpected brief snow flurries, overcast skies, and a temperature of 35 degrees. Painted Owyhee Toad, a white and liver pointer male, handled by Bridget Ledington, owned by Bridget and her father, Jim Ledington, and scouted by Rinehart, was the top dog in the brace. Touch's Shadow Rider, a white and orange 3-year-old pointer male running as a rookie, handled by Mark McLean, owned by Bruce and Karen Norton and Dr. Reuben Richardson, and scouted by Ike Todd, was the bottom dog. Both left at a brisk pace from the breakaway into the Out Front field. Ledington had recently suffered a significant knee injury due to a horse kicking her at the Alabama Championship, so the judges had already approved her father, Jim, flushing for Toad or dismounting to stand by Toad if backing.

Toad is a grandson of Rivertons Funseek'n Scooter, a son of Funseeker's Rebel, making Toad yet another relative of Just Irresistible. Toad's dam is Painted Molly, who goes back to Double Shadow, Addition's Go Boy, and Honky Tonk Gigolo.

Shadow Rider is sired by the beautiful Touch's Smooth Rider, a dog campaigned by Wright to many championships who lived up to his name with the way he glided across the ground. Smooth Rider was sired by Touch's Knight Rider, who garnered his share of trophies for Wright. Shadow Rider's dam, Touch's Gold Dance, is also interesting because she was sired by Whippoorwill War Dance, a fine star to come out of Larry and Dr. Jack Huffman's kennels. War Dance was a wild running dog with a remarkable nose that this author, as a younger girl, watched run at the Alabama Open Championship and wished she could put in her horse trailer.

After a rapid breakaway, both handlers called point at 11 for their dogs on the far side of Morgan field on the left in Morgan Basin. Both dogs stood firm for their finds, wing and shot, looking impressive on point. They were about 20 feet away from each other, and coveys flew from different directions. At 26, both dogs were gathered up and crossed Turner Road. At 29, Shadow Rider made a beautiful cast around Turner Ditch Field,

running with his head high and tail snapping. He then went on to have a find at 34 at the end of Long Turner Neck. He looked beautiful on his birds, standing with his head and tail high. He traveled approximately 50 yards forward upon release and locked down again in the same feed strip at about 36. McLean dismounted and flushed for his dog again, and more birds were flying. Again, Shadow Rider stood beautifully for his bird work and the shot. The dogs then continued on with Shadow Rider garnering another beautiful find at 38 at Turner Pines. At 47, Shadow Rider was seen on the far-right side after we crossed Turner Ditch. Both dogs returned to their handlers at 57 to the front. Then, both handlers had their dogs showing nicely at Mary Scott at 59. Ledington called point at 1:06 at No Man's Land but then waved it off. Both handlers had their dogs at 1:11 as we were about to cross the next road. Shadow Rider, at 1:23, made a good cast on the left-hand side in the beautiful green field of Turner National. He then went on to show to the front at Big Oak at 1:27. At 1:30, Ledington asked for her tracker.

At 1:35, Shadow Rider took the left side of Morgan Field, and at 1:40, after we crossed National Championship, McLean paused by Kyle's Barn to give Rider a good toweling off due to the wet conditions. Shadow Rider then had an impressive find at 1:49 on the left in the feed strip at No Man's Alley, which he handled well, still looking stylish on his game. At 1:55, he scored another find at the end of No Man's Land, which he once again handled well. At Jim Braddock at 2:10, McLean pointed out Shadow Rider still hunting to the front. At 2:20, point was called again for Shadow Rider at Rube Scott Road, and once again, Shadow Rider handled his bird work well. After release, he was next sighted, making another good cast at 2:29 on the left after Edward Clark Pines.

At 2:33, Shadow Rider was still showing to the front in Edward Clark Corral. At 2:42, Ike Todd called point for Shadow Rider for his eighth and final find at Climmie Clark South. McLean flushed and asked his dog to relocate. Rider moved, locked down, and McLean asked him to relocate again. At that point, Rider moved forward to the end of the bean strip and froze again. McLean then stepped in front, flushed again, and birds flew everywhere. Again, Shadow Rider stood firm for wing and shot. At 2:50, Shadow Rider was in the Supermarket field and continued forward until the end of his three hours.

Brace No. 9—At 1:15, we broke away from the afternoon breakaway under sunny skies at 44 degrees. Our afternoon competitors were Lowrider Frank, a white and liver 10-year-old pointer male, handled by Allen Vincent, owned by Dr. Jim Mills and Steve Lightle, and scouted by Huffman, and Westfall's River Ice, an 8-year-old white and black pointer male handled by Andy Daugherty, owned by Brad Calkins, and scouted by Thompson.

Lowrider Frank is sired by Miller's Happy Jack and is out of Fairchase Jiggs, who goes

back to Sooner Bandit and Sequoyah.

River Ice is sired by Westfall's Black Ice, himself sired by the previously mentioned Rock Acre Blackhawk and an Elhew dam. On the bottom side, River Ice is out of Westfall's Quick Gold.

Both dogs were away strong from the afternoon breakaway, with Frank taking the left side of the East Pasture and River Ice sweeping the right side. Thompson called point for Ice at 7 in the far-right bean strip. As we rode toward Ice, we traveled through the pine thicket in the middle of the pasture, and a covey of quail were flushed in that area. A bird flew out from that covey and flew directly over Ice's head from behind, startling Ice and causing him to lose some of his intensity. When Daugherty reached his dog, he went ahead and flushed for Ice, causing more birds to fly out in front of him, but Daugherty placed him in the harness thereafter, concluding his brace.

Lowrider Frank, in the meantime, continued casting around the soybean field on the left side. He hunted hard and to the front consistently. Huffman rode up a covey of birds at 23. Frank garnered a find at 30 at the Old Mounting Block, looking very stylish on his game, with his tail up. He continued on until 38, after which his handler placed him in the harness, thus concluding his brace.

Brace No. 10—We broke away from the field trial stables at 8 a.m. on February 18 at a brisk 23 degrees under sunny skies. There was some ice in areas of standing water, but the ground was not entirely hard-frozen. Miss Stylin Sue, a white and liver pointer female handled by Allen Vincent, owned by Dr. Mills and Lightle, and scouted by Huffman, and Westfall's Wheels Up, a white and black pointer male handled by Daugherty, owned by Bill Westfall, and scouted by Thompson, made up our tenth brace.

Miss Stylin Sue is a direct descendant of Champion Ransom. Her dam is Coldwater Snow, sired by multi-Champion Coldwater Warrior, whose sire was the previously mentioned Champion Whippoorwill War Dance. Snow's dam, Thunder Snowy, was sired by National Champion Lester's Snowwatch.

Wheels Up is sired by Westfall's Black Ace and is out of Westfall's Quick Trick, a sister to competitor Westfall's True Grit.

Wheels Up took the left side of the Out Front field while Sue swung away to the right. Both dogs were spotted hunting to the front at 5 in the next field. Wheels Up showed up at Joe Woody at 10, but Sue was not with Vincent. Sue did not cross over into Morgan Field and had not by 16, with Vincent holding back to look for her when Thompson called point for Wheels Up. When Daugherty went to flush upon arrival at 17, many birds boiled out for the shot. All being in order, Wheels Up continued on the course. Wheels then had another pretty find at 28 at L.B. Aven House Place, and Sue returned with Vincent at approximately the same time. Marshal

Chris Weatherly reported that Vincent's horse had fallen with him, and Vincent had lost his glasses in the fall. Vincent pointed out his dog at 34 making a nice cast on the left-hand side of Long Turner Neck. Wheels Up hunted well, casting happily around Turner field at 34. At the end of Long Turner Neck, Daugherty called point on the right for Wheels Up again at 39, flushing a large covey for his dog. Both dogs then continued through Turner Pines. Sue then had a beautiful find in Turner Pines at 44 on the right, holding well for wing and shot. Scout Huffman, Vincent's longtime friend, quipped to Vincent, as they moved forward with the dog to release her after the find, that since Vincent had lost his glasses in the horse wreck, Sue would have to be his "seeing eye dog," eliciting quite a laugh from his friend and the gallery. Sue continued on with her snappy race and was then sighted to the front at 55 at the end of the Tom Hurt field. Wheels Up was also spotted on the left-hand side. However, Daugherty decided to pick up Wheels Up at 1:06 at the end of that field. By the time we reached No Man's Land and took our hard right, Sue was absent, with her scout out looking for her, but she continued to be absent. When we reached National Championship Drive at 1:27, Vincent requested Sue's tracker, thus concluding her brace, as well.

Brace No. 11—Our afternoon breakaway for our eleventh brace began at 1:15 p.m. with sunny skies and a temperature of 50 degrees. The dogs competing were Erin's Code of Honor, a white and orange pointer male, handled by Eisenhart, owned by Allen Linder, and scouted by Carlton, and Game Wardon, a white and liver pointer male, handled by Dr. Corder and scouted by Rinehart.

Erin's Code of Honor, a 3-year-old rookie, is sired by Erin's Redrum, and his dam is Erin's Miss Maggie, a granddaughter to National Champion Whippoorwill Wild Agin.

Game Wardon is a son of Caladen's Rail Hawk and a grandson of the previously mentioned Rock Acre Blackhawk. On the dam side, Wardon is out of Game Creek, a granddaughter of the great Champion Game Maker, yet another star in any dog's pedigree that this author also had the good fortune to watch compete. Bryan remarked about Game Maker that "he could find birds in the Wal-Mart parking lot."

Wardon lived up to his heritage by quickly finding birds in the first five minutes of his brace, as did Code of Honor. Both dogs were away fast from the breakaway into the sunshine, streaking down the far-right side in the bean strip, with both scouts dispatched by 3 to look for them. Point was called for both, and the dogs scored a divided find in the high part of East Pasture on the right in the bean strip at 5. Both dogs looked beautiful on their game and stood firm for wing and shot. Code of Honor swung away from the birds and the feed strip and went with his handler, but Wardon, when released, swung toward the feed strip again and encountered a separate large covey of quail approximately 50 yards



from the first covey. When he did, he failed to stop before flushing them, and Dr. Corder placed him in the harness at 7, thus concluding his brace.

Code of Honor continued on, hunting to the front and always showing nicely. At 19, Eisenhart called point for him before Buster Graves's driveway on the right in a feed strip along the edge of the field. However, even on relocation, no birds were flying, and Code of Honor suffered an unproductive. He then swept on, always hunting hard and looking enthusiastic as he ran, but he was not pleasing his handler by the time we crossed over Ames Drive. Eisenhart placed him in the harness at 30, and his brace was also concluded.

Brace No. 12—Our morning breakaway began at 7:58 a.m. with overcast skies and a temperature of 57 degrees. Dogs comprising the brace were Westfall's True Grit, a pointer male, handled by Daugherty, owned by Westfall and scouted by Vincent, and Haney's Storm Warning, a white and orange pointer male handled by Chris Cagle, owned by Chris Cagle Sr. and Chris Cagle Jr. and scouted by Chris, Jr.

True Grit is sired by Erin's Brave Heart, sired by the well-known Erin's Bad River. On the bottom side, he is out of Westfall's Irish Bell, who goes back to Caladen's Rail Hawk on her bottom side, and great grand-dam Caladen's White Powder Rail.

The fabled newcomer to the Championship, Storm Warning, having garnered so many points in his first all-age year to take the Joe Hurdle Award, is sired by HOF member Champion Valiant, himself sired by Miller's Happy Jack. Things are also interesting on the bottom side of Storm Warning's pedigree, given that his dam, Haney's North Star, has many spangles in her pedigree: she is by Pete's Greystone Joe, a son of Ransom. His dam was Lips Sealed, who was in turn sired by the great National Champion, Connor's E Z Button. On the bottom side of Haney's North Side's pedigree, she is a granddaughter of the previously mentioned Touch's Knight Rider.

Both dogs were away strong from the Out Front field and continued on to the front across National Championship Drive into Morgan field by 11, setting a swift and ambitious pace. True Grit garnered a find at 17 in Morgan Basin, looking beautiful on point and standing firm for wing and shot. When Vincent led the dog to the left after the shot and released him, the dog immediately had a stop to flush of the same covey at 18. We returned to the main gallery at 23 at L. B. Avent's House Place with both dogs present by the time we crossed Turner. When we crossed National, both dogs were sighted at 26 at the far end of Long Turner Neck making beautiful casts. At 35, Daugherty rode through a covey of birds at the end of Long Turner Neck. Daugherty did not have his dog when we came through this area. At 39, True Grit garnered a beautiful find in Turner Pines, with Storm Warning backing. At 48, True Grit was sighted at the left-hand side of Tom Hurt. Cagle gathered up Storm Warning at 52 after we had passed through

Tom Hurt at the next road crossing. At 59, Storm Warning was sighted when we crossed over to Mary Scott at National Drive. At 1:10, point was called for Storm Warning on the far left in No Man's Land. When we arrived, Cagle flushed for his dog, who stood with head and tail high, and all was in order. We continued, and at 1:30, Daugherty called point for True Grit at the site of the old Big Oak in heavy cover with Storm Warning backing. Both dogs looked very impressive on game. Daugherty flushed for his dog but moved no birds, so he relocated True Grit. On relocation, one bird was flushed while True Grit was in motion, and Daugherty placed him in the harness, thus concluding his brace.

When we crossed over National again, Storm Warning was continuing on to the front, and he garnered another find at 1:50 on the left at the beginning of No Man's Land. At 2:10, he was still hunting hard and to the front. He had a beautiful find at 2:24 at Edward Clark North. At 2:29, he garnered an impressive find at Edward Clark North, with a bird flying before Cagle got to him. Nevertheless, Storm Warning stood firm for wing and shot, head and tail high. At 2:44, he showed nicely at Climmie Clark. At 2:52, Storm Warning showed well at Morgan Field on the far left at 2:56. We crossed over Buford Ellington and continued on with Storm Warning to the front, and he finished his three hours with the field trial stables in sight, still hunting to the front.

Brace No. 13—Chinquapin Legacy, a white and black pointer male, and Woodville's Yukon Cornelius, a tri-color setter male, were up next to make their championship bid, breaking away at 1:15 p.m. Legacy was handled by Slade Sikes, owned by E.L. and John Baker, and scouted by Jamie Daniels, and Cornelius was handled by Mark McLean and scouted by Korry Rinehart. Cornelius's owner, Carl Owens of Charleston, S. C., was in the gallery to watch his dog compete.

Legacy is out of Chinquapin's Reward, and his dam is Hilltopper Solid Anne, sired by Solid Reward. Cornelius is sired by Caladen's Davinci (aka Merritt's Leo), and his dam is A Tarheel Miss Bo, a daughter of two-time National Champion Shadow Oak Bo.

Although both dogs were away strong from the breakaway in pleasant weather at 70 degrees, overcast skies, and breezy, neither dog garnered bird work on the coveys that had been somewhat faithful in the East Pasture but continued on with blistering speed. Unfortunately, Legacy was not spotted again for some time. Cornelius, in the meantime, scored a find at 22 at the Old Mounting Block, looking very handsome on his game. Legacy was absent at this time. Cornelius continued into Cedar Hill at 25. Not having encountered his dog again, Sikes requested his tracker at 41 on the west side of Buster Graves, thus concluding his brace. Marshal Weatherly reported Sikes did locate Legacy nearby on point thereafter and flushed birds for him.

McLean pointed out Cornelius at 41 at the Agronomy Unit making a solid cast. At 52, McLean called point for Cornelius again on

the left in a thicket after the demonstration farm pasture. However, even after relocation, no birds were produced. By the time we reached Sam's at 1:00, McLean had decided to place Cornelius in the harness, thus concluding his brace.

Brace No. 14—Miller's Speed Dial, a white and orange pointer male, owned by Mick Marietta and handled by Anderson, and Touch's Breakaway Fred, a white and orange rookie pointer male, handled by Mark McLean, owned by Eddie and Carole Sholar, Ted and Marsha Dennark, Bruce and Karen Norton, and Gary and Becky Futch, were our final contenders for the Championship on Tuesday morning, with conditions at 54 degrees and cloudy starting at 8 a.m. from the field trial stables. Speed Dial swept the Championship in 2020 and was a four-year return contender.

Speed Dial is a descendant of Miller's Dialing In. His dam is Old Road Lou, whose dam was Joe Shadow's Dixie, sired by the indomitable and beautiful HOF member Joe Shadow, a bird-finding machine if there ever was one.

Touch's Breakaway Fred is by Touch's Mega Mike, sired by House's Ring of Fire. His dam is Touch's American Baby, a sister to another contender, Touch's Fire Away. She is, like her brother, another descendant of House's Ring of Fire.

Both dogs left running hard from the breakaway and were through the Out Front field within two minutes. They had us sitting up in our saddles and watching for what would happen next as we moved on through the next few fields. When we reached National Championship at 10, Anderson had Speed Dial, and Speed Dial was then quickly casting to the right on Morgan field. Fred then quickly joined and took the left-hand side of Morgan field, as well. Both dogs were moving on at a rapid pace. Fred garnered a beautiful find at 15 at Morgan Basin, standing firm for wing and shot. After a brief discussion with Marshal Braddock, McLean and Carlton took him around the far corner of the stand of trees to join the gallery from the right-hand side, and we rejoined at approximately 20. The dogs reached the top of L.B. Avent House Place by 21, still traveling at a high rate of speed. At 24, both dogs were sighted on the left-hand side of Turner field. Both handlers called point on the left side of Turner, but upon arrival, handlers were warned that deer had just been seen leaving the site, so both decided to take their dogs on without flushing. Again, both dogs took opposite sides of Long Turner Neck at the same blistering pace, sweeping through the country and making exciting casts. At 28, Fred was seen on the far west corner of Long Turner Neck, making a beautiful cast, while Speed Dial was on the far west corner, also looking good. Both dogs had disappeared by the time we reached the end of the long field, but then Jamie Daniels, riding in the gallery, pointed out Fred in the far distance to McLean, advising he was across the pond dam on the other side on the left and saying that

perhaps both dogs were there.

When we arrived at 34, we found both dogs were standing in Turner Pines, with Speed Dial backing. Again, both dogs were posed with heads and tails high, looking like the champions they are, and McLean went into flush for his dog. All was in order on the point, and we continued on. Both dogs had returned to the front at 38 after the find.

At Spencer Govan Hill, McLean pointed his dog out at 42 to the front. Both dogs were again sighted at 47, traveling at a good clip on the right. At 53, just past the Dunn Property, McLean called point for his dog on the low side of the field in heavy cover on the right, with Speed Dial backing. As we approached, McLean yelled that a bird was flying, but the judges did not see it. McLean flushed for his dog but produced no birds, with Fred thus suffering an unproductive, and continued on. At 1, Speed Dial was seen making game in the far-right pasture in Mary Scott across from the first pond, and Anderson called point for him. Upon arrival, Anderson called point for his dog, who held firm for wing and shot, head and tail in the air. When we arrived in No Man's Land, McLean called point for Fred on the left at 1:05 in heavy cover in an area where we had moved birds in earlier days. However, McLean was unable to flush them on that particular day and so relocated Fred. Fred scored no birds and thus suffered an unproductive. However, once released, Fred traveled to another location in a different field approximately 50 yards away. Judge Rayfield accompanied McLean to the new site, whereupon Fred tightened up, and McLean flushed for his dog again at approximately 1:08, producing birds, and Fred again held firm for wing and shot.

At the next crossing of National Championship Drive, both handlers decided to terminate their dogs' braces at 1:14, thus concluding the running of the 124th National Championship.

**The Announcement of the Winner**

Via website announcement, Ames provided that approximately one hour after the conclusion of the final brace (this year, at approximately 10:40 a.m.), the officials of the NFTCA would gather on the front steps of Ames Manor House to announce the



Handler Jamie Daniels [Photo by Jamie Evans]

Winner of the 2023 National Championship. In keeping with tradition, all public and press members were invited to attend the announcement, take photographs, congratulate the winners, and attend the reception that followed.

It was a warm balmy day with all the great old doors of the Manor House standing open when we gathered on its green painted front steps to listen to Secretary Carlisle announce that Miller's Blindsider was our new 2023 National Champion. Nick Berrong, Blindsider's owner; Jamie Daniels, his handler, along with Daniels' wife, Allison, their two children, Rose Marie and Thomas; Daniels's parents, Neil and Penny Daniels of Cherry Lake, Fla.; Allison's dad and his wife, David and Angie Williams of Huntingdon, Tenn. (David is a long-time AFTCA Trustee and hosts many field trials, both open and amateur on his land); and Allison's mother, Gelda Dooley, also of Huntingdon, were all present for the announcement. Judd and Ivie Carlton of Cairo, Ga., were also there. Korry and Kody Rinehart (Korry's brother) also joined us; Korry, like Judd, has also scouted Blindsider to several of his previous wins and has long been a fan and supporter of this dog.

Gary Lester also joined us on the steps, having been acknowledged as a contributor to the great success of this year's trial, having generously donated 6,000 birds (approximately \$30,000 worth). Also joining us were all three of our judges, Shenker, Rayfield, and Wint, our President Bryan, along with Pat Bryan, Kay Carlisle, Libby McKnight, our long-serving Marshals

Weatherly and Braddock, Matt Backus, Joe Hughes, and many others who had worked hard to make our trial a success, as well.

As we stood in the sunshine on the old porch steps and milled around in the spring breeze, I liked to think that Hobart and Julia Ames, the original owners of Ames Plantation, would have been pleased to see all the people still gathering at their beautiful home over 100 years later to eat, drink, and celebrate the finest bird dog in the land. Although we do many things that are perhaps without much purpose, and these days spend much of our lives looking at our phones, the time we spend in the saddle riding after these gallant dogs is never wasted. Instead, with field trials, we gain lifelong membership in a unique fraternity of sportsmen and women. We bond with fine animals and people in ways that only ever improve our lives. If you have not visited a field trial or the National Championship, plan to join us next year.

**Other Activities**

***The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony***

We began our festivities for the 124th Field Trial National Championship with the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Saturday, February 11, at the Bird Dog Museum. The reception and all events occurring at the Bird Dog Museum throughout the week were provided courtesy of Nestlé Purina. The United Kennel Club (UKC), Ainley Kennels and Fabrication, Avery Sporting Dog, Garmin, and Gundog Central sponsored the reception.

We had an exceptionally large crowd at the ceremony, with at least 125 people in attendance, which was exciting after the pandemic and all the time in which we were kept separate from our friends. It was good to be back together again and see each other. Honorees included the great champion, Just Irresistible, an English pointer male, who won the Florida Open All-Age Championship and the Border International Championship, as well as runner-up in the Southeastern Quail Championship as a derby, out of a field of 82 dogs, the latter a feat having never been accomplished before. He competed in the National Championship as a stunning contender, as well. Stud was owned by the young Mary Devos and handled by Jamie

**QUAIL COUNT 2023 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Morning Course						Afternoon Course					
First Week			Second Week			First Week			Second Week		
Brace	Dog Finds	Gallery Finds	Brace	Dog Finds	Gallery Finds	Brace	Dog Finds	Gallery Finds	Brace	Dog Finds	Gallery Finds
1	5	1	11	2	1	2	1	1	12	8	1
3	6	0	13	1	—	4	4	1	14	4	—
5	4	1				6	2	0			
7	3	1				8	9	1			
9	2	2				10	4	1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>

**Total Morning Course Finds: 29**

**Total Afternoon Course Finds: 37**



Daniels. Just Irresistible is the sire of this year's champion and has had a remarkable impact on the breed. Daniels thanked the many people who made Stud's success possible, including, but not limited to, his scout, Judd Carlton.

The other canine honoree was English pointer Miller's Happy Jack, an 18-time Champion/Runner-up Champion. He, too, had a profound impact on the breed, siring such winners as Miller's Speed Dial, 2022 National Champion, Miller's Dialing In, 2015 National Champion, and was the grandsire to Dunn's Tried'n True, 2019 National Champion. He is also the sire of Lowrider Frank. He was owned by Griffin and handled most of his 40 championships and runner-up championship wins by Anderson. Griffin and Anderson spoke about the joy Jack gave them in the years he lived and how much he contributed to the sport and improving bloodlines. His long-time scout Tiffany Genre was also on hand, as well. Anderson also recognized Jamie Brightwell and Rich Robertson for their contributions as Jack's scouts.

Non-canine honorees were professional trainer Fred Rayl, who has had an illustrious long-time career as a stellar handler of several championship dogs, including famous dogs such as Heritage's Premonition, Endurance's Grand Slam, Builder's Risk, Builder's Addition, and Fiddler. Rayl has won countless championships, including the 1982 National Championship and the Purina Award with Heritage Premonition, as well as the Masters (4x), the Florida (5x), the Continental All-Age (2x) and Continental Derby (4x), the Georgia All-Age (2x) and Georgia Derby (5x), the Southeastern (2x), the Quail Invitational (4x), the Kentucky (3x), the U.S. Chicken (8x), the All-America Quail (3x), All-America Chicken, All-America Derby, The Dominion Chicken and The Saskatchewan Chicken championship, and International Pheasant championship (2x).

Everyone was excited to recognize our other honoree, the well-known and extremely talented dog man, and long-time scout for 50-plus years, David Johnson of Lake City, Fla. Johnson is the unfailingly polite gentleman on whom Robin Gates relied for many years. He scouted champions such as Shadow Oak Bo and over 130 others to championships. He is an absolute canine genius and well-regarded by all who know him.

In the German Shorthair Pointer group, we inducted Dean Crabbs and Keith and Robbi Gullede for their contributions to the sport. We also inducted Kyle's Hightailing Luke into the HOF, owned by Robert Reynolds.

In the Brittany Spaniel group, we inducted Mary Crawford into the HOF for her generous contributions to the sport.

### **Pre-Trial Reception and Drawing**

At 5 p.m. on Saturday, we gathered at the Ames Manor House for a reception to honor the 2022 National Field Trial Champion, Lester's Shockwave, a pointer male handled

by Gary Lester. Many guests attended to celebrate our champion as we traditionally gather before the drawing.

We then convened immediately thereafter at Bryan Hall to conduct our drawing for the running of the Championship. First, Secretary Carlisle, who chaired the meeting, recognized others in attendance, including his wife, Kay, his son, Ben, and his family, and his youngest son, Jordan. Dr. Carlisle indicated that he would serve as a backup judge and ride each brace in that capacity. He also noted that NFTCA President Bryan and his wife, Pat, were present and that Bryan would be assisting with the drawing. Bryan has been attending the National Championship for over 40 years. Carlisle also advised that he would be videotaping the dogs' finds due to Brad Harter's unfortunate absence due to his and his wife, Tina's, health issues this year.

Dr. Carlisle also noted that several directors were either here or would be with us later, including Dr. Corder, his wife Rita and Bryan, and his wife, Pat. He also indicated that Dr. Terry Terlep and his wife, Marilyn were on their way to join us later, as well as Bobby McAlexander, Matt Rhea and his wife, Kristen, and William Smith and his wife, Tommi. Other directors unable to attend included John Ivester and Dale Bush, the Vice President, and his wife, Cathy.

Dr. Carlisle noted that Jamie and Dee Evans would be recording the event for broadcast via Facebook Live. Carlisle recognized our front and back marshals for the event, Ryan Braddock and Chris Weatherly, respectively.

Dr. Carlisle also paused to recognize those in the field trial fraternity who had passed away in the past year, including Mr. Joe G. Walker, Collierville, Tenn., former NFTCA Director and member of the Hall of Fame; Steve Tucker, Southaven, Miss., founder of Tucker Saddlery, and first saddle sponsor of the National Championship by donating a brand new Montreal Royal Canadian Trooper's Saddle to the owner of the winner; Joe Barksdale, Kentucky, a long time fine bird dog man who also assisted Curtis Miles, former NFTCA Director, in procuring a new dually truck with a 36' trailer for the transportation of Ames horses and cattle; Ted Baker, owner of Chinquapin Farms, Lake City, Fla., who tirelessly hosted the Florida Championship on his grounds and competed in the National Championship ever year his dog qualified; Rich Robertson, Sr., father of Rich Robertson, Jr., a great dog man who competed with Rich Jr. in the 1980s; Ruth Bozeman, of Caledonia, Miss., who was the brains behind the development of the great setter Bozeann's Mosley; and Dr. Joe Maddox, of Dothan, Ala., the great canine/bird dog veterinarian we all knew and loved who was a resource to all and who judged several field trials, as well.

Dr. Carlisle then announced the winner of the Joe H. Hurdle Top Dog Award, a memorial awarded to honor Mr. Hurdle and given to the dog that acquired the most points each year to qualify for the National. The dog's owner

receives a pin handcrafted by David Kelley of Kelley Jewelers, Somerville, Tenn. The 2023 winner was Haney's Storm Warning, owned by Chris Cagle, Sr., and Chris Cagle, Jr., and handled by Chris Cagle Sr., garnering 1,725 points. Joey McAlexander and Bobby McAlexander, Jr. were on hand to present the Hurdle Award to the Cagles.

Thereafter, Dr. Carlisle announced we were going to begin our drawing, noting that two dogs were held out of the drawing with the understanding they could compete the following year: Confident Nation, a pointer male, owned by Scott Jordan and handled by Luke Eisenhart, and Rester's Cajun Spirit, pointer male, owned by Allen Linder, and handled by Judd Carlton (it is worth noting that Cajun Spirit is an extremely talented derby sired by this year's National Champion, underscoring how important bloodlines are in this sport).

Dr. Carlisle also read the rules of conduct for the running of the Championship and indicated that running would begin Monday at 8 a.m. for the morning brace and at 1:15 p.m. for the afternoon braces at the appropriate breakaway sites unless otherwise provided by the judges and officials. After we concluded our drawing, ensuring that the one pointer female in season, Touch's Amazing Greyce, was suitably placed with another female, we closed the evening meeting.

*[Dr. Carlisle also acknowledged the 2023 National Championship sponsors and supporters during the reception, included with the report at [www.americanfield.com](http://www.americanfield.com)].*

### **The Kick-Off Party**

At the Kick-Off Party Sunday evening, a silent auction was well-attended by guests, with proceeds going to fund the important work of the Bird Dog Museum. Several items were available for bidding, including jewelry, tracking and training collars, handmade baskets and pottery, rain gear, glassware, cookware, a laptop, and many other noteworthy and valuable items. Greg Blair of Purina made a speech recognizing the impressive performance of last year's National Champion, Lester's Shockwave. Handler Lester then graciously took the podium to make a few remarks about his dog and his talented performance. We then enjoyed an excellent barbeque meal catered by Gail Haynes, wife of professional handler Mark Haynes, and concluded our preliminary celebrations before the running.

**Grand Junction, Tenn., February 13**  
**Judges: Jadie Rayfield, Tom Shenker, and Dr. Stan Wint**  
**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**[Three-Hour Heats] — 28 Pointers and 2 Setters**  
BONNER'S BULLETPROOF, pointer male, by Miller's Speed Dial-Miller's Martha White. Dr. Chris Cornman, owner; Randy Anderson, handler. With  
LESTER'S STORM SURGE, pointer male, by Ransom-Beane's Line Dancer. Tommy & Bonnie Hamilton, owners; Gary Lester, handler.  
DREAM CHASER, pointer male, by Pleasant Run Bob-House's Wild Bess Again. Brad Calkins owner; Andy Daugherty, handler. With  
TOUCH'S FIRE AWAY, pointer male, by House's Ring of Fire-Touch's Maswood Anne. Greg & Carmen Adams, owner; Randy Anderson, handler.

QUICKMARKSMAN'S DAN, pointer male, by Quickmarksman's Tony-Witt's Snow Angel. Larry Earls & Sam Starnes, owner; Mike Hester, handler. With

MILLER'S BLINDSIDER.

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

MAUCK'S WYEST OWYHEE JACK, setter male, by Tekoia Mountain Patriot-San Jac's Gypsy. Steve Croy, owner; Alex Mauck, handler.

SHADOW'S LORD MAGIC, pointer male, by In the Shadow-Hello Kitty. Carl Bowman, owner; Luke Eishenart, handler. With

LESTER'S SHOCKWAVE, pointer male, by Ransom-Beane's Line Dancer. Tommy & Bonnie Hamilton, owner; Gary Lester, handler.

TOUCH'S MALCOLM STORY, pointer male, by Touch's Knight Rider-Blackhawk's Sunflower. Alex Rickert, owner; Mark McLean, handler. With

HENDRIX'S TOUCH UP, pointer male, by Pleasant Run Bob-House's Wild Bess Again. Guy & Burke Hendrix, owners; Burke Hendrix, handler.

PENDY'S GOOD GRACE, pointer female, by Reloaded-Dialed In. Matt Pendergest, owner and handler. With

TOUCH'S AMAZING GREYCE, pointer female, by Touch's Grey Street-Intentional. Austin Turley, owner; Keith Wright, handler.

PAINTED OWYHEE TOAD, pointer male, by Painted Nickel Mac-Painted Molly. Bridget & Jim Ledington, owners; Bridge Ledington, handler. With

TOUCH'S SHADOW RIDER, pointer male, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Touch's Gold Dance. Bruce & Karen Norton & Dr. Reuben Richardson, owners; Mark McLean, handler.

LOWRIDER FRANK, pointer male, by Miller's Happy Jack-Fairchase Jiggs. Dr. James Mills & Steve Lightle, owners; Allen Vincent, handler. With

WESTFALL'S RIVER ICE, pointer male, by Westfall's Black Ice-Westfall's Quick Gold. Brad Calkins, owner; Andy Daugherty, handler.

MISS STYLIN SUE, pointer female, by Ransom-Coldwater Snow. Dr. Jim Mills & Steve Lightle, owners; Allen Vincent, handler. With

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

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

GAME WARDON, pointer male, by Caladen's Rail Hawk-Game Creek. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

WESTFALL'S TRUE GRIT, pointer male, by Erin's Brave Heart-Westfall's Irish Bell. Ryan Westfall, owner; Andy Daugherty, handler. With

HANEY'S STORM WARNING, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, Sr. & Chris Cagle, Jr., owners; Chris Cagle, Sr., handler.

CHINQUAPIN LEGACY, pointer male, by Chinquapin Reward-Hilltopper Solid Anne. John & E. L. Baker, owners; Slade Sikes, handler. With

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

MILLER'S SPEED DIAL, pointer male, by Miller's Dialing In-old Road Lou. Mick Marietta, owner; Randy Anderson, handler. With

TOUCH'S BREAKAWAY FRED, pointer male, by Touch's Mega Mike-Touch's American Baby. Bruce & Karen Norton & Gary & Becky Futch, owners; Mark McLean, handler.

Winner—Miller's Blindsider, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Nick Berrong, owner; Jamie Daniels, handler.

## GALLERY COUNT 2023 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Date	Morning Riders	Afternoon Riders
2/13	54	85
2/14	44	37
2/15	42	80
2/16	—	36
2/17	61	65
2/18	54	94
2/20	54	82
2/21	47	—

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## VENANGO GROUSE TRIAL CLUB

### Dun Rovens Midnite Ike Wins Rich Tuttle Grouse Dog Classic

By Joe Cammis | Marienville, Pennsylvania | November 11, 2022

The Venango Grouse Trial Club held its fall 2022 renewal on November 11-13 in The Allegheny National Forest near Marienville, Pa. Bettina's Restaurant in Marienville was host to the trial and supplied lunches and dinner throughout. David Powell wrangled horses with Nittany Trail Rides of State College, Pa.

The Venango club would like to thank Andy Bogar, Dave Kays, Dave Duell, Nick Lasica, and Brian Ralph for their attention to detail and fine judgment skills.

Fifty-two dogs were drawn for the weekend that capped off the fall for the Mid-Atlantic group. Andy and Bob sat in judgment over the all-age group of shooting dogs in the Rich Tuttle Grouse Dog Classic and had an easy time naming Dun Rovens Midnite Ike, a pointer male owned by Dr. Peter Millett and handled by Robert Ecker, the winner. Ike had a beautiful grouse find and, with all in order, ran an excellent all-age race to top off his hour. The runner-up was Bud of Piney Woods, who also showed savvy while hitting all his objectives while applying himself to the course. Bud is owned by Rich Warters and was handled by Robert Ecker. Midnight Kennels swept the All-Age and had a pretty good weekend.

Nick and Dave looked over a large field of

derbies, 18. The Derby ran on the Lamonville Derby course, and once underway, the judges never looked back. Taking the blue, Leslie's Elli Mae, a fancy and nice moving setter female owned and handled by Les Bressler, set the pace and could not be toppled. Second was Parkway, a fast-paced pointer male owned and handled by Mark Hughes. The third-place winner was Ash Creek Tug, a good-looking and well-put-together setter male owned by Gerrard Burke and handled by Robert Ecker.

