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— *An update from Domenick Muoio*

I hope everyone reading this has had a great start to the new year. We are now in February, so the Hall of Fame inauguration is right around the corner. I will be in attendance, and I look forward to meeting many of you and sharing in the celebration of the 2022 inductees!

February also means field trials will start rolling again in many areas. With that, I am sending along a reminder to be timely in sending your reports and Essential Data Forms to Dinora Wellmann at dwellmann@ukcdogs.com.

While on the topic of reports, log on to your favorite podcast platform or YouTube and search for the UKC podcast. Posted in early January, we had an episode where I sat down with two of the most well-known reporters in our sport, Bernie Matthys and Dave Fletcher. We talked about the art of reporting field trials, including the best advice for new reporters, their most memorable experiences as reporters, and some of the stories of some of the late great reporters in the sport. We hope you enjoy it!

— *Domenick Muoio*

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NEW YORK GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Duck Hook Named Champion; Game Winner, Runner-Up

By Bill Ballin | Oxford, New York | September 14, 2022



New York Grouse Championship Winners (from left): Judge Mike Brown, Dave Hughes, Mark Hughes with Game Winner, John Stolgitis with Duck Hook, Liam Ballin, and Judge Bruce Minard.

The 2022 renewal of the New York Grouse Championship at The Flanagan Farm ran September 14-16, hosted by the New York Grouse and Woodcock Club. The weather for the trial was consistent for the three days of running with near-perfect conditions. A thank you to Nestlé Purina for supporting this event with product for the handlers and winners, and advertising support. A special thanks to all who helped make this trial a success by flagging the courses, moving vehicles, marshaling, and lending a hand with whatever needed to be done. This year's event drew 34 dogs, thanks to all the handlers who came from near and far to compete in this prestigious wild bird trial.

Judges for the year's event were Bruce Minard of Beulah, Mich., and Mike Brown of Linden, Mich. At the conclusion, Duck Hook, a pointer male handled by John Stolgitis, was named champion, and Game Winner, a setter male handled by Mark Hughes, was named runner-up.

The Winners

Duck Hook and Game Winner were braced together on the first course of day three. Both dogs were on the line, ready to go, and broke away promptly at 7:30. Both dogs entered the cover and made big reaching casts when Stolgitis reported his bell silent at 20. After a quick flushing attempt, a woodcock was put up, and all was in order. Both dogs continued to search for game checking every piece of cover, when both bells fell silent at 35. Both handlers and judges entered the thick cover when a brood of grouse was put to flight.

Two shots rang out, and the judges gave both dogs credit for the eight-grouse brood find. After the handlers and judges emerged from the thick cover, both dogs were sent on. A few moments later, at 39, after the creek crossing, Hughes's dog slammed on point with Stolgitis's dog backing. A grouse was put up in front of all with perfect manners exhibited. Both dogs continued up the hill in the heavy cover when Stolgitis reported his bell silent at 45. Another

brood was put up with all in order. At 47, Hughes reported his bell silent, and his dog was found in the area of the find just moments before. Hughes elected to flush, and after a three-minute attempt, a single grouse was put up with all being in order. Both dogs finished the hour with a strong race with the same energy they began with.

The Running

Day One

Day one began promptly with Little Miss Margaret (PF/Stolgitis) and Double Deuce Zeke (PM/Hughes). Both dogs broke away and went straight to the cover. Margaret got a bit too close to a grouse and was ordered up. Zeke finished the hour without bird work.

Course No. 2—Jar's Way Leroy (ESM/Hughes) and Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire (ESM/Forman). With both dogs away, Forman reported his bell silent at 8 with a woodcock put up, with all in order. Both dogs finished the hour without any more bird work.

Course No. 3—Lightning Flash Remington (ESM/M. Forman) and A Distant Spec (PF/Hughes). Both dogs finished the hour with no game contact.

Course No. 4—Chasehill Little Izzy (PF/Stolgitis) and Vitali Grouseringer Pappy (ESM/S. Forman). Both dogs hunted consistently. At 45, Stolgitis reported his bell silent, and a woodcock was put up with all in order. Both dogs finished the hour.

Course No. 5—Witch City Charlie (ESM/Levesque) and Suemac's Sashay (PF/Hughes). Dogs were away, and at 20, Charlie's bell was silent. After a quick search, he was found standing, and woodcock was put up with all in order. Both dogs continued, with Levesque reporting his bell silent again. A few minutes later, point was called, and a pair of woodcock were put up with all being in order. At 59, Charlie stopped on the edge of the cover, and a grouse was put up at time, with all in order. Hughes finished the hour without bird work.

Course No. 6—Double Deuce Sage (PF/Hughes) and Chasehill

Poison Ivy (PF/Stolgitis). The dogs broke away and immediately went to work hunting the cover. Around 10, Hughes's bell fell silent, and he found his dog with Ivy backing. A grouse was put up with all in order, and dogs were sent on. Both dogs finished the hour.

Day Two

Day two saw Full Breeze (ESF/Hughes) and Grouse Hill Bullet Proof (ESM/S. Forman) away, with both dogs taking a bit to settle in. Hughes elected to leash his dog after the second unproductive. Forman decided after his third unproductive to follow suit.

Course No. 2—Blast Off (ESM/M. Forman) and I'll Be Back (ESM/Hughes). Both dogs broke away, with Hughes reporting a silent bell at 15. After a brief flushing attempt, he sent his dog on. Both dogs finished the hour without bird work.

Course No. 3—Cinder (ISF/Levesque) and Upper Ammonoosuc Ivy (PF/IS/S. Forman). Dogs were away and went right to work. At 28, Forman called point, and a grouse was put up with all in order. Both dogs finished the hour.

Course No. 4—Panola Bacon (PM/Stolgitis) and Anna Lake Samantha (ESF/Hughes). A short time after the breakaway, Hughes was ordered up. Stolgitis continued the course and finished the hour without any bird work.

Course No. 5—Warrior Zeke (PM/Hughes) and French's Grouse Ringer Woody (ESM/M. Forman). At 28, Hughes reported a silent bell, and nothing was put up after a brief flushing attempt. Forman elected to leash his dog around 45. Hughes finished the hour without bird work.

The last course of the day drew veteran Daddy's Little Boy Butch (PM/Stolgitis) and Miller's Hopped Up Version (PF/Hughes). Both dogs were away and hunted the hour, with Hughes suffering two unproductive points. Both dogs finished the hour birdless.

Day Three

The championship race on course No. 1 was previously described.

Course No. 2—Pistol Patch Bullet (PM/S. Forman) and Bragabull (PM/Hughes). At 5, Bragabull had a stop to flush on a grouse with all in order. At 10, Forman elected to leash his dog as they were not on the same page. Hughes finished the hour.

Course No. 3—Lightning Flash Billie Sue (ESF/Forman) and Deciding Point (ESF/Hughes). Both dogs hunted the hour, with Forman suffering an unproductive and Hughes suffering two. Both dogs finished the hour without bird work.

Course No. 4—Grouse Ridge Mags (ESF/IS/S. Forman) and Chasehill Hidden Jewel (PF/Stolgitis). Both dogs broke away and were covering some serious ground. Both dogs made a large cast at the power line crossing, and both handlers had to work to reel them in. Jewel was able to find her way back to her handler and was sent on. After a lengthy attempt, Forman could not get Mags back on track, and the retrieval device was requested. Jewel finished the hour without bird work.

Course No. 5—The last brace of the trial saw Oscar Robinson (ESM/Ghem) and Wayward Flying Tomato (ESM/Hughes). At 30, both dogs' bells were silent. Hughes found his dog on point with Ghem's dog backing. A woodcock was put up with all in order, and both dogs were sent on. Both dogs finished the hour without any other bird work.

Oxford, N. Y., September 14

Judges: Michael J. Brown and Bruce Minard

NEW YORK GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 34 Entries

Winner—DUCK HOOK, 1668288, pointer male, by Erin's War Creek-Brave Heart Cassie. Mike Flewelling, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

Runner-Up—GAME WINNER, 1672473, setter male, by Full Blast-Springfield's Showgirl. Richard Brenneman, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

LEGENDS OF THE COVER DOG WORLD

By Lloyd Murray

Former Grand National Grouse Secretary Dave Fletcher of Michigan and Ryan Frame of Pennsylvania discussed how to honor the early greats and dogs from the Grouse Woods over 15 years ago. Hall-of-Famer Dave Fletcher came up with "Legends of the Cover Dog World," and Ryan heartily agreed. The basic framework is that the region hosting the Grand National each year nominates a limited number of people and dogs by that region's elected directors. The first time it was done was in the Northeast region in 2007. The dog was Chicora Delight, a legendary setter female and the foundation of the famous "Chief" line of setters, with Hall-of-Famer Mike Seminatore guiding the breeding program.