The Puppy stake rounded out the weekend with Brian Ralph and Nick Lasica sitting in the judicial saddle and overseeing a good group of youngsters. Blue Ribbon River stuck to her name and came in first. She is a fancy and front-running pointer female owned by Marty Festa and handled by Robert Ecker. Grouse Hill Mac, a fancy and front-running pointer, gave first-place River a run for the money with a closely contested second place. Third place, Grouse Hill Princess, a very animated and fun-to-watch female pointer, struck her mark by taking home the yellow. Christy Helmes handled the second and third-place winners for John Capocci

The Venango club would like to thank all who gave their time to help make the Venango fall trial the success that it was. Most importantly, we would like to thank Greg Blair of Nestlé Purina for all of the

support he brings. I will say again that Purina is a lifeblood for field trialing in "The Pennsylvania Grouse Woods."

#### Marienville, Pa., November 11

#### Judges: Andy Bogar and Bob Kays RICH TUTTLE OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 14 Pointers, 12 Setters and 2 Irish Setters

1st—DUN ROVENS MIDNITE IKE, 1685001, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Moonshine Cherry. Dr. Peter Millett, owner; R. J. Ecker, handler.

2d—BO OF PINEY WOODS, 1661644, pointer male, by Bud of Piney Woods-Medlin's Dancin Abigail. Richard Warters, owner and handler.

#### Judges: Dave Duell and Nick Lasica

#### OPEN DERBY – 12 Pointers, 5 Setters and 1 Brittany

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

2d—PARKWAY, 1701708, pointer male, by Grouse Trails-Tuscarora-Halestorm. Mark Hughes, owner and handler.

3d—ASH CREEKTUG, 1700419, setter male, by Ash Creek Domino-Ash Creek Cloe. Gerard Burke, owner; R. J. Ecker, handler.

#### Judges: Nick Lasica and Brian Ralph

#### OPEN PUPPY – 2 Pointers, 3 Setters and 1 Irish Setter

1st—BLUE RIBBON RIVER, 1701966, pointer female, by Double Deuce Zeke-Huckleberry's Lucky Penny. Martin Festa, owner; R. J. Ecker, handler.

2d—GROUSE HILL MAC, 1702136, setter male, by Grouse Hill Bullet Proof-Spata Setters Sally. Giovanni Capocci, owner; Christy Helms, handler.

3d—GROUSE HILL PRINCESS, 1702135, setter female, by Grouse Hill Bullet Proof-Spata Setters Sally. Giovanni Capocci, owner; Christy Helms, handler.

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## BAMA QUAIL CLASSIC

### Phillips Wind Line Wins Pat LaBree Memorial Open Shooting Dog

By William Goodwin | Tuskegee, Alabama | December 1, 2022

For 23 years, we have conducted this trial on grounds owned by Mr. Gary Fuller. His contribution to our club and the field trial sport is greatly appreciated. Nestlé Purina has been a sponsor of this trial since the beginning. Purina's involvement and the support from their representative, Mr. Greg Blair, are appreciated.

Bucky and Meredith Street and Tommy and Connie Hicks provided lunches during the amateur stakes; Winnie Martino prepared lunches for the open stakes. Mark Hinote and Lyle Pittman provided gumbo and fried grouper on Friday and Saturday nights. As always, the food was excellent and appreciated by all attending.

Club members groomed the grounds, judged, planted birds, and performed the numerous other tasks that go with hosting a field trial. Thank you to our members for making the trial a success.

Judges for the Amateur Derby were Darron Hendley and Bucky Street. First place, with a strong forward race, was awarded to Erin's Mason Man, handled by Roger Key. Second place was Erin's Johnny Be Good, handled by Alan Atkins, and third place went to Quail Roost Rewind, handled by Dr. Susan Wells. Thank you to the judges, as they had quality performances to separate.

The Amateur Shooting Dog had 20 entries for judges John Neely and Bill Clem to evaluate. First place was awarded to Twin Willow Passion, handled by Addison McDuffie. This was a popular decision as Addison is one of our youth handlers. She confidently handled her dog and showed the judges a smooth, forward race with quality bird work. Second place went to Pineywood's Legacy, handled by Darron Hendley. Legacy

was strong in his application and had two good finds. Third place was Heard Hill's Jaybird, handled by Lynn Heard. Jaybird is a consistent winner for Lynn and Buck and was smooth in application with two finds. Our judges were consistent and attentive to each participant. BAMA Quail members are very appreciative of their efforts.

Judges for the Open Derby were Will Dunn and Bill Goodwin. First place went to Erin's Johnny Be Good, handled by Alan Atkins and owned by Alan Atkins, Roger Key, and Phil Tomlinson. Johnny Be Good ran a consistent forward race with a good find at time. Second place was Check It Out, handled by Michael Martino and owned by Jeff Gilbertson. Third place was awarded to Light It Up, handled by Michael Martino and owned by Brent Cox.

Judges for the Open Shooting Dog were Will Dunn and Roger Key. First place was awarded to Phillips Wind Line, handled by Anthony Martino and owned by Katie Belle Varner. Wind Line ran a classy, forward race with two finds, of which one was a limb find. Second place was Hillhavyn's Good Time Rail, handled by Michael Martino and owned by Brad and Collins Brown. Rail was solid in ground application and bird work. Third place was Reynolds Party Starter, owned and handled by Brian Sanderson. Party Starter ran an excellent forward race with two finds.

Our judges set a consistent pace, watched each brace closely, and their decisions were well received. BAMA Quail Club thanks you for judging our trial.

A special thank you to Bill Clem, who loaned us an ATV, judged, scouted, and performed other tasks that make a field trial operate. Thank you to our participants for supporting BAMA Quail Club again; we will

see you next year.

Tuskegee, Ala., December 1

Judges: Darron Hendley and Bucky Street  
AMATEUR DERBY – 7 Pointers and 1 Setter

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

3d—QUAIL ROOST REWIND, 1698634, pointer male, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Quail Roost Too. Dr. Susan Wells, owner and handler.

Judges: Bill Clem and John Neely

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

[One-Hour Heats] – 19 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—TWIN WILLOW PASSION, 1675712, pointer female, by Lester's Prime Poison Lane-Sedgefields Silvertone. Addison McDuffie, owner and handler.

2d—PINEYWOOD'S LEGACY, 1689944, pointer male, by Panther Creek Merlin-Pineywood's Belle Aire. Darron C. Hendley, owner and handler.

3d—HEARD HILL'S JAYBIRD, 1664195, pointer male, by Game Strut-Heard Hill's Queen Mary. Buck & Lynn Heard, owners; Lynn Heard, handler.

Judges: Will Dunn and Bill Goodwin

OPEN DERBY – 8 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—ERIN'S JOHNNY BE GOOD, 1701056, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Rebel Maiden. Alan Atkins, Roger Key & Phil Tomlinson, owners; Alan Atkins, handler.

2d—CHECK IT OUT, 1697082, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Justice Served. Jeff Gilbertson, owner; Michael Martino, handler.

3d—LIGHT IT UP, 1702277, pointer male, by Miller's Unbridled Forever-All On. Brent Cox, owner; Michael Martino, handler.

Judges: Will Dunn and Roger Key

PAT LEBREE MEMORIAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG

[One-Hour Heats] – 17 Pointers

1st—PHILLIPS WIND LINE, 1656001, male, by Phillips Warning Line-Phillips Wind Dancer. Tony & Becky Gibson, owners; Anthony Martino, handler.

2d—HILLHAVYN'S GOOD TIME RAIL, 1670917, female, by Good Time Ty-Hillhavyn's Runaway Lucy. Brad & Collins Brown, owners; Michael Martino, handler.

3d—REYNOLDS PARTY STARTER, 1695316, male, by L V's Western Express-L V's Silver Lining. Brian Sanderson, owner and handler.

## PENINSULA BIRD HUNTERS CLUB

### Chippokes Gypsy Girl Wins Amateur Shooting Dog and Sonny Mason Rotating Trophy

By Dennis Kivikko | Ahoskie, North Carolina | December 3, 2022

The Peninsula Bird Hunters Club trial broke away at 7:30 a.m., December 3, 2022, under dreary conditions, a mostly misty day with periods of moderate rainfall. The on-and-off rain came in brace No. 4 of the shooting dog; No. 5 got a respite. The heaviest rain, fortunately, came during the lunch break and on and off during the first couple of braces after lunch.

The trial was held at Dr. Morgan's Cutawhiskie Farm. The late Dr. Aubrey Morgan's passion for bird dogs, along with

Barbel Fetkoter have selflessly perpetuated these beautiful grounds to the sport of field trialing. Barbel Fetkoter oversees the Cutawhiskie grounds and maintains a healthy population of pre-released birds. All appreciate her hard work and hospitality.

Thanks to Purina for supplying valuable coupons to all the winners.

Trial Chairman Lee Flanders, with the help of Ashby Morgan, put on an outstanding trial that ran smoothly as they had a veteran cast supporting them. They worked like a

well-oiled machine. Butch Heywood and Arnold Ripley handled the bird planting. Two dog wagons were utilized to keep things moving; Gary Winall and Ellen Clements in one, and Gene Hogge and Barbell Fetkoter in the other. A big thanks to this hardworking group!

The overnight campers and lunch crowd enjoyed a seafood buffet, with fish and oysters topping the menu. David Laurier and Jim Jones tended the grill and fryer masterfully. A better job could not have been done.



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (standing, from left): David Laurier, Jim Jones, Ashby Morgan, Barbel Fetkoter, and Judges Hoss Earley, David Huffine, and Gary Winall. (Front, from left): Lee Flanders with Chippokes Gypsy Girl, Jimmy Crandall with Sorrows of Satan, and Dennis Kivikko with Warrior's Mean Louie.

Compliments to the chefs! Steve Graham also brought a pan full of his wife Karen's famous baked beans. They were much appreciated.

### The Running

The puppies broke away under the veteran eyes of Gary Winall and Ellen Clements. Their joint statement was what an exciting group of puppies they had the pleasure of judging.

Verlene Stephenson handled her female pointer, "Bebe," to third place. Bebe patterned the edges nicely and looked amazing with her beautiful gate and movement. "Johnny," handled by Ashby Morgan, was second. Ashby's setter male pup broke away hard to the front and handled well at a distance. This super classy setter handled well through the piney woods and coursed the field edges showing great potential. David Huffine's Sweet Grass Scout stood out for a first-place finish. Scout broke away strong and hustled every step of the way. This classy setter male carried himself well at extreme puppy range and always showed to the front. His hustle never waned through to a strong finish.

Hoss Earley and David Huffine toughed the conditions for the Derby and Shooting Dogs. Appreciation to them, and Gary and Ellen, for their time in the saddle. All judgments were well received.

The Derby class was topped by Warren Parrott's pointer female, Hirollins Cover Girl. She showed good style on her game, scoring two nice finds, a stop to flush, and a back. Her nice running style and strong forward race garnered attention, and a strong finish sealed the deal for this outstanding pointer prospect. Verlene Stephenson piloted her pointer male, "Ace," to second place. Ace had one find, looking good on his game. He kept a good flowing and forward ground game. Ace was followed by Steve Graham's "Suzie," who had two finds and a back. Suzie handled kindly with a beautiful, snappy movement always forward.

It was a strong field of shooting dogs vying for the Sonny Mason rotating trophy. The late Sonny Mason was a stalwart founder of the Peninsula Bird Hunters Club. Gary Winall described him as a true gentleman, always carrying himself with a smile. Sonny was a

fierce competitor keeping a winning string of dogs, and was a mentor to many. It is an honor to have your name and your dog's name inscribed on his trophy.

The Sonny Mason Trophy went to "Gypsy" (Lee Flanders). Gypsy ran a strong, consistent race, finding four quail, two in out-of-the-way places. This pointer female showed great style on game and in movement. She had one backing opportunity and showed good style on that as well. Jimmy Crandall's pointer female, "Mavis," was second with two nice finds, a nice race capped by a strong finish. Dennis Kivikko's pointer male, "Louie," claimed the third spot. He had two nice limb finds handled with excellent style. He had a nice forward race.

Ahoskie, N. C., December 3

Judges: Ellen Clements and Gary Winall  
OPEN PUPPY – 2 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—SWEET GRASS SCOUT, 1700663, setter male, by Shag Time Bobo-Black Cloud's Angel. David Huffine, owner and handler.

2d—PINEKONE JOHNNY DRAMA, 1702376, setter male, by Erin's Big Casino-Mohawk Mill Charmer. Ashby Morgan, owner and handler.

Judges: David Huffine and Hoss Earley  
OPEN DERBY – 3 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—HIROLLINS COVER GIRL, 1696674, pointer female, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Hirollins Fantasy Girl. Warren Parrott, owner and handler.

2d—CAROLINA'S WINNING ACE, 1696147, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Steel Valley Wardance. Verlene Stephenson, owner and handler.

3d—BACK CREEK SUZIE, 1696529, setter female, by Maximum Resistance-Deciding Point. Steve Graham, owner and handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

– 14 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st—CHIPPOKES GYPSY GIRL, 1693073, pointer female, by Broken Halo-Brier Creek Daisy. Lee Flanders, owner and handler.

2d—SORROWS OF SATAN, 1681535, pointer female, by Mohawk Mill Pirate-Mohawk Mill Honey. James Crandall, owner and handler.

3d—WARRIOR'S MEAN LOUIE, 1691549, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Pirate's Mean Louise. Dennis Kivikko, owner and handler.

## REGION 13 AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

*Wildland Warrior Named Champion; Cal Peak Hundredth Meridian, Runner-Up*

By Mark Beniak | Ionia, Michigan | December 3, 2022

The Highland Field Trial Club hosted the Region 13 Amateur Walking Championship at the famed Ionia Field Trial Grounds in Ionia, Mich., Saturday, December 3. This was the first Region 13 Amateur Walking Championship to be run in the United States; the trial was previously hosted in Canada at the Hullett Field Trial Grounds.

Members Ronald Sposita, Mark Beniak, Thomas Vanecek, Robert Wheelock, and David Fletcher contributed to the trial in many ways, from planting birds, driving the tractor, and marshaling. Ron Sposita prepared a fine lunch. Also, a big thank you goes to the dedicated work of Jimmy Cipponeri for marshaling, mentoring, and guidance.



Region 13 Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Krysta Munden, Eric Munden with Wildland Warrior, Judge David Heavlin, Sarah Deline Gomes with Cal Peak Hundredth Meridian, Ronald Sposita, Jimmy Cipponeri, and Judge Rich Hollister.



Thank you to Purina for the support and dog food, and also to David Fletcher for ribbon service and delivery; the young sage still has it going!

The Amateur Championship was a continuous one-hour course loop showcasing the Ionia grounds. The Championship was supported with a dog wagon, pulled by the Ionia field trial grounds tractor; this helped the trial with efficiency, keeping upcoming dog braces in the wagon as needed for the continuous course. The weather for the single-day event was blustery cold weather which was in the 20s with very windy

conditions. The grounds were muddy from the previous week's snow. Walking and pulling the dog wagon by the tractor was challenging.

Two veterans of both walking and horseback stakes, Rich Hollister of Roscommon, Mich., and David Heavlin of Grayling, Mich. We were grateful for their acceptance and attention to every brace, with the weather that was dealt.

The Championship had 14 dogs, nine pointers and five setters. The winning dog, Wildland Warrior ("Lola"), had seven straight-up finds and was always to the front, which was a joy to watch. The handling

stood out to the judges, who commented, "they worked as a team, both Lola and Eric." The runner-up winner, Cal Peak Hundredth Meridian ("Rye"), had nine finds and was beautiful on point.

**Ionia, Mich., December 3**  
**Judges: Dave Heavlin and Rich Hollister**  
**REGION 13 AMATEUR WALKING**  
**SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**[One-Hour Heats] – 9 Pointers and 5 Setters**  
*Winner—WILDLAND WARRIOR, 1676947, pointer female, by Erin's War Creek-Suemac's Coventry. Eric Munden, owner and handler.*  
*Runner-Up—CAL PEAK HUNDREDTH MERIDIAN, 1671286, pointer male, by Cover Charge Search Engine-Sandland Dolly P. Sarah D. Gomes, owner and handler.*

## BAMA QUAIL YOUTH TRIAL

*Youth Handler Claire Street Wins 2022 Running*

**By Maria Bassham and Darron Hendley | Tuskegee, Alabama | December 4, 2022**

Alabama started hosting youth field trials regularly 39 years ago. It all started with a small field trial in Fitzpatrick, Ala., with just four or five kids under 17. Alabama now has seven annual youth field trials. Last year's Shenandoah Classic had 26 dogs entered! Twenty years ago, Alabama placed a revolving trophy for the annual Alabama Youth Handler of the Year competition. In 2009, the Hartley Carter Foundation was founded to provide a \$1,000 post-high school educational scholarship to each subsequent youth handler of the year. It has paid out \$5,000 in scholarships so far. Just a few years ago, a revolving trophy for the Runner-up Youth Handler of the Year was placed in competition. Last year a \$500 Hartley Carter Foundation Annual Scholarship was instituted for the Runner-up Handler of the Year.

A Junior Division for handlers 12 and under has been started. Each youth trial will name a top dog in the Junior Division. The top Junior Division handler will be recognized and awarded for their success at the annual summer meeting.

Alabama has taken the lead in promoting youth field trials in America. Field trial clubs around this great country have taken note of its success in building the sport. If there is any doubt that it is making a difference, Michael Martino, a former Alabama youth handler, won the 2022 National Open Shooting Dog Championship. If a runner-up had been named, it would most likely have been Bo Brewer, another Alabama youth handler. Believe it or not, three current youth handlers competed and scouted for each other in the 2022 National Amateur Free-For-All Championship! Previous youth handlers routinely judge and report major adult stakes. The results of Alabama's efforts are undeniable.

Congratulations to all the kids who participated in the Bama Quail Youth field trial on Sunday, December 4, in Tuskegee,



**Bama Quail Youth Trial Winners (front row): Claire Street, Katie Belle Varner, and Hayes Green. (Standing): Bucky Street, Judges Bo Brewer and Anna Grace Thompkins, Shirley Varner, Joe Varner, Mindy McDuffie, and Justin Green.**

Ala. This was the 20th consecutive youth trial on these grounds beating out the Fitzpatrick Field Trial Club that ran for 19 years. We had a great turnout of support for the kids and the sport they love so much!

Thanks to the judges, Bo Brewer and Anna Grace Tomkins, both former Alabama youth handlers from Union Springs, Ala., for their time in the saddle! Also to Robert Tompkins for driving the dog wagon; Morgan Brewer and Molly Darnell for the delicious pizza they served for lunch; and a great big thank you to Chris and Cindy Sellers for paying the entry fees for all the young participants. Winners' plaques and prizes were graciously donated by Buck and Lynn Heard, Darron Hendley, and the Alabama Youth Field Trial Association.

Thank you to all the friends and parents of these kids that love and encourage them to keep this sport alive. There's nothing like watching the excitement of a young handler bounce back to his horse with a smile the size of Texas after his dog held steady to wing and shot.

First place was awarded to "Cole", handled by Claire Street. Claire's younger sister, Shelby, recently won the Tommy Traylor Memorial Youth Trial at Conecuh

Station. These two young ladies are on a roll! Second place went to "Sam", expertly handled by Katie Belle Varner. Katie Belle's grandparents, Joe and Shirley Varner, were on hand to enjoy her big day. "Jack" earned third place with Hayes Green at the whistle. Hayes has come on strong this year under the tutelage of his father, Justin, and his grandfather, Mike Green. Hayes also handled the top dog in the Junior Division for handlers 12 and under.

### The Running

The first brace of the morning was Addison McDuffie and Lulu, paired with Reese Green and Little Ann. Lulu ran a big race in her 20 minutes on the ground. Little Ann had one find with birds up.

Brace No. 2—Hayes Green and Bo with Shelby Street and Jenny. Bo had a back and a divided find. Jenny had a divided find and a second find with birds after relocation.

Brace No. 3—Katie Bell Varner with Sassy and Claire Street with Cole. Sassy had two backs. Cole had two good finds with birds up on both finds. He ran a big, clean race and handled well.

Brace No. 4—South Georgia native Daley Dalton and Sally ran with Claire Street and

Lucky. Sally could not be located at pickup time. Lucky showed well with a good find on a large covey.

Brace No. 5—Kira Jenkins, from Thomasville, Ga., and Jag were braced with Reese Green and Josie. Jag ran a bit too big, and the tracker was requested. Josie completed his brace and handled well for Reese.

Brace No. 6—Katie Bell Varner with Sam and Hayes Green with Jack. Sam had two nice finds on good-sized coveys and ran a nice race. Sam was very responsive and handled well. Jack had three exciting finds with birds up and also honored Sam with a back.

Brace No. 7—Shelby Street with Belle and Addison McDuffie with Dot. Belle recently won the Tommy Traylor Memorial but got out

of pocket on this day and was gone too long. Dot ran a big race to finish the day for these talented youth.

Anyone interested in participating in or promoting youth field trials may contact Darron Hendley, points secretary for the Alabama Youth Field Trial Association, at (334) 300-5836.

## HOFFMAN AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUB

*Mohawk Mill Warrior Wins Amateur Shooting Dog; Miller's Grey Street, Amateur Derby*

By Derek Bonner | Hoffman, North Carolina | December 9, 2022

The Hoffman Amateur trial was held December 9-11, 2022, on the beautiful grounds at Hoffman, N. C. This renewal began with 12 derby entries and 26 all-age entries. Derek Bonner and Kris Clayton of Mooresboro, N. C., judged the Derby stake. Coming out on top of this nice group was Miller's Grey Street, a pointer male handled by owner Dennis Snyder. Second place was I Dream of Jeannie, a setter female owned and handled by Kyle Whitfield. Sweet Grass Skipper, a setter male owned and handled by David Huffine, rounded out the placements.

The judicial responsibilities for the All-Age were handed over to Larry Cox of Randleman, N. C., and Zach Bradshaw of Claremont, N. C. Both judges rode attentive to each entry, and their decisions were well received. Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior, a pointer male, came out on top of this good field for owner/handler Gary Winall. Second place was Dry Creek Ares, a pointer male owned and handled by Jeff Smith. Woodville's Saddle Tramp, a setter male with owner/handler Carl Owens, took third.

Many thanks go to our judges and all of our participants. Randy and Marcia Bradshaw did an outstanding job of heading up things at the clubhouse and always providing good food

to enjoy. Gary Winall and Ellen Clements provided an outstanding supper on Saturday night in honor of last year's winner, Mohawk Mill Gangster. We appreciate their efforts.

We thank Purina and Greg Blair for supporting this trial and our sport.

Hoffman, N. C., December 9

Judges: Derek Bonner and Kris Clayton

AMATEUR DERBY – 10 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—MILLER'S GREY STREET, 1697743, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Hirollins Fancy Lady. Dan Terrell, owner; Dennis Snyder, handler.

2d—I DREAM OF JEANNIE, 1699099, setter female, by Hot Blooded-Shamrock's Miss Grace. Kyle Whitfield, owner and handler.

3d—SWEET GRASS SKIPPER, 1698209, setter male, by Sweet Grass Slim-Tower Hill Zoey Zee. David Huffine, owner and handler.

Judges: Zac Bradshaw and Larry Cox

AMATEUR ALL-AGE

[One-Hour Heats] – 22 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st—MOHAWK MILL TRAIL WARRIOR, 1676193, pointer male, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Hirollins Fancy Lady. Gary Winall, owner and handler.

2d—DRY CREEK ARES, 1696250, pointer male, by Bad News Bob-Dry Creek Ginger Snap. Jeffrey Smith, owner and handler.

3d—WOODVILLE'S SADDLE TRAMP, 1681364, setter male, by Caladen's Davinci-Shamrock Rising Star. Carl Owens, owner and handler.



Amateur All-Age Winners (from left): Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior with Ellen Clements, Dry Creek Ares with Jeff Smith, and Woodville's Saddle Tramp with Carl Owens. (Middle row, from left): Gary Winall, John Stolgitis, Judge Larry Cox, and Whitley Stephenson. (Top row, from left): Johnny Atkinson, Greg Robinson, Judge Zach Bradshaw, and Cain Bradshaw.



Amateur Derby Winners (from left): Miller's Grey Street with Rodney Poston, I Dream of Jeannie with Kyle Whitfield, and Sweet Grass Skipper with David Huffine. (Middle row): Gray Watson, Dennis Snyder, Judge Kris Clayton, Whitley Stephenson, and Judge Derek Bonner. (Top row): Greg Robinson and John Adsit.

## LEE COUNTY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

*Touch's Shadow Rider Wins Open All-Age*

By Maria Bassham | Bronwood, Georgia | December 9, 2022

The Lee County Field Trial Club held its annual trial on the beautiful grounds of Showtime Plantation in Bronwood, Ga., starting December 9, 2022.

Riding in the judicial saddles for this qualifying trial were Jeff Gibbons of Deatsville, Ala., and Bill Mason of Moundville, Ala. Larron Copeland of Bronwood, Ga., stepped in for Bill for the Open Derby stakes. For the Amateur stakes, Jamie Daniels of Dawson, Ga., and Keith Bollendorf of Guntersville, Ala., shared their time and expertise in placing the amateur

winners.

A delicious, homecooked meal was provided daily for lunch and sponsored by several local businesses. Warm Hardee's biscuits were served each morning thanks to Trial Marshal Steve "Kudzu" Wiley and his wife, Marilyn. They were much appreciated and enjoyed daily at the 9 a.m. brace change.

A huge thank you goes out to Larron and Laura Copeland for being gracious hosts and holding this trial on their gorgeous plantation. Thank you to Greg Blair and Purina for

providing the winners with bags of Purina Pro Plan dog food and for their continued support of this trial.

### Open All-Age

The Open All-Age stake started December 12 on a foggy, misty Monday morning. Three setters and 26 pointers were entered to run in this qualifying trial.

Brace No. 1 was Erin's Perfect Storm (PM/Luke Eisenhart) and Touch's Malcolm Story (PM/Mark McLean). Storm, a handsome male



pointer, started strong with a find and flight of birds at 2; Malcolm Story honored that find. Both dogs raced across the field and made a big cast along the outside edge. They both continued running at the edge of the pines, but both handlers picked up before time was called.

Brace No. 2 was Hirollins Macho Man (PM/Luke Eisenhart) and Miller's Blindsider (PM/Jamie Daniels). Macho Man had the first find of the brace at 15 and held steady to wing and shot. Blindsider stopped for a point at 21. Jamie asked him to relocate, and birds were seen. Macho Man continued to run his race with a point at 31. He tapped him to relocate, but the pointer ran on. Blindsider pointed at 42 with an unproductive. His handler had seen a hawk fly overhead. Blindsider ran off before pick-up and did not return. Macho Man was seen at the end of the brace.

Brace No. 3 was Lester's Storm Surge (PM/Gary Lester) and Confident Nation (PM/Luke Eisenhart). Storm had a find at 12, and a large covey was up. Nation had an unproductive at 21. Both dogs ran a big race across the field at 28. Nation had his second unproductive at 36 and was picked up. Storm stopped for a point at 46 with relocation but moved on. He returned to his handler when time was called.

Brace No. 4 was Dominator's Rebel Queen (PF/Jamie Daniels) and Miller's King Poast (PM/Gary Lester). Queen, the first of the three female pointers entered to run, started the brace with a large covey up at 3. Both dogs cast out front at the top of the field at the edge of the towering pines. King stopped for a point with relocation but moved on at 30; the handler picked up at 49. Queen was running the edge of the tree line. She ended the brace strong and was with her handler when pick-up was called.

Brace No. 5 was Woodville's Yukon Cornelius (ESM/Mark McLean) and Notorious Dominator's Heir (PM/John Mathys). At 6, the handsome male setter, Rudy, pointed with relocation but moved on, and the handler picked up at 21. Dominator was missing for quite some time, so the handler opted for his tracker.

Brace No. 6 was Erin's Three Leaf Shamrock (ESM/Luke Eisenhart) and Showtime Game Changer (PM/Larron Copeland). The second male setter to run, Shamrock, had point called twice at 3 but was waved off. One more point was immediately called, and a flight of birds was seen. He had another find at 10 with a nice covey up. At 19, he pointed and was relocated but moved on. Game Changer had an unproductive at 25 and was picked up. Shamrock had a productive find at 31 with a flight of birds. He continued his solo race running big across the field with 15 minutes left of the brace. He had one last find at 55 with birds seen and was picked up at 57.

Brace No. 7 began Tuesday Morning, December 13, with Erin's Grey Justice (PM/Luke Eisenhart) and Touch's Midnight Rider (PM/Mark McLean). Justice started the

brace with a large covey up at 2. He held steady to wing and shot. Both dogs raced out front along the edge of the tree line. At 41, both dogs stopped to point with Midnight Rider honoring Justice, a sizeable covey was flushed, and shot was fired. Midnight Rider was picked up before time was called. Justice returned with his handler within the allotted time.

Brace No. 8 was Erin's Ty Breaker (PM/Luke Eisenhart) and Dominator's Mae Belle (PF/Jamie Daniels). Ty had a nice, classy find with a relocation at 8 and a large covey flushed. Both dogs ran big at the edge of the field along the tree line and continued their race with their handlers through the cotton field cutaway. Maybelle, the second female pointer of the stake, stopped for a find at 58 with a flight of birds. Both dogs handled well and ended the brace strong returning with their handlers at pick-up. This placed Erin's Ty Breaker in third place.

Brace No. 9 was Erin's Wild Atlantic Way (ESM/Luke Eisenhart) and Touch's Gallatin Fire (PM/Mark McLean). The third and final setter to run, Atlantic Way, had the first find of the brace at 12. Birds were up and shot fired. Gallatin Fire stopped for a point at 15, was relocated, and moved on. A single bird was briefly seen as horses were cantering across the field to catch up to the gallery. Atlantic Way had another find at 35 with a flight of birds. At 37, he pointed a rabbit but moved on. He had one last successful find at 45, and shot was fired. Mark requested a tracker for Gallatin Fire at 56. Atlantic Way did not return to the handler after the end of the brace.

Brace No. 10 was Miller's Unbridled (PM/Luke Eisenhart) and Dominator's Wild Bill (PM/Jamie Daniels). Both dogs made a big cast at the top of the field along the tree line. Unbridled had a sizeable find at 32. Wild Bill continued his race with a nice, classy find at 40. Big covey took flight. Both dogs were out front with their handlers when time was called.

Brace No. 11 was Lester's Shockwave (PM/Gary Lester) and Supreme Confidence (PM/Luke Eisenhart). Shockwave started strong with a find at 5 and a flight of birds. Confidence pointed a large covey at 9 but was picked up at 38. Shockwave was found on point at the far bottom of the field and was relocated several times with an unproductive and was picked up at 45.

Brace No. 12 was Dominator's Queen Bee (PF/Jamie Daniels) and Rentz's Hijacked (PM/Luke Eisenhart). Hijacked had a find at 4 with birds seen. Meanwhile, Queen, the final female pointer of the open stake, was also pointing a find and had a flight of birds. Queen had a second find at 31 with shot fired. She was picked up at 33. Luke requested a tracker at 37 after the dog had not been seen for some time.

Brace No. 13 was Touch's Shadow Rider (PM/Mark McLean) and Erin's Code of Honor (PM/Luke Eisenhart). Shadow Rider started strong in this winning brace. He had

a nice, classy find at 5 with a sizeable flight of birds. Code of Honor had a find at 10 and held steady to wing and shot despite some birds flushing in his direction. Both dogs handled exceptionally well in their forward race, running with their handlers. They both continued on the edge of the trees at the top of the field after simultaneously redirecting. Both contenders ran a clean race and were with their handlers when time was called for this exciting brace, placing them first and second in this Open All-Age stake.

Brace No. 14 was Navajo Nation (PM/Luke Eisenhart) and Touch's Breakaway Fred (PM/Mark McLean). Navajo Nation had the first find at 3, and birds were seen. His second point was at 8 with relocation and was then picked up by the handler. Fred had a point with relocation at 14 and was also picked up.

Brace No. 15 was bye-dog Dunn's Sneak'n In (PM/Luke Eisenhart). He ran his solo brace for 20 minutes and was picked up.

**Bronwood, Ga., December 9**  
**Judges: Jeff Gibbons and Bill Mason**  
**OPEN ALL-AGE**

**[One-Hour Heats] – 26 Pointers and 3 Setters**

*1st—TOUCH'S SHADOW RIDER, 1697543, pointer male, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Touch's Gold Dance. Bruce & Karen Norton & Dr: Reuben Richardson, owners; Mark McLean, handler.*

*2d—ERIN'S CODE OF HONOR, 1696057, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Miss Maggie. Sean Derrig, owner and handler.*

*3d—ERIN'S TY BREAKER, 1678678, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-My Minnie. Theodore R. Roach, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.*

**Open Derby**

Rester's Johnny Ringo (PM/Luke Eisenhart) was the first-place winner. Johnny ran in the third brace of the derby contenders against Gary Lester and Miller's King Poast. The two dogs raced to the top of the field and cast big along the distant tree line. Johnny had a find at 11 and held steady to wing and shot. A nice-sized covey took flight. Luke returned with Johnny when time was called to end the brace.

Second place was awarded to Five60 Breakout (PM/Judd Carlton). This dog ran in the fifth brace of the derbies against Luke Eisenhart and Nighthawk's Rebel. Both dogs raced big across the field towards the pivots at the tree line. Breakout had a nice find at 18 after relocation, and birds took flight. Judd was at the top of the hill with his white and orange pointer at pickup.

Third place went to Dominator's Big Mike (PM/Jamie Daniels). Mike ran in the eighth brace with his bracemate, Chip, and Luke Eisenhart. Mike stopped for a point at 2 with a relocation only to move on. Both dogs continued to race big across the field towards the far row of pines. Mike had a find at 14 with a large covey up. At 20, both dogs pointed with Mike out front and Chip honoring the find. Mike held steady to wing and shot, and birds took flight. Jamie had Mike at the end of the brace when time was called. He ran a very nice race and was well-liked by the judges.

**Judges: Larron Copeland and Jeff Gibbons**  
**OPEN DERBY – 21 Pointers**

1st—*RESTER'S JOHNNY RINGO*, 1695797, male, by Miller's Blindsider-Rester's Amazing Grace. Cecil Rester, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

2d—*FIVE60 BREAKOUT*, 1701713, male, by Pleasant Run Bob-Hendrix's Hunger Strike. Guy & Burke Hendrix, owners; Judd Carlton, handler.

3d—*DOMINATOR'S BIG MIKE*, 1702018, male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Gal Gadot. Joe Hughes, owner; Jamie Daniels, handler.

### Amateur All-Age

The first-place winner was Touch's Dancing Nancies (PF/Kent Cantrell). This liver and white female pointer had four finds and ran a smooth race. She made all the right moves in her time on the ground.

Second place was awarded to Erin's Southern Comfort (PM/Sean Derrig). This pointer male had four finds in his forward race, and a perfect limb find.

Third place went to Rester's Johnny Ringo (PM/Cecil Rester). He ran a wild, lateral race and had three nice finds. He had good birdwork with a limb find. Plenty of birds were seen, and the judges' decision was well received.

**Judges: Keith Bollendorf and Jamie Daniels**  
**AMATEUR ALL-AGE**

**[One-Hour Heats] – 15 Pointers and 3 Setters**

1st—*TOUCH'S DANCING NANCIES*, 1680402, pointer female, by Touch's Big Whiskey-Blackhawk's Sunflower. Kent Cantrell, owner and handler.

2d—*ERIN'S SOUTHERN COMFORT*, 1693833, pointer male, by Erin's Lone Star Law-Erin's Irresistible Jane. Sean Derrig, owner and handler.

3d—*RESTER'S JOHNNY RINGO*, 1695797, pointer male, by Miller's Blindsider-Rester's Amazing Grace. Cecil Rester, owner; Luke Eisenhart, handler.

### Amateur Derby

The first place was Showtime Samcro (PM/Larron Copeland). This male pointer ran a

very reaching race.

Second place was awarded to Showtime Houston Solution (PM/Larron Copeland). This littermate to Samcro had nice bird contact and has a very promising future.

The third place was Showtime Doc Holiday (PM/Larron Copeland). Another littermate ran just a little shorter than his brothers. The judges' decisions were well-received for all the derby placements.

**AMATEUR DERBY – 7 Pointers**

1st—*SHOWTIME SAMCRO*, 1700152, male, by Showtime Sam Houston-Chelsea's Mae West. Larron & Laura Copeland, owners; Larron Copeland, handler.

2d—*SHOWTIME HOUSTON SOLUTION*, 1700153, male, by Showtime Sam Houston-Chelsea's Mae West. Larron & Laura Copeland, owners; Larron Copeland, handler.

3d—*SHOWTIME DOC HOLIDAY*, 1700154, male, by Showtime Sam Houston-Chelsea's Mae West. Larron & Laura Copeland, owners; Larron Copeland, handler.

## REGION 6 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

### *Pendy's Good Grace Named Champion; Rebel Dreams, Runner-Up*

By Kent Walker and Lisa Little | Huntingdon, Tennessee | December 9, 2022

Thirty dogs were drawn for the renewal of the Region 6 Amateur All-Age Championship, hosted December 9-11, 2022, by the Carroll County Field Trial Club on their grounds in Huntingdon, Tenn. Many entries were already champions. Rarely do you get so many outstanding performances that, on any given day, many could win most trials in the country. Bird finding was at a premium with 46 coveys pointed during the two-and-a-half-days of running. Sixteen coveys were pointed on day one, 18 on day two, and 12 more on the final half day.

The grounds in Huntingdon have been manicured to perfection thanks to David Williams' hard work and diligence. All courses are laid out so that an all-age dog can be shown well. Covey locations were distributed evenly on all three courses.

Judging this year's championship were veteran field trialers Mike Lemons of Conway, Ark., and Kent Walker of Collierville, Tenn. Both have raised, trained, and competed with their dogs for many years. These gentlemen had their work cut out at this trial with many commendable performances. Each brace was discussed, start to finish, with little separation between the winners and a handful of others. We are incredibly grateful for Mike and Kent's willingness to sit in the judicial saddle, the hardest job to have during a trial.

From the early weather forecast, the running of the trial seemed suspect, but as luck would have it, the rain was averted, and only a slight delay occurred due to fog on one of the three mornings. As a result, the skies stayed overcast with temperatures near 50 degrees each brace, making bird-finding conditions excellent, and the dogs didn't disappoint.

Emerging as champion was Pendy's



Region 6 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship Winners (from left): Jim Pendergest with Pendy's Good Grace and Gary McKibben with Rebel Dreams. (Back row): Megan Henry, Matt Pendergest, Judges Mike Lemons and Kent Walker, David and Angie Williams, and Michelle Clark.

Good Grace, handled by her owner Matt Pendergest. Grace was credited with a far-reaching ground race and four well-spaced finds with one divided find. The 8-year-old orange and white female pointer's sire is Reloaded, and dam is Dialed In. Matt and his father continue to find success with their line of pointers.

Claiming runner-up laurels was Rebel Dreams for owner/handler David Williams. Dreams had four extended finds with perfect manners on game. Her race was smooth, forward, and consistent throughout the hour. The 4-year-old liver and white female sire is Dominator's Rebel Heir, and dam is Rebel Maiden. David and Angie Williams and their professional handler son-in-law, Jamie Daniels, have had great success with the Rebel lineage.

As always, the support group in Huntingdon is first class. The daily meals prepared by Michelle Clark and Angie Williams were top-notch. The dog wagon team of drivers

was always on time and ready to roll. Thanks to Lebob Stanfill, Dan Warrick, and Phillip Barnett. We would also like to thank our sponsor, Sportsman's Pride. Their sponsorship included assistance with the cost of advertising and gift cards for the winners. The champion received \$600 in gift cards and a field trial bridle and rein set from Winner's Circle. The runner-up received \$300 in gift cards and a field trial breast collar from Winner's Circle.

This was a quality trial with terrific grounds, ideal weather, outstanding competitors, and great hospitality, a combination hard to beat!

**Huntingdon, Tenn., December 9**

**Judges: Mike Lemons and Kent Walker**  
**REGION 6 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**[One-Hour Heats] – 28 Pointers, 1 Setter**  
**and 1 Irish Setter**

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

Runner-Up—*REBEL DREAMS*, 1687736, pointer female, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Rebel Maiden. David E. Williams, owner and handler.



# NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

*Miller's Upgraded Version Named Champion; Rentz's Hijacked, Runner-Up*

By Cayla Key | Leslie, Georgia | December 9, 2022

The Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America held its 41st running of the National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Championship December 10-12 at the beautiful Round Pond and Pretty Pond Plantation in Leslie, Ga. The top 12 dogs with the most invitational points earned were competing. Miller's Upgraded Version, owned and handled by Jack and Fran Miller, was declared the true champion. Rentz's Hijacked, owned and handled by Joe and Trish Rentz, claimed the runner-up title. A crowd gathered Thursday evening for dinner hosted by last year's winner, Ross Leonard; a special thank you to him. We would also like to thank Sandy, Pam, and Neil Walker for allowing the AFTCA to run this prestigious event on their plantation. Introductions, acknowledgments, thanks to hosts and sponsors, and rules of the championship were conducted.

The judicial saddles were ridden by two well-known, very successful dog trainers, John Mathys and Scott Jordan. This incredible duo judiciously watched all the contenders during the two-and-one-half days of competition. Their time and effort were appreciated. It was an honor to have such accomplished and knowledgeable bird dog men for judges. Also, we would like to thank Cayla Key for riding and reporting this trial.

Round Pond and Pretty Pond Plantation was in mint condition, with plenty of Bobwhite quail throughout the plantation. Tracy Swearingen does a great job managing and tending to all aspects of the plantation along with his sweet wife, Christy. The AFTCA is fortunate to have Purina and Garmin as their sponsors, along with Bruce Fox plaques. Their support and all they do for the AFTCA are appreciated. Dog food was awarded to the winners. Bruce Fox plaques were presented to the eventual winners. Heartfelt gratitude to Greg Blair and the Purina team for all they do for this sport we love. Tracy Swearingen and Neil Walker did an excellent job preparing the grounds for this trial. Thanks to Tracy Swearingen for marshaling every brace and Al Swearingen for driving the bird buggy. Christy Swearingen and Debbie Hofer helped prepare lunch and dinner daily. We would also like to thank the Walkers for allowing us to keep this

incredible trial on their beautiful grounds. If it weren't for them, we would not be able to put on this fantastic trial.

## The Champion and Runner-up

Miller's Upgraded Version, owned and handled by Jack and Fran Miller, topped the field finishing the last day of the callbacks in dramatic fashion earning the championship title. His performance kept you high in the saddle as he impressed with each step displaying strength, high style, and lots of class. His performance was solid, with plenty of reach as he hunted diligently and pointed birds with handsome style and perfect manners on each find. The final day separated himself as the deserving champion from the two-and-one-half days of the competition. On day one, he pointed at 16, 42, and 51. He scored a divided find at 26 with his bracemate, Nickajack Pathfinder, owned by Ross Leonard. On day two, he pointed at 5 and 18. During the callback, he chalked up finds at 8, 15, 20, and 42. He also backed his bracemate, Rentz's Hijacked, owned by Joe Rentz, at 2. He displayed a strong race, consistent and solid all three days. Every find on all three performances displayed high style and impeccable manners. The bar had been set at the end of his last performance, and a true Invitational champion was on top.

Rentz's Hijacked, owned and handled by Joe Rentz, was all heart throughout the competition, with a solid drive hunting with each step. He was all class with excellent overall performance throughout his three-day bid. On his birdwork, all three days of competition, he stood beautifully with impeccable manners. On day one, he ran a beautiful race with no birdwork. On day two, he chalked up finds at 4 and 26. Each step he took displayed high class. During the callback, he scored at 2, 14, 19, and 26. He backed his bracemate, Miller's Upgraded Version, at 8. He impressed with a forward race claiming the Invitational runner-up title. His performance was consistent on all three days.

Day one was a beautiful sunny day with humid temperatures. Lone Tree Splish Splash (Owen) stepped out quickly, seen at her first find at 6. She also backed her bracemate,

Miller's Packing Heat, Miller, at 2 and 25. Miller's Packing Heat (Miller) was solid in her hour bid, scoring on 2, 25, 45, and 55. She had bird hunting on her mind.

Seekin A Thrill (Leonard), impressed with a reaching front ground race complimented with finds at 23 and 37. He displayed high class and perfect manners.

One Day Lucky Strike (Hodges) was classy and quick on his feet, showing an excellent hour bid. He chalked up a find at 44.

Lester's Top Recruit (Servais) displayed perfect manners and style.

Calico's Guns N Roses (Smith) put down a strong ground race with bird work at 4 and 14. She had a beautiful high style and a solid forward race throughout the hour.

J Maple Jester (Hughes) was strong and quick with finds at 6, 14, 50, and 54. She suffered an unproductive at 43.

Southern Shadows T Rex (Servais) was fast on the go, scoring at 23 and 26. He put down a strong ground and impressed with strong class and manner.

Warioto's Crazy Daisy (Little) put down an excellent, classy performance with four beautiful finds at 4, 11, 39, and 56. Throughout his hour, he put on a solid forward race impressing the judges.

Nickajack Pathfinder (Leonard) ran a good race throughout the hour with handsome style, scoring at first with a divided find with his bracemate, Miller's Upgraded Version (Miller).

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported this trial and to all the handlers and scouts who participated. We couldn't do this without you all.

Leslie, Ga., December 9

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

Winner—MILLER'S UPGRADED VERSION, 1674987, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Fran & Jack Miller, owners; Fran Miller, handler.  
Runner-Up—RENTZ'S HIJACKED, 1696866, pointer male, by Redland's Jacked Up-F F Bit O'Honey. Joe & Tricia Rentz, owners; Joe Rentz, handler.

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## HIDDEN VALLEY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

### Tug O'War Wins Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic

By Rita Ornsby | Conway, Arkansas | December 10, 2022



Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (front row): Shawn Kinkelaar with Tug O'War, Virgil Moore with Silver W Carson, and Brian Gingrich with Erin's Thunder Backus. (Back row): Ronnie Miller, Harold Woodward, Judge Rita Ornsby, and Judge Ryan Eichelberger.

The Razorback Open Shooting Dog Classic, scheduled to start December 10, 2022, at Camp Robinson, Conway, Ark., was delayed a day due to heavy rain and thunderstorms. It remained cool and cloudy, with an occasional mist throughout the trial.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to Purina and Greg Blair for the continuation of their sponsorship. We couldn't do it without them. We also appreciate SportDOG and Jim Morehouse for training collars and their continued support.

Top-notch chef Johnny Ornsby prepared lunches and evening meals. As always, the food was delicious.

Judges Harold Woodward, Vilonia, Ark., and Ryan Eichelberger, Chelsea, Okla., officiated this year's running. They rode at a steady pace and were very attentive throughout the running.

Things could not run smoothly without a good dog wagon driver. Roger Martin, retired area manager over Camp Robinson, drove and knows these grounds forward and backward. He is always willing to help in any way he can; he is much appreciated.

### The Open Shooting Dog Winners

First-place Tug O'War, a pointer male owned by Bjorn Peterson and handled by Shawn Kinkelaar, ran in brace No. 4. Tug had an outstanding ground race throughout his hour and was found standing on point at 50, birds right where he indicated they were. Handler flushed a large covey of birds as Tug stood with impeccable manners. He finished his hour eating up the country.

Second place Silver W Carson, a pointer female owned by Roydon Tilly and handled by Virgil Moore, ran in brace No. 10. Silver had a quick find at 5. Handler flushed a covey as she stood staunch. Taken on, she continued making impressive casts and was awarded another find at 49. She stood with style while handler put a bevy to flight. Silver finished the hour taking in the country.

Third place Erin's Thunder Backus, a pointer male owned by Dr. Tom Jackson and Jerry Moisson and handled by Shawn Kinkelaar, ran in brace No. 2. Point was called at 51 just after crossing the mountain. Backus was standing staunch as the handler approached and flushed birds. Sent on, he finished the hour with plenty of go left in him.

### The Open Derby Winners

First place went to Hunt's Full Moon Rising ("Stud"), owned by Justin D. Hunt and handled by Shawn Kinkelaar, which ran in brace No. 4. Stud covered the ground with purpose and was rewarded with finds at 20 and 27. His manners were perfect as the handler put birds to flight. He finished the brace strong.

Second place Ramblin Rivers Unplugged ("Layla"), owned by Bill Stapleton and Mike Northwood and handled by Brian Gingrich,



Open Derby Winners (front row): Shawn Kinkelaar with Hunt's Full Moon Rising, Brian Gingrich with Ramblin Rivers, and Virgil Moore with Backus White Privilege. (Back row): Ronnie Miller, Harold Woodward, Judge Rita Ornsby, and Ryan Eichelberger.

ran in brace No. 2. Layla had two covey contacts and ran a nice derby race.

Third place was Backus White Privilege ("Sam"), owned by Dr. Tom Jackson and Jerry Moisson and handled by Shawn Kinkelaar. Sam ran a nice derby race which garnered him a placement.

Conway, Ark., December 10

Judges: Ryan Eichelberger and Harold Woodward

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

[One-Hour Heats] – 26 Entries

1st—TUG O'WAR, 1668963, pointer male, by Sugarknoll War Paint-Nehawka Amazon Sue. Bjorn Peterson, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

2d—SILVER W CARSON, 1689169, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Double Wild. Roydon Tilly, owner; Virgil Moore, handler.

3d—ERIN'S THUNDER BACKUS, 1692320, pointer male, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Erin's Bet On Me. Dr. Tom Jackson & Jerry Moisson, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—HUNT'S FULL MOON RISING, 1701415, pointer male, by Touch's Mega Mike-Gone With The Wind. Justin D. Hunt, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

2d—RAMBLIN RIVERS UNPLUGGED, 1698585, pointer female, by Miller's Blindsider-Wells Southern Charm. Bill Stapleton & Mike Northwood, owners; Brian Gingrich, handler.

3d—BACKUS WHITE PRIVILEGE, 1698181, pointer male, by Touch's Malcolm Story-Silver W Joe Z. Dr. Tom Jackson & Jerry Moisson, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

## NBHA NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

### Chippewa's Dog of War Named Champion; Tenacee Shelby, Runner-Up

By Gerald Addison | Berea, Kentucky | December 11, 2022

The NBHA National Amateur Championship, hosted by the Bluegrass Walking Shooting Dog Club, was run at the Miller-Welch Central Kentucky Wildlife Management Area December 9-10. While the weather on both days started rather difficult, with dense fog requiring a delay on Friday and Saturday, the trial could be completed by day's end on Saturday.

Judges Matt Hadley and Sam Ridings presided over a field of 19 very talented bird dogs that traveled from as far away as New

York and Florida. The field consisted of 11 setters, six pointers, one red setter, and one Brittany. Plenty of birds were on the course, and all braces of dogs had bird contacts.

### The Running

After a delayed start because of fog, the trial got underway with cloudy, wet conditions and a light breeze, which made for excellent scenting conditions for the dogs. Champion Chippewa's Dog of War, owned and handled by Geoff Johnson, ran in the third brace of

the day, and the nice-looking male pointer appeared determined to set the bar as high as possible, and set it high he did. Only six minutes into his run, he was found high and tight. At the flush and shot, the dog remained steady as a rock. He repeated this at 18 and once again at 41 and finished his hour ranging wide and fancy while still staying to the front and handling well for Geoff. This turned out to be the race that was not to be beaten, although many tried and came close.

Runner-up Tenacee Shelby, a pointer male



owned and handled by Greg Isenberg, came from the sixth brace, the first brace to run on Saturday morning. With scenting conditions almost identical to the day before, it would be an even test for all contestants. Once again, we faced a two-hour fog delay, but this didn't dampen the spirits of this big running pointer. He broke away and at 10 was found standing, and a single quail was flushed and shot fired with perfect manners. This scenario was repeated at 25 and 32, and he never failed to deliver with perfect manners, making the judges' decisions all the more difficult. In the end, he was awarded the well-deserved runner-up ribbon.

The Derby field consisted of six young bird dogs made up of four pointers and two setters. The running took place immediately after the conclusion of the Shooting Dog stakes and finished just ahead of darkness, with all braces having bird contacts. Judges for the Derby were Jonathan Dunn and Gerry Addison.

Ultimately, first place was awarded to Vitali's Grouseringer Rush, owned and handled by Gary Vitali. Rush had a nice find that required an extended flushing attempt by Gary, who finally could locate the quail buried under leaves. This young dog showed great restraint holding during this flushing attempt.



Amateur Derby Winners (from left): Gary Vitali with Vitali's Grouseringer Rush, Judges Gerry Addison and Jonathan Dunn, and Travis Patterson with Sonic Boom Vom Huber Haus.



NBHA National Amateur Championship Winners (from left): Judge Sam Ridings, Greg Isenberg with Tenacee Shelby, Geoff Johnson with Chippewa's Dog of War, Judge Matt Hadley, Don Heisner, and Craig Hiatt.

While not running as far ranging as some other dogs, he hit the objectives, stayed to the front, and handled well for Mr. Vitali.

Second place was awarded to "Boomer," a pointer male owned and handled by Travis Patterson. Boomer had his first find at 12 and was found with beautiful style and kept his composure while a quail ran on the ground in front of him and after the shot. This seemed to put the dog into another gear, and he took a trip, being gone from judgment for nine minutes. When he was found, he was to the front and had slowed down, making him much easier to handle. He ended his half hour with another find but could not keep his cool this time and ended flushing the bird. All in all, these derbies show great potential.

We want to thank the state of Kentucky for allowing us to utilize these very nice trial grounds; judges Matt Hadley, Sam Ridings, and Jonathan Dunn for their hard work; Mike

Fox for running the trial; and Bob Kester for planting birds. And a huge thank you to all that participated.

**Berea, Ky., December 11**

**Judges: Matt Hadley and Sam Ridings**

**NBHA NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**[One-Hour Heats] – 19 Entries**

*Winner—CHIPPEWA'S DOG OF WAR, 1691401, pointer male, by Miller's Speed Dial-Bonner's Snow Angel. Geoff Johnson, owner and handler.*

*Runner-Up—TENACEE SHELBY, 1683044, by Elhew Moneymaker-Cantor's Coco. Greg Isenberg, owner and handler.*

**Judges: Jonathan Dunn and Gerry Addison**

**NBHA AMATEUR DERBY – 4 Pointers and 2 Setters**

*1st—VITALI'S GROUSERINGER RUSH, 1695612, setter male, by Woodville's Yukon Cornelius-Outcast Stardust. Gary Vitali, owner and handler.*

*2d—SONIC BOOM VOM HUBER HAUS, 1701297, pointer male, by Mac Rhoads-Lacee Jane Elhew Blackhawk. Aaron Travis Patterson, Jr., owner and handler.*

## NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

*Misty Morn Masked Man Named Champion; Dialed In, Runner-Up*

**By Jim Atchison | Grand Junction, Tennessee | December 12, 2022**

The AFTCA sponsored the 42nd National Amateur All-Age Invitational Championship on the six National Championship courses of Ames Plantation from December 12-14. The Championship was initially scheduled a week earlier but was delayed because of the weather forecast, and the rescheduled week proved to be satisfactory, with no rain the first two days and rain that caused only about an hour and a half delay on the morning of the callbacks, thus enabling the Championship to be still concluded by noon on Wednesday.

The Championship was won by Misty Morn Masked Man ("Tonto"), owned and handled by Joey McAlexander from Holly Springs, Miss. Tonto is a 7-year-old pointer male. The runner-up was Dialed In ("Claire"), a 9-year-old pointer female owned and handled

by Jim Pendergest from Lexington, Ky.

Tom Shenker of Hurtsboro, Ala., and Kirk Law of Dawson, Ga., judged the Championship. The pair are longtime friends, successful field trialers, and respected judges. Both have had years of experience managing plantations and providing hospitality on large properties where quail hunting has been a primary focus. The services of the congenial pair were greatly appreciated, and their placements were unquestioned.

Purina and Garmin were, again, the much-appreciated corporate sponsors of the Championship. Purina provided caps for the dog owners, bags of dog food for the champion and runner-up, and sponsored the dinner on Monday night. Garmin gave tracking systems to both winners, and the support of the sponsors was acknowledged

as AFTCA Secretary Piper Huffman voiced appreciation to each.

Appreciation was also spoken for the continuing generous hospitality of the Trustees of Ames Plantation, represented on-site by the Center Director, Dr. Rick Carlisle, and the newly appointed Assistant Center Director, Matt Backus. Also, Ryan Braddock and Chris Weatherly, long-serving managers on the Plantation, worked continuously throughout the Championship and served as marshals of every brace.

Ken Blackman operated the dog wagon. Blackman, Aubrey Green, and Piper Huffman were at every road crossing, providing safety and hospitality at the end of each brace. Sausage and biscuits were available for everyone at the end of the first brace each morning.

The bird situation at Ames was outstanding. Close to 50 coveys were moved during the contest, and numerous others were ridden up by scouts, judges, and the gallery. Not only was the covey count high, but the number of birds in each covey was large, and the birds flew powerfully. Birds were located on every course; only one dog had no birds during her two-hour effort, and some dogs were on birds six to eight times. The efforts of those caring for the birds on Ames were very apparent and much appreciated.

After delaying the Championship for a week because of the weather forecast for the previous week, the weather for two days of the three was very nice. Monday and Tuesday were cloudy, with comfortable temperatures for all involved. Hard rain with lightning came on Wednesday morning. Still, computer technology enabled weather monitoring, and the callbacks started about an hour and a half late and were finished during sprinkles and periodic light rain.

Tonya Brotherton welcomed everyone to the National Bird Dog Museum on Monday night, where Gail Haynes catered the awards dinner sponsored by Purina. Dr. Carlisle welcomed everyone to the Ames Manor on Tuesday night. Charlie Frank Bryan poured refreshments in the Gun Room before everyone enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres served in Mrs. Ames' dining room. While there, the callbacks for Wednesday were announced.

### **The Champion and Runner-up**

Misty Morn Masked Man, under the whistle of Joey McAlexander, won the Championship with his powerful performance during three hours of running, coupled with his manners and style as he stood pointed seven times on birds during the contest. Additionally, he had no unproductives, as did none of the four dogs called back on the third morning. He ran first in the fifth brace on Monday. He was gone in the first hour for a while but was back to find birds at 31 and to have a second huge covey at 51. Competing in the first brace on Tuesday morning, he had birds five times. Those finds were at 8 before crossing Buford Ellington Road, at 15 on the south end of the Morgan field, at 36 with a divided find in the Turner Pines, at 47 near the Harris #2 Cemetery, and 55 near National Championship Drive. Then, called back as the top dog in the first brace, Tonto produced an excellent effort for the entire hour but found no birds. He finished the callback hour well to the front on the Mary Scott Loop. Tonto certainly pleased his owner and impressed all who enjoyed his three hours of performance.

Dialed In, owned and handled by Jim Pendergest, earned the title of runner-up with three hours of the most consistent performance of the Championship. Her efforts produced birds twice, at 14 and 48, during the third brace on Monday, four times during the last brace on Tuesday afternoon as she stood stylishly at 9, 20, 27, and 53, and twice more with finds at 23 and 58 as she ran as the bottom dog in the second hour of the



National Amateur All-Age Invitational Winners (front, from left): Jonathan Burch with Misty Morn Masked Man and Matt Pendergest with Dialed In. (Back, from left to right): Piper Huffman, Dr. Rick Carlisle, Joey McAlexander, Elise McAlexander, Judge Tom Shenker, Charlie Frank Bryan, Pat Bryan, Judge Kirk Law, Chris Weatherly, Megan Henry, Jim Pendergest, and Ryan Braddock.

Wednesday callback. She was strong, stylish, and beautiful as she pleased the judges, her owner and scout, and those who watched her on each of the three days of the contest.

### **Also Called Back**

Touch's Blue Knight ("Pete"), owned by Woody Watson, produced outstanding performances during the first two days and was one of the top two dogs called back as the bottom dog in the first callback brace. Pete had birds five times in the last brace on Monday afternoon. The first of those finds was at 30 seconds, followed by others at 3, 29, 34, and 58. On Tuesday morning, he found birds again, once at 25, in the third brace. His number of finds, strength, and style easily made him a top contender at the end of two days. Unfortunately, Pete lost style points during the callback when he stood at 30 and birds were flushed from a messy uprooted tree situation. He flagged as he stood initially and again in each of a couple of other stands on relocation, thus forfeiting his chances of placement in the championship.

Hendrix's Touch Up ("Hank") was the top dog in the second brace of those invited to return for a callback during the third hour of performance. Hank, co-owned by Guy and Burke Hendrix and handled by Burke, returned to this Championship as the reigning champion, having earned the title during this prestigious contest's 2020 and 2021 renewals. Hank found birds in the first brace on Monday morning at 17, 48, and 58. He had birds again, at 20, in the fifth brace on the second day. He was strong, fast, and extremely stylish during those first days of the competition. During the callback on the third morning, he had an unproductive stand at 6 and finished the hour with less speed and strength than he had demonstrated on the first two days.

### **The Other Eight Competitors**

#### ***In the order of running on the first day***

K H Game Train, owned and handled by Scott Griffin, had five finds and three backs during the Championship. On the first morning, he ran a strong and forward race as he backed his bracemate at 17 and 46 before making a nice independent find at 58. On Tuesday afternoon, he backed his bracemate at

16 and then located birds at 18, 21, 26, and 39. Game Train's excellent showing in Tennessee surely pleased his personable North Carolina owner.

Southern Shadows T Rex, owned and handled by Ric Peterson, produced birds three times accompanied by two backs during his Monday and Tuesday appearances. On the first morning, in the second brace, he found no birds independently and was gone for about 14 minutes during the first half of the hour. On Tuesday, he had birds at 16 in the fourth brace before crossing Ames, then backed at 36 and had birds again for Peterson at 39 and 44.

Rebel Survivor, owned and handled by David Williams, had birds once, at 7, during his second brace bid on Monday morning. On Tuesday afternoon, in the sixth brace, he stood at 30 seconds in an effort that involved numerous relocations for five minutes and proved unproductive. He then had birds nicely at 15 and stood again at 20, where both dogs had finds while standing no more than 50 yards apart. Afterward, Williams shot again at 27 and finally again as Rebel Survivor had an additional find at 59.

Lawless Speck went next for his Illinois handler, Jim Lawless, who, together with his wife, Kay Morrison, is actively involved in many field trials in western Illinois, specifically on the Pyramid State Park grounds. Speck was gone a good bit during his first day, third brace effort. On the second afternoon, he had birds at 8 and then again in an excellent divided find where he and his bracemate stood close to the location of the former dairy unit, once operated on Ames Plantation.

Small's White Charger ran well for his owner/handler Mike Small but found no birds Monday afternoon. On Tuesday morning, he stood once, at 36 in the Turner Pines, sharing a nice divided find with his bracemate before continuing birdless for the remainder of the hour.

Handled by Gary McKibben, Coldwater Paradise had birds four times, accompanied by one back and one unproductive, during the two hours of hunting. Coldwater Paradise had birds at 16 and 25 in the fourth brace on Monday afternoon. Birds were moved again



at 47 but flew before the judge could get to the site. On Tuesday morning, in the second brace, she had some delay before crossing Turner Road the first time but was back at 17 and backed her bracemate at 19. She had no birds in an unproductive stand at 30 and then scored an additional find at 47 when McKibben flushed a huge covey.

Pendy's Good Grace made a good effort for her owner, Matt Pendergest, during both the fifth brace on Monday and the third brace on Tuesday. Unfortunately, she produced no birds during either effort. Yet, Pendergest surely enjoyed his time at Ames, accompanied by Megan Henry, and scouted for his dad, Jim Pendergest, as Dialed In, the dam of Pendy's Good Grace, was the runner-up of this

Championship.

Game Heir, owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder, first stood at 30 seconds in the sixth brace on Monday while both handlers shot. He continued forward and had birds with ease at 7. During the remainder of the hour, he backed his bracemate at 34 and again at 58. On Tuesday morning, in the second brace, after crossing Turner Road and hunting southward toward the Avent house, Game Heir had birds at 10. He then finished the hour with an unproductive at 15, the location of a large covey at 19 near the Avent house, and by backing his bracemate at 30.

The efforts of Piper Huffman, the hospitality and abundant birds at Ames Plantation, the

generosity of Purina and Garmin as sponsors, the top-notch judges, decent weather, and certainly the performances of the highest point-earning amateur all-age dogs in the nation came together to make the 42nd renewal of the National Amateur All-Age Invitational Championship a great success.

**Grand Junction, Tenn., December 12**

**Judges: Kirk Law and Tom Shenker**

**NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats on two**

**Consecutive Days; One-Hour Finals] – 12 Pointers**

*Winner—MISTY MORN MASKED MAN, 1667341, pointer male, by Miller's Dialing In-Mac's Inspiration. Joey McAlexander, owner and handler.*

*Runner-Up—DIALED IN, 1655274, pointer female, by Miller's Dialing In-Rester's Zumba Girl. Jim Pendergest, owner and handler.*

## NORTH CAROLINA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

*Miller's High Heat Index Named Champion; Two Spot Tommy, Runner-Up*

**By Ray Joye and Dwight Smith | Hoffman, North Carolina | December 12, 2022**

**M**iller's High Heat Index was named the 2022 North Carolina Open Shooting Dog Champion over 45 other top-flight shooting dogs by Judges George Kimbrell and Grayson Francis. He is owned by Casey Hollander and Stanton Harrell and handled by Mike Tracy.

Two Spot Tommy was named runner-up. He is owned by Jett Ferebee and handled by Doug Ray.

The North Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship is a well-established shooting dog event held at the Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds near Hoffman, N. C. The Robert Gordon grounds are a part of the estimated 60,000 acres of the Sandhills Wildlife area managed by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission.

The field trial area comprises about 6,000 acres and has six one-hour courses. A clubhouse, horse barn, horse corral, and dog kennels are available for users, as are electric hook-up campsites. The Robert Gordon grounds are the complete package as far as field trial grounds are concerned.

Lee Crisco is the go-to man on site for any trialers' needs. Lee is a likable man who fulfills his job requirements pleasantly and cheerfully. In the 60-plus years this writer has been attending trials at Hoffman, no one has ever performed the position better than him. Lee answers to Brady Beck, the biologist overseeing this area and many Uwharrie Mountain sites in a five-county district.

The weather throughout the nearly four days of running was ideal, with just a little rain one day. It's difficult to find fault with the Carolina weather in the fall and early winter.

Hall of Famer John Ivester heads up the bird release program at Robert Gordon. The release program has worked well since Mack Hillard changed the method of releasing



North Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Champion Miller's High Heat Index with Jack Kimbrell and Two Spot Tommy with Peyton Gumby. (Second row, from left): Bob Youngs, Mike Tracy, and Doug Ray. (Third row, from left): Judge Grayson Francis, John Adsit, and Gregg Robertson. (Back row, from left): Jeanette Tracy and Judge George Kimbrell.

quail six years ago. Bird work was at a premium throughout the trial. There could be a low covey count, or as all trialers know, they sometimes disappear.

The North Carolina Shooting Dog Championship is hosted or sponsored by the North Carolina Field Trial Association, an organization that, along with member clubs, conducts about 23 bird dog trials a season.

"Chairman of the Championship was Association President Ray Joye. He had the trial well organized. Ray did everything from helping John and Gretchen Adsit cook to keeping notes on the bird count and this report," says Dwight Smith.

Gretchen and John Adsit helped prepare lunches. How did we get along without them before they moved into the Hoffman area for the winter each year?

Gregg Robertson handled the dog truck duties. He has been added to the dog truck drivers pool and has become a fixture at North

Carolina field trials. He is always pleasant to be around and helpful as he can be.

Judging the 45 top-flight open shooting dogs was in the hands of Grayson Francis of Brookneal, Va., and George Kimbrell of Fort Mill, S. C. Both are knowledgeable, good horsemen and experienced amateur handlers and trainers. A job well done by the judicial team was expressed openly by attendees.

A major championship like the North Carolina Open Shooting Dog Championship deserves a more complete report than this report, but the scheduled reporter was sidelined with COVID-19. Also, when only 11 coveys of quail were found in four days of running, there isn't much one can say.

### **The Winners and Others**

Multi-Champion Miller's High Heat Index drew the first course. He impressed early on. His first cast carried him through the bottoms in front of the clubhouse. He showed once

before the elbow, was gathered up, and sent toward the pine-covered hillside. He had a find at 15 just past the second creek crossing. All in order at flush; it was a good piece of bird work.

Tracy sent the white and orange ticked pointer toward the big lake area and then rode to find him standing, but the stand was fruitless, and Heat was charged with an unproductive.

One will notice from this report that there was an unusual number of unproductives in the trial.

In the mile-long field, Mike Tracy took advantage of a far-reaching, front-running shooting dog's efforts by letting Heat do his thing.

The hill country before the clubhouse bottoms was hunted, but no game was home today in the old cemetery area.

Miller's High Heat Index finished well

ahead of time. He had impressed with his footwork and outstanding bird work, even if it was only one find.

Two Spot Tommy drew course three. The Ferebee black and white pointer male had a similar ground effort as Miller's High Heat Index. The hour started near McGee Castle and ended past the creek crossing going toward the Bill Andrews water hole. Course three has a variety of types of terrain, and Tommy adopted his ground effort to hunt each area intelligently, whether it was the long edges of the countryside or the more heavily covered area like the "S" turn. His race might not have been as strong as Heat Index, but there wasn't much difference.

Two Spot had an unproductive just past the creek crossing at about 55 going toward Naked Creek country. Doug Ray quickly gathered everything up and sent Tommy toward the Bill Andrews water hole, then rode to find him standing at time. A beautiful find,

all in order.

It was an exciting hour with a storybook ending. Miller's Extreme Heat had an impressive effort, with one find at the end of the hour and a strong race. Quick Marksman's Dark had two finds on course one but might have lacked the ground effort of the champion and runner-up.

It should be noted that the morning courses were run in the afternoon in this trial, and the afternoon courses were run in the morning. Any reference to courses and locations was made in the regular order of courses.

**Hoffman, N. C., December 12**  
**Judges: Grayson Francis George Kimbrell**  
**NORTH CAROLINA OPEN SHOOTING DOG**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**[One-Hour Heats] – 33 Pointers and 12 Setters**  
*Winner—MILLER'S HIGH HEAT INDEX, 1685674, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Casey Hollander & Stanton Harrell, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.*  
*Runner-Up—TWO SPOT TOMMY, 1690417, pointer male, by Zip Tye-Cedar Ridge Shopper. Jett Ferebee, owner; Doug Ray, handler.*

## U.S. COMPLETE OPEN INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

*Glassilaun War Paint Named Champion; Doube Deuce Sage, Runner-Up*

**By Margaret C. Drew | McBee, South Carolina | December 12, 2022**

The United States Complete Shooting Dog Association, founded in 1981, was established on the foundation to improve the quality of pointing breeds. Today most of the participants are pointers and setters. The goal (or standards for judgment) is a dog that covers a prescribed course while showing bird sense, independent hunting, and remaining in contact with the handler to some degree. These dogs' range should be so that a walking hunter could shoot at birds located by the dog. There should be no extremes of closeness or distance, although this objective remains controversial in today's trial events. However, those objects which remain a priority are a dog with extreme class, style pointing, and stamina in run. These dogs must show that they can adjust their gait and range as the terrain of the course changes. Excellent manners around birds are a must.

The Invitational calls upon 12 dogs, chosen from the points accumulated during the calendar year from trial placements. Sometimes an eligible dog declines to come, and the next dog on the list is invited until 12 is reached. The preceding year's winner is invited to attend.

Those accepting the invitation for December 2022 at the Sawtooth Plantation in McBee, S. C., were: Double Deuce Zeke (PM/Douglas McMillen, Jr., owner); Hirollins Gone and Doneit (PM/Warren Parrott, owner); Bo of Piney Woods (PM/Richard Warters, owner); Glassilaun War Paint (PM/Jamie Nee, owner); Smoke Rise Jake (PM/Fred Rose, owner); Miss Penn Star (ESF/George Najor, owner); Double Deuce Sage (PF/Douglas McMillen, owner); Dun Rovens



U.S. Complete Open Invitational Championship Winners (standing, from left): Earl Drew, Tony Bingham, Lefty Henry, Robert Ecker, Jamie Nee, and David Huffine. (Front, from left): Gary Miller with Glassilaun War Paint, and Mark Hughes with Double Deuce Sage.

Midnite Ike (ESM/Peter Millett, owner); Little Miss Margaret (PF/Timothy Cavanaugh, owner); Suemac's Sashay (PF/Roger and Suzie McPherson, owners); Sterlingworth Jack (ESM/James Millett, owner); Kendal Hills Dawson Creek (PM/Tim Tuffs and Tim Perschke, owners).

These five setters and seven pointers ranged in age from 2.5 to almost 11 years, with an average age of 6. Reviewing the pedigrees of those competing, I noticed five entries heavy with Champion Chasehill Little Bud's parallel genes (Kendal Hills Dawson Creek, Suemac's Sashay, Smoke Rise Jake, Little

Miss Margaret, and Bo of Piney Woods).

The handlers were once again Robert Ecker (Pa.) with five, Mark Hughes (Pa.) with four, joined by professionals John Stolgitis (R. I.) and Tony Bingham (N. C.), with one each, as well as amateur Warren Parrot (S. C.), with one.