Fast forward to November 2022. This year's inductees were R. B. "Bernie" Murray from Suncook, N. H., and Ron Ashfield from Fredericton, N. B., Canada. Grand National Director John Stolgitis read Bernie's plaque aloud, covering his years of grouse hunting, wild bird trialing, and breeding quality English setters. Bernie's great hunting companion, Champion Long Gone Stokely, produced Grand National Grouse Champion Stokely's Diablo Jake, who produced the legendary winner and producer, six-time Champion Stillmeadow's Jim. The blood continues on today throughout the setter world. The plaque was presented posthumously to Bernie's grateful family—Lloyd, Ruthanne, and Tamera Murray—at the



Ron Ashfield receiving his "Legends of The Cover Dog World" plaque from Lloyd Murray.

Grand National banquet.

Ron Ashfield, an attorney from Fredericton, N. B., was instrumental in beginning wild bird field trialing in the Canadian Maritimes. Forming a group of enthusiastic grouse and woodcock birddoggers, they started the Maritime Woodcock Classic, which eventuated in The International Amateur Woodcock Championship. Ron's great setter, three-time Champion Just Happy, won this championship in 1978, '80, and '82. Ron is a lifelong avid grouse and woodcock hunter.

Ron was asked to judge many championships and accepted to judge The Grand in Pennsylvania and Michigan. Clubs were indeed fortunate in having Ron acquiesce to their requests. However, one of Ron's greatest strengths was his unique and descriptive reporting of trials. His love of the game oozed throughout his beautiful writing! Northeast Director Lloyd Murray presented Ron's plaque. Lloyd read several paragraphs from a report written by Ron over four decades ago! It still brings goosebumps today. Ron came down from New Brunswick with his lovely wife, Frankie, to accept his award, and it was a pleasure to listen to his very humble acceptance speech. Ron gave all the credit to everyone but himself.

Both inductees' plaques will hang in The Bird Dog Hall of Fame in Grand Junction, Tenn., and include pictures of their dogs, Champion Just Happy and Champion Long Gone Stokely. To both men, you are genuine "Legends of the Cover Dog World."

REGION 14 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Ten Oaks Annie A Named Champion; Carbonado's Silver Sage, Runner-Up

By Sig Guggenmoos | Kirkpatrick Lake, Alberta | September 17, 2022



Region 14 Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (kneeling, from left): Austin Turley with Carbonado's Silver Sage and Jeanette Heise with Ten Oaks Annie A. (Standing, from left): Judges Ron Bender and Pat Lewis, Darrell Curtis, Lou Qualtiere, Glen Randle, Sig Guggenmoos, Sergio Velez, Gar Beacom, and Sam Handous.

Mike Stephens' nom de plume, I. M. Stuck, is strongly in my mind as I write. First, the Region was tasked with finding a host club and venue for the Region 14 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship due to a loss of grounds. It was decided late that the Big Country Field Trial Club would host, but what would we do with the club stakes? Our Region 14 members from south of the border would like to get to American Falls to compete in their championships. For our Montana members, this was a tough choice, support the Region, which involved the hassles of a border crossing, or head down to Idaho for a shot at two championships. COVID border restrictions were still in place which further limited our entry.

Thank you to our landowners: Glen Randle, who provides our camp area; the Scoville clan, who provide most of the land we run on; and to Mark Crowle and Todd Nelson and family. A special thanks to Conrad Scoville. He informed me that we would be advised to change one of our courses, and to accommodate this change, he put in a new gate for us.

Thanks to our championship judges, Ron Bender of Lumsden, Sask., and Pat Lewis of Ste. Genevieve, Man. Both men have a long history in field trials and judging championships and have competed in our region club trials and championships.