The U. S. Complete Shooting Dog group had voted at the annual summer meeting to have this open event hosted by the Association as usual, with President Chris Catanzarite chairing the event this year; however, due to health issues, Chris delegated the running to several folks. Ecker obtained the plaques,



Catanzarite obtained judges' gifts, and Bingham made arrangements for the grounds, brought 150 additional quail, and ensured there were lunch fixings. Thanks to John Ivester and Lefty Henry for arranging the use of the Sawtooth Plantation and helping lay out the course. The plantation provided a dog/people wagon. Judging the trial was "Lefty" Henry and David Huffine. Larry Wade volunteered to bring his ATV and plant birds on both days. Rich Waters drove the dog wagon on Monday, and Earl Drew drove it on Tuesday. Your reporter was Margaret Drew. Purina sent coupons for the champion and runner-up.

### **The Winners**

The champion title was awarded to Glassilaun War Paint (PM), owned by Jamie Nee from Cape Cod, Mass., and handled by Robert Ecker from Quakake, Pa. The judges commented on his classy and forward race, always strong on the ground from beginning to end on both days. On day one, his race was all that, although he had only one find. The runner-up went to Double Deuce Sage (PF), owned by Douglas McMillen from Dubois, Pa., and handled by Mark Hughes from Grampian, Pa. Sage's first-day performance was a pleasing animated race consistent from beginning to end while scoring four finds, a nonproductive and one back.

Brace No. 3 on day two called the eventual winners to the line. This brace had both dogs named to the winners' circle, so I have left the hour for you to read as it occurred. Double Deuce Sage (PF), with Mark Hughes and Glassilaun War Paint (PM), with Robert Ecker. It was 11:12 as both dogs received the command to hunt and began their way down the walking path. Both dogs checked in a few times before setting out on a hunting course.

At 6, we found the pair standing, Sage pointing and War Point backing. Hughes quickly made his way to the front as he saw a quail walking across the path. The bird was flown, shot taken, and Sage happily awaited the handler's tap to return to hunting. Nearing 11, Sage stood tall again, proud to await Hughes to flush her located quail. She watched the flight but awaited the handler's ok to resume hunting. War Paint had already exited the clearing, made his way along the lower pathway, and was making his way through the cover along the fence line where he stopped to point, his erect posture and good bird manners flawless at 14. Sage had point called about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through this area just above War Paint's point. It looked like Sage would get a nonproductive; however, handler Hughes gave Sage one last relocation attempt. She did not disappoint but systematically covered the area and stopped with a new determination.

Hughes walked in and pushed a quail to flight. Good manners on a good relocation by Sage. During this lengthy situation, War Paint had made his way up the right outer edge, crossed the green deer plot, and moved on out of sight. At 22, War Paint

had point called by the scout for a nice limb find. As handler Ecker walked a flushing arch, Sage approached and stopped to honor War Paint—a very nice piece of bird work for both dogs. The pair moved forward and were seen crossing in the front as they knew where feed plots were and where birds would be waiting. At 26, Sage stood with War Paint coming in to back. Both dogs, pleased with the find, accepted a drink and returned to hunt. By 32, War Paint treated all to a display of his power on the ground and his stylish gait as he moved forward along the ridge; however, our attention was diverted when Sage had point called as she stood just inside the feed plot adjacent the course. The well-indicated quail was flushed and then turned over her head. Sage remained standing. Hughes flushed a nice covey at 40 for Sage which allowed us a good photo opportunity. At 44, War Paint stood casually with Sage backing. This stand required a relocation, which was handled well by all. Four minutes later, War Paint was pointing again with quail easily flushed by Ecker. The hour finished with two dogs swinging in front, still eager to show handlers where the quail were. Sage required some coaxing on a long cast before she returned to the handler, and War Paint promptly returned. Even before we had run all the dogs, the gallery knew they had just observed two races which would have made a great panoramic video of how dogs should hunt, with speed and style displayed in their intelligent patterns taking them near and around feed plots.

### **The Running**

Day one found all 12 nominees present and eager to get started. The first brace called upon Dun Rovens Midnite Ike (ESM), owned by Peter Millett, under the training of Robert Ecker as bracemate with Double Deuce Sage (PF), owned by Douglas McMillen, Jr, under the guidance of Mark Hughes. Peter's father, James Millett, was present to watch Ike's performance. The opening brace had participants eager to check out these grounds at the Sawtooth Plantation in McBee, S. C. Although many trials have been held here, this area was new to the U. S. Complete group. The cover was high in some areas due to a dry summer and no frosts yet having occurred this fall; consequently, we were not surprised that we could not see Sage only twice and Dun Rovens Midnite Ike once until birds stopped the pair for a divided find at 7.

With all in order, birds were flown, shots taken by handlers, and the dogs returned to hunt. At 9, Sage had a nice find with Ike having point called a litter further to the right of the course where a sizeable covey was flown. Ike covered the ground with a pleasing gait, hitting the birdy areas with three more quail flown before he had to back at 34. Ike was reaching forward and easily seen with his large white body bouncing around. He had a single at 13 and hit the cover with purpose before standing at 34. As he awaited the handler, he lost a little intensity, especially as Sage approached and backed automatically. With the pair hunting to the front, the next

piece of bird work was seeing Sage point just off course. Ike had a commanded back at this time. Sage scored a nonproductive when a relocation attempt did not produce quail. Ike hunted diligently, scoring additional quail at 44, 48, and 54, although he was slightly fatigued as the hour continued. He responded to the handler when called for pick up. At pick-up, Sage had cast to the left over a knoll which should have crossed her to our front as the course meanders in that direction; however, it was 12 minutes before we spotted her, and she was put in the dog wagon box.

This first brace had exposed the new guests to the beauty and easy flow of the course for horseback and now walking dogs at Sawtooth Plantation. A big thank you to owner John Ivester of Sawtooth Plantation and Robert ("Lefty") Henry, his trainer, and groundskeeper, who was one of our judges these two days.

Brace No. 2 called Ecker to the line with Sterlingworth Jack (ESM), owned by James Millett, who was present to watch. Bracemate was John Stolgitis with Little Miss Margaret (PF), owned by Tim Cavanaugh. Little Miss Margaret, just two and half years of age, was the youngest to participate. These two dogs pounced forward with eagerness. Miss Margaret took to the cover, leading her to a point well off course at 7. Her staunch and tall indication rewarded with a large covey that thundered skyward, including even more lifting as the handler took Miss Margaret back toward the course.

Jack had trekked briskly forward, stopping at the edge of a feed strip at 10. When nothing was flown, Jack was tapped on. He took two steps and stood loosely until the handler flushed a quail. At flight, he sidestepped slightly, but to no real fault. He was quickly released to catch the front; however, Margaret was standing near the opening of the woods area entrance, and Jack chose not to go back. Jack's fly-by did not phase Margaret, continuing her point, although handler Stolgitis did not produce quail. We caught up to Jack at 17, where he stood again and was picked up due to his non-backing situation. Margaret zipped through the cover with all the style and power one would want in a slight pointer female. She located a dead quail in the woods at 25 as we entered the lower field after exiting the woods. From this time on, her performance fell apart. At 27, she spun around and helped point for a good flush and shot by the handler. She had a nonproductive at 31, followed by a second at 38. Her hour came to a close.

Brace No. 3 found Ecker again, this time with Glassilaun War Paint, owned by Jamie Nee, who was present to watch and share many shots and videos online. He was accompanied by his friend Mariangela. This was her first field trial; what a great experience for her. Bracemate was Mark Hughes with Roger and Susie McPherson's Suemac's Sashay (PF). We did not see much of these two as they reached forward, sometimes seeming independent, although always

returning or crossing in time to be considered hunting with the handler.

War Paint was found standing well to the front at 10. A point was called, and the handler approached; it seemed as if Sashay had heard and slid into view for a back. War Paint stood in the awesome tall and tight poise he is known for today for a lengthy search. When Ecker found no quail, the dog was tapped to relocate, which he did quickly. This time a single was flown, shot taken with all in order, and on we went. As we made our way around the hour course, Sashay had a perfect in every way stand for a single quail to be flushed and shot taken at 19. She cast outward, sometimes very independent of the handler, sometimes in a spiral pattern before marching to the front or checking in with handler Hughes. She had a good find at 38, followed by a down the hillside into the deep cover for a find at 41. She finished her hour primarily out of sight. War Paint was seen making his way thru the woods, along the fence line, and then popping out in front most of his hour, causing his range to be a little inconsistent although very animated to watch. It was reported that he had a bird contact at 40, which I missed.

Following a brief lunch of self-made sandwiches, brace No. 4 was put on the time clock. Hirollins Gone and Doneit (PM), owned and handled by Warren Parrott, was braced with Miss Penn Star (ESF), owned by Dr. George Najor with Ecker. Miss Penn Star is a slight female who has graced the field trial scene for almost 11 years. She started with Donald Terrell over ten years ago and has been with Robert Ecker's Midnight Kennels team ever since. She will be eleven in January. The first we saw of Penn Star after the breakaway was at 16, with her standing deep in the feed plot to the right of the pathway into the wooded area.

We had seen Doneit hunt his way forward, requiring a little scouting, but with the official party. We now found him backing Penn Star. A large covey was flown, and both dogs praised and watered as they were returned to hunting. We saw these two dogs infrequently during their hour. At 25, Doneit stood, although the handler had to tap the dog before he could indicate the quail for the handler to fly. Shot was taken with all in order. At 28, he scored a small covey with nice manners, even when bracemate Penn Star approached from the lower edge, was watered, and taken around him. Doneit had another covey at 48 and stood again at 56 when bracemate Penn Star came in to back. When these dogs were gathered up, watered, and about to be tapped on, their hour ended.

Brace No. 5 asked for Bo of Piney Woods (PM), owned by Rich Wartens, who was present and drove the dog wagon. Ecker is Bo's trainer and handler. Bracemate was last year's winner, Double Deuce Zeke (PM), owned by Douglas McMillen, Jr., and handled by Mark Hughes. Bo ranged out of sight for the first quarter of the hour, returning down the path to point. It looked like all was in order, although he lost some style and had

to take a nonproductive when no birds were located.

Zeke was piling up the quail finds and looking good doing it. Beyond the water hole, the course opens up, and you ease up a slight knoll. Both dogs were halfway up this knoll, stopping, and soon we watched Bo under several lifting quail. His hour was now complete and uncharacteristic of him. Zeke covered the ground with a pleasing gait and located quail with ease. He scored finds at 14, 20, 25, and 33. On 33, the bracemate joined for a back. Zeke continues to search all the right spots with good animation and at a good range. He stood again at 50 and 55. In an attempt to avoid an unproductive, he was asked to relocate while standing in the feed patch, causing quail to lift before he could get stopped. His hour came to a close with three minutes to go.

The final brace of day one called upon Kendal Hills Dawson Creek (PM), owned by Tim Tufts and Tim Perschke, with Mark Hughes, to be braced with Smoke Rise Jake (PM), owned by Fred Rose, although handled by Tony Bingham. Jake was qualified to run in the Championship by Fred placing him in the Southeast Championship last March at the Hoffman Field Trial grounds. Due to illness, Fred could not attend; therefore, Bingham was the handler. Kendal Hills Dawson Creek and Smoke Rise Jake earned the status of Dog of the Day. The judges stated that Jake's marvelous old style on point and best ground application of the day, including the day's best finish, earned him the title. This brace was by far the most exciting of the day.

Dawson Creek had a good breakaway as he got down to business immediately, showing everyone how a bird dog should hunt and locate quail, including three perfect finds at 6, 12, and 22. He shortened his range as the hour progressed, and his intensity was slightly minimized. Jake was strong on the ground, although a bit too independent sometimes. He swung through the cover with a strong stride moving to the front always. He had a stop to flush at 8, followed by three good finds at 24, 40, and 53. Both judges and the gallery spoke of the sportsmanship shown by Tony Bingham toward Mark Hughes on one of the finds. Someone in the gallery called point for Jake as he ranged out on a great cast. After walking some 300 feet and starting to flush, Bingham noticed Dawson Creek down over the knoll deep in the cover. He called to Mark, and he and Jake awaited handler Hughes to reach his dog. Birds were flushed with all in order all around. When this brace reached the 60-minute mark, the gallery knew they had seen two very challenging performances and probably the most exciting race of the day. This pair had good range and style, plenty of bird sense resulting in multiple finds in various spots, and good sportsmanship by both handlers.

Day two recalled eight dogs with clean first-day performances. As the morning and afternoon dogs are reversed for day two, Kendal Hills Dawson Creek (PM),

was drawn as top dog with Mark Hughes, and bracemate Hirollins Gone and Doneit (PM), with Warren Parrott. Hirollins Gone and Doneit was wide open from the get-go, although obediently stopping for birds at 6. It looked like the beginning of a great hour until the handler flushed quail from a thick cover with Doneit taking the liberty of eager, happy feet, which cut his hour short. From his find at 8, Dawson Creek took a wide swing forward, taking the lower edge of the course straight forward where the course turns left up a slight knoll. His pace was consistent, and his range was acceptable from start to finish showing his desire to hunt and please his handler. At 26, he got a brief rest while the handler had difficulty flushing. After a lengthy flush, two quail lifted, a shot taken, and Dawson Creek watered before being taken back to the course. With his "second wind" gathered, Dawson Creek hit every possible bird spot, again dropping down to hunt the edge of the fence line, seen only by the scout at this time. Scout soon called point. The handler and judges made their way to see that all was handled well by the handler and dog. The dog was returned to the course, where the gallery and dog wagon awaited. At 54, the second weak bird was found while attempting to flush for Dawson Creek. The quail was scooped and tossed, shot taken, and we moved on. Bird planter Larry Wade picked up the bird to not distract other dogs yet to run. His hour continued with judges recording a point well off the left, at 56, just beyond a feed patch; however, this stand resulted in a nonproductive.

Brace No. 2 of day two called Smoke Rise Jake (PM), with Bingham and Miss Penn Star (ESF), with Ecker. It was 10:04 when this brace broke away. Jake is a bigger pointer male and used his power as if shot from a slingshot off the line. The slighter Miss Penn Star was not too outdone; she disappeared down the walking path and was out of sight. Scouts were dispatched for both dogs as the cover in this opening 15 minutes is pretty high, and the terrain is rolling.

No dogs were seen as we entered the wooded path into the wooded area. At 16, Penn Star was found pointed. Handler flew a single, and she happily awaited to be tapped on. She located and pointed three more quail spots in the next 30 minutes. Her race was consistent, from start to finish, making many distant casts where we could watch her hunt. She had more bird work at 47, 55, and 59 bringing her total to seven. At 55, we watched her swinging distantly to the left and making her way forward. She altered her gait and soon showed us how a great hunting dog handles a wild bird hunt. She had to wait for the long walk by the handler and judges, but wait, she did, and all was flushed and handled with good manners. The judges had been given two days of good bird hunting to evaluate; now, they had to consider range, pattern, and moving and pointing styles.

Brace No. 3 on day two called the eventual winners to the line. Double Deuce Sage (PF), with Mark Hughes and Glassilau War Paint,



(PM), with Robert Ecker. This exciting brace is covered with the winners.

Brace No. 4 came to the line after a brief break calling upon Dun Rovens Midnite Ike, (ESM), with Ecker and Suemac's Sashay, (PF), with Hughes. We saw each of these two dogs only once in the opening minutes. At 8, Sashay was found standing in an open high broom straw area just before the walkway into the wooded section of the course. When attempting to flush, Hughes found Ike buried in more tall cover to the right. As a gentleman,

Hughes called to brace mate's handler, Ecker, and awaited his arrival before continuing the flush. No bird was produced, and Sashay took a nonproductive. As the two moved down the walkway, Ike continued running with his animated and classy style reaching from side to side as he moved around the course. Ike had unproductives at 29 lifted from the side of the woods where Ecker was walking, and 47, bringing his hour to an early closure. Sashay moved more easily on this second day, having a more mature pattern in a forward motion.

Sashay backed Ike at 29 but ended her hour early with a stop to flush at 47.

**McBee, S. C., December 12 – One Course  
Judges: Robert Henry and David Huffine  
U. S. COMPLETE OPEN INVITATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**[One-Hour Heats] – 9 Pointers and 3 Setters**

*Winner—GLASSLAUN WAR PAINT, 1667331, pointer male, by Sugarknoll War Paint-Neely's Hot Pepper. Jamie Nee, owner; R. J. Ecker, Jr., handler.*

*Runner-Up—DOUBLE DEUCE SAGE, 1673986, pointer female, by Double Deuce Peter-Funseeker's Holiday. Douglas E. McMillen, Jr., owner; Mark Hughes, handler.*

## REGION 3 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

*Storm's End Named Champion; I'm A Southern Natural, Runner-Up*

**By Gary Miller | Hoffman, North Carolina | December 16, 2023**

The Region 3 (AFTCA) held the 2022 running of the Amateur All-Age Championship at the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Area of the Sandhills Gamelands. A fine entry of 36 dogs was drawn to run.

Judging this renewal were two North Carolina native sons, Jerry Raynor from Dunn and Mike Hester from Mebane. Both are long-time professional dog trainers and accorded themselves as such. Each entry was carefully watched and evaluated with an experienced eye. Their decision was well received.

The main topic of conversation at Hoffman always seems to be about the birds. There are few peers in public field trial venues when the birds are abundant. Unfortunately, birds are seldom what one would refer to as abundant. Most often, the word adequate is more descriptive; this year was no exception. An extremely dry late summer and early fall had the early-release birds under stress from the get-go. Those that had survived until mid-December were strong and healthy



*I'm A Southern Natural, Runner-Up in the Region 3 Amateur All-Age Championship*

but not abundant. It takes a natural bird dog dedicated to finding birds in that situation. The one that stood out most prominent in the end was a spritely pointer female owned and handled by Kentuckian Matt Pendergest. Storm's End had two forward finds at 30 and 40, coupled with a strong all-age race to be named champion.

The runner-up was cut from similar cloth. Also a female, albeit with a little more hair, could be best described by the late great George Jones as "hotter than a two-dollar pistol, she was the fastest thing around. Long and lean, every young man's dream." I'm A Southern Natural was handled in the last brace by her owner, Sammy Giddens, with Nida keeping a close eye during the hour. She also had two finds coupled with a strong, forward all-age race.

The Region 3 Board of Directors thanks all who came to participate, and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

**Hoffman, N. C., December 16**

**Judges: Mike Hester and Jerry Raynor  
REGION 3 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP  
[One-Hour Heats] – 29 Pointers and 7 Setters**

*Winner—STORM'S END, 1687221, pointer female, by Dunn's Tried'n True-K F Prairie Storm. Matt Pendergest & Megan Henry, owners; Matt Pendergest, handler.*

*Runner-Up—I'M A SOUTHERN NATURAL, 1683551, setter female, by I'm Southern Style-A Tarheel Pretty Penny. Hunter's Creek Kennels & Sammy & Nida Giddens, owners; Sammy Giddens, handler.*

## THE SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

*Hendrix's Touch Up Named Champion; Coldwater Odyssey, Runner-Up*

**By William Smith | Holly Springs, Mississippi | December 19, 2022**

The prestigious and time-honored Southern Championship began on Monday morning, January 23. The trial was held on the Hendrix farm near Holly Springs, Miss. Father and son, Guy and Burke, were congenial and welcoming hosts. They went out of their way to ensure that every person who attended was treated as royalty. Guy moved out of his house into an RV and allowed two handlers, one handler's wife, and a judge to stay in his home to prevent them from driving the 20 miles to the nearest motel. In my years of field trialing, I have never seen such hospitality!

Ms. Pam Tucker provided free lunches served daily. A different hot soup was served with sandwiches and a dessert. She was the hit of the trial. Gathering around the wood-burning heater with a hot bowl of soup on those cold days was nice.

Hendrix Farm offers three one-hour courses. The terrain is rolling hills with agricultural fields that allow a handler to show his dog, and wooded areas are easily negotiated when the dog is subservient to the handler. Each course has its particular challenges, but each course also offers multiple opportunities to locate the released quail. There have been

many improvements to the venue in the past several years, and there are plans to make many more improvements this summer. A logging crew began work on the farm last fall but had to curtail their work when the frequent rains came almost without ceasing.

Brad Kennedy came from Red Bay, Ala., to officiate. Dennis Sneed and his wife, Delenise, traveled from Ewing, Ill., for Dennis to team up with Brad to look at the 45 entries. Each has extensive experience in the judicial saddle. The days were cold, and some days the temperature stayed below the 32-degree mark.

Purina once again sponsored this trial. They paid for the advertisement and hosted a dinner. Our thanks to Purina.

The Southern's format is a qualifying series of one hour. The judges call back at their discretion, and the dogs compete in the championship series of one-and-a-half-hour heats. The dogs do not have to be seen at the end of the hour braces but must be seen at the end of the championship braces.

[The Qualifying Series is included with the report at [www.americanfield.com](http://www.americanfield.com)].

### The Championship Series

Six dogs were called back to compete: Hendrix's Touch Up (Hendrix), Haney's Hurricane Seeker (Hurdle), Como Rain (Hurdle), Westfall's True Grit (Daugherty), Coldwater Odyssey (Bennett), and Miss Stylin Sue (Vincent). Westfall's Mandalay (Daugherty) and Bozeann's Rex (Hester) were the standby dogs.

Brace No. 1—Hendrix's Touch Up ("Hank") was full of run, and he kept Burke riding high in the saddle. Hank penned five coveys, and he was credited with a barren stand. He ran big, and he ran strong for the entire 90 minutes. He set the bar, and it would not be approached. When the champion was named, it was no surprise to anyone who witnessed his performance. Haney's Hurricane Seeker was a victim of bad luck with his two barren stands, and he was picked up.



Southern Championship Winners (front row, from left): Burke Hendrix, Jonathan Burch with Hendrix's Touch Up, and Gary McKibben with Coldwater Odyssey. (Back row, from left): Guy Hendrix, Judge Dennis Sneed, Mrs. Sneed, Judge Brad Kennedy, Daniel Bolden, Weldon Bennett, and Mike Hester.

Brace No. 2—Como Rain got too close to a woodcock and was harnessed. Westfall's True Grit made a valiant effort. He ran the full 90 minutes but could not locate the unmoving quail.

Brace No. 3—Coldwater Odyssey challenged with three finds. His finds were evenly spaced, and his style was to be commended. His race was controlled as he toured the farm. He gave it his best shot but came up short of the brass ring. Miss Stylin Sue hunted hard and went to the likely places, but the quail were not home today.

Named champion was Hendrix's Touch Up, handled by his amateur owner, Burke Hendrix. Runner-up honors were awarded to Coldwater Odyssey, handled by Weldon Bennett. The standby dogs were not called on to compete.

### Holly Springs, Miss., December 19 Judges: Brad Kennedy and Dennis Sneed SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 43 Pointers and 2 Setters

Winner—HENDRIX'S TOUCH UP, 1681400, pointer male, by Pleasant Run Bob-House's Wild Bess Again. Burke & Guy Hendrix, owners; Burke Hendrix, handler.  
Runner-Up—COLDWATER ODYSSEY, 1669589, pointer male, by Coldwater Warrior-Tibbs Avatar. Debbie & Andy Agnew, owners; Weldon Bennett, handler.

## AMES AMATEUR JOE G. WALKER MEMORIAL FIELD TRIAL

### Lacy's Cool Hand Luke Wins Amateur All-Age

By Kent Walker | Grand Junction, Tennessee | December 26, 2022

This year marked the 43rd renewal of the Ames Amateur Field Trial Club and the inaugural running of the Joe G. Walker Memorial. Joe Walker, who passed away in June 2022, was one of the club's charter members and the stalwart for many years that kept the Ames Amateur running smoothly, making it one of the top drawing and premier Amateur All-Age events in the country. Through a cooperative effort with Ames Plantation, I intend to carry on his legacy.

Before the start of the trial, the Midsouth experienced near-record low temperatures of zero degrees and sub-zero double-digit wind chills. As a result, the trial was delayed until Monday afternoon. Before the first brace began, a rather abrupt and unforeseen snow shower covered the plantation grounds that Monday morning.

Winning the 37-dog All-Age stake was Lacy's Cool Hand Luke for Perry Lacy of Kentucky. Luke was credited with three finds and a back of his bracemate. His race was forward and consistent throughout the hour. Taking second place honors was Chris Cagle's consistent young winner, Haney's Storm Warning. Storm Warning ran a searching



Lacy's Cool Hand Luke, First in the Amateur All-Age Stake

and smooth race on the first afternoon of the trial, scoring twice in his hour on quail. His manners and style on game were impressive. Third-place laurels went to Storm's End for Matt Pendergest. Running on the first morning course, Storm's End recorded two stylish finds and had one unproductive stand. Her race was far-reaching, showing well when the opportunities were presented.

Judging this year's renewal were Brad

Kennedy and Hunter Clark. Both of these gentlemen rode intently throughout the trial giving each contestant a fair evaluation. Judging Ames can be a grind under ever-changing weather conditions and longevity. These two guys didn't waiver, and my thanks to them.

In the highly contested companion Derby stake, David Williams took first place with his young pointer, Rebel Gold. Gold had one covey find during his brace to accompany a smooth, forward-searching race. Second place was awarded to Small's Five Star for Mike Small of Indiana, and third place went to Fred Corder's youngster, Game Mode. The second and third-place dogs were placed on ground race and all-age potential.

With this trial, there are many people I need to thank and acknowledge. First of all, many thanks to Dr. Rick Carlisle and the Ames Plantation for allowing this trial to continue for so many years. The courses were in good shape, with obvious additional mowing done in all areas. During the trial, there were 22 coveys pointed by the dogs in the All-Age, three coveys pointed in the Derby, and four other coveys ridden up during the trial.



Special thanks to my partner Chris Weatherly who rode every brace of the trial, marshaling and assisting where needed. "Squeaky" Powell stepped in to drive the dog wagon at the last minute as Ken Blackman was recovering from illness. As always, Ms. Vera Courtney was roadside to chronicle and provided day-to-day action photos of the running. Lastly, thanks to our most generous sponsor Sportsman's Pride Dog Food, which provides dog food to all the winners and continues supporting our Midsouth

Association and Region 6.

**Grand Junction, Tenn., December 26  
Judges: Hunter Clark and Brad Kennedy  
AMATEUR ALL-AGE**

**[One-Hour Heats] – 29 Pointers and 8 Setters**

1st—LACY'S COOL HAND LUKE, 1697440, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Perry Lacy, owner and handler.

2d—HANEY'S STORM WARNING, 1691416, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner and handler.

3d—STORM'S END, 1687221, pointer female, by Dunn's Tried'n True-K F Prairie Storm. Matt Pendergest & Megan Henry, owners; Matt Pendergest, handler.

**AMATEUR DERBY – 19 Pointers and 3 Setters**

1st—REBEL GOLD, 1701829, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Rebel Maiden. David E. Williams, owner and handler.

2d—SMALL'S FIVE STAR, 1696868, pointer male, by Phillips Off Line-Small's White Gold. Mike Small, owner and handler.

3d—GAME MODE, 1700580, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Game Belle. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

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## COCK-N-FIRE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

### Bully Rock Wins 2022 Running of The Swamp Fox Classic

By Roger McPherson | Hoffman, North Carolina | December 27, 2022

In late December 2022, top shooting dogs least of the Mississippi gathered at the celebrated Robert J. Gordon Field Trial area, Hoffman, N. C. In recent years, December in the south would not be complete without strange weather. Unusual cold weather was forecast for the beginning of the week, followed by exceptionally warm weather with the possibility of rain at the end of the week. The Swamp Fox Classic is skillfully managed by the Cock-N-Fire Field Trial Club. While weather conditions affected the movement of birds, making it difficult to locate game, talented dogs, gifted handlers, and excellent food, good sportsmanship, and fellowship resulted in the Swamp Fox Classic's success.

This year, despite the weather forecast, 42 entries in the Shooting Dog and 20 in the Derby vied for Swamp Fox honors. The Robert J. Gordon Field Trial area is under the management of the NC Wildlife Department; their work maintaining the grounds is gratefully appreciated by all. The grounds were in top shape with ample cover for coveys of Bobwhite quail.

The responsibility of handling the organization of the Classic, soliciting sponsors, and ensuring everyone were welcome, and all went effortlessly was again in the capable hands of Coach Allen Johnson. Assisting him were Jerry Raynor, Steve Browder (marshaling duties), Cliff and Raymond Brown (preparing meals), and Alford Wood (driving the dog wagon and providing coffee, drinks, and snacks during breaks). Thank you for a job well done.

A major sponsor of the Swamp Fox is AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA; without their monetary support, we would not be able to continue to host an event of this stature. Also vital to our sport is the assistance of Greg Blair and Nestlé Purina, with monetary support and dog food for the winners. The help of all sponsors is appreciated.

This year's judges are familiar with Hoffman's Robert J. Gordon grounds, having handled and manned the judging duties at numerous trials over the years. Whitley Stephenson, a successful amateur handler



Swamp Fox Classic Winners (from left): Coach Allen Johnson, Hailey Moreland with Bully Rock, Steve Browder, Mike Tracy with Bittersweet War Cry, Wyatt Puckett, Casey Hollander, Briar Rose Hollander with Faithful, and Hadley Mae Hollander.

and breeder from Smithfield, N. C., and Phil Stevenson, a frequently sought-after judge of shooting dogs and all-age dogs residing in Saltville, Va. Both gave their complete undivided attention to each dog that came to the line and were ready to lend a hand to all participants. Their decisions were well received by handlers and the gallery.

#### The Swamp Fox Shooting Dog Winners

The 2022 winner came to the line in brace No. 20 on Thursday afternoon, December 29, handled capably by Pennsylvania professional Mike Tracy. Bully Rock, a white and liver pointer male, is no stranger to the winners' circle, recently winning the South Carolina Shooting Dog Championship in early December. Bill and Muriel Primm of New Jersey and Karen and Ernie Saniga of Pennsylvania own Bully Rock. He began his hour with tenacity attacking the cover in quest of the elusive Bobwhite quail. At 9, his handler hailed point.

After an extended flushing attempt, Mike asked Rock to relocate. As he approached his quarry, birds lifted, and Rock was credited with a stop to flush. His handler knowing that he would need to overcome this outcome, encouraged his charge to continue his attack on the Hoffman cover, searching for Bobwhite.

Mike's urging paid off, and at 32, to the front, a call of point could be heard. This time Rock had a large covey pinned; the handler quickly put them to flight, as Rock remained high and tight. Releasing his dog, again Mike pressed his dog to continue his effort to hunt the reachable cover where a covey of quail might be located. At 40, once again, Rock was located pointing with high style. His handler flushed in the area, but no birds were put to flight. Mike then asked Rock to relocate; this time, Rock showed his ability to use the wind to find and pin the covey. The relocation was the icing on the cake, convincing the judges that this was the winner. Rock finished as he began, attacking the available cover, strong to the front, an excellent ground effort rewarded with multiple finds.

Second place in the Shooting Dog Classic came from brace No. 11. Bittersweet War Cry is owned by Joe Lordi and Ralph Gillota of Atco, N. J. War Cry, a white, black, and ticked pointer male, was ably handled by Pennsylvania professional, Mike Tracy. War Cry's strong ground effort was rewarded with a find on a single at 8. Released by his handler, War Cry continued his pursuit of game in an effective manner. At 22, he struck again on course five across the main road, with his handler shouting point. A covey of

Bobwhite was well located, Mike putting the large covey to flight, War Cry standing tall and proud throughout. After releasing his dog, Mike again urged him on; War Cry pleased, searching the cover methodically to the front. At 47, Tracy was heard calling out point once again. A second covey of quail was flushed for War Cry. After release, he continued his strong ground effort, earning the judges' nod for second place.

From brace No. 4, earning third was Faithful, an orange and white pointer female owned by Susan and Roger Duerksen of Hardeeville, S. C. Our third-place dog was handled capably by Mike Tracy. Tuesday morning temperatures were in the high 20s to low 30s, and braces were delayed, waiting for the dense fog to clear. Our first afternoon breakaway was at 1:30, with the temperature rising to 45 degrees. Faithful began her hour energetically searching to the front pursuing Bobwhite. At 10, she was found pointing, indicating birds were around. Mike dismounted and soon flushed a large covey of quail, with faithful standing steadfastly. Again, at 35, a cry of point was heard, Faithful confidently signaling that birds were nearby. Handler soon flushed another covey of Bobwhite. She finished her hour forward, hunting the available cover.

Our first day began with temperatures in the 20s and dense fog on the grounds. Judges decided to delay the first brace until the fog cleared. At 8:30 a.m., the fog began to clear, and it was announced that the first brace would start at 9 a.m. Paired in the first brace were Jolene Jolene, handled by Mike Tracy, and Silver W Jill Z, handled by Illinois professional Shawn Kinkelaar. Jill ran an attractive forward race. Jolene was absent for an extended period, and Mike asked for the tracker at 24. Jill continued her appealing forward ground effort, entering the mile-long field at 28. She finished her hour hunting hard in search of quail but was not rewarded.

The second brace matched pointer male Erin's Primetime, handled by North Carolina professional Jerry Raynor, and English setter male Erin's Big Casino, handled by Mike Tracy. Temperatures were finally above freezing. Big was not in sync with his handler today, with Mike asking for the tracker at 15. Jerry's dog hunted hard, attacking the cover; however, he suffered an unproductive at 15 and a second at 28 and was leashed, ending his bid.

Brace No. 3 paired pointer Dunn's True Reign (M. Tracy) and English setter Aristotle (Kinkelaar). Sunny skies and temperature remained in the 30s. Aristotle was not pleasing Shawn, and he leashed his dog at 24. Reign continued with a big forward race but did not contact birds today.

Brace No. 4 began after lunch at 1:30 p.m., with temperatures finally climbing into the 40s and clear skies. Faithful's effort was described previously. She was braced with English setter male Piney Grove Samson (Raynor). Samson was not giving his best effort; the handler leashed him.

Brace No. 5 paired pointer female, Thunder Bolt's Storm (Kinkelaar), and pointer male Hauser's Rollin Thunder (Tracy). Both dogs attacked the cover in search of game but did not connect today. At 58, Mike chose to leash Thunder. Storm finished his hour as he started with a strong forward search for birds.

The first day ended with brace No. 6, the temperature remaining in the 40s. Braced together were L C Smith, handled by local amateur Gary Miller and Gambler's Next Edition, handled by Mike Tracy. Both dogs suffered an unproductive, no birds located.

Wednesday, at the breakaway of brace No. 7, the temperature was 24 degrees. This brace pitted Miller's High Heat Index (Tracy) with Tug O'War (Kinkelaar). Twenty minutes into this brace, with both dogs presenting a strong forward race, the shout of point was heard. Both were found far off, standing high and tight, indicating their target was in the area. After both handlers flushed with no birds put to flight, they asked their charges to relocate. Relocation also produced no birds. At 30, both dogs were pointed to the front as we entered mile long field. At time, Tracy found High Heat pointing after flushing and asking him to relocate; birds were not home. Both dogs finished their hour to the front.

Brace No. 8 found the temperature rising to 35 degrees. Paired in this brace was Browntown Doc Holiday, handled by North Carolina professional Jerry Raynor and Southpoint's Hog Wild (Tracy). At 17, Hog Wild was found pointing, with Doc backing. Mike put the covey quickly airborne. At 45, Mike called point again for Hog Wild; this stand proved unproductive, and the handler elected to leash his dog. Doc continued his nice effort on the ground and, at time, was found pointing in a feed patch. Jerry flushed extensively but could not produce birds.

Brace No. 9 came to the line as the temperature reached 48 degrees. This brace paired Miller's Record Heat (Tracy) and Sweet Grass Slim handled by North Carolina amateur David Huffine. Mike called point for Heat at 23, with Slim honoring. After a wide effort to put birds in the air, Heat was asked to relocate. He moved forward a few steps, pointing again. Mike flushed, putting a large covey to flight. This covey was determined to escape discovery, as Mike seemed to cover this area thoroughly during his first attempt. At 32, Dave called point finding Slim pointing high and tight, with Heat backing. This stand, however, proved fruitless. As time was called, both dogs finished to the front.

The temperature was 54 degrees at the breakaway of brace No. 10, finally closer to the average for this time of the year. Erin's Thunder Backus (Kinkelaar) and Cheyenne Jack (Tracy) were paired together. Backus suffered an unproductive at 27, with Jack honoring. Backus was a little erratic today but finished his hour with no birds. Jack ran a big forward race but could not locate his quarry.

Temperatures remained in the 50s at the onset of brace No. 11. This brace found

Bittersweet War Cry paired with Suemac's Roll Tide, handled by South Carolina professional Steve Browder. Both dogs went to work aggressively hunting the course for quail, War Cry striking first with a single, well-located. War Cry's effort was described earlier. At 22, Bama did not honor the flight of birds, ending his bid.

By brace No. 12, temperatures were falling but remained in the 50s. A pair of pointers came to the line, Miller's Extreme Heat (Tracy) and Erin's Silver Lining (Raynor). Silver struck first at 3 with a covey find. Extreme Heat was located pointing at 18; however, after relocation, no birds were found. Again at 31, she was found indicating game in the area. Mike soon put a covey to flight with his charge standing tight throughout. At 33, after an extended absence, Jerry asked for his tracker. Extreme Heat's ground effort was not pleasing her handler; she was leashed at 51.

On Thursday, rain was forecast for the remainder of the week; at the breakaway of brace No. 13, the temperature was 28 degrees. Upfront's Southern Star (Kinkelaar) and Miller's War Bonnet were paired in this brace. As we entered the mile-long field at 30, both handlers elected to leash their dogs.

Brace No. 14 pitted two pointers, Reedy Creek Dial Tone (Tracy) and Lester's Another Shockwave (Kinkelaar). We broke away in the mile-long field; at 33, we entered course No. 2. Shawn asked for his tracker ending Shockwave's bid. Soon after, Mike leashed his dog, ending this brace.

Brace No. 15 paired Game Ice (Raynor) and Waybetter Rocky (Tracy). Raynor asked for the tracker at 38, and Mike leashed Rock, ending the brace.

Afternoon temperatures were now reaching the 60s. Chelsea's Mae West (Kinkelaar) and J C L's Hap (Tracy) came to the line in brace No. 16. May suffered an unproductive at 19. Both dogs were leashed at 39.

Brace No. 17 found Answered Prayers (Tracy) braced with Upfront's McQuade (Kinkelaar). Four minutes into his effort, McQuade was credited with a stop to flush on a covey. Both handlers were not pleased with their dogs, leashing them at 24.

The temperature at the beginning of brace No. 18 was 65 degrees. Paired in this brace were Thunder's Wild Again (Kinkelaar) and Raag's Rich and Rare (Kinkelaar). The weather affected both dogs' efforts, and handlers elected to pick up at 22.

Brace No. 19, temperatures still in the 60s, paired Waybetter Rebel (Tracy) and B K Final Legacy (Raynor). Weather again was an issue, with handlers choosing to leash their charges at 30.

Brace No. 20, with temperatures falling, paired Cock N Fire Bo Jackson (Browder) and Bully Rock (Tracy). Rock's effort is described in the winner's section. Bo is an attractive going pointer, snappy and quick. His forward hard-hunting ground effort, however, was not rewarded. Bo, the shorter of the two, finished



his hour as he started.

The final brace began Friday morning with temperatures in the 30s. Trumped, the bye-dog, came to the line, handled by Mike Tracy. His bid did not last long as Mike requested his tracker at 20, thus ending the 2022 Swamp Fox Shooting Dog Classic.

Hoffman, N. C., December 27

Judges: Whitley Stephenson and Phil Stevenson  
SWAMP FOX OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC  
[One-Hour Heats] – 37 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st—BULLY ROCK, 1674970, pointer male, by Bully Bragg-Bullerina. Ernie & Karen Saniga and Bill & Muriel Primm, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

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

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

### Swamp Fox Open Derby Winners

Steve Browder and Gary Miller occupied the judges' saddles for the Derby. Steve is a South Carolina professional with extensive experience judging the potential of young bird dogs. Gary, a North Carolina amateur, also has abundant experience judging class derbies. They both gave each entrant their undivided

attention and offered help to participants when required.

As the Derby began, the temperatures were in the 40s; by afternoon, the weather was changing, with temperatures increasing to the 70s before finishing. It was starting to cloud by mid-afternoon, with rain anticipated for Saturday.

The blue ribbon was awarded to Miller's Miss Congeniality, a pointer female owned by Joe McHugh of Boston, Ga. Pennsylvania pro Mike Tracy handled her. In brace No. 8, Miss Congeniality displayed a moderate shooting dog ground race, easy handling, and always to the front attacking the cover. Her effort was rewarded with a covey find exhibiting advanced derby manners. Miss Congeniality finished her half-hour aggressively, hunting the cover with no letdown.

Awarded second place was Backus White Privilege, a pointer male handled capably by Illinois professional Shawn Kinkelaar. Backus, running in brace No. 5, exhibited a pleasing ground race with a find on a covey at 22, displaying acceptable derby manners. He also had a moderate shooting dog ground race, handling easily, finishing his bid hunting the



Open Derby Winners (from left): Wyatt Puckett, Briar Rose Hollander, Mike Tracy, Hailey Moreland with Miller's Miss Congeniality, Judge Steve Browder, Shawn Kinkelaar with Backus White Privilege, Jerry Raynor, Hadley Mae Hollander, George Tracy with Miller's Little Duce Coupe, and Judge Gary Miller.

the other two, Duce Coupe finished going away, still pursuing her game.

Judges: Steve Browder and Gary Miller  
OPEN DERBY – 16 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st—MILLER'S MISS CONGENIALITY, 1699548, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Quail Roost Too. Joe McHugh, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

2d—BACKUS WHITE PRIVILEGE, 1698181, pointer male, by Touch's Malcolm Story-Silver W Joe Z. Dr. Tom Jackson & Jerry Moisson, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

3d—MILLER'S LITTLE DUCE COUPE, 1700309, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Walden's Ice Breaker. Allen R. Linder & Madison McDonald, owners; George Tracy, handler.

## ASSOCIATED FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF FLORIDA

### Everglades Trial

By Petie Brown | Punta Gorda, Florida | December 30, 2022



Everglades All-Age Winners (from left): Kent Cantrell with Touch's Dancing Nancies, Petie Brown with Myakka Lucy Diamond, and Justin Muzynski with Holopaw's Rear Axel. (Standing, from left): Becky Cantrell, Paul Daniel, Carol Muzynski, Beth Brown, Judge Vince Feltner, Mike Tiberii, and Kayleigh Muzynski.



Judge Dr. Kent Cantrell, DVM



Everglades Derby Winners (from left): Vince Feltner with Checkmates Country Sunshine, Kayleigh Muzynski with Holopaw's Big Bad John, and Judith Hamilton with Higby Bon Hiver. (Behind): Justin and Carol Muzynski.

After several judges had to rescind their commitment, we were delighted to have Kent Cantrell and Vince Feltner judge for us, with the agreement that they could run their dogs in other stakes. Fortunately, we were able to round out the judging with Mike Tiberii and the Brown sisters on the Derby.

Due to the holiday weekend, we scheduled a three-day trial with the extra day to run an hour Shooting Dog, a 20-minute Puppy stake, an hour All-Age, and a 30-minute Derby. We usually take out three braces in the morning, followed by three hours of running in the afternoon, but this year was a bit different due to fog delays a couple of mornings and a break to celebrate the life of one of our club members, Don Wood.

We have two rotating trophies awarded to the winners of the Shooting Dog and the All-Age stakes. The Robert Brown plaque is awarded to the Shooting Dog winner. Rob was one of the founders of the AFTCF, and his daughters are the mainstays of the club today. Jim and Barbara Goza donated the B. J. Memorial in memory of Jim's champion, Bullet's Tradition.

Being New Year's, the social side of the trial gets much attention. On Friday night, we enjoyed a delicious dinner sponsored by Purina. It is a treat to ride in with horses to wash, feed, dogs to unload, etc., and not have to lift a finger to get dinner on the table. Salmon, pork tenderloin, many side dishes, and some decadent desserts left us

mellow enough to sit around the campfire and welcome in the New Year. Saturday evening was our traditional feast, with Sam Arthur and Justin Muzynski attending as grill masters. In addition to the annual catered dinner Purina sponsors, Purina also supplies dog food for the winners. Thank you, Purina.

The weather started cool and turned warm, but not miserably hot, giving the dogs a chance to show their best. On the first day, 19 coveys were found. The grounds still hold much moisture, and controlled burning has begun in select areas and on the big area adjacent. We ran into foggy mornings and had a very late start on New Year's Day, allowing for a "mimosas morning."

## The Winners

Game and birds were plentiful during the Open Shooting Dog stake. Judith Hamilton got off her horse twice to flush hogs for Jasper before he proved himself on a nice covey of Bobwhite at the 30-minute turn. The Shooting Dog stake saw a lot of bird action to the undoing of several dogs. Doubledown Trumpster, a pointer male in the string of Dave Vernasco, had so much bird action that he could not open up and show his run. That didn't slow Dave down, as he took first place with Cruise and third place with Doubledown On Dado. Don Wood's Preacher took second place, handled by Beth Brown.

Always fun, the Puppy stake showed much promise for the future, with three of the contenders being littermates. First and second place went to Abby and Prudence, owned and handled by Petie Brown, and third place went to Cookie, owned and handled by Kary Jorgensen.

The All-Age kicked off in the heat of the day on the three-hour continuous course, and it didn't take long for Kent Cantrell's Touch's Dancing Nancies ("Cher") to set the bar high with a stop to flush as her running mate, Myakka Maxed Out, was picked up. Cher

kept pace with a clean find and was seen on point as time was called, earning the top spot. Sunday afternoon Myakka Lucy Diamond stayed in the game with a nice find near the dairy, earning second. Holopaw's Rear Axel ("Alex") laid down a strong all-age run for third place.

The Derby stake started later on Sunday due to the earlier fog delay and ran right into a setting sun to the delight of Judith Hamilton, who had a nice covey with Cade just outside of Mole's Hole, placing him third. Holopaw's Big Bad John laid down a strong all-age run for second place. Vince Feltner's "Taw'na" laid down an all-age run and proved herself a bird finder taking the top spot.

### Punta Gorda, FL., December 30 Judges: Kent Kentrell and Vince Feltner AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats] — 9 Pointers, 4 Setters and 1 Brittany

1st—DOUBLE DOWN CRUISE, 1670311, pointer male, by Funseeker's Rebel Tex-Nacho Myakka Miley. Dave & Diane Vernasco, owners; Dave Vernasco, handler.  
2d—FUNSEEKER'S TEXAS PREACHER, 1667330, pointer male, by Funseeker's Rebel Tex-Nacho Myakka Miley. Don Wood, owner; Beth Brown, handler.  
3d—DOUBLEDOWN ON DADO, 1685979, pointer male, by Erin's Tin Soldier-Erin's Margarita. Dave & Diane Vernasco, owners; Dave Vernasco, handler.

### OPEN PUPPY — 4 Pointers, 1 Setter and 1 German Shorthair

1st—MYAKKA ABBY ROAD, 1702966, pointer female by Myakka Freddie Freeloader-Myakka Rebel. Petie Brown, owner and handler.  
2d—MYAKKA DEAR PRUDENCE, 1702967, pointer female by Myakka Freddie Freeloader-Myakka Rebel. Petie Brown, owner and handler.  
3d—DK'S SO. BUTTERPECAN COOKIE, 1699748, pointer female by Panola Bacon-Higby Bon Hiver. Kary Jorgensen, owner and handler.

### Judges: Vince Feltner and Mike Tiberii OPEN ALL-AGE

#### [One-Hour Heats] — 9 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—TOUCH'S DANCING NANCIES, 1680402, pointer female, by Touch's Big Whiskey-Blackhawk's Sunflower. Kent Cantrell, owner and handler.  
2d—MYAKKA LUCY DIAMOND, 1665013, pointer female by Elhew G Force-Myakka Hey Jude. Petie Brown, owner and handler.  
3d—HOLOPAW'S REAR AXEL, 1690238, pointer male, by Holopaw's Axel-Hot Dignity Dot. Justin Muzynski, owner and handler.

### Judges: Petie and Beth Brown OPEN DERBY — 5 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—CHECKMATES COUNTRY SUNSHINE, 1702591, pointer female, by Nacho's Texas Rebel-Nacho's Drama Ma Ma. Vince Feltner, owner and handler.  
2d—HOLOPAW'S BIG BAD JOHN, unreg., pointer male, by Myakka Freddie Freeloader-Myakka Rebel. Justin Muzynski, handler.  
3d—HIGBY ARCADE FIRE, 1700551, pointer male, by Panola Bacon-Higby Bon Hiver. Judith Hamilton, owner and handler.

## REGION 6 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

### Hale's Kickstarter Named Champion; Shearjoy's Smooth As Silk, Runner-Up

By Lisa Little | Conway, Arkansas | December 30, 2022

A field of 25 fierce canine competitors descended upon Camp Robinson Special Use Area near Conway, Ark., to compete in the Region 6 AFTCA Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. The Bear Creek Field Trial Club hosted the Regional Championship on the weekend of December 30-January 1. The trial experienced mild winter conditions with temperatures in the 40s each morning and rising to mid-60s in the afternoon. Scent conditions were prime due to the wonderful temperatures and the ground moisture supplied by rain showers on Wednesday and Thursday.

We were honored to have Jon Davis of Conway, Ark., and Jim Martin as our judges for the Championship. Each brought a wealth of field trial expertise and experience to the judicial saddle. They gave each competitor their undivided attention and were witnessed complimenting handlers with the strengths shown by the dog at the end of their contested brace, even if it ended early. The judges had their work cut out during the three-day trial as every dog entered showed to the line for their assigned brace, and no one scratched.

Congratulations are to the champion and runner-up. Garnishing the distinguished honor of being awarded the winner of this season's championship are Hale's Kickstarter and his owner/handler Dr. Jeff Hale. The 9-year-old white and black male pointer is by Westfall's



Region 6 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winner (from left): Ronnie Miller, Judge Jim Martin, Rick Thone, Judge Jon Davis, Dr. Jeffrey Hale, Lydia Hale with Hale's Kickstarter, Brenna Burk, Johnny Taylor, Joyce Taylor, Connie Crowell, and John Van Horn.

Jumpstarter and Button's War Dance Kim. Hale's Kickstarter had a fantastic ground race, was eager to please his handler, and stayed within visible range. During his 60-minute brace, he had two beautiful finds; the first was at Horseshoe Bend, and the second was a limb find of a large covey after crossing Nursery Pond Road. Kickstarter ran Saturday afternoon, the second-hour course, brace No. 8.

Earning the runner-up title of the Championship was Shearjoy's Smooth As

Silk for owner/handler Betty Shearouse. Silk is a 3-year-old orange and white English setter female by Shearjoy's Unforgiven and Erin's Smooth Shabby. Silk had a great ground race, always hunting and quick to respond to her handler's commands. Silk's determination paid off at 57 with a large covey find right before riding up the mountain on the first course of the afternoon. Silk ran Saturday afternoon, the first-hour course, brace No. 7.

First and foremost, the members of Region 6 would like to thank the handlers and owners



that entered their canine competitors. It was a field of well-known first-class shooting dogs and handlers. Secondly, we would like to thank John Van Horn, trial stake manager, and his wife, Sandy, for their hard work in organizing every aspect of a successful event. Field trials take a team of volunteers to make it work, and Camp Robinson has a great one. Various members are involved in the bird release program; some assist in putting out the 5,000 quail between September and October, others make sure the feeders are well stocked, and many assist in keeping the grounds and facilities in tip-top shape. We want to thank Roger Martin for driving the dog wagon each

day of the trial. As the former manager of Camp Robinson, he knows every nook and cranny of the grounds.

During the course of the Championship, meals and a nightly cocktail bar were donated by individuals or groups. We would like to recognize those as well. Johnny "Chili" Cole, Robby, and Tressia Robinson sponsored the cocktail bar each night. Jeff and Lydia Hale provided chili and sandwiches for lunch on Friday. Johnny and Joyce Taylor sponsored a pork barbecue supper on Friday evening. Rick Thone provided Saturday's lunch and dog wagon treats. On Saturday evening, Johnny

and Rita Ornsby prepared grilled chicken, gumbo, and side dishes. All the meals were delicious, and everyone enjoyed socializing with old and new friends.

Conway, Ark., December 30  
**Judges: Jon Davis and Jim Martin**  
**REGION 6 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**[One-Hour Heats] – 22 Pointers and 3 Setters**

*Winner—HALE'S KICKSTARTER, 1654074, pointer male, by Westfall's Jumpstarter-Button's War Dance Kim. Dr. Jeffrey A. Hale, owner and handler.*  
*Runner-Up—SHEARJOY'S SMOOTH AS SILK, 1693150, setter female, by Shearjoy's Unforgiven-Erin's Smooth Shabby. Betty Shearouse, owner and handler.*

## UNITED STATES QUAIL SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY

*Miller's Little Duce Coupe Wins 59th Running*

By Margaret C. Drew | Hoffman, North Carolina | January 2, 2023

The 59th U.S. Quail Shooting Dog Futurity is hosted annually at the H. Robert Gordon Field Trial Area in Hoffman, N. C. In 2023 the renewal date was the first Monday of January. As with any futurity, litters are nominated by the breeder at the time of whelping. As the pups grow and reach a year and a half to two years, the owners of each pup, now called a derby, enter their prospects with the futurity secretary. Litter alignment is confirmed, and the derby entered for the futurity drawing about a week before the trial. This year 37 litters were nominated, with 44 entries drawn for the renewal.

For those unfamiliar with a futurity, entries come from breeders' pre-nominated litters. The individual derby entries are entered by their owners or often the trainer handling the derby. At the quail futurity, all entries run in the 30-minute first series. The judges then decide whom to call back according to whom they feel has demonstrated the potential to develop into an adult shooting dog that can compete in the National Shooting Dog Championship run at Sedgefields Plantation, Union Springs, Ala. The second series requires the derby to run for an hour. Before a derby can earn one of the four placements, it must point a bird in the first or second series and show the judges that it was style and stamina on the grounds.

The standards for judgment are a dog that covers a prescribed course while showing bird sense and independent hunting while remaining in contact with the handler to some degree. These dogs' range should be so that a hunter could shoot at birds located by the dog. There should be no extremes of closeness or distance, although this objective remains controversial in today's trial events. However, those objects which remain a priority are a dog with extreme class, style pointing, and stamina in run. These dogs must show that they can adjust their gait and range as the terrain of the course changes. These dogs are derbies and need not be completely broke, but must be by this time. Backing is nice but not required unless a dog interferes with his brace mate.



United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity Winners (first row, from left): Fran Miller with Miller's Little Duce Coupe, Jack Miller, Mike Tracy with Miller's Miss Congeniality, Doug Ray with Great River Stallion, Joyce Bishop, Carl Bishop with Waybetter Thor, and Ellen Clements. (Second row, from left): George Tracy, Mary Tracy, Alfred Wood, Greg Robinson, Frank Cox, and Ginny Emerson. (Top row, from left): Gretchen Adsit, Gary Winall, Earl Drew, Judge Jim Crayne, Frank Joyal, Jim Emerson, and John Adsit.

In the Quail Futurity, all entries run in the 30-minute first series, and then judges call back dogs showing the most promise of these objectives to run an hour. All dogs placing in the quail futurity must point birds and be shot over.

The NC Wildlife maintains the grounds at Hoffman at the Sandhill Gamelands through state funds. The quail are funded and fed by the North Carolina Field Trial Association through association fees obtained from clubs. The Richmond County Tourism Development Authority and the Twentieth Century Fund make donations annually. The bird program is chaired by John Ivester, with Robert "Lefty" Henry performing the actual feeding. During the Futurity, few coveys were seen. The total for the four days was 17, with perhaps an additional few ridden up by scouts. The NC Wildlife does planting and mowing of these beautiful grounds. This year planting of feed plots and a different mowing pattern were employed, leading to more cover for the quail. The first two courses are marked with colored signposts, so people know what course and

how far into the course you have moved. This year's weather was warmish, about 15 degrees above January's normal North Carolina temperature. The week began on Monday with a heavy fog, locking us into the clubhouse until 10 a.m. and rolling in again shortly after 4 p.m. Tuesday was a glorious day from sunrise to sunset. Wednesday began with cloud-to-ground lightning at 5 a.m. with torrential rain. This cleared for about four hours allowing us to run the two braces remaining in the first series and one of the hour callback braces. Then the sky gave way to sheets of rain as the first brace of callbacks ended. The afternoon was canceled for safety with thunderstorms and strong winds, and more rain was forecasted. The judges announced more callbacks at noon, with the start and finish time to be Thursday, January 5, 2023.

At the Hoffman Field Trial Area, there are outside horse corrals, inside barn stalls, and outside dog kennels. A limited number of electrical outlets are available for camper hookups for a minimal \$10 daily fee. There

are six one-hour courses where quail coveys are released in October and fed weekly. The state grooms the courses. This year there was a lot of cover, plus the feed plots. The state added street signs in 2020-21, which makes getting around easier. This year we found that the state has begun adding more signage along the courses. The signs mark off a mile and then at one-half-mile intervals. Clubs are assessed a daily \$200 usage fee. This fee includes the use of a spacious clubhouse with an excellent kitchen.

As head of the kitchen, Chairman Gary Miller was assisted by committee members Gretchen Adsit, John Adsit, and Greg Robinson. Noon meals were always hot and ready. On Tuesday evening, a BBQ from Smithfield was funded in honor of last year's winner by the owners of Waybetter Rebel. Thank you, Muriel and Bill Primm and Carl and Colin Bishop. The handler had been Pat Casey. The oil on canvas painting of Waybetter Rebel had not been received due to framing and shipping issues. It will be mailed directly to Carl Bishop. Forty-four guests attended the gathering.

The Futurity is grateful for the continued support from our sponsor Purina who provides feed to the winners, covers the ad, and makes a financial donation. We would have no futurities without breeders nominating litters and owners bringing their derbies along with all the time and struggles training. That would mean no benchmarks for purchasing dogs.

Judging the futurity is a challenging task. Jim Crayne from Centre, Ala., and Marty Robinson of Carrollton, Ga., accepted the judicial roles. Jim was a returning judge, serving that capacity for the 58th running. These two are well known for their involvement with bird dog field trials as handlers and judges. Thanks for a job well done. The dog wagon driver was Alfred Woods, who is ever vigilant that dogs are on board, safely locked in, and riders who wish to ride are also boarded. There are cushions stored beneath the benches for those who want to ride. There is often a car gallery following as well. On Monday, we had a small, mounted gallery; however, Tuesday saw large galleries. Of course, Wednesday's weather discouraged many. Only scouts, handlers, and judges, accompanied by a single marshal, rode on Wednesday morning. Marshaling during the trial fell mostly to Bob Young and Gary Miller. On Thursday, the expected large gallery did not materialize; once again, only the necessary rides were on course with the wagon and car gallery filled.

### **The Winners**

Miller's Little Duce Coupe, a pointer female, with George Tracy, earned first at the 59th United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity. Little Miss Duce Coupe was bred by Jack and Fran Miller with Walden's Ice Breaker and Miller's Upgraded Version. Allen Linder and granddaughter Madison McDonald are the owners.

We broke away, not far from the barn, in the

short piney woods section before several open fields, followed by rolling fields that enter into course six. The master of field trials, Hall of Famer George Tracy, showed all present how it's done. Miller's Little Duce Coupe happily moved thru the piney wood area, swinging to the left, where she soon stopped in the cover near the sand road crossing. Handler Tracy rode over and promptly flushed a small covey.

We watched an animated dog hunt forward in windshield wiper wide casts for the next several minutes. This petite Miss Duce Coupe is bouncy and animated from head to toe. In the first series Miller's Little Duce Coupe ran in brace No. 10, the second brace on Tuesday morning. At 5, she had a covey find before checking off every objective a judge would look for during her remaining 25 minutes in the callback series. On course six, we round a curve halfway before heading back toward the clubhouse. This planted, open area allows a dog to hunt, birds are often located, and the gallery can see the dogs well. Duce Coupe reached the water hole before seeming to float across the knolls out of sight. The scene was quiet for a while, all ears and eyes searching for the dogs. We could only hear the whistle or occasional yodel of the handler's song to keep their dogs with them. The gallery saw no dogs as we exited the backfield and traversed through another wooded area before entering long fields with field strips. Ahead on the right, we saw G. Tracy put his hat in the air as he came upon Duce Coupe. We eagerly rode in anticipation of seeing quail lift. However, we were all disappointed when despite a relocation attempt, nothing was flown.

With ten minutes remaining, Duce Coupe was watered and allowed to continue hunting. The judges' voices rang out, "PICK 'EM UP," without any further bird contact by the dogs. The snappy Miller's Little Duce Coupe was again out of sight, and her handler had to ride to a distant front before returning with her in a harness.

Second went to Joe McHugh's pointer female Miller's Miss Congeniality with Mike Tracy. She was bred by Dr. Susan Wells with Quail Roost Too x Miller's Upgraded Version. The still gray sky and thick moist air were interrupted by the handlers' commanding whistles and yodeling song as they unleashed their dogs for the hour's hunt. Miller's Miss Congeniality was a powerhouse on the ground, straight to the front, swinging through the woods where applicable and grabbing an edge along mowed feed plots at other times. Strong with desire and overloaded with style, we followed her around "bear claw."

Miller's Miss Congeniality holds the 59th futurity record of scoring the first covey find this year. She had scooted to the right at 12 and swung out of sight, where she was found standing in heavy cover. Quail lifted in three different rises on this find while the dog stood proud as punch. One judge's comment, "an outstanding race full of style." In the callback hour, not long after reaching the top of the hill after Bear Claw and taking a woods tour, Miller's Miss Congeniality emerged from the

cover, was stopped by the handler and given water, then whistled on. In two minutes, we watched handler Tracy raise his hat in the air while shouting point. Fancy Miss Congeniality stood tall and solid as birds flushed toward the gallery wagon some 5,000 feet off course in the woods. Not long after, she did have a nonproductive. Miss Congeniality continued an animated tour of the course like a mine sweeper, stopping on the lower left hillside for additional birds to be flown at 46. The judges reported a divided find was had, although your reporter had not been where I could observe it. The hour was strong, and a forward-moving hunting machine was not hampered by the sky opening up at 50; the flowing pattern was a pleasure to watch despite the turn in the weather.

Third place went to Great River Stallion with Doug Ray. This litter was bred by Sergio Velez and is owned by Brian Sanchez. Great River Stallion was braced with Miller's Little Miss Duce Coupe in the last brace of the Futurity. (That brace follows, printed in its exciting entirety). Great River Stallion's white body is a powerhouse with wide forward casts on the ground. In the back of course six, you bend slightly to the left before heading back three miles to the clubhouse. At this time, Stallion kept to the far right as we watched him step out as far as the eye could see. As time was called, he was on the left and responded to the handler for pick up. Great River Stallion had run in brace No. 12 in the first series, putting down an excellent race with consistent wide casts and a spectacular find at 17.

Fourth place went to Waybetter Thor, a pointer male from a litter bred by Carl Bishop with Waybetter Rummy x Waybetter Rocky. Muriel and Bill Primm own him, with Carl and Colin Bishop. Mike Tracy is the handler. Handler and dog had contact at 11 with water being given. The big white, athletically built pointer made many good casts. Thor ran in a late afternoon brace in the first series on day two. That afternoon, Thor stood statuesque and very sure of himself at 5; however, a wide-sweeping attempt by the handler and a good relocation attempt did not produce quail. At 40, Thor pointed, rock solid and seemingly accurate; however, when no birds were flown, he was tapped on. Thor's powerfully strong stride kept our eyes in his direction during both series. At 55, during the callback series, the course goes down a hill and, on the other side, crosses the dirt Field Trial Road with the clubhouse and barn on our left. Today Thor and his bracemate were whistled away just after crossing the road in hopes of another going away long cast. However, today both dogs made a left-hand swing into the wooded edge and soon were standing. Standing in a second picturesque find, a large barkless, downed dead tree was lying on the ground, with a seeming statue dog on either side. Handlers and judges cautiously approached and were elated when several quail began lifting. Two shots rang out, and handlers soon returned to the course and whistled their dogs on. Thor had presented sixty minutes of



energetic forward casts.

### **The First Series: 30 Minutes**

The opening brace of the 59th Quail Futurity called upon Phil Stevenson to bring Send The Bullet, a pointer male owned by J. Keohane, to the line as bracemate for L. Earles' Quickmarkman Southwind, a pointer male, this week guided by pro handler Lefty Henry as his usual handler was unable to be in attendance. At the handler's command, the dogs were briskly forward with Send The Bullet next seen crossing the front with determination before taking an animated side tour threw the piney woods with scout watching. He consistently covered the ground in a medium to long-ranging pattern, a few times a little lateral. Quickmarkman Southwind, owned and bred by Larry Earles, handled well for his substitute handler as he showed off his powerful, well-ranging race. At 15, he checked with the handler near the first water hole on course No. 4 while at the same time continuing. Handler called point at 18 and then waved it off a few minutes later. The dog once again had an independent hunting excursion through the wooded island near the second water hole. Finding no birds, he responded to the handler's calls and made his way to the front. When time was called, both dogs had reached the small stream, crossed it, and were seen rounding the next hill. The handlers rode to gather their derbies, with Send The Bullet returning from the right side and Southwind reaching far to the front was located to the front as the next brace prepared to depart.

Brace No. 2 called Pill Stevenson once again with a dog from one of his litters, although Gigi Broken Halo, a pointer female, is now owned by K. McCaslin. Bracemate was Backcountry Pure Gold, a pointer female owned and bred by Chris Catanzarite, who planned to attend and run his dog; however, illness kept him in Pennsylvania. Handling went to Mike Martino, who did a fine job. To the delight of the gallery, this second brace zipped forward and made several wide, extremely stylish casts for all to view. Both dogs had brief absences. Their paths were often parallel as they reached the bunker area. Backcountry Pure Gold was the stronger on the ground, although both pointer females you would want to take home and have a litter with.

Brace No. 3 had Tommy Rice with Cold Creek Thrill Tuff. Shawn Kinkelaar had Iditarod, a pointer male owned by N. Lombardi and D. Swingley, as the bracemate. Eager off the wagon after a bumpy ride, they were both happy to be released to hunt. After starting the brace as a foot race, their half-hour mainly was in tandem, although Cold Creek Thrill Tuff did get away and make some nice casts, which led to Iditarod having to hunt himself independently. At 23, Kinkelaar called point for Iditarod; however, he waved it off when the dog moved on.

Brace No. 4 found The Defender, a setter male bred and owned by J. Fort, with Shawn

Kinkelaar, as bracemate for Hauser's Hard Line, a pointer male bred and owned by the Hausers and now part of the Tracy Summer Hill Kennel team. The Defender slowly got into a hunting mode, while Hauser's Hard Line marched quickly into a search showing a good gait in his forward casts. Both dogs were watered at 8. Hard Line was charged with a nonproductive at 27. The Defender meandered through the country, stopping at 27 with his bracemate just before the sandy hill climb below the clubhouse crossing. He was also charged with a nonproductive.

Brace No. 5 called Kinkelaar again to the line, this time with a pointer male, Backus White Privilege, proud owners T. Jackson and J. Moisson. Miller's Miss Congeniality, a pointer female bred by S. Wells, is another of J. McHugh's dogs with Mike Tracy. After a brief lunch, this pair of dogs were walked to the start line across the dirt road in front of the clubhouse. Privilege cast to the left and quickly jolted forward, with bracemate Miller's Miss Congeniality on the right, and then left to catch the front quickly. This brace started well for both dogs, with Miss Congeniality scoring the first quail covey find of the 59th Futurity. She had scooted to the right toward a thick area where she stopped to await the handler for flush. Quail lifted in three different rises on this find while the dog stood proud as punch. The two dogs made some good casts, Privilege often a little dependent of the handler. Miss Congeniality made consistent swinging casts. One judge commented, "an outstanding race full of style." Just before Miss Congeniality's find, four deer darted across the road only 500 feet in front of the gallery wagon as we stretched to see where the dog was. The pair made intelligent casts; Privilege often handy. Miss Congeniality made consistent big swinging casts.

Brace No. 6 was on the ground just before 2:57 with Lone Tree Last Snow, a pointer female bred and owned by Phil Stevenson, as bracemate for David Huffine's setter male, Sweet Grass Skipper. These two dogs were put down on the second part of course No. 1, now also labeled as orange 1. The state has begun placing orange markers with mileage, so folks will know where they are, or help will be more easily obtained in an emergency. Sweet Grass Skipper is a very classy moving, young setter who today demonstrated much potential while simultaneously showing inconsistent course adaptability. He made some good casts, although he often chose the easy route. Lone Tree Last Snow handled well and was stylish on her nonproductive at 22. She stood proudly to the left of orange marker 1: 4.5. The handler claimed flight of quail; however, the judge had not seen the birds.

Brace No. 7 had two young female derbies, Isabull, a pointer female owned and handled by Ernie Saniga, as bracemate with I Dream of Jeannie, a setter female owned and handled by Kyle Whitfield. We had reached course No. 2, now marked with green mile markers. Isabull hunted at a medium range, fearless in tackling the tall grassy cover. At 16, she

scored a well-pointed quail with staunch manners and all in order. I Dream of Jeannie ran with classy ground style and made several nice casts before returning to the handler for encouragement. Her race was moderate. The afternoon was warming, and handlers watered each dog.

Brace No. 8 called Mark Hughes to the line with Roger and Suzie McPherson's pointer male, Suemac's Hoodoo Man, to be braced with Susan Wells' pointer female, Quail Roost Tipatina, with Mike Tracy. Hoodoo Man laid down a good solid hunting race at a medium range, hunting in the heavy field cover and taking a few passes through the piney wooded edges. He stood at 15; however, self-relocated before the handler could flush any quail. At 26, he stopped again; this time, he had pinned and stood well to await the handler to flush a covey just around the corner adjacent to the soldier's camp. Quail Roost Tipatina was gone from the breakaway, seen only as a flash of white as we started down the open field. At 14, the handler took his locating device; however, as the remainder of the brace moved on, Tipatina appeared from the side and was put in a cage on the wagon.

Brace No. 9 found Mike Martino with J. Gilbertson's pointer male, Check Out, as bracemate for Phil Stevenson's Wiggin's family's pointer male, Wiggins Ike Charger. Check Out is well-named, as he had a long opening absence before returning and putting down a good hunting race with a pleasurable running style. Wiggins Ike Charger hunted hard from the beginning, showing intelligent adaptability to the course. He kept a good range for his 30 minutes.

Brace No. 10 called upon George Tracy to be on the line with Allen Linder's Miller's Little Duce Coupe. Allen's granddaughter Madison McDonald is a co-owner of this derby bred by Jack and Fran Miller, who had made the trip to Hoffman this year to run two derbies and watch some from litters they had bred. A bucket list item down for the Millers! Shawn Kinkelaar had one of John Fort's setter males, Georgian, join the team. John was the breeder and owner of this fine moving setter. Little Duce Coupe scored a tall and perfect find at 5 and then polished her 30 minutes by checking off every objective a judge looks for. Georgian ran a medium race and showed plenty of style, although he did appear a bit too independent a few times. He topped off his thirty minutes with a nice find before pick up.

Brace No. 11 had setter male Ironstone's Ironstone, bred by Rich Guiliano in Rhode Island and owned by Massachusetts resident and AFTCA representative Eli Richardson. The handler was Mike Tracy. He was braced with pointer male Mohawk Mill Shake Up, owned by Gary Winall from Virginia. Ironstone was strong on the ground as well as strong-minded. He was picked up at 24 after showing too much independence. Mohawk Mill Shake Up showed appropriate style and ran a consistent race, although at a medium range. Unfortunately, he had no bird work to

top his bid for placement.

Brace No. 12 found Great River Stallion, a pointer male with Doug Ray, as bracemate for Suemac's Wicked Sister, a pointer female with Mike Tracy. (Great River Stallion's run is described under the winners). Suemac's Wicked Sister had good style as she hit the appropriate areas and maintained a good range. She stood with her bracemate at 17 for a divided find.

Brace No. 13 had S. Kinkelaar with pointer male Hunt's Full Moon Rising, bred and owned by J. Hunt. The bracemate, pointer male Quail Roost Rewind, was also bred by his owner Susan Wells and under the whistle of Mike Tracy. Both of these dogs were under consideration for their consistent and moderate hunting races, although they did not have quite as much range and punch as those called back.

Brace No. 14 called Tommy Rice to the line with Jeff Loper's owned and bred pointer male, Tallokas New Business. Bracemate Wildland Hide The Wine, a pointer male, was bred by Mark Hughes. Owner Eric Munden was mounted to watch. Tallokas New Business ran a very forward and strong race with power on the ground. He had a find at 26. Wildland Hide The Wine ran a moderate race, hindered by two unproductives.

Brace No. 15 called Mike Martino and Phil Stevenson to the line again. This time J. Cappucci's pointer male, Light It Up, with Martino and Whitley Stephenson's pointer male, Southpoint's Gun Powder with Phil Stevenson. The two stepped out with independence. We saw them to the front and then each disappearing for brief times. When we could see one or both, they were powerful on the ground, often seen only as a distant white speck. In the long field above Baggett Lake, watching their forward march down separate edges of feed plots was exciting. Both were seen just beyond the judges, causing a slight pick-up challenge.