Thanks to the Big Country Club judges, Ron Bender, Bruce McGillivray, Ryan Jones, and Megan Bastien. When organizing a trial, finding judges is always a challenge. So, it's refreshing when one gets a contact, as I did from Megan, asking, "how can I help?"

Thank you to the others who made this trial a success. Jeanette Heise handled prizes for the winners; Club Secretary Gar Beacom was our dog truck driver and adult beverage supplier and handled the money; Arnie Brown provided the dog wagon; and Sean Kelly, Gerry Caswell, and Darrel Curtis supplied and cooked the banquet meal held at Hemaruka Hall. Unfortunately, our landowners could not attend due to various reasons. However, the full complement of field trialers and the work crew enjoyed a steak dinner with baked beans supplied by Darrel's mother.

Another reason that I. M. Stuck is flashing across my mind is that I am not the designated reporter for this trial. After repeated nudging for the report, I was informed that our reporter had inadvertently

washed his notebook with a jacket. I apologize to the participants for not providing a full running commentary.

Region 14 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

The championship commenced on September 17. Emerging victorious was Ten Oaks Annie A, an eight-year-old pointer female, owned and handled by Jeanette Heise. Annie has won this championship multiple times previously. She's what we all want, a consistent dog. Her placement was based on a forward race, intelligent hunting of available cover, and two finds.

Runner-up was awarded to Carbonado's Silver Sage, a two-year-old pointer female owned by Michelle and Austin Turley, handled by Austin. Sage had one find, but her race was not extensive and forward as that of the champion.

Kirkpatrick Lake, Alberta, September 17

Judges: Ron Bender and Pat Lewis

REGION 14 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] - 12 Pointers and 1 Setter

Winner—TEN OAKS ANNIE A, 1658799, pointer female, by Erin's Brave Heart-Nathan's Sis. Jeanette Heise & Louis Qualtiere, owners; Jeanette Heise, handler. Runner-Up—CARBONADO'S SILVER SAGE, 1691433, pointer female, by Touch's Diamante-Boudica. Michelle & Austin Turley, owners; Austin Turley, handler.

BIG COUNTRY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Judges: Ron Bender and Bruce McGillivray

OPEN SHOOTING DOG - 11 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—FASTFORWARD'S B K GUNNER, 1659633, pointer male, by Stallion-Smak's Orange Crush. Sergio Velez, owner and handler.
2d—CARBONADO'S DIAMOND LINE, 1696373, pointer male, by Touch's Diamante-Empire On Line. Austin Turley, owner and handler.
3d—TOUCH'S AMAZING GREYCE, 1693629, pointer female, by Touch's Grey Street-Intentional. Austin Turley, owner and handler.

Judges: Ryan Jones and Megan Bastien

OPEN DERBY - 7 Pointers

1st—BK LOCKED N' LOADED, 1699229, pointer female, by B K Bonafide Stallion-B K Hirollins Wild. Sergio Velez, owner and handler.
2d—SOUTH BOUND, 1699297, pointer male, by Touch's Diamante-Ten Oaks Annie A. Pat Lewis, owner and handler.
3d—BK UNFORGIVEN, 1699366, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-B K Northwest Express. Sam Handous, owner; Sergio Velez, handler.

NATIONAL OPEN PHEASANT SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Waybetter Rocky Named Champion; Miller's Heat Seeker, Runner-Up

By Joe Lordi | Bloomingdale, Ohio | September 24, 2022



National Open Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship Winners (front, from left): Waybetter Rocky with Scout Casey Hollander and Miller's Heat Seeker with Madison McDonald. (Standing, from left): Ted Foust, Jeanette Tracy, Kevin Joyce, Mike Tracy, Carl Bishop, Judge Jadie Rayfield, Bill and Muriel Primm, Dennis Hood, Fran and Jack Miller, Judge Sean Hauser, Mark Hughes, Greg Strausbaugh, Joe Lordi, Dave Hughes, George Tracy, Mary Tracy, Allen Linder, Chris Catanzarite, Bob Reed, and Bobby Verderosa.

The 66th running of the National Open Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship was run at the Mingo Field Trial Grounds. We drew 84 dogs, what is believed to be a record entry for this event. We want to thank the handlers and owners for their support. We had eight handlers, Mike Tracy, George Tracy, Doug Ray, Mike Martino, Matt Basilone, Jeanette Tracy, Anthony Martino, and the lone amateur handler, Chris Catanzarite. The New York State Bird Dog Association is thankful for all your support.