Brace No. 16 called Jack and Fran Miller to the line with one of their home-bred setter males, Miller's Concealed Weapon. Bracemate was Donald Terrell's pointer male, Miller's Grey Street, with Dennis Snyder. From the first sounding of the whistle, the pair were forward down long feeding plot strips. Concealed Weapon was classy moving, often choosing a mowed path in a spiral ground pattern. Grey Street ranged well in a very stylish motion, hunting in appropriate areas. He shortened after 23 by then choosing the easy path to move forward.

Brace No. 17 found Mark Hughes with pointer male Parkway as bracemate for Wintersets Patch of Ice, setter belonging to Tom Winters with Mike Tracy. Parkway looked ready to hunt as he fidgeted while having the collar attached. He cast a moderate forward path from side to side when set free. He then began to have a bad day in his attempt to locate quail. He scored three unproductives before being returned to the dog wagon. Winterset Patch of Ice was not in sync with

the handler when she was released. Before the dog wagon could move, Ice returned to the wagon, and despite someone trying to collar her forward, she would not leave. The wagon moved on, hoping to encourage Ice; however, at 18, she was picked up somewhere behind the wagon without the handler or scout.

Sam Giddens came to the line for brace No. 18 with I'm Peter The Great, a pointer male he owns and is bringing along. Bracemate was Calico's Sugar 'N' Spice, a pointer female, recently purchased by Jeff Smith out of a Waybetter Rocky litter. Carl and his wife Joyce were in attendance to enjoy the futurity. Also present for the day were Pat Casey, Frankie Henderson, and owner Jeff Smith. Tommy Rice was the handler. The breakaway was in the long field approaching the soldier's camp. Peter laid down a medium but flashy ground heat. He had one nice quail location at 29 with all in order for wing and shot. Sugar 'N' Spice opened her 30 minutes with several good casts and plenty of action to accompany them. However, she quickly warmed to the sand heat, causing the handler to elect to pick her up at 20.

Brace No. 19 was the next brace and, in some way, must have been the lucky brace. Both of these dogs were called back for the one-hour second series. Pointer male Waybetter Thor and M. Tracy were called back for brace No. 3-1, and CS Four Season's Gunner, a pointer male, was called back with D. Ray in brace No. 2-2. Running shoes laced and ready would be the phrase for these two power-on-the-ground derbies. Both dogs were forward at a fair distance, seen taking edges forward and up the rolling hillside beyond the stream crossing, each handler pointing out his dog at 25. Ray got his more quickly as time was called. Thor was gathered up a short distance beyond by Tracy riding to him.

Brace No. 20 had two pointer females; B. Cain's Dollywood Thrill with Tommy Rice and Mark Hughes with J. Cammisa's Saddled Up Sadie. These two dogs complimented each other with long casts and very snappy movements. The afternoon temperatures had risen, and handlers smartly offered their dogs water. Dollywood Thrill continued reaching in her happy movements and at a good hunting range. Saddled Up Sadie had a few slow minutes and then seemed to get a second breath. She reached the far end of the field from where she nailed a covey. She stood tall and firm, barely visible, awaiting Hughes to reach her. The judges recorded a nice find when he had flushed a good-sized late afternoon covey. With two minutes left, she was whistled on as the handler was ordered to pick her up.

On Wednesday morning, heavy storms with thunder and lightning came before dawn. Once some of us gathered in the clubhouse and watched the radar, we decided to use the four-hour open window to complete the two remaining 30-minute braces and do one or two of the hour callbacks announced the night before. The plan was to announce more callbacks to run after lunch; however, Mother

Nature took charge, and the afternoon was canceled when predictions and radar showed strong storms and thunderstorm activity until 4 p.m.

Brace No. 21 had Mike Martino taking Eli Richardson's setter male, Ironstones Dark Horse, from the dog wagon as bracemate for Jack and Fran Miller's pointer male, Miller's Promotional Upgrade. A good breakaway for both dogs, each making the turn without difficulty as they marched onward. At 11, Fran pointed out Promotional Upgrade making great strides along a feed strip almost out of sight. Dark Horse was difficult to follow as the fog had rolled in a little, and he has a very dark body. When we could see him, he was moving to the front or skipping across the mowed ways. At 27, he was found standing in a likely bird spot, although no birds could be located. He made a determined bouncy attempt to relocate; however, a nonproductive was recorded, and thirty minutes ended as we reached the brook. The judges placed these two dogs in the group of promising futures with moderate ground races in today's brace.

Brace No. 22, the final brace of the first series, was put down at the top of the steep hill above the brook. The honors went to Phil Stevenson with J. Keohane's pointer male, Air Express, and G. Tracy with pointer male Miller's Upgraded Design, owned by Allen Linder. Air Express ran a happy race, eager to find game. At 5, he pointed in the woods to the right, where birds are often found; however, not today. When asked to relocate, he snapped around, and the handler allowed him to catch the front. Except for one time, he was in front of the gallery when the scout needed to bring him forward. The dog and handler sprinted beyond the bunkers and into the field adjacent to the water hole. Miller's Upgraded Design was not seen much, having one long absence, although attractive when we could observe him.

When the first series was complete, we took a coffee break before rechecking the radar. About an hour-and-a-half clear and the same distance from the clubhouse, brace No. 1 of the hour callbacks was unleashed.

### **The Hour Callbacks**

The judges named the four callbacks they hoped to see on Wednesday morning before Mother Nature took charge. Four additional callbacks were announced at noon on Wednesday, bringing the total to eight dogs. The first brace of hour callbacks called to the line after a brief snack and coffee break around 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. We turned loose before the water hole on course five with Tommy Rice commanding Tallokas New Business and Joe McHugh's pointer female, Miller's Miss Congeniality, with Mike Tracy (covered with winners above).

The still gray sky and thick moist air were interrupted by handlers' commanding whistles and the yodeling song as they unleashed their dogs for the hour's hunt. These were two powerhouses on the ground, straight to the front, swinging through the woods where



applicable and grabbing an edge along mowed feed plots at other times. At 3, Tallokas New Business stood tall and sure, although despite a lengthy flushing attempt, nothing was flown, and the dog was tapped to catch the front. Strong with desire and overloaded with style, we followed the pair as distant specs around “bear claw.” From the dog wagon and truck gallery, we watched the first one, and then the other dog search the edges of mowed strips and march up the next hill. Scouts were dispatched to the right, and before long, Tallokas New Business’s long white stride was spotted deep in the woods, making his way to the front. The judges reported a divided find was had, although your reporter had not been where I could observe it. The hour with these strong, forward-moving hunting machines was not hampered by the sky opening up at 50: their flowing patterns were a pleasure to watch despite the turn in the weather.

Thursday morning found brace No. 2 on the line at 7:55 as judges made their way to the start line. CS Four Season’s Gunner, pointer male with Doug Ray, and Southpoint’s Gun Powder, pointer male with Phil Stevenson. The appreciation for the weather returned to normal seasonal North Carolina conditions was celebrated by all. The handlers had chosen experienced scouts, with Fran Miller and Mike Tracy filling the slots respectfully. Both dogs flew off the leash and were quickly to the end of the open wooded area. One turned slightly left into the bordering field while the other continued forward and out of sight.

By 4, we watched one dog cross from the left to right well to the front of course. Shortly after that, scout Fran was seen coming through the woods with Gunner still deep in the woods, winding his way to the front. Gunner and Gun Powder were fast on the ground in what appeared to be casts through birdy objectives; however, by 25, Gun Powder was seen less and less. Soon after that, the retrieval unit was taken. With Stevenson and his scout in the next brace, Gun Powder was not put in the wagon, as the distance was at the far end of the courses not used this morning. He was returned about two hours later, returning happily to the clubhouse. Further to the front on course, Gunner marched down the feed strips and across the top of the knoll above the brook.

At 31, the handler called point after finding Gunner buried deep in the cover on this westerly slope where birds are often found. All mounted folks and dog wagon riders strained to see quail lift; however, not this early morning. Ray took Gunner to the path and across the brook before commanding him to return to his hunt. At 35, we watched a distant speck snap into point downhill and across the gully in the piney woods. As the handler waved his hat to indicate point, the gallery enjoyed the prettiest find of the stake—the canopy of the piney woods overhead with rays of sunlight on the golden grasses covering the forest floor. As handler Ray approached, several quail lifted and continued as shot rang out. All in order, we continued. The next 10 minutes found Gunner stretching out, and

when he caught up to the handler, he was healed to the water hole. Minutes later, he again continued with his excitement and was soon a distant spot. His hour was wide and forward except for two times, always at a determined and strong pace.

Brace No. 3 of the callbacks found Mike Tracy with pointer male Waybetter Thor as brace mate for Lone Tree Last Snow, pointer female with Phil Stevenson. (Waybetter Thor’s run is covered under the winners). Even though it was now 9:20, the previous day’s rain still hung on the golden broom straw, appearing to be millions of diamonds as reflected by the sun, a treat for all who made the morning three-hour tour of the course. Last Snow’s race was wide and a little inconsistent, although a pleasure to watch.

The final brace of this 59th Futurity followed a brief coffee break, and the first and third placements came from this brace (previously described under the winners).

**Hoffman, N. C., January 2**  
**Judges: Jim Crayne and Marty Robinson**  
**UNITED STATES QUAIL SHOOTING DOG**  
**FUTURITY [Thirty-Minute Qualifying Series;**  
**One-Hour Finals] – 36 Pointers and 8 Setters**

SEND THE BULLET, pointer male, by Broken Halo-Witt’s Sissy. Phil Stevenson, breeder; Johnny Keohane, owner; Phil Stevenson, handler. With

QUICKMARKMAN SOUTHWIND, setter male, by Bonner’s Excalibur-Sweet Child O Mine. L. S. Earls, breeder and owner; Lefty Henry, handler.

GIGI BROKEN HALO, pointer female, by Broken Halo-Rocky River DeeDee. Phil Stevenson, breeder; Keith McCaslin, owner; Phil Stevenson, handler. With

BACKCOUNTRY PURE GOLD, pointer female, Springflow’s Back Country P-Backcountry Tornado. Chris Catanzorite, breeder and owner; Mike Martino, handler.

COLD CREEK THRILL TUFF, pointer male, by Just Thrillin-York’s Hollywood. Horseshoe Plantation, breeder; Burl Hicks, owner; Tommy Rice handler. With

IDITAROD, pointer male, by Showtime Sam Houston-Chelsea’s Mae West. Brad Sadler, breeder; Nicole Lombardi & Douglas Swingley, owners; Shawn Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

THE DEFENDER, setter male, by Erin’s Wild Atlantic Way. Larry S. Earls, breeder; John P. Fort, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler. With

HAUSER’S HARD LINE, pointer male, by Miller’s Dialing In-Nemaha Snow Rebel. Sean & Debra Hauser, breeders and owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

BACK WHITE PRIVILEGE, pointer male, by Touch’s Mega Mike-Silver W Zee Z. T. Jackson & J. Moisson owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler. With

MILLER’S MISS CONGENIALITY. LONE TREE LAST SNOW, pointer female, by Broken Halo-Lone Tree Rose. Mitch Solt, breeder; Mitch Solt, owner; Phil Stevenson, handler. With

SWEET GRASS SKIPPER, setter male, by Sweet Grass Slim-Tower Hill Zoey Zee. Taylor Todd, breeder; David Huffine, owner and handler.

ISABULL, pointer female, by Miller’s Heat Seeker-Dominator’s Heir Kate. Tommy Walker, breeder; Ernie & Karen Saniga, owners; Ernie Saniga, handler. With

I DREAM OF JEANNIE, setter female, by Hot Blooded-Shamrock’s Miss Grace. Thomas M. Green, breeder; Kyle Whiffield, owner and handler.

SUEMAC’S HOODOO MAN, pointer male, by Double Deuce Zeke-Beaver Meadow Rose. Mark Hughes, breeder; Roger & Susie McPherson, owners; Mark Hughes, handler. With

QUAIL ROOST TIPATINA, pointer female, by Miller’s Upgraded Version-Quail Roost Too. Dr. Susan Wells, breeder and owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

CHECK IT OUT, pointer male, by Erin’s Redrum-Justice Served. Mike Sweet, breeder; Jeff Gilbertson, owner; Mike Martino, handler. With

WIGGINS IKE CHARGER, pointer male, by Small White Charger-Wiggin’s Snow Trace. Donald Wiggins, breeder; Keith McCaslin, owner; Phil Stevenson, handler.

MILLER’S LITTLE DUCE COUPE. With GEORGIAN, setter male, by Erin’s Wild Atlantic Way-

Quickmarksman’s Silky. Larry S. Earls, breeder; John P. Fort, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

IRONSTONE’S IRONSTONE, setter male, by Mohawk Mill Lucky Charm-Richfield Oakley. Richard A. Giuliano, breeder; Elias Richardson, owner; Mike Tracy, handler. With MOHAWK MILL SHAKE UP, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Legendary. J. D. Goodwin, breeder; Gary S. Winall, owner and handler.

GREAT RIVER STALLION. With SUEMAC’S WICKED SISTER, pointer female, by Miller’s Heat Seeker-Dominator’s Heir Kate. Tommy Walker, breeder; Roger & Susie McPherson, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

HUNT’S FULL MOON RISING, pointer male, by Touch’s Mega Mike-Gone with the Wind. Justin D. Hunt, breeder and owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler. With

QUAIL ROOST REWIND, pointer male, by Miller’s Upgraded Version-Quail Roost Too. Dr. Susan Wells, breeder and owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

TALLOKAS NEW BUSINESS, pointer male, by Miller Unfinished Business-Tallokas Sun Dial. Osceola Kennels, breeder and owner; Tommy Rice, handler. With

WILDLAND HIDE THE WINE, pointer male, by Double Deuce Zeke-Beaver Meadow Rose. Mark Hughes, breeder; Eric Munden, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

LIGHT IT UP, pointer male, by Miller’s Unbridled Forever-All On. John Capocci, breeder; Brent Cox, owner; Mike Martino, handler. With

SOUTHPOINT’S GUN POWDER, pointer male, by Wiggins Prairie Night-Mike’s Powderhorn. Mike Burpo, breeder; Whitney Stephenson, owner; Phil Stevenson, handler.

MILLER’S CONCEALED WEAPON, setter male, by Miller’s Black Butte-Alaqua Dee. John W. Barksdale, breeder; Bill Owen, owner; Jack Miller, handler. With

MILLER’S GREY STREET, pointer male, by Touch’s Grey Street-Hirollins Fancy Lady. Rodney Poston, breeder; Don Terrell, owner; Dennis Snyder, handler.

PARKWAY, pointer male, by Grouse Trails Tuscarora-Halestorm. Dave Park, breeder; Mark Hughes, owner and handler. With

WINTERSSETS PATCH OF ICE, setter female, by Eri’s Big Casino-Sadie Oak Boo. Ian Seletzky, breeder; Tom Winters, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

I’M PETER THE GREAT, pointer male, by Hirollins Gone and Doneit-Hunter Run’s Sky Too. Kasey Lenz, breeder; Sammy & Nida Giddens, owners; Sam Giddens, handler. With

CALICO’S SUGAR ‘N’ SPICE, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Waybetter Rummy. Carl Bishop, breeder; Calico Kennels, owner; Tommy Rice, handler.

WAYBETTER THOR. With DOMINATOR’S GHOST RIDER, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Pearl Again. Jamie Daniels, breeder; Harold Ray & Tony Gibson, owners; Doug Ray, handler.

DOLLYWOOD THRILL, pointer female, by Just Thrillin-York’s Hollywood. Horseshoe Plantation, breeder; Benny Cain, owner; Tommy Rice handler. With

SADDLED UP SADIE, pointer female, by Double Deuce Zeke-Beaver Meadow Rose. Mark Hughes, breeder; Joe Cammisa, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

IRONSTONE’S DARK HORSE, setter male, by Maximum Resistance-Deciding Point. Robert Watts, breeder; Elias Richardson III, owner; Mike Martino, handler. With

MILLER’S PROMOTIONAL UPGRADE, pointer male, by Miller’s Upgraded Version-Quail Roost Too. Dr. Susan Wells, breeder; Fran & Jack Miller, owners; Jack Miller, handler.

AIR EXPRESS, pointer male, by Broken Halo-Rocky River Dee Dee. Phil Stevenson, breeder; John J. Keohane, owner; Phil Stevenson, handler. With

MILLER’S UPGRADED DESIGN, pointer male, by Miller’s Upgraded Version-Walden’s Ice Breaker. Squire Lee, breeder; Allen R. Linder, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

1st—MILLER’S LITTLE DUCE COUPE, 1700309, pointer female, by Miller’s Upgraded Version-Walden’s Ice Breaker. Allen R. Linder & Madison McDonald, owners; George Tracy, handler.

2d—MILLER’S MISS CONGENIALITY, 1699548, pointer female, by Miller’s Upgraded Version-Quail Roost Too. Joe McHugh, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d—GREAT RIVER STALLION, 1702396, pointer male, by B K Bonafide Stallion-B K Hirollins Wild. Brian Sanchez, owner; Doug Ray, handler.

4th—WAYBETTER THOR, 1697818, pointer male, by Waybetter Rocky-Waybetter Rummy. Carl & Collin Bishop, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

# OKLAHOMA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Game Sport Named Champion; Aim High Elhew Hadley, Runner-Up

By Mike Griffin | Inola, Oklahoma | January 3, 2023

We were blessed with nice weather and the incredible support of Purina, whom we want to thank very much, and Greg Blair, who does a great job taking care of the field trial world.

We drew a respectable 32 dogs for the Championship. And as I said, we had good weather and got started on time with only one problem. Judge Barry Ward broke down coming to the trial. Bob Barker gratefully stepped in and joined Barry Moore in judging the Championship. They did great work, and we thank them.

Champion Game Sport (Gearhart) came out of brace No. 9. Sport searched all the birdy spots, handled well, and stayed to the front. He was rewarded with two well-mannered finds as he worked his way to the front and stayed there, finishing strong. It was a great race and fun to watch.

Runner-up Aim High Elhew Hadley (Hadley) also came from brace No. 9. She was also very pleasing to watch, easy to handle, searched all the birdy spots, and was rewarded with one find while staying to the front. She responded well to the handler and seemed to enjoy her work, easily finishing to the front.

**Inola, Okla., January 3**

**Judges: Bob Barker and Barry Moore**  
**OKLAHOMA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

**[One-Hour Heats] – 30 Pointers and 2 Setters**

*Winner—GAME SPORT, 1673797, pointer male, by Cole Train-Game Bee. Bart Hicklin, owner; Harold Gearhart, handler.*

*Runner-Up—AIM HIGH ELHEW HADLEY, 1683609, pointer female, by Striking Elhew Zorro-Elhew Epitome. Tierra, Scott & Kiowa Hadley, owners.*

## Open Derby

We were lucky enough to draw eight very good derbies. All put on a good show, running on the last day.



Oklahoma Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Harold Gearhart, Bud Moore, Luke Topp with Game Sport, Judges Barry Moore and Bob Barker, Justin Crook with Aim High Elhew Hadley, Scott Hadley, and Mike Griffin.

First was Touch's Ledecky (Stretz), who had a very nice race and handled well, hunting all the objectives. She had an excellent rapport with the handler.

Second place was Creative Lady (Stretz), who also ran a very attractive race searching hard for birds staying to the front. She responded well to the handler, very biddable.

Third place was Stylish Hot Chic (Curtsinger), who also did an excellent job handling with good range and rapport with the handler. She also had bird work; it looks like she is well on her way.

**Judges: Harold Gearhart and Virgil Moore**  
**OPEN DERBY – 7 Pointers and 1 Setter**

*1st—TOUCH'S LEDECKY, 1698429, pointer female, by Touch's Diamante-Empire On Line. Chad Maupin, owner; Chuck Stretz, handler.*

*2d—CREATIVE LADY, 1701680, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Buche's Elhew Rebel. Bob & Catherine Reynolds, owners; Chuck Stretz, handler.*

*3d—STYLISH HOT CHIC, 1698303, pointer female, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. Tom Curtsinger, owner and handler.*



Open Derby Winners (from left): Luke Topp with Touch's Ledecky, Judge Harold Gearhart, Marla Stretz, Chuck Stretz with Creative Lady, Judge Virgil Moore, Tom Curtsinger with Stylish Hot Chick, Barry Moore, and Bob Barker.

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# WEST TENNESSEE AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

## Amateur Trial Held At Currie Farms

By Marty Todd | Dancyville, Tennessee | January 5, 2023

With the new year beginning, the West Tennessee Field Trial Association hosted three stakes in five days: Shooting Dog, All-Age, and Derby. Dogs, horses, and people, too, showed tenacity and grit through 34 sunny and rainy braces. From Thursday to Monday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner were served to landowners, members, judges, dog owners, handlers, and local friends. Laughter filled the air, and stories were reflected on each day's hard work around WTFTA's traditional bonfire.

Thank you to the dedicated judges, Shannon St. John and Chris Sellers; our field marshals, Allen Currie, Ike Todd, and Dale Pool; Hassell and Allison Smith for the delicious fish fry; and the landowners who help continue these trials each year—Bill and Allen Currie, Skip Taylor, Alex Rickert, Dr. Gene Spiotta, Ed McClanahan, and Ike Todd.

Dancyville, Tenn., January 5

Judges: Chris Sellers and Keith St. John

### AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

#### [One-Hour Heats] – 16 Pointers and 5 Setters

1st—SOUTHERN SHADOWS T REX, 1682853, pointer male, by Skyfall-Miller's White Wall. Lance Servais, owner and handler.

2d—SOUTHERN SHADOWS RICK, 1700851, pointer male, by Lester's Prime Poison Lane-Southern Ritz Lane. Lance Servais, owner and handler.

3d—CASEY CREEK CRYSTAL ICE, 1676908, pointer female, by Casey Creek Icy Hot-Charlie's Dream Girl. Buster & Pam Tucker, owners; Buster Tucker, handler.



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (back row): Chris Sellers, Keith St. John, Allen Currie, Gary Brown, J. P. Hathcock, Bill Currie, Chris Cagle Sr., Ike Todd, and Crutcher Stoots. (Front row): Lance Servais, Brian Peterson, and Jay Lewis.



Amateur Derby (back row): Chris Sellers, Allen Currie, Jay Lewis, J. P. Hathcock, Gary Brown, Bill Currie, Crutcher Stoots, and Ike Todd. (Front row): Lance Servais, Chris Cagle, Sr., and Brian Peterson.

### AMATEUR ALL-AGE

#### [One-Hour Heats] – 17 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—REBEL SURVIVOR, 1680246, pointer male, by Rebel Pride-In Swami's Shadow. David E. Williams, owner and handler.

2d—AWAKENED, 1692621, pointer female, by Touch's Grey Street-Intentional. Jim & Matt Pendergest, owners; Matt Pendergest, handler.

3d—PENDY'S GOOD GRACE, 1664858, pointer female, by Reloaded-Dialed In. Matt Pendergest, owner and handler.

### AMATEUR DERBY - 22 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—HANEY'S HURRICANE SEEKER, 1698759, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. David Russell, owner and handler.

2d—HANEY'S ALL IN, 1698756, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner and handler.

3d—SOUTHERN SHADOWS RICK, 1700851, pointer male, by Lester's Prime Poison Lane-Southern Ritz Lane. Lance Servais, owner and handler.

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# REGION 7 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

## Reed's Super Spirit Named Champion; Texas Cool, Runner-Up

By Mary Ann Gustafson | Ardmore, Oklahoma | January 6, 2023

The 2023 Region 7 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship was held January 6-8 at the Lake Murray Field Trial Grounds, Ardmore, Okla.

The weather for the three days of running was in the low to mid-30s to low 50s. The grounds at Lake Murray were in great shape, with cover to hunt and open edges for the dogs to run. There was plenty of water on the course. And you can't beat the facilities; a fantastic clubhouse for people to meet, greet and eat, and real bathrooms with showers, horse stalls, and kennels.

Judges for this year's event were Everett Brannan from Powderly, Texas, and Jim Corpening from Topeka, Kan. We want to thank them for their hard work and close attention to the dogs. Tyson Traw from Wichita Falls, Texas, was the field marshal all three days and did a fabulous job keeping everyone on course, supplying color-coded maps with the courses marked. John Benoist, assisted

by Lindsey O'Neill, handled the dog wagon, with Shawn Rowan filling in for them when needed. And Jason Super did a great job as trial chairman, wearing many hats to ensure everything ran smoothly throughout the event.

The Championship drew 27 dogs: one English setter, one Gordon setter, two Vizslas, and 23 pointers. Twenty-six dogs competed.

The judges named Reed's Super Spirit the 2023 Region 7 Amateur Shooting Dog Champion. "Isla" is a pointer female owned and handled by Jason Super. Runner-up honors went to Texas Cool. "Bud," a pointer male, is owned and was handled by Dr. Buck Neil.

### The Running

Brace No. 1—Wiggins Super Sin/PF ("Trixie"/Jason Super) and Gonna Be A Rockstar/PM ("Jack"/Dr. Buck Neil). The first brace was released at 8 a.m. with both dogs running up the hill and out of sight. Both dogs had settled into the front when the handlers

reached the top of the hill. At 18, Trixie was found standing on an edge to the front with Jack backing. Birds were flushed, shot fired, and everything was in order. At 30, both dogs got birdy on the backside of an edge. Trixie investigated further into the mott and finally established point. Jack had moved on. Jason went in to flush, and Trixie went with him and was picked up. At 35, Jack scored with a find and finished the hour.

Brace No. 2—Ready's First Pitch/PM ("Jax"/Kevin White) and Lester's High Dollar/PM ("Ben"/Dr. Chris Cornman). Both dogs were off to the races at the breakaway. At 4, both dogs were standing in close proximity. Mr. White produced birds, and both handlers fired shots. After another 10 minutes on the ground, both dogs were found standing in the same proximity again. Both dogs showed good style, birds were produced, and both handlers fired. At 20, Jax was found standing and Ben backing. Flush was attempted, but no birds were produced. At 34, Ben was found by the scout wide left. After a quick flush attempt,

Dr. Cornman tapped Ben for a relocate, and he did with nice style. Birds were produced, and everything was in order. Jax scored another find at 38. Jax went on point again at 42, but birds were not produced, and his handler picked up Jax. Ben went on to finish the hour.

Brace No. 3—Rowan's Pena Creek Ike/PM ("Ike"/Shawn Rowan) and Terry's White Ace/PM ("Ace"/Dr. Chris Cornman). Ike broke away with a big move to the front but hit an edge which somehow allowed him to slip by his scout, and eventually, the tracker was pulled. Ace had suffered an unproductive at 25 and was later picked up by his handler after running out of gas towards the end of the hour.

Brace No. 4—Jetson Rise/ESM ("Gibbs"/Donna Markey) and Fortius Nights A Blazin'/VIZM ("Imre"/Shawn Anderson). Gibbs was out of pocket fairly early. He was seen again to the front but lost soon after, and the tracker was pulled. Imre started with a strong race but unfortunately finished the hour with no birdwork.

Brace No. 5—Texas Cool/PM ("Bud"/Dr. Buck Neil) and Westfall's Tulsa Time/PM ("Jim"/Jon Humphrey). Both dogs started strongly to the front covering much ground. Jim scored his first find at 15. Jim looked stylish on point as his handler put the birds in the air and fired his gun. Bud had an unproductive at 38. At 40, Bud came to a screeching stop to point birds in a mott. Dr. Neil produced birds, and everything was in order. Both dogs finished with a strong race to the front.

Brace No. 6—Fortius Daylight Six Times/VIZF ("Sia"/Shawn Anderson) and M V R Macfarlane Duke of Earl/GSM ("Duke"/Mary Ann Gustafson). Sia started everything off with the first find at 22. Duke scored finds for Mary Ann at 23, 37, and 38. At 40, Sia was found standing with Duke backing, but no birds were produced. Duke went on point again at 50, but Mary Ann could not produce birds. Both dogs went on to finish the hour.

Brace No. 7—Aim High Elhew Hadley/PM ("Koal"/Scott Hadley) and Bromance/PM ("John"/Jon Humphrey). John started with an early find, but his manners were not up to par, and the judges ordered John up. Koal's first point came at 35, and everything was in order. At 46, Koal was on point again, but his handler could not produce birds. Koal finished the hour.

Brace No. 8—Terry's White Tyler/PM ("Tyler"/Dr. Chris Cornman) and Chaos Tempo/PM ("Buddy"/Klaus Schmidt). Tyler suffered an early unproductive but scored on a find at 26 with Buddy backing. Both dogs finished the hour.

Brace No. 9—Iron and Wine/PF ("Johnna"/Jon Humphrey) and K C's Tye Oneon/PM ("Tye"/Ken Sauer). Tye pointed at 7, and Johnna failed to back, resulting in the judges ordering her up. Tye went on to stand tall through the flush and shot and moved on. At 20, Tye was standing again, but the handler could not produce any birds. On Tye's next find at 30, he displayed poor bird manners and



Region 7 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners (back row): Jason Super, Tyson Traw, Ken Sauer, John Benoist, John Humphrey, Lindsay O'Neill, Judge Everett Brannan, Mike Griffin, and Chris Cornman. (Front row): Kevin White with Reed's Super Spirit and Buck Neil with Texas Cool.

was picked up.

Brace No. 10—Reed's Super Spirit/PF ("Isla"/Jason Super) and Baja Blues/PM ("Blue"/Dr. Buck Neil). Isla was fast to the front and was found standing at 7 with Blue backing. Birds were flushed, with both dogs showing good style. At 20, Blue went on point but moved too much to mark flight and was picked up. Isla continued with great speed and style, hunting hard and showing to the front everywhere expected. She was well to the front when time was called at the end of the hour.

Brace No. 11—Wreak Havok/PF ("Havok"/Scott Hadley) and Janee's American Rebel/PM ("Small"/Dr. Chris Cornman). Small had an unproductive at 5 and was eventually picked up by her handler. Havok ran to the front and finished the hour with no bird work.

Brace No. 12—Touch's Mac Daddy/PM ("Mac"/Klaus Schmidt) and K C's Guitar Man/PM ("Zeke"/Ken Sauer). Mac had an early unproductive at 10. Mac then had a find at 18, and the bird wildly flushed into the tree. Handler fired, and all was in order. Zeke had pointed, but the handler was unable to produce any birds. Both dogs finished the hour.

Brace No. 13—Griff's Express/PM ("Express"/Mike Griffin) and After Party/PF ("Lucy"/Dr. Neil). The first brace of the morning, and both dogs were fast to the front. Express was lost around 15, and the tracker was pulled. Lucy started strong but was picked up later in the brace by her handler for running out of steam.

Eight pointers were entered in this year's Region 7 Shooting Dog Derby stake.

Brace No. 1—K C's Next Gen/PM ("Ben"/Ken Sauer) and Wreak Havok/PF ("Havok"/Scott Hadley). Both dogs started wide to the right. Ben eventually came around to the front and finished the 30 minutes. Havok was lost early, and the tracker was pulled.

Brace No. 2—Big Whiskey/PM ("Ben"/Dr. Buck Neil) and Chaos Tempo/PM ("Buddy"/Klaus Schmidt). Both dogs showed well to

the front early on. Ben ended up getting out of pocket a few times. Buddy finished the 30 minutes strong.

Brace No. 3—Terry's White Billy/PM ("Billy"/Dr. Chris Cornman) and K C's Dominator's Pat/PF ("Pat"/Ken Sauer). Billy was challenged to stay in the pocket for his handler, and Pat put down a medium race.

Brace No. 4—High Enchantress/PF ("Evo"/Scott Hadley) and Baby's On Speed Dial/PF ("Speedy"/Dr. Buck Neil). Both dogs ran an excellent race and hunted hard to the front. Speedy was able to show some style with a nice bird find.

**Ardmore, Okla., January 6**  
**Judges: Everett Brannan and Jim Corpening**  
**REGION 7 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**[One-Hour Heats] – 22 Pointers, 1 Setter, 2 Vizslas and 1 Gordon Setter**

*Winner—REED'S SUPER SPIRIT, 1691963, pointer female, by Valiant-Reed's Winter Spirit. Jason Super, owner and handler.*

*Runner-Up—TEXAS COOL, 1690192, pointer male, by Ransom-Good Times Girl. Buck Neil, owner and handler.*

**OPEN DERBY – 8 Pointers**

*1st—BABY'S ON SPEED DIAL, 1701622, female, by Miller's Speed Dial-Problem Child. Buck Neil, owner and handler.*

*2d—CHAOS TEMPO, 1698356, male, by Bonner's Hot Rize-West's Lucy. Klaus Schmidt, owner and handler.*

*3d—HIGH ENCHANTRESS, 1700180, female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Lester's Snow White. Tierra & Scott Hadley, owners; Scott Hadley, handler.*

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# POWHATAN FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Amateur Trial Held At Slate River Mill Farm

By Steve Moore | Buckingham, Virginia | January 7, 2023

The Powhatan Field Trial Club held a full day of derby and shooting dog competition on the beautiful rolling hills of Slate River Mill Farm in Buckingham, Va., on January 7, 2023. Kathy Shannon was again a gracious host in offering her beautiful grounds for this event. In addition to the welcoming venue and all it provides to the competitors, the trial was highlighted by longtime field trialer Bob Gillis. Bob is retired from a long career starting with the “old fun trial days” through U.S. Complete and horseback shooting dog competition. Bob presented a check with a generous donation to the U. S. Complete scholarship fund. Thank you, Bob!

We want to thank the following for their participation in making this a successful event: Purina, for supplying valuable coupons for their quality dog feed to all the winners; Kathy Shannon’s Slate River Mill Farm in Buckingham, Va.; and Judges Jim Winnen of Wattsburg, Pa., and Mark Caulder of Rushville, Ohio. Both judges are veteran field trialers with a wealth of knowledge. Additionally, the success of this day could not have been possible without the help of many other people. Dennis Kivikko supported the event as the field trial chairman. The trial bird planters included Steve Moore, Steve Graham, and Isabelle Rector. Kirk Regensburg supported the gallery wagon, and Joanna Yeomans operated the dog wagon service for the event.

The lunch meal was presented and served by Donna and Marge Kivikko. Karen Graham prepared a delicious meatball casserole as the main course. Chili, cornbread, and pasta salad supplemented the meal as comfort food was welcomed on a cold January day. Jennifer Rector provided sweets and pastries for all to enjoy throughout the day. Many participants and guests chipped in with helping whenever needed.

The field trial event did not include a Puppy stake due to the number of Derby (10) and Shooting Dog (18) participants, with some from as far as Michigan and a representation of participation from four different states.

The Amateur Derby got underway with a solid frost on the ground and temperatures in the upper 20s to low 30s. The morning quickly warmed up when the judges called the dogs to the starting line. Judge Mark Calder provided the cue, “Whenever you’re ready,” and the young dogs began their brace. Nice starts were observed from the first two braces, but the third brace provided a highlight for the derby dog event.

Freedom (PM/DeLong) and Blaze (BM/Gwynn) made an impressive separation from the start, becoming the derby brace to watch. Freedom worked a nice 10-2 pattern with



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (from left): Judge Jim Winnen, Dennis Kivikko with Warrior’s Mean Louie, Isabelle Recort, Cliff Monroe with Twiggy, Steve Moore, Lee Flanders with Chippokes Fancy Lady, and Judge Mark Calder.

little handling needed and moved up front twice to show off stylish points. He made big moves and ran a mature race. Blaze also showed quality work with bird finds and was also a mature derby dog. Freedom and Blaze represented the final places of first and second, respectively, for the Amateur Derby category.

The third-place dog came in brace No. 4, including Bo (PM/Kivikko). Bo ran an excellent race and showed some quality groundwork. He had bird finds and showed progress in transitioning to a future shooting dog participant. The three placed dogs were a pleasure to watch and offered the audience a desire to see more as they transition to the next level of competition.

The Amateur Shooting Dog competition got underway with much anticipation to provide a day of competition that would be hard to judge. It did not disappoint. Judges Dan Winnen and Mark Calder described the event as possibly having nine dogs that could have placed in the Shooting Dog stake, but only three would walk away with ribbons.

The highlights began in the second brace, with Jack (ESM/Flanders) as the “Shooting Dog of the Morning.” He had an exaggerated style and impressed the judges holding the first-place rank for the first three braces. Brace No. 4 included Chess (PM/Monroe). He caught the judges’ attention with solid bird and groundwork.



Amateur Derby Winners (from left): Ken DeLong with May’s Legacy of Justice, Judge Jim Winnen, Sue Gynn with Red Granite’s Blaze of Sunshine, Judge Mark Calder, Dennis Kivikko with Mohawk Mill Big Enough, and Raymond Forney.

Brace No. 5 introduced Molly (PF/Flanders), and she quickly moved to first place with a strong forward showing with complimentary handling and excellent bird work.

Then came the “Brace of the Day,” brace No. 6, including Louie (PM/Kivikko) and Justice (PM/DeLong). The judges described this match as the one to watch for the day for both the judges and spectators. These dogs complimented each other with their points and backs. The match catapulted Louie into first place with his stylish points, accurate backing, and excellent handling. This shifted Molly to second place and Justice to third by the end of the brace.

Twiggy (PF/Monroe) performed commendably in brace No. 7. She separated from her bracedmate early and took the lead in demonstrating finds, solid points, and impressive handling. Her solid groundwork bumped Justice out of third and shifted Molly from second to third, leaving Twiggy placing second overall.

As mentioned earlier, the judges were very complimentary of the competitiveness of the trial and the opportunity to witness many dogs that could have won a ribbon at this event.

## Buckingham, Va., January 7 – One Course Judges: Mark Calder and Jim Winnen AMATEUR DERBY – 3 Pointers, 4 Setters and 3 Brittans

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

2d—RED GRANITES BLAZE OF SUNSHINE, 1694753, Brittany male, by Horizon’s Beyond The Sunset-Red Granite’s Abbey Road. Susan & William Gwynn, owners; Susan Gwynn, handler.

3d—MOHAWK MILL BIG ENOUGH, 1698763, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Hirollins Fantasy Girl. Gary S. Winall, owner; Dennis Kivikko, handler.

## AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 2 Brittans, 10 Pointers and 6 Setters

1st—WARRIOR’S MEAN LOUIE, 1691549, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Pirate’s Mean Louise. Dennis Kivikko, owner and handler.

2d—TWIGGY, 1690766, pointer female, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Sinbad’s Little Lady. Cliff Monroe, owner and handler.

3d—CHIPPOKES FANCY LADY, 1689564, pointer female, by Stoney Run’s Buddy-Hirollins Fancy Lady. Lee Flanders, owner and handler.

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# HOBART AMES MEMORIAL CLASSIC

## Game Heir Wins 70th Renewal

By Jim Atchison | Grand Junction, Tennessee | January 9, 2023

The 70th renewal of the Hobart Ames Memorial Classic was sponsored by the Ames Amateur Field Trial Association and ran on the National Championship courses of Ames Plantation January 9–14. The Classic drew 46 all-age entries contested by 15 handlers and 20 derbies with seven handlers.

Scott Johnson and Richard Beaver judged both stakes. Johnson is a well-known professional handler and trainer of National Champion Brittanys from Winfield, Kan. He was accompanied by his wife, Harlene, as he made his second appearance as a judge of these stakes, having previously judged in 2020. Beaver is retired military, from Wichita Falls, Tex., and a successful field trialer of Brittanys. He was accompanied by his wife, Amanda. The judges and their spouses were great company, and their services were much appreciated.

Dr. Carlisle hosted the drawing and created the running order in his office on Saturday night, January 7. He was assisted by Matt Backus, the new Assistant Center Director of Ames Plantation, and Ryan Braddock, who heads up the crop farming on the plantation and takes care of mowing the six National Championship courses. Mrs. Kay Carlisle, Charlie Frank and Pat Bryan, Chris Weatherly, and the reporter also attended the drawing. The drawing date coincided with Kay Carlisle's birthday and created the perfect opportunity for added celebration.

The evening of the drawing was the first of several occasions when Dr. Carlisle spoke appreciation for the continued support of the Trustees of the Hobart Ames Foundation, who permit the use of the grounds and facilities of the plantation to be used each year. On each of those occasions, Dr. Carlisle also voiced appreciation for the continuing generous corporate sponsorship of Purina, supporting the club financially and by providing dog food which is awarded to the winners. Also, the generous contribution of sausage biscuit sandwiches provided by the First Baptist Church of Somerville and enjoyed by everyone in the gallery at the end of the first morning brace each day was acknowledged. Those breakfast treats were distributed each day by Aubrey Green, a long-time employee of the plantation and a member of Somerville First Baptist for almost 70 years.

The club provided lunches each day in the Rhea Reception Center. The late Dr. Frank McKnight's family joined the Bank of Fayette County directors to sponsor the Wayne Tate Memorial Dinner. Steaks, grilled chicken, and accompanying sides were served to all owners, handlers, and guests on Tuesday evening at Bryan Hall. William and Tommi Smith provided dinners for the judges, reporter, and their spouses on three nights, and Dr. and Mrs.



Open All-Age Winners (front, from left): Dr. Fred Corder with Game Heir, Matt Cochran, and Allen Vincent with Texas Wild Rex. (Back, from left): Dr. Rick Carlisle, Kay Carlisle, Charlie Frank Bryan, Pat Bryan, Vick Ethridge, Judges Scott Johnson and Richard Beaver, Chris Weatherly, and Ryan Braddock.

Carlisle hosted a wonderful dinner in their home on Wednesday night.

Others who worked throughout the week were marshals Dr. Carlisle, Ryan Braddock, and Chris Weatherly. Also, Ryan Braddock and Chris Weatherly, with assistance from Jamie Evans and other plantation employees, took care of and transported horses for those holding various responsibilities each day. Joe Thompson manned the dog wagon throughout both stakes, and Aubrey Green was on hand to help with road-crossing security.

The grounds at Ames were in excellent condition, and birds were abundant despite recent heavy rains and near-zero weather, with wind chills in the negative teens only about ten days before the beginning of this Classic. Weather was generally agreeable throughout the week, but with a lot of temperature variation. The lowest morning temperatures varied from the upper 20s to the high 50s, while the daily high temperatures ranged from the 30s to about 70; crazy winter weather. The only delay was for about one and a half hours of hard rain and light hail on Thursday at mid-day, which still permitted finishing the last two all-age braces after the delay.

### All-Age Winners

Game Heir won first place with his strong performance as the bottom dog in brace No. 17. He had the second-hour afternoon course and ran a solid forward race, exhibiting beautiful style throughout the hour. Game Heir had nice finds at 25 and 52 for Dr. Corder and handled the flush and shot on each perfectly. Additionally, this winner demonstrated significant self-control when his bracemate almost did not back at 52, creating some distraction. Also, remembering that this dog competed in the 17th brace, both of his finds

were at entirely different locations from where birds were found by the dogs that had run on the same course before him.

Texas Wild Rex found birds three times for Allen Vincent and showed himself beautifully in the second brace on Monday morning. His first find was at 6 in a milo field while headed south after crossing Turner Road. Next, he had a distant limb find at 36 and finally stood.

In a divided find at 48, he was holding a superior position with a bracemate that never tightened up or backed very well. Rex was solid and aggressive, enjoyable to watch, and, early in the contest, set a high mark for each of his succeeding challengers to beat.

Como Rain, under the whistle of Steve Hurdle and with some owners in the gallery, found birds twice in brace No. 5 on Monday. The first birds were moved at 35 under the canopy created by giant pine trees, and the second covey flew at 59 as the 4-year-old coursed his way back toward Ames Road to finish in a nearby wheat field. His performance was pleasing and appreciated by the judges.

### The Other All-Age Contenders

Painted Owyhee Toad, owned by father and daughter Jim and Bridget Ledington and handled by Bridget, was braced with Southern Nation, owned by John and Susan Ivester, and handled by Lefty Henry, in brace No. 1. The Ledington entry finished the hour but found no birds. Southern Nation found birds at 13 but was picked up soon after that.

Beeler's Texas Jig, owned by Scott and Charles Beeler and handled by Scott, ran in brace No. 2 with the second-place winner. He found birds at 8, pointed again at 42 in an unproductive stand, and was picked at 48 when he did not back as well as his handler



expected.

In the next brace, Randy Anderson released Touch's Fire Away, owned by Dr. Greg and Carmen Adams, while Mat Cochran loosed Big N Wild, owned by Phil Witter. Both handlers got their trackers before the end of the hour.

Rock Acre Yellow Hawk, owned by Ric Peterson and handled by Brody Byrd, went next paired with Game Warden, handled by his owner, Dr. Fred Corder. Hawk had a find at 1 beside Ames Road immediately after breaking away in brace No. 4. However, he was picked up at about 22 before crossing that road. Game Warden was strong and stylish as he found birds at 8 and 32, followed by a stop to flush at 52.

Cold Creek Buck, owned by Phil Witter and handled by Matt Cochran, was braced with the third-place winner in brace No. 5. He had birds for Cochran at 27 and finished the hour with that one find.

Slick Water Frac and Nosam's Sweet Water went together in brace No. 6. Randy Anderson handled slick for Raymond Morrow, while Larry Huffman handled Nosam's Sweet Water for Jeff Busby. Slick had birds once when birds flew in a stop-to-flush situation, which he handled excellently. Larry Huffman's contender ran an excellent race and found birds one time, at 17, in tall native vegetation along the Chute.

On Tuesday morning, which was sunny and the temperature at 38, Randy Anderson loosed I'm Gallant, owned by Jay McKenzie, while Steve Hurdle loosed Stride, owned by Larry Esterline. Stride pointed at 1, and I'm Gallant backed. Stride then had additional finds at 28 and 51. At 55, I'm Gallant pointed, and birds were flushed with Stride backing but flagging while doing so.

Justifier, owned by Dr. Bob Rankin and handled by Allen Vincent, went next in brace No. 8, with Whippoorwill Vette, owned by Dale Bush and handled by Larry Huffman. Both dogs ran good forward races but stood only once when they had a divided find near the Buford Ellington Road at 18 on the second-morning course.

Barshoe Forget Me Not, handled by Allen Vincent for Bob Gum, and Raw Law Sugar Trouble, handled by Mike Hester for Russell Williams, were off the line in brace No. 9. After a long absence, Barshoe was picked up. Hester shot once when his dog pointed at 37, and he flushed birds with ease.

Haney's Storm Warning was handled by his owner Chris Cagle, with Chris Cagle, Jr. scouting. Storm Warning had birds within the first 30 seconds in brace No. 10 by Ames Road. However, he had two unproductives, at 26 and 50, so he was put in a harness.

In brace No. 11, Bozeann's Rex, handled by Mike Hester for owners Ben Dillard and John Dymond, was braced with Como Thunder, owned by Doug Arthur, Billy Blackwell, and David and Rachel Russell and handled by Steve Hurdle. Bozeann's Rex only stood once,

with the effort being unproductive. Como Thunder was lost and did not finish under judgment.

The final pair that competed on Tuesday were Miller's Speed Dial, owned by Mick Marietta and handled by Randy Anderson, and Coldwater Thunder, handled by Steve Hurdle for Doug Arthur, Billy Blackwell, and David and Rachel Russell. Both dogs finished the hour but had no birds.

Wednesday was the warmest day, with the temperature at 58 degrees when the dogs for brace No. 13 were released at 8 a.m. Those dogs were Lester's Storm Chaser, owned by John Ivester and handled by Lefty Henry, and Superstition's Jake, owned by Ric Peterson and handled by Brody Byrd. Both dogs finished the hour but only stood once, at 55, when Jake had an unproductive stand while being backed by Storm Chaser.

Next to go were Phillips' Linebacker, owned by Nathan Phillips and Orin Ingram, and Wild Credence, handled by Matt Cochran for owners Kevin Guest and Dray Williams. Phillips got his tracker at about 22, and Wild Credence was picked up after having unproductives at 15 and 41.

Quickmarksman's Dan, handled by Mike Hester and owned by L. S. Earls and Sam Stone, went next braced with Coldwater Odyssey, handled by Weldon Bennett and owned by Andrew and Debra Agnew. Odyssey started strong with beautiful finds at 4 and 11 but committed an error on the third covey at 19 and was put into a road harness. Dan finished the hour and pointed a big covey at 25, which Hester easily flushed.

In brace No. 16, Heisman, owned by Trevon Hester and handled by his grandfather, Mike, was loosed with Sadie Firefly, handled by Allen Vincent for Dr. Jim Mills, Steve Lightle, and Dr. Natalie Cooper. Heisman was gone early, while Sadie had birds at 32 and 40 but flagged while pointed and was picked up after the second find.

Lester's Stem Winder, owned by Dan Hensley and handled by Randy Anderson, competed in the brace No. 17, paired with the first-place winner, Game Heir. Stem Winder had an unproductive at 42 and was then gone for a few minutes but came back at 52 and was slow to back his bracemate. Anderson elected to pick him up at that time.

Miss Stylin Sue went next, braced with Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee. Sue, owned by Dr. Jim Mills and Steve Lightle, was gone before the half-hour, and Allen Vincent got his tracker. Alex Mauck was handling his setter that pointed at 4, with a covey of birds flushed. However, that stand was followed by unproductives at 22 and 32, causing the brace and Wednesday's running to end early on the north side of the Jack Harris field.

On Thursday morning, the first of the last five all-age braces saw Quickmarksman's Excalibur, handled by Mike Hester for L. S. Earls, loosed with Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Jack, handled by Alex Mauck for owner S. B.

Croy. Excalibur had birds for Hester once, at 16, and both dogs continued to hunt until reaching National Championship Road at 55 when the judges gave both handlers their trackers.

Misty Morn Masked Man, owned and handled by Joey McAlexander, and Reed's Yellowstone, handled by Matt Cochran for owner Phil Witter, went together in brace No. 20. Masked Man pointed birds once, at 41 near the Keegan gate, and McAlexander flushed but did not fire his long gun. He finished the hour while Yellowstone became lost and did not finish the hour.

Next, Randy Anderson had Bonner's Bulletproof for Dr. Chris Cornman, and Mike Hester had Papa Joe for Tremel Hester. Bulletproof had birds twice for Anderson, at 14 and 19. Papa Joe had birds once for Hester but did not finish the hour.

As mentioned earlier, thunder and lightning were expected around 1 p.m. on Thursday. They came as expected, accompanied by hard rain and a brief period of hail. After they passed, the running resumed at about 2:30, and the final two all-age braces were run.

Touch's Cocaine Blues, handled by Randy Anderson for owner Matt Griffith, and Firefly's Invictus, handled by Allen Vincent for owners Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo, hunted the first afternoon course. Vincent flushed birds and shot near Ames Road at 12, Invictus' one find. Cocaine Blues had no birds during the hour.

Steve Hurdle and Allen Vincent had the final two dogs in brace No. 23. Hurdle loosed C S Code Blue for Tony and Becky Gibson, while Vincent had Wynona's Nickleback Sugar for Bruce Sooter and Brad Tolson. Code Blue scored one find at 28. The setter, Sugar, had no birds and was picked up by Vincent before the end of the hour.

**Grand Junction, Tenn., January 9  
Judges: Richard Beaver and Scott Johnson  
OPEN ALL-AGE**

**[One-Hour Heats] – 41 Pointers and 5 Setters**

1st—*GAME HEIR*, 1691409, pointer male, by *Dominator's Rebel Heir-Game Snow*. Fred Corder, owner and handler.  
2d—*TEXAS WILD REX*, 1685409, pointer male, by *Whippoorwill Forever Wild-Washita River Wild*. Aaron Bolli, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.  
3d—*COMO RAIN*, 1687713, pointer male, by *Skyfall-Catch Me Dot*. Doug Arthur, B. K. & Rachel Blackwell, and David & D. Russell, owners; Steve Hurdle, handler.

**Derby Winners**

Touch's Patch Adams won first place in the Derby competition, besting the other 19 contenders. Patch was handled by Ike Todd for Gordy Jones and favorably impressed the judges with a strong forward race and excellent style. This winning derby had one nice find, at 49, at the edge of woods near Morgan field's south end.

Tom and Melanie Shenker traveled from Alabama, bringing Southern Thunder, owned by Chris Campbell. Thunder was the bottom dog drawn for the final brace. He hunted aggressively for Shenker and had one nice find, at 43, on the first afternoon course. His

whereabouts were not known at the end of the hour, but he was soon found and brought back to the front by his handler.

World Class Instigator, owned by Mick Marietta and handled by Randy Anderson, won third. He had birds once, at 57, near National Championship Road. Instigator, like the other winners and most other competing derbies, demonstrated lots of ability, leaving no doubt that they had promising futures as all-age competitors.

#### OPEN DERBY CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 19 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—TOUCH'S PATCH ADAMS, 1702653, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Touch's Speed Queen. Gordon Jones, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

2d—SOUTHERN THUNDER, 1695471, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Bryson's Dialing On Line. Chris Campbell, owner; Tom Shenker, handler.

3d—WORLD CLASS INSTIGATOR, 1702345, pointer male, by Miller's Speed Dial-Grand River Mayday. Mick Marietta, owner; Randy Anderson, handler.



Open Derby Winners (front, from left): Ike Todd with Touch's Patch Adams, Chris Weatherly and Tom Shenker with Southern Thunder, and Bridget Ledington with World Class Instigator. (Back, from left): Ryan Braddock, Judge Richard Beaver, Charlie Frank and Pat Bryan, Kay Carlisle, Melanie Shenker, Dr. Fred Corder, Randy Anderson, Judge Scott Johnson, and Dr. Rick Carlisle.

## ARIZONA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

*Aunt Troji's Dirty Nike Named Champion; Tocalota's Rebel Rush, Runner-Up*

By John Beauchamp | California City, California | January 11, 2023

The Arizona Open Shooting Dog Championship was cast off the morning of Wednesday, January 11, following the conclusion of the Wally Wallace Derby Classic. The weather forecast had been for half an inch of rain before cast-off; the forecasters were off quite a bit. It started raining Tuesday afternoon and continued most of the night. The dog bowls left out were overflowing Wednesday morning, and sheets of water had flown through camp overnight. But to our surprise, we had cool, clear conditions and, at times, breezy conditions on both days of running. The desert was soaking up the water quickly, and the coarse soil meant no mud. And for once, there was no wind in California City, so overall, very nice conditions for the Championship.

We partnered with the AKC club running weekend trials before and after our stakes, and used their equipment. So, we had a large tent to cook and eat in, the port-a-potties were in place, and a water trailer. This minimized the set-up duties and allowed for cost sharing. The number of people participating in and supporting field trials is shrinking fast in the west, so we need to look for opportunities to engage others where possible. This was a big help.

As with most western trials, we run on liberated birds. Unfortunately, we got stuck with very young birds this year. Quite a few died each night, and more in the field, resulting in dead-bird points, which was very disappointing. That said, almost all the braces had bird contact, and 75% of the dogs had birds. The winners distinguished themselves with multiple finds and quality bird work.

The Championship was well contested, and the judges had several dogs to discuss. There were 18 starters (eight German shorthairs, seven pointers, and three setters). All looked good on the course, and none required excessive scouting. All were able to be rounded up at the close of each brace, making it a pleasant stake for the spectators.

Crowned champion was Aunt Troji's Dirty Nike ("Nike"), handled by owner Larry Metter, with Almosta's Wilma Flintstone ("Spot"), handled by John Beauchamp, in the brace No. 6. Both dogs started well and crossed the big wash about the same time. Nike scored her first find on a hilltop in a rock cluster. It was a striking find, with the morning sun silhouetting her. Spot backed her at a good range. All was in order for both dogs. The brace continued up the drainage and around the corner. At this point, the dogs separated, with Nike taking the lead and going on to more clean finds and the sparkling ground race.

Runner-up Champion Tocalota's Rebel Rush ("Rush"), handled by owner Ed Mayhew, was up in brace No. 4 with Spec, handled by owner Tom Griffin. Rush ran a solid forward brace, requiring minimal scouting. Rush carded two clean finds with all in order, putting down an excellent performance for the entire hour.

Thank you to our judges, Greg Knight and Warren Esserman, who gave all the dogs a good look and were always in position.

Mr. Glenn Johnson, a bird dog man but not a field trialer, was considerate enough to run the dog truck. We were camped at Camp

H but running most of the old grounds by the old corral, making for a long ride to the cast-off. And a real challenge for the dog truck is to load up six dogs, scramble back to camp after the third brace for the fourth, and get out to the far end of the courses. There were no delays, nice work Glenn. The distance from camp to cast-off also made the bird planting difficult each morning; we want to thank Terry Erickson and Ed Dixon for dragging themselves out of bed and getting rolling in the dark. We were cast off at 8 a.m. daily.

And, of course, thanks to Purina and Greg Blair, who supported us again this year. Having worked with Greg for a few years, I know he is always responsive, timely, and accurate. With all the challenges and changes one may encounter in planning and executing these trials, Greg is a person you can count on.

SportDOG generously provided e-collars for the winners, and they were greatly appreciated.

Finally, Region 12 would like to thank Bruce Hale for taking the lion's share of the planning. I can't sign off without thanking my wife, Patti, for pulling the lunches together.

California City, Cal., January 11  
Judges: Warren Esserman and Greg Knight  
ARIZONA OPEN SHOOTING DOG

CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 7 Pointers,  
3 Setters and 8 German Shorthairs

Winner—AUNT TROJI'S DIRTY NIKE, 1668620, German Shorthair female, by Hardcore High N Tight-Dcr's White Sky. Larry Metter, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—TUCALOTA'S REBEL RUSH, 1662661, pointer male, by White Powder Grip-Rivertons Funseeker Riley. Ed Mayhew, owner and handler.

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## Field Trials

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**April 1-2 • Spring Grouse Trial • Starts 7:30 A.M.**

**Black Moshannon State Forest, Phillipsburg, PA**

Drawing: Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Rob Boos.

Entries close at the time of drawing.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—Multiple courses; Ribbons.....\$60.00

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Single course; Ribbons .....\$35.00

OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Single course; Ribbons.....\$25.00

Purses divided 50%, 50-30-20

Judges: *OSD*—Bob Kays and Rob Matson; *OD*—George Hetrick and Robert Boos; *OP*—Marty Stoker and Austin Boos.



Phone or email entries to: **ROB BOOS**

Phone: (570) 337-4894 • Email: rboos150@comcast.net

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**APRIL 1-2 • STARTS 8:00 A.M.**

Grounds: Club Farm on Rt. 74, 1 mile west of Rossville, PA.

Drawing: Friday, March 31, 8:00 P.M., at the clubhouse.

**STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:**

(Sat.) **MERV EISENHART MEMORIAL**

OPEN SHOOTING DOG—50%, 50-30-20; Rosettes.....\$63.00

OPEN DERBY—50%, 50-30-20; Rosettes .....\$63.00

(Sun.) **GERALD TRACY MEMORIAL**

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Rosettes .....\$53.00

AMATEUR DERBY—Rosettes .....\$43.00

— \$3 grounds fee to be deducted before purse is paid —

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**Saturday, April 1 • Starts 8:00 A.M.**

**— Walking Trial —**

**Grounds:** Tony Bingham Farm, 259 Plainsview Church Rd., Lawndale, NC 28090. **Drawing:** Sunday night, March 26, 8:00 P.M., at the home of Cliff Monroe.

- OPEN SHOOTING DOG** ..... \$50.00
- AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG** ..... \$50.00
- OPEN SHOOTING DOG** ..... \$50.00
- OPEN SHOOTING DOG** ..... \$50.00
- OPEN DERBY** ..... \$40.00
- AMATEUR DERBY** ..... \$40.00

**Judges:** Rotating Panel

**Entries to: CLIFF MONROE**

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# DELAWARE POINTER & SETTER CLUB

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**APRIL 8 • HORSEBACK TRIAL • STARTS 7:30 A.M.**

**Grounds:** English Setter Club of America, 275 Medford Mt. Holly Rd., Medford, NJ 08055. Lunch will be available at the clubhouse.

**Drawing:** Thursday, April 6, 8:00 P.M., at 119 Nottingham Rd., Elkton, MD.

- OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—No payout; Ribbons only** ..... \$55.00
- AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Collars awarded** ..... \$55.00

**Judges:** Joe Lordi, Jr., George (Bo) Mamounis, Bart Hastings, and one to be announced.

**Entries to: ROGER DVORAK, Field Trial Chairman**  
119 Nottingham Rd., Elkton, MD 21921

**Phone: (443) 553-0862 • Email: rgdvorak@comcast.net**

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# PENNSYLVANIA GROUSE TRIAL CLUB

**— NATIONAL GROUSE DERBY CLASSIC —**

**Starts Saturday, April 15\*, 7:30 A.M.**

*\*May start no sooner than Friday, April 14, based on entries*

**Grounds:** Derby and All-Age will be run on continuous courses in Allegheny National Forest, Marienville, PA. \$4.00 of Derby and All-Age and \$2.00 of Puppy entry fees paid to grounds fund. Lunches available on the grounds. **Drawing:** Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 P.M., at the home of secretary Dave Duell, P.O. Box 651, 1366 Austin Hill Rd., Sheffield, PA 16347; Phone: (814) 706-6728. Entries close at time of drawing.

**NATIONAL GROUSE DERBY CLASSIC (1 Hour)—50% divided 50-30-20** ..... \$60.00

*— In Memory of Richard Shear —*  
**Elwh Bronze Rotating Trophy**

**OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)—50% divided 50-30-20** ..... \$60.00

**(Sat., 10:00 A.M.) OPEN PUPPY—50% divided 50-30-20** ..... \$35.00

**Judges:** To be announced



**Entries to: DAVE DUELL • Phone: (814) 706-6728**

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# BOILING SPRINGS FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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**Sunday, April 2 • Starts 8:00 A.M.**

**— Walking Trial —**

**Grounds:** Tony Bingham Farm, 259 Plainsview Church Rd., Lawndale, NC 28090. **Drawing:** Sunday night, March 26, 8:00 P.M., at the home of Cliff Monroe.

- OPEN SHOOTING DOG** ..... \$50.00
- AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG** ..... \$50.00
- OPEN SHOOTING DOG** ..... \$50.00
- OPEN DERBY** ..... \$40.00
- AMATEUR DERBY** ..... \$40.00

**Judges:** Rotating Panel



**Entries to: CLIFF MONROE**

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# VENANGO GROUSE TRIAL CLUB

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**STARTS THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

(Run in conjunction with the Ontario Grouse Championship)

**— Featuring the 68th Venango Puppy Classic —**



**Grounds:** Allegheny National Forest, off Rt. 66, Marienville, PA.

**Drawing:** Saturday, April 8, 7:00 P.M., at the residence of the secretary.

Entries close at 7:00 P.M. the night of the drawing.

(Thursday, 7:00 A.M.) **OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)**

A Purina Points Stake • Single course • Entry Fee: \$45.00

(At conclusion of Derby) **68th VENANGO PUPPY CLASSIC (30 Min. or course)**  
Single course • Entry Fee: \$45.00

Purses for both stakes: 50% of entry fees split 50-30-20 less grounds fees.

**Judges:** To be announced

**Stake Manager:** Dr. Timothy Perschke

**JOE CAMMISA, 110 Pinewood Ln., Butler, PA 16001 • (724) 859-3908**

*Entries are accepted with the understanding that the Venango Grouse Trial Club, its officers and trial officials are not responsible for any accidents or injuries.*



# BIG SKY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

**April 22-23, 2023 • Starts 8:00 A.M.**

**Grounds:** Table Rock Ranch, 56 S. Barber Rd., Barber, MT. Multiple continuous courses with Sharptail grouse, Hungarian partridge and pheasant. **Drawing:** Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 P.M. at 774 Melville Rd., Melville, MT.

- OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)** ..... \$45.00
- OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)** ..... \$45.00
- OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Time permitting** ..... \$35.00
- AMATEUR GUN DOG (30 Min.)—Time permitting** ..... \$45.00

*All stakes are walking and will run under the rules of the U.S. Complete Shooting Dog Association. National Points will be awarded for placements.*

**Judges:** **OSD & OD**—Alex Rickert, Bozeman, MT, and Nick Schade, Salmon, ID; **OP & AGD**—Mandy Drysdale, Bozeman, MT, and Taylor Todd, Helena, MT.



**Entries to: DAVID HUFFINE • Cell: (910) 620-2970**

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**April 22–23 • Jura Stock Ranch, Princeton, BC**

Grounds located on Summerland Princeton Highway.

**Drawing:** Saturday, April 8.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG .....	\$65.00
OPEN DERBY .....	\$65.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG .....	\$65.00
OPEN PUPPY .....	\$60.00

**Judges:** Howard Coneybeare, Armstrong, BC; Vici Johnstone, Qualicum Beach, BC; Russell Moore, Victoria, BC; Phil Stanton, Chamainus, BC; and Paul Neumann, Vernon, BC.

**Entries to: JACQUELINE GEE • Phone: (604) 809-1381**

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**April 25-27 • 2023 Spring Trial • Starts 7:00 A.M.**

**Gladwin Field Trial Area, Meredith, MI**

— A PURINA POINTS TRIAL —



**Drawing:** Friday, April 21, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Secy./Treas. Denise Peters, 7888 Greenwood Rd., Gladwin, MI. All are welcome.

JOHN HADAWAY COVER DOG CLASSIC [OSD] (30 Min.)—Multiple Courses ...\$50.00\*

BOB DORAN OPEN PUPPY CLASSIC (25 Min.)—Single Course .....\$40.00\*

*Puppy will begin Wednesday morning (time TBD).*

DELL TODD OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Multiple Courses .....\$50.00\*

*OSD will start Tuesday; Derby will run at the conclusion of OSD.*

\*Purse: All stakes—50% (less \$3/dog) divided 50-30-20.

Rotating Trophies and Ribbons will also be awarded.

**Judges:** OSD—Ronnie Eldridge and one to be announced; OD—Bob Wheelock and Joe Colglazier; OP—Chris Wasserman and one to be announced.

**Direct entries to: DENISE PETERS, 7888 Greenwood Rd., Gladwin, MI 48624**

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## RIDGERUNNERS BIRD DOG CLUB

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 29 • STARTS 7:30 A.M.**

— U.S. Complete Points Trial —

**Grounds:** Freeland Kennel Club, 258 Stagecoach Rd., Weatherly, PA 18255.

Breakfast and lunch available. Handlers' Dinner at the grounds Saturday evening.

**Drawing:** Thursday, April 27, 7:00 P.M.

AMATEUR WALKING PUPPY (20 Min.)—Ribbons & Purina Coupons.....\$35.00

OPEN WALKING DERBY (30 Min.)—No Purse; Ribbons & Purina Coupons.....\$50.00

AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Ribbons & Purina Coupons..\$50.00

\*AMATEUR WALKING GUN DOG (30 Min.)—Ribbons & Purina Coupons .....\$50.00

**\*Judgement ceases at flush; Run at club's discretion, if time allows.**

**Judges:** To be announced



**Entries to: ANDY BOGAR**

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## SOUTHERN WISCONSIN FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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**April 22–23, 2023 • New Glarus, WI**

**Grounds:** Oasis Game Farm, N9074 County Hwy. J., New Glarus, WI 53574. **Drawing:** Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 P.M., at the residence of the chairman. **Accommodations:** Swiss-Aire Motel, 1200 State Road 69, New Glarus, WI 53574; Phone: (608) 527-2138.

(Sat.) \*OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.).....\$55.00

\*OPEN DERBY (30 Min.).....\$50.00

*\*Purse (must have 10 dogs)*

(Sun.) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Trophy .....\$50.00

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Trophy .....\$50.00

**Judges:** To be announced



**Entries to: MIKE ROPER, 5412 County Rd. A, Brooklyn, WI 53521**

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**APRIL 29–30, 2023**

**Grounds:** Mortlach Field Trial Club's clubhouse, 4½ miles north of Mortlach, SK. Handlers' horses available; please contact trial chairman. **Drawing:** Friday, April 28, 7:00 P.M., at the clubhouse. Handlers must have an AFTCA membership to enter dogs. Running of stakes are at the discretion of the field trial chairman. Meals: Bender Breakfast provided on Saturday and Sunday; Lunches will not be provided; Saturday night BBQ supper. **Accommodations:** Camping on grounds. Pilgrim Inn (20 miles from grounds in Caronport)—(306) 756-5002 or hotels in Moose Jaw (35 miles from grounds).

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**Judges:** To be announced

**Ron Bender, Field Trial Chairman • Lou Qualtiere, President**

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

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## RIDGERUNNERS BIRD DOG CLUB

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 30 • STARTS 7:30 A.M.**

— SBHA & EPFTA Points Trial —

**Grounds:** Freeland Kennel Club, 258 Stagecoach Rd., Weatherly, PA 18255.

Breakfast and lunch available. Handlers' Dinner at the grounds Saturday evening.

**Drawing:** Thursday, April 27, 7:00 P.M.

AMATEUR HORSEBACK SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Ribbons.....\$50.00

AMATEUR HORSEBACK DERBY (30 Min.)—Ribbons.....\$50.00

**Judges:** To be announced

**Entries to: ANDY BOGAR**

**Phone: (570) 204-0652 • Email: Bogey179@yahoo.com**

*Club and officials not responsible for any accidents or injury.*



# GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE FUTURITY

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## 74<sup>TH</sup> PUPPY CLASSIC

April 7\*

Black Moshannon State Forest, Phillipsburg, PA

\*Start time follows the last brace and announcement of Grand National Grouse Invitational winner



Purse: \$750; \$500 to owners, \$250 to breeders.

Open to puppies from nominated matings with forfeits paid for the 79th Grouse Futurity.

Entry Fee: \$75.00

Judges: Russell Ogilvie, Waldoboro, ME,  
and Thor Kain, Carbondale, PA

Stake Manager / Reporter: Thor Kain

Drawing: Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 P.M. (EDT),  
at the home of the secretary.

Lunch on course provided by Purina.

Entries to: THOR KAIN, Secy.

348 Upper Powderly St., Carbondale, PA 18407

Phone: (570) 702-6670 • Email: TKain63@gmail.com

Grand National Grouse Futurity is not responsible for dogs entered and run. No live ammunition allowed.

# MICHIGAN AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUB

— On behalf of the Association of Michigan Field Trial Clubs —

Member AFTCA & AMFTC • Blank Ammo & Solid Barrel Guns Only!

APRIL 7-8 • GLADWIN FIELD TRIAL AREA, MEREDITH, MI

Drawing: Sunday, April 2, 7:00 P.M. (EDT), at the home of the president.

Lunches available on the grounds each day.



15th ANNUAL JUDD KINNE MEMORIAL  
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.)

Starts Friday, April 7, 7:30 A.M. • Entry Fee: \$45.00

Judges: To be announced

Multiple Courses • Rotating Trophy & Rosettes to placements  
For the Winner, a custom Montana Silversmith belt buckle.

CHESTER HALLEY MEMORIAL AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)

Starts Saturday, April 8 (time to be announced) • Entry Fee: \$45.00

Judges: Tom Fruchey and Brendan Terrian

Multiple Courses • Rotating Trophy & Rosettes to placements  
For the Winner, a custom Montana Silversmith belt buckle (a gift from Michael Halley).

CHUCK PAGANO MEMORIAL AMATEUR PUPPY CLASSIC (25 Min.)

Starts Friday morning, April 8 • Entry Fee: \$35.00

Judges: To be announced

Single Course • Rotating Trophy & Rosettes to placements  
Custom classic headwear provided by Dunroven Kennels to all placements

MICHIGAN HUNTING DOG (30 Min.)

Saturday, April 8 (time to be announced) • Entry Fee: \$40.00

Judges: Abraham Downer and Wally Shook

Entries limited to time available • Continuous Course • Judgment ceases at flush  
Rosettes to all placements

NOTE: Hunting Dog is a non-sanctioned stake open to dogs with no prior field trial shooting dog placements. Bepers are allowed in Hunting Dog. AFTCA membership is NOT required for the Hunting Dog stake. For all AFTCA sanctioned events you must be an individual AFTCA member to enter your dog. Use of retrieval collars are allowed in all stakes under strict compliance of AFTCA guidelines.

Entries to: BOB WHEELOCK, President

Phone: (231) 970-1571 • Email: bobwhelock@comcast.net

Richard Hollister, Vice-President • Diane Wheelock, Secretary/Treasurer

Directors: Ron Badley, Rob Ellis and Carson Foster

# NATIONAL BRITTANY OPEN GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP ASSOCIATION

— On behalf of the Association of Michigan Field Trial Clubs —

APRIL 29-30 • SPRING ALL-BREED TRIAL

Grounds: Gladwin Field Trial Area, Meredith, MI. Lunches available. \$5.00 of each entry to AMFTC and fence fund. Entries Close & Drawing: Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Kenny DeLong. Lodging: Northwoods Motel, 5800 N. M-30, Gladwin, MI 48624; (989) 426-4021. Restricted Breed Open Shooting Dog Qualifier open to all FDSB pointing breeds except English pointers and setters; all other stakes open to all pointing breeds.

(Sat., 7:30 A.M.) OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Multiple courses.....\$50.00

(Sat., 8:30 A.M.) OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Single course.....\$40.00

\*JACK PLYLER MEMORIAL OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Multiple courses.....\$50.00

\*To follow Open Shooting Dog, but no later than Sunday A.M.