The judges, Sean Hauser from Whigham, Ga., and Jadie Rayfield from Mt. Pleasant, S. C., were a pleasure to work with before and during the trial. They were ready and willing to go and gave every dog the needed time to make their bid. They set a consistent pace, and everyone was pleased with their decision.

Running a national championship requires great attention to detail, and several members handled this. No one works harder than Chris Catanzarite. He spends countless hours before and during this trial to make it a premier event. He handled bird planting by planting the birds himself or overseeing a crew. He provided hay for judges and others. He worked with the Mingo Sportsman Club on all the details and might have even been a tow truck driver.

Mary Tracy put on several dinners at the pavilion that were delicious. She is also handling all the club's finances as the club treasurer. Her work is much appreciated. Karen Reed works to keep us in line as the club secretary. She handled the ad and helped ensure it was printed in the UKC Field and on the website in a perfect format. She also put on a great dinner. Casey Foster Hollander cooked two wonderful dinners after scouting all day. The first was a delicious chicken fajita dinner, and the second was steaks and asparagus, which were very tasty.

The marshals are an integral part of this trial. Their work goes unnoticed until we don't have them. This year we used several marshals, including Chris Catanzarite, Greg Strausbaugh, Ernie Saniga, Kevin Joyce, Mark Hughes, and Eric Munden. We appreciate their time riding in the saddle to help this trial be a major success.

We would also like to thank our sponsors: Purina, Haggis Saddles, and Lion Country Supply. Purina is a great sponsor of our sport in

general. We appreciate the years of support, including providing the handlers' dinner, paying for the ad, and supplying the dog food for the winners. This year we had the judges name four honorable mention dogs. The handlers of those dogs will each receive a \$100 gift certificate to Haggis Saddles or Lion Country. This was a "try-it-and-see," but we feel it went very well. Lion Country Supply and Haggis Saddles were eager to step up and support it. We cannot thank them enough. I used both companies, and they provide excellent products and customer service.

Finally, we thank our gracious host, the Mingo Sportsman Club of Bloomingdale, Ohio. They have continued to improve the grounds each year. The rolling hills allow one to show a dog. They provide water and allow club members to work during the trial to complete their club work requirements. They provide some dinners at the clubhouse and allow the 4-H club to host a dinner for us. We appreciate all their work and are happy we have such a great place to run a premier event.

The Winners

Waybetter Rocky, handled by Mike Tracy, was named champion; he ran in the final brace of the championship. The judges were looking for that home run all week, and Rocky stepped up to the plate and hit a walk-off home run. At the end of the hour, everyone knew who the champion was. Rocky put on an absolute show. This performance was memorable and worth the wait. Rocky hit the ground running up the ridge, and point was called for at the clump of the trees on the top of the ridge with all in order for his first find. Rocky's second stylish find was on the feed strip going into the outer loop. His third find was coming back through the outer loop. On the knoll at the end of the outer loop, Rocky was locked up for his fourth perfect find. All these finds were great, but our judges wanted a big running dog. Rocky showed he still had plenty of bottom from the rock pile; he scorched the ground, far out front, and this effort paid off. At the start of the next field, he had a divided find with the bird taking flight between the dogs. Along the autumn olives hedgerow, both dogs were standing again, with Rocky standing tall for the flush.

Rocky again made solid forward moves, and point was called

for in the middle of the locust grove. Mike called flight of the bird. Rocky was released at 52 and finished with solid moves out past the first pond and to the right, swinging around the second pond from right to left. As time was called, he was cresting the final hill. Owners Muriel and Bill Primm, and Carl Bishop were all smiles, and Mike was relieved. Performances like this need to be cherished.

Runner-up Champion Miller's Heat Seeker is no stranger to the winners' circle. He has been one of the most consistent winners over the last year. Heat Seeker is owned by Dennis Hood, Muriel and Bill Primm, and Fran and Jack Miller. George Tracy handled Heat Seeker. He was released from the valley, going toward the rock pile. He was running a solid forward race and hitting the objectives. He was charged with an unproductive to the right of the clump of trees at the start of the outer loop. He redeemed himself with a find on a rooster at the end of the outer loop. He continued a strong forward race. He made the turn near the clubhouse and was found standing along the autumn olives with a pleasing style. Woody finished the hour going up and over the hill toward the rock pile.