RESTRICTED BREED OPEN SHOOTING DOG QUALIFIER (30 Min.)—Multiple courses...\$50.00

Starts Sunday (time to be announced)

OSD, OP & OD: Cash Purse 40%, 50-30-20 after fees, and Rosettes • ROSD: Rosettes

Judges: OSD—Trey Rector and Scott Borgeson; OP—Adam Thomas and Scott Luther;

OD—Marc Dozeman and Bob Wheelock; ROSD—Kenny DeLong and Tammy Chaffee.



Entries to: KENNY DeLONG

Phone: (616) 894-7447

1450 Shady Ln., Greenville, MI 48838



# TWELVE O'CLOCK FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member NBHA & AFTCA

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



April 29-30 • Burlington, WI

— Wisconsin Dog of the Year Points Trial —

Grounds: Dale Creek Gundogs, N 6810 County Road DD, Burlington, WI 53105. County Road DD runs north off Hwy. 11. The kennel is north of Honey Lake and south of Honey Creek (on Hwy. D). Drawing: Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 P.M. Please have amateur number available when you enter.

(Sat.) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course) .....\$50.00

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min. or Course).....\$50.00

(Sun.) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course).....\$50.00

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min. or Course).....\$50.00

Judges: To be announced



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

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

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# MIDWEST FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION NORTHEAST KANSAS TRIALS

Member AFTCA, KFTCA & MWFTA • Blank ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



**APRIL 14\*-16**  
(\*May start April 13, if entries warrant)



**Grounds:** Near Onaga, KS, at intersection of Lincoln and Fairview Rds. Located 2 miles south and 2 miles west of intersection of 63 and 16 Hwys. as 16 goes to Holton. Continuous courses on native and liberated quail, pheasant and prairie chicken. **Meals:** Lunch will be available on the grounds. **Drawing:** Tuesday, April 11, 8:00 P.M., at the home of Joe Worsham. Phone: (816) 261-1343.



- \*MIDWEST AMATEUR ALL-AGE CLASSIC (1 Hour) .....\$100.00  
POINTS TOWARD NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
& PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD • MIDWEST DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS
- \*DR. BOUCHER AMATEUR DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.) .....\$ 65.00  
MIDWEST DOG OF THE YEAR & KANSAS DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS
- \*NORTHEAST KANSAS AMATEUR ALL-AGE CLASSIC (1 Hour).....\$100.00  
POINTS TOWARD NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
& PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD  
MIDWEST DOG OF THE YEAR & KANSAS DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS
- \*NORTHEAST KANSAS SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour).....\$100.00  
POINTS TOWARD NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP  
MIDWEST DOG OF THE YEAR & KANSAS DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS
- \*OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Shooting Dog Standards .....\$ 65.00  
MIDWEST DOG OF THE YEAR & KANSAS DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS

*\*Prizes to all placements*

Judges: Mark Livingston and Hunter Livingston

Entries to: JOE WORSHAM • Phone: (816) 261-1343

## BEAVERTON GROUSE DOG CLUB

— On behalf of the Association of Michigan Field Trial Clubs —  
Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

### 42nd Running Michigan Grouse Dog Puppy Classic

*— In memory of Judd Kline —*

### & The 17th Running Eaton Spring Derby Classic

*— In honor of club founders Andy & Betty Eaton of Beaverton —*

**April 21–23 • Gladwin Field Trial Area, Meredith, MI**

**Drawing:** Tuesday, April 18, 8:00 P.M., at the home of secretary Tom Fruchey.

\*BGDC SPRING OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)..... Entry Fee: \$55.00

Multiple Courses • Starts Friday morning

Judges: Ron Levitan and Justin McGrail

Cash Purse: 50% of entry fees divided 50-30-20 • A Purina Points Stake

\*EATON SPRING DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.) ..... Entry Fee: \$50.00

Multiple Courses • Start time to be announced

Judges: Mike Singleton and one to be announced

Cash Purse: 50% of entry fees divided 50-30-20 • A Purina Points Stake

\*MICHIGAN GROUSE DOG PUPPY CLASSIC (25 Min.)..... Entry Fee: \$45.00

One Course • Starts Saturday (time to be announced)

Judges: Dennis Keysor and Ken Moss

**Cash Purse:** 50% of entry fees divided 50-30-20

*\*Rotating Trophy to Winner • Rosettes to 3 places*

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG ..... Entry Fee: \$40.00

*Starts Sunday morning*

Judges: Rich Hollister and Ricky Hollister

Reporter: Tammy Chaffee

\$3.00 of all entry fees for Grounds Fund and AMFTC

The use of retrieval collars will be allowed under the rules set forth by The American Field.

Evening activities after running: Saturday—Steak BBQ.

Entries to: TOM FRUCHEY, Secretary  
952 Van Dyke Rd., Beaverton, MI 48612  
Phone: (989) 435-3793 • Text: (989) 324-8451  
Email: tomkelinc@yahoo.com



# RUFFED GROUSE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

APRIL 14–16 SPRING TRIAL

— A PURINA POINTS TRIAL —

**Grounds:** Gladwin Field Trial Grounds, Meredith, MI. Trial gallery will be leaving Alibi Hall each morning. Lunches will be available. Retrieval collars allowed in accordance with AFTCA and UKC guidelines. **Entries Close:** Sunday, April 9, 7:00 P.M. **Drawing:** Monday, April 10, 7:00 P.M. (EST), at the home of Craig Merlington. **Hotel Accommodations & Restaurants:** Located in Prudenville or Houghton Lake, MI.

JACK SECOR MEMORIAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) .....\$50.00

*To start Saturday, April 15, 8:00 A.M. • May start Friday, April 14, if entries warrant*

Purse: 40% of entry fees, less fees, split 50-30-20

Rotating Trophy to Winner • Multiple Courses

Judges: Dave Heavlin, Grayling, MI, and Jim Johnson, Ravenna, OH

JOHN R. STUART DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.) .....\$50.00

*To start Sunday, April 16, 8:00 A.M.*

*May start no sooner than noon, Saturday, if entries warrant*

Purse: 40% of entry fees, less fees, split 50-30-20

Rotating Trophy to Winner • Multiple Courses

Judges: Craig Merlington, Howard City, MI, and Mike Traxler, Sand Lake, MI

RUTH STUART OPEN PUPPY CLASSIC (25 Min.) .....\$40.00

*To start Saturday, April 15, 9:00 A.M.*

Purse: 40% of entry fees, less fees, split 50-30-20

Rotating Trophy to Winner • Single Course

Judges: Lonnie Radenmacher, Lansing, MI, and Leeann Parnell, Gaines, MI

Entries to: CRAIG MERLINGTON

20705 Blue Fox Way, Howard City, MI 49329

Phone: (616) 862-2296 • Email: northkentwell@gmail.com

*\*Must receive email confirmation for valid entry*

## SHARPTAIL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

**Starts April 27, 2023**

**One-Hour Heats**

**Joe King & Sons Ranch**

**Winnett, MT**

**A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD**

**& HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS TRIAL**

**Entry Fee: \$125.00**

**Judges:** John McIltrout, Roundup, MT,

and Alex Rickert, Bozeman, MT

**OPEN ALL-AGE DERBY (30 Min.) ..... \$50.00**

**OPEN SHOOTING DOG DERBY (30 Min.)..... \$50.00**

**Entries Close:** Monday, April 24, 6:00 P.M. (MST).

**Drawing:** Monday, April 24, 7:00 P.M. (MST),

at the McIltrout residence.

**JOHN McILTROT, Field Trial Chairman—(406) 321-3557**

**Only email entries will be accepted:**

**seranoakennels@gmail.com**

— 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL —  
**GROUSE & WOODCOCK  
 INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Presented by The Grand National Grouse Championship, Inc. / Hosted by The Black Moshannon Field Trial Club*

**April 5-7\* • The Black Moshannon State Forest, Philipsburg, PA**

**Judges:** Bruce Mueller, Bedford, PA, and Marc Forman, Prattsburgh, NY

**Reporter:** Mike Husenits, West Lebanon, PA

\*Running: Held Wednesday and Thursday with callbacks on Friday.

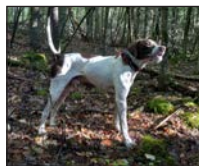
Drawing: Tuesday, April 4, 6:00 P.M., at RJ's Pub, Philipsburg, PA.



**Chasehill Poison Ivy**  
 Allen Raino, Owner  
 John Stolgitis, Handler



**B K Rolling Dice**  
 William Siemer, Owner  
 Bruce Minard, Handler



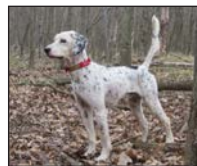
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 Russell Ogilvie, Owner/Handler



**Moss Meadow Seeker**  
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 Steven Snyder, Owner  
 Tammy Chaffee, Handler



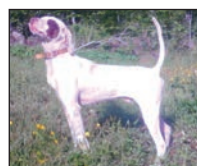
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 James Millett, Owner  
 Robert Ecker, Handler



**Braggabull**  
 Mark Hughes, Owner/Handler



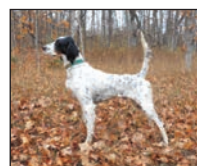
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 Richard Straub  
 & Michael Flewelling, Owners  
 John Stolgitis, Handler



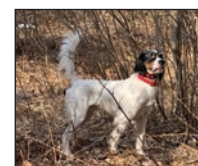
**Daddy's Little Boy Butch**  
 Paul Scott, Owner  
 John Stolgitis, Handler



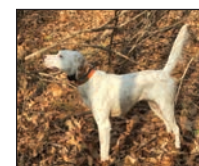
**Neo**  
 David Theroux, Owner/Handler



**Thornapple Cody**  
 Bob Leet, Owner  
 Bruce Minard, Handler



**Northwoods Atlas**  
 Greg Johnson, Owner/Handler



**North Slopes Allie**  
 Ed Graddy, Owner/Handler



Inquiries to: **JOE CAMMISA**, Secretary/Stake Manager • Phone: (724) 859-3908 • Email: castjb@aol.com



## NORTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE BIRD DOG CLUB

Member AFTCA, ANEFTC & USCSDA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

**APRIL 29-30, 2023 • 33rd Renewal • STARTS 7:00 A.M. (EST)**



Grounds: Maine Bird Dog Club grounds, Brownfield, ME, just outside of Fryeburg. Use of retrieval collars provided by handler permitted.

Entries Close/Drawing: Wednesday, April 26, 6:00 P.M. (EST), at home of Stake Manager Tony Bly, Success Loop Rd., Milan, NH—(603) 723-5613.

(Sat., 7:00 A.M.) \*OPEN PUPPY—Judges: Jim Kennedy, Etna, NH, and Rick Despina, Gray, ME.....\$30.00  
 \*WHITE MOUNTAIN OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Judges: Kelly Hays, Strafford, NH, and Tony Bly, Milan, NH.....\$50.00  
 \*GRANITE STATE OPEN SHOOTING DOG Classic (30 Min.)—Judges: Jamie Leitch, Newport, VT, and Paige Davis, Ashland, NH.....\$50.00  
 OPEN SHOOTING DOG QUALIFIER (30 Min.)—Judges: Steve Suple, Newtown, CT, and Bob Arkley, Derby, VT.....\$40.00  
 \*40% (less grounds fees) divided 50-30-20

(Sun., 7:00 A.M.) NEW HAMPSHIRE AMATEUR PUPPY CLASSIC—Judges: Ray Gorman, Colebrook, NH, and Nick Hamel, Wilmot, NH.....\$30.00  
 GEORGE JOHNSON AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Judges: Deb Kennedy, Etna, NH, and Bob Lang, Canterbury, NH.....\$40.00  
 PHILLIPS BROOK AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG Classic (30 Min.)—Judges: Steve Suple, Newtown, CT, and Deb Sloan, Monmouth, ME.....\$40.00  
 OPEN DERBY QUALIFIER (30 Min.)—Judges: Kellie Short, Buxton, ME, and Tony Bly, Milan, NH.....\$40.00  
 AMATEUR GUN DOG—Judges: Thom Richardson, Whitefield, NH, and Doug Dix, Essex Junction, VT; Judgment ceases at flush; First time trialers, free.....\$40.00

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

Phone: (603) 723-4020 • Email: [murraylt@together.net](mailto:murraylt@together.net) • Email entries must be confirmed and include phone number

The Northern New Hampshire Bird Dog Club, its officers, directors, membership and landowners assume no responsibility for participants, animals or spectators in the event of injury or damage to person or property. The Club reserves the right to substitute judges.

### — ADVERTISING REMINDER —

**The deadline for the May issue is April 5.**

*Please submit ads prior to this date to allow for revisions and approval.*



# INDIANA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Western Pointer Club

*Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!*



**Starts after completion of Egyptian Open Shooting Dog Championship, but not before April 8**

**Pyramid State Park (Captain Unit), Pinckneyville, IL • Starts 8:00 A.M. each day**

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

**Entries Close:** Tuesday, April 4, 6:00 P.M. (CST). **Drawing:** Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 P.M., at clubhouse on grounds.

## STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) ..... Entry Fee: \$ 90.00

*Entry fee includes \$15 grounds and birds fee*

**Purse:** 50% of entry fees less grounds fees divided 50-30-20

INDIANA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—Continuous Course ..... Entry Fee: \$230.00

*Entry fee includes \$40 grounds and birds fee*

**Purse:** 60% of entry fees less grounds fees divided 70-30, if Runner-Up is named  
**Qualification:** A recognized placement in an Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake.



**Judges:** Jarrett and Allison Bell, Troy, MO



**— Generously sponsored by Purina and SportDOG —**

**Entries to:** JOHN HOTT, Hoopston, IL • Phone: (217) 304-2412  
**—or—** ROBERT CANADA, New Palestine, IN • Phone: (317) 431-2486

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# ONTARIO GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

**SPONSORED BY THE VENANGO GROUSE TRIAL CLUB**

**April 11\* to Conclusion**

**Allegheny National Forest, Marienville, PA**

**One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$150.00\*\***

*(\*May start April 10, depending on entries | \*\*All funds in U.S. Dollars)*



**— A PURINA POINTS TRIAL —**

**• To be run on native grouse and woodcock on continuous courses •**

**Purse:** \$2,000 divided 80-20, if Runner-Up is named.

**Judges:** Bob Wheelock, Thompsonville, MI, and Eric Munden, Philipsburg, PA

**Reporter:** Dave Fletcher, Morrice, MI

**Drawing:** Saturday, April 8, 8:00 P.M., at the home of the secretary.

**Eligibility:** Dog(s) must have a placement in an Open Derby or Open All-Age stake.

**— A memorial dinner honoring Tim Tufts will be held Wednesday evening, April 12 —**

**Championship entries to:**

**JOE CAMMISA, 110 Pinewood Ln., Butler, PA 16001 • Phone: (724) 859-3908**

**— Make checks for entries payable to Venango Grouse Trial Club —**

*Dogs are entered at the risk of their owners. The club assumes no responsibility for loss or injury to animals or people resulting from any cause.*



# U.S. COMPLETE SHOOTING DOG ASSOCIATION NORTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



**Arcadia Management Area, Exeter, RI**  
**Starts Wednesday, April 12, 8:00 A.M.**  
*(start time dependent on entries)*

**Hosted by U.S. Complete Northeast Regional Club**  
*Member USCSDA & AFTCA*

**Entry Fee: \$155.00 • Purse: 40% of entry fees split 70-30 to Champion and Runner-Up.**  
**Judges: Tom Tracy, Lebanon, CT, and Alene LeVasseur, Franklin, CT**

Horseback scouting permitted when dispatched by Judges. Run on native and liberated birds. Tracking and GPS collars are permitted, but will NOT be provided. Run under U.S. Complete Shooting Dog Guidelines. .32 caliber or .22 caliber #2 blank pistols or 209 primer guns required. **Drawing:** Monday, April 10, at the home of Bill Bonnetti. Phone: (508) 648-0598. Registered name of dog must accompany entry! **Directions:** Driving north or south on Int. Rt. 95 to Exit 5, to Rt. 102-S to Rt. 3-S to Rt. 165-W. Turn right on Frosty Hollow Rd. Signs will be posted. **Lodging:** Super 8—(401) 397-3381 and Best Western—(401) 397-5494, located at junction of Rt. 95 and Rt. 3, Exit 6, West Greenwich, RI.

**Entries to: BILL BONNETTI • Phone: (508) 648-0598**



# ABHA MIDWEST OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

**Hosted by Boiling Springs Field Trial Club**



**VALU<sup>▲</sup>PAK**  
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**April 13-15 • Camden, SC**

**Entry Fee: \$165 • Purse: 40% (less fees) divided 70-30**

**Judges: Roger McPherson and Tim Ruff**

**Grounds:** Club grounds, Camden, SC, located off of Field Trial Road and Greenfield Drive. Negative Coggins papers in hand for all horses. **Drawing:** Sunday evening, April 9, at the home of Cliff Monroe.

**Entries to: CLIFF MONROE • Phone: (704) 692-3580**



# REGION 19 (AFTCA) AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Minnesota Grouse Dog Association

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

April 14-16, 2023 • Starts 8:00 A.M. sharp!



**Grounds:** Rum River State Forest, 11 miles west of Mora, MN. Contact trial chairman for mapping or directions. Trial will start on Friday and end Sunday. Handlers walk all stakes. Multiple course on wild birds! **Drawing:** Tuesday, April 11, 8:00 P.M.

**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (One Hour)—Rosettes to placements.....\$125.00**  
**OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Purse: 50% divided 50-30-20 & Rosettes to placements .....\$ 60.00**  
**OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Time permitting; Rosettes to placements .....\$ 40.00**

**Judges:** Scott Anderson, Bill Frahm, Jordan Pharris, Joe Landowski, and others to be announced.

— All MGDA trials run to AFTCA Guidelines —

To enter, visit: [www.huntsecretary.com](http://www.huntsecretary.com)

Questions? Contact: HELENA LARKIN

Phone: (936) 852-2080 • Email: [AKCdiv@huntsecretary.com](mailto:AKCdiv@huntsecretary.com)

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# REGION 13 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Farmer Sportsmen's Field Trial Club

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

Members AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



April 15–16, 2023

Ionia Field Trial Grounds, 3156 Harwood Dr., Ionia, MI 48846

Entry Fee: \$130.00 [U.S. Funds] • One-Hour Heats

— A PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD POINTS AND INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL —

To be run on a continuous course with native birds and liberated quail.

**Judges:** Frank Vicari, Hampshire, IL, and Mike Vicari, Hampshire, IL

**AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Time permitting .....\$45.00**

**Prizes:** Champion and Runner-Up will receive a gift. Purina dog food compliments of our sponsor, Purina and Greg Blair.

**Note—Entries Close:** Tuesday, April 11, 8:00 P.M. (EST), at the home of the secretary, Bill Branham, 6232 Colf Rd., Carleton, MI 48117; Phone: (313) 820-2745. **Eligibility:** Dogs must have an AFTCA win in an Amateur All-Age or Amateur Derby stake. Handlers must have an AFTCA individual membership number. **Accommodations:** Mid-Way Motel, 7076 S. State Rd., Ionia, MI 48846—(616) 527-6570; Amerihost Inn, 423 Brown Blvd., Ionia, MI 48846—(616) 527-2200; Super 8, 7245 S. State Rd., Ionia, MI 48846—(616) 527-2828. RV hookups available with electric \$20/day; without electric \$15/day. Stall and parking lot clean-up of dogs and horses is the responsibility of owners/handlers.

**Entries to: BILL BRANHAM • Call or Text: (313) 820-2745 • Email: [huroncreek1@gmail.com](mailto:huroncreek1@gmail.com)**

**MICHIGAN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB**  
— On behalf of the Association of Michigan Field Trial Clubs, Inc. —



# MICHIGAN OPEN CLASSICS

**Starts Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 A.M.**

**Ionia Recreational Area (Course One), Ionia, MI**

*Camping with electric is available on the grounds for \$20/night.*

**MICHIGAN OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (45 Min.)—Single Course ..... \$100.00\***  
**MICHIGAN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (45 Min.)—Single Course..... \$100.00\***

**Michigan Dog of the Year Points Trial • Purse (both stakes): 50% (less fees) divided 60-40**  
*\*Includes \$15.00 grounds and association fees*

**Judges:** OD—Blake Rizzo, Davison, MI, and Charlie Fenech, Boon, MI;  
OSD—Mark Johnson, Winnebago, IL, and Bill Branham, Carleton, MI.

**Entries Close:** Thursday, April 13, 6:00 P.M. (EST).

**Drawing:** Thursday, April 13, 7:00 P.M., at the home of the secretary/treasurer, Millersburg, MI.

**Call or send entries to: JIM CIPPONERI, President & Stake Chairman**

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**Directors:** Dennis DeLuca, Ron Williams, and Richard Lipski

*Our sincerest thanks to Purina and Greg Blair for their continued support!*

The Michigan Open Shooting Dog Championship Club is pleased to announce that it will co-host the Region 13 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship at the conclusion of this trial. Please see separate ad for details.  
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## REGION 13 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



**April 22\*-23 • One-Hour Stake on Released Quail • Ionia, MI**

*\*May start Friday, April 21, if entries warrant*

**Hosted by Michigan Open Shooting Dog Championship Club**

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

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

**Entry Fee: \$125.00 • Prizes awarded to the Champion and Runner-Up**

**Judges:** Mark McKinley, Conklin, MI, and Chris Cagle, Novi, MI

**Eligibility:** Dogs must have an AFTCA win in an Amateur Shooting Dog or Amateur Derby stake.

**OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Entries and time permitting; Purse: 50% of entries (less fees).....\$50.00**

**Entries Close:** Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 P.M. (EST). Handlers must have an AFTCA individual membership number.

**Drawing:** Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 P.M. (EST), at the Ionia Clubhouse.

**To enter, please contact: JEFF HAGGIS, Trial Chairman**

**Phone: (519) 289-5544 • Email: [haggissaddlery@xplornet.com](mailto:haggissaddlery@xplornet.com)**

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**Thank you to our sponsors, Purina and Greg Blair.**

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# BIG SKY OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

HOSTED BY THE BIG SKY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Starts at the conclusion of the Sharptail Classic  
and companion Derby stakes but not before April 28, 2023

— Purina Top Shooting Dog Award Points Trial & Amateur Invitational Points Trial —

• **GROUNDS:** Joe King and Sons Ranch, Winnett, MT. *Directions:* Take Hwy. 244 south of Winnett, MT, 9 miles. Turn west (right) onto Yellow Water Rd. (coming from Roundup, north on Hwy. 87 approx. 18 miles, turn east onto Hwy. 244, go 17 miles and turn west (left) onto Yellow Water Rd.). Campsite is approximately 3 miles.

• **ENTRIES CLOSE & DRAWING:** Monday, April 24, 6:00 P.M. (MDT); Drawing at 7:00 P.M. (MDT), at 774 Melville Rd., Melville, MT.

• **COURSES:** Six continuous courses on native Sharptail Grouse, Hungarian Partridge and Pheasant.

• **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Northern Motel, Winnett, MT—(406) 429-7781.

• **JUDGES:** Alex Rickert, Bozeman, MT, and Austin Turley, Molt, MT

• **REPORTER:** David Huffine, Wilmington, NC

• **ORDER OF RUNNING:**

– Big Sky Open Shooting Dog Championship | 60 Min.

*\*The Championship will be followed by the Region 14  
Amateur All-Age Championship (please see separate ad).*

• **ENTRIES TO:**

David Huffine — Call or Text: (910) 620-2970

ENTRY FEE \$175 / U.S. FUNDS

Big Sky Open SD Ch. Trophies  
to the Winner and Runner-Up  
(50% of entries split 70-30)

Championship Winners  
receive Nutri-Source Dog Food  
and SportDOG Collars

• No training on field trial grounds.  
• No smoking is allowed on grounds or in camp.

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## REGION 14 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Hosted by the Big Sky Field Trial Club

Starts at the conclusion of the Big Sky Open Shooting Dog Championship  
but not before May 1, 2023

Joe King & Sons Ranch, Winnett, MT

A PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD & AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL

One-Hour • Entry Fee: \$150.00

**Judges:** John McIltrout, Roundup, MT, and David Huffine, Wilmington, NC

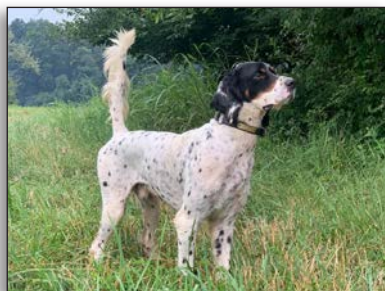
**Directions to Grounds:** Take Hwy. 244 south of Winnett, MT, 9 miles. Turn west (right) onto Yellow Water Rd. (coming from Roundup, north on Hwy. 87 approx. 18 miles, turn east onto Hwy. 244, go 17 miles and turn west (left) onto Yellow Water Rd.). Campsite is approx. 3 miles. A multi-course horseback trial on Sharptail Grouse, Hungarian Partridge, and pheasant. No training or smoking on grounds. No food or horse feed provided. Come self-contained. **Entries Close/Drawing:** Sunday, April 30, 6:00 P.M. (MDT); Drawing at 7:00 P.M. (MDT), at the Turley residence in Molt, MT. **Eligibility:** Dogs must have a placement/win certificate in AFTCA Derby or All-Age stake. You must be an individual member of AFTCA to enter your dog. All dogs must be entered with registered name and handler number. **Award:** Permanent award gifted to Winner and Runner-Up (name plaque on Region 14 permanent trophy). **Accommodations:** Northern Motel, Winnett, MT—(406) 429-7781.

**Entries to: AUSTIN TURLEY • (406) 860-7161**

# INDIANTOWN GAP BIRD DOG CLUB, INC.

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

Spring Trial begins Monday, April 10 • Starts 8:00 A.M.



**ERIN'S BIG CASINO**  
2022 Keystone Champion  
Paul Berdiner, Owner • Mike Tracy, Handler

**Grounds:** Property of Keystone Bird Dog Trust, Petersburg, PA. **Directions:** From Rt. 22, 6 miles west of Huntingdon, take Rt. 305E (right) to Petersburg. One mile north of Petersburg, turn left toward Camp Blue Diamond, go 1/2 mile, cross bridge and immediately turn right to trial grounds. (GPS address: 6728 Bethel Rd., Alexandria, PA). **Drawing:** Sunday, April 9, 6:00 P.M., at the clubhouse.

## STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:

(Mon., Apr. 10) **KEYSTONE OPEN**

**SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (One-Hour continuous course) .....\$185.00**

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

Purse: 50%, 70-30 • Prizes: Purina dog food to winners

**KEYSTONE YANKEE OPEN DERBY CLASSIC .....\$ 65.00**

— **A PURINA TOP DERBY AWARD POINTS TRIAL** —

Purse: 50%, 50-30-20 • Prizes: Purina dog food to winners

**Judges:** *Keystone Championship & Classic*—Luke Eisenhart, Leesburg, GA, and Keith Cagle, Shelton, CT

(Fri., Apr. 14) **REGION 2 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP .....\$125.00**

— **A PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS, AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS & EPFTA POINTS TRIAL** —

Prizes: Purina dog food and Lion Country Supply gift cards to winners

**AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Time permitting .....\$ 45.00**

Prizes: Purina dog food to winners

**Judges:** *Region 2 Championship*—Luke Eisenhart, Leesburg, GA, and Jeanette Tracy, Glenville, PA

**Entries to:** GREG STRAUSBAUGH, Field Trial Chairman • Phone: (570) 510-2692 • Newport, PA

*Entries are accepted with the understanding that the Indiantown Gap Bird Dog Club and the Keystone Bird Dog Trust, their officers, members, landowners, and their agents are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any damages to persons, horses, dogs, or equipment incurred while participating or attending the trial.*



# REGION 2 (NGSPA) CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Starts at the conclusion of the  
NGSPA National Championships  
but not before April 15, 2023**

**Mingo Sportsman's Club,  
Bloomingdale, OH**

**— Open to German Shorthaired Pointers Only —**



***Generously sponsored by Purina***

**Drawing:** To be held on the grounds, the night prior to running.  
Retrieval collars will be permitted.

**— A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL —**

## **AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entry Fee: \$190.00 • One-Hour**

**Judges:** Peter Coppens, Highland, IL, and Justin Allen, Norwich, OH

## **OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entry Fee: \$200.00 • One-Hour**

**Purse (12-dog minimum):** \$500 to Champion; \$250 to Runner-Up

**Judges:** Peter Coppens, Highland, IL, and Mark Hughes, Clearfield, PA

## **OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entry Fee: \$200.00 • One-Hour**

**Purse (24-dog minimum):** \$500 to Champion; \$250 to Runner-Up

**Judges:** Peter Coppens, Highland, IL, and Mark Hughes, Clearfield, PA

## **OPEN DERBY (Time permitting)**

**Entry Fee: \$100.00 • 30 Minutes**

**Judges:** Mark Hughes, Clearfield, PA, and one to be announced

**Entries to: JENNIFER GOODALL, Field Trial Secretary  
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**Phone: (330) 607-1064 • Email: gooje@aol.com**

# NEW ENGLAND'S "Spring Fling" TRIPLE HEADER

**Flaherty Field Trial Area, East Windsor, CT**  
(Exit 44 off I-91, then follow Rt. 5 South)



## 94<sup>TH</sup> NEW ENGLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Sponsored by The New Britain Field Trial Club and Association of New England Field Trial Clubs, Inc.

*Featuring the Harry Townshend Award: A \$500 prize to the winning handler!*

**April 24 • Starts 8:00 A.M.** (starting time will depend on number of dogs drawn)

**Entry Fee: \$250.00** (includes \$25 Grounds & Association Fees)

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

**Purse:** 50% of the entry fees (less \$25 Grounds and Association fees) divided 70-30, if Runner-Up is named.

**Judges:** Jeff Smith, Chase City, VA, and Jason Smit, Montgomery, NY • **Reporter:** John Olfson, West Hartford, CT

**Course:** One-hour single course to be run on liberated quail. Run to Shooting Dog standards. **Qualifications:** A recognized placement in an Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake. Dogs must be shot over with a .32 or .22 caliber #2 blank or 209 primer revolver.

**Drawing:** Friday, April 21, 8:00 P.M., at the home of Bill Bonnetti. **Accommodations:** Comfort Inn, 141 Prospect Hill Rd., East Windsor, CT—Phone: (860) 254-5383.

**Field Trial Committee:** Bill Bonnetti, Elias Richardson, John Olfson, Dick Bembenek

**Entries to: BILL BONNETTI • Phone: (508) 648-0598**

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## 87<sup>TH</sup> NEW ENGLAND SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY

Run under the auspices of the Association of New England Field Trial Clubs, Inc.

*Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!*

**Starts at completion of the New England Open Championship but not before Friday, April 28, 8:00 A.M.**

**Starting Fee: \$125.00 • 30-Minute Heats • To be run on liberated quail**

**A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD & PURINA TOP DERBY AWARD POINTS TRIAL**

*Bill Conlin Setter Shooting Dog Derby Award Points to any Setter winner of this stake.*

**Purse:** 50% of entries divided 60-40 between owners and breeders (40-30-20-10).

**Judges:** John Malone, Bolton, CT, and Aidan Malone, Bolton, CT • **Reporter:** Margaret Drew • **Stake Manager:** John Stolgitis

**Entries Close:** Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 P.M. Drawing to follow.

*Cocktail Hour & Dinner on Friday night, sponsored by Allen Raiano, owner of last year's winner, Chasehill Poison Ivy (handled by John Stolgitis).*

**Entries & Correspondence to: MARGARET DREW, Futurity Secretary**

**Call/Text: (910) 206-0079 • Email: bmdrew@windstream.net**

**— All entries must be confirmed —**



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*The New England Futurity is a member of the Association of the New England Field Trial Clubs, Inc.*



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## REGION 1 (AFTCA) AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

*Member AFTCA & ANEFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only! No live ammunition allowed on grounds!*



**April 29 • Starts 8:00 A.M.**

**Entry Fee: \$125.00 • One-Hour Heats • One course on liberated quail • Plaques to the Winners**

**A NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL & PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD POINTS TRIAL**

**Judges:** John Stolgitis, Ashaway, RI, and Doug Ray, Waynesboro, GA

**Entries Close:** Wednesday, April 26, 8:00 P.M. Drawing to be held at the home of the President.

**Qualifications:** AFTCA Win Certificate for a Derby or All-Age placement required.

**Tim Cavanaugh and John Olfson, Co-Chairmen**

**Entries to: TIM CAVANAUGH • Phone: (860) 575-5881**

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**Recognized Field Trials**

**NGSPA National Championships & Futurity**

April 1 / Grovespring, MO  
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**Nittany Valley Bird Dog Club**

April 1 / Phillipsburg, PA  
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**Region 9 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship**

April 1 / Payette, ID  
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**Vancouver Island Pointing Dog Club**

April 1 / Parksville, BC  
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**York Pointer & Setter Club**

April 1 / Rossville, PA  
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**CanAm Shooting Dog Classic**

April 3 / Payette, ID  
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**Egyptian Open Shooting Dog Championship**

April 3 / Pinckneyville, IL  
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**Cascade Open All-Age Championship**

April 5 / Payette, ID  
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**Grouse & Woodcock Invitational Championship**

April 5 / Phillipsburg, PA  
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**Region 4 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship**

April 5 / Bloomingdale, OH  
Contact: Mary Sue Schalk / Phone: (270) 625-0196

**Grand National Grouse Futurity Puppy Classic**

April 7 / Phillipsburg, PA  
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April 7 / Meredith, MI  
Contact: Bob Wheelock / Phone: (231) 970-1571  
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**Indiana Open Shooting Dog Championship**

April 8 / Pinckneyville, IL  
Contact: John Hott / Phone: (217) 304-2412

**Keystone Open Shooting Dog Championship**

April 10 / Petersburg, PA  
Contact: Greg Strausbaugh / Phone: (570) 510-2692

**Ontario Grouse Championship**

April 10 / Marienville, PA  
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**Northeast Kansas Field Trial Club**

April 13 / Onaga, KS  
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April 13 / Marienville, PA  
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**Pennsylvania Grouse Trial Club**

April 14 / Marienville, PA  
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**Region 2 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship**

April 14 / Petersburg, PA  
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**Region 19 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship**

April 14 / Mora, MN  
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**Ruffed Grouse Field Trial Club**

April 14 / Meredith, MI  
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**National Amateur Chukar Championship**

April 15 / Red Rock, NV  
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**Pacific Coast Derby, Western Open Shooting Dog and Open All-Age & California Quail Championships**

April 15 / Red Rock, NV  
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**Recognized Field Trials**

**Region 1 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship**

April 15 / Exeter, RI  
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**Region 2 (NGSPA) Championships**

April 15 / Bloomingdale, OH  
Contact: Jennifer Goodall / Phone: (330) 607-1064  
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**Region 13 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship**

April 15 / Ionia, MI  
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**Western Championships**

April 17 / Reno, NV  
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**Michigan Open Classics**

April 18 / Ionia, MI  
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**Beaverton Grouse Dog Club**

April 21 / Meredith, MI  
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**Region 13 (AFTCA)**

**Amateur Shooting Dog Championship**

April 21 / Ionia, MI  
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**British Columbia All Breed Pointer Club**

April 22 / Princeton, BC  
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**New England Open Championship**

April 24 / East Windsor, CT  
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**NGSPA of Ohio Championships**

April 24 / Dresden, OH  
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**Lake States Field Trial Club**

April 25 / Meredith, MI  
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**Sharptail Open Shooting Dog Classic**

April 27 / Winnett, MT  
Contact: John McLlrot / Phone: (406) 321-3557

**Big Sky Open Shooting Dog Championship**

April 28 / Winnett, MT  
Contact: David Huffine / Phone: (910) 620-2970

**New England Shooting Dog Futurity**

April 28 / East Windsor, CT  
Contact: Margaret Drew / Phone: (910) 206-0079  
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**Mortlach Field Trial Club**

April 29 / Mortlach, SK  
Contact: Brenda Ochosky / Phone: (306) 229-6581

**National Brittany Open Grouse Championship Association**

April 29 / Meredith, MI  
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**Region 1 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship**

April 29 / East Windsor, CT  
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**Region 14 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship**

May 1 / Winnett, MT  
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**Atlantic Sportsman's Club**

August 19 / Caledonia, NS  
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**ABHA TRIALS**

**Boiling Springs Field Trial Club**

April 1 / Lawndale, NC  
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**ABHA Midwest Open Walking Shooting Dog Championship**

April 13 / Camden, SC  
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**NBHA TRIALS**

**Southern Wisconsin Field Trial Club**

April 22 / New Glarus, WI  
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**Twelve O'Clock Field Trial Club**

April 29 / Burlington, WI  
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**SBHA TRIALS**

**Delaware Pointer & Setter Club**

April 8 / Medford, NJ  
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**Northern New Hampshire Bird Dog Club**

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