The judges were asked to name four honorable mentions. They named Absolute Tornado, handled by Doug Ray with four finds and a strong race, and Bull Rock, handled by Mike Tracy with three finds and a strong race. Hillhavyn's Wild Child had a good race with three finds and a stop to flush. Hatteras Sandstorm earned Doug Ray his second honorable mention with three finds, unproductive, and a good race.

The Running

The first brace was away just after 8:00 a.m. Harbor City Sure Shot, a pointer female, was run by Matt Basilone. Sure Shot ran a forward race between 10 and 2 and handled well, but with just an unproductive, Matt elected to pick up at 45. Miller's Automatic Upgrade, handled by George Tracy, was away and scored the first bird contact of the trial but took some liberties and was up at 10.

The second brace featured Bully Rock, run by Mike Tracy, and Steel Valley Raven, handled by Jeanette Tracy. They started on the outer loop, and Mike called point as we turned to make our way back. Raven was brought in for a back. After a relocation, Rock was charged with an unproductive. Both were released, and Raven took an unproductive about 500 yards from where they were released. Both dogs continued a forward race, with Raven taking a second unproductive. Rock scored a find on the left side of the locust grove, on a pheasant, and near the end had a find on a small wild quail. He stretched out and was not seen as time was called. Mike searched and found Rock on point up front. All was in order as Mike flushed a cock bird.

The third brace was released from the top of the ridge with Miller's Locked And Loaded (G. Tracy) and Steel City Alabama (M. Basilone). Both dogs ran big and to the front, with Matt calling for the tracker as we finished the outer loop. Locked And Loaded continued a big, forward race, but with just an unproductive at 40, the handler elected to pick up.

The fourth brace started after lunch at 1:30 p.m. Doug Ray released Absolute Dominator and Iron Bully (M. Tracy). Dominator was running a forward race and looked stylish on point but was up with two unproductives at 25. Iron Bully ran a nice race, but Mike elected to pick up at the end of the locust grove.

Limbsmoke Urban Lullaby (M. Basilone) and R Q's Saddle (J. Tracy) were released at the end of the locust grove. Both traded strong moves. Lullaby got collected by the black hole, and Matt elected to pick up. Saddle ran a forward race with an unproductive on the outer loop, finishing the hour at the rock pile.

Miller's Extreme Heat (M. Tracy) and Wayward Flying Tomato with Mark Hughes on the whistle started from the locust grove. Both dogs made nice moves on the hills to the left as we exited the locust grove. Extreme Heat pinned a covey of quail, but as Mike walked

back to her, more quail took flight, and Heat had a slight breach of manners. Tomato continued to the front, and point was called in the center of the outer loop. While relocating, a rider put up a bird. The dog never saw the bird and was sent on. He continued finishing the hour strong but with no bird work.

The seventh and final brace of day one was released from the stone pile into the locust grove. There was a slight nip in the air. Miller's Blazing Hot Chick (G. Tracy) had a nice find on the hill to the left with everything in order. She was gathered just before going up the ridge and made a nice cast down the ridge and to the right. She was found standing and got just a bit too close on her relocation attempt, ending her bid. Amazing Grace ran a solid forward race, pinning a pheasant on the left at the end of the locust grove. She continued to hunt the cover to the front and finished the hour.

Sunday morning brought much discussion about the weather. It was decided to run, and Bittersweet War Cry (M. Tracy) and Towncreek Hardaway Red (M. Martino) were off at 8:00. Point was called for War Cry, with Red coming in for a back. The pheasant ran between War Cry's feet, causing too much temptation. Red was sent on, but his race was a bit too erratic for the handler, and he elected to pick up.

The weather looked ominous in the distance, and it was decided to hold off until it improved. At 9:45 a.m., the weather improved, and Million Dollar Penny (M. Tracy) and Triple Nickel Carbon Copy (M. Basilone) were off from the main breakaway. Penny showed some signs of flash but took a few steps on a pheasant just after the breakaway field. Carbon Copy made a couple of big swings but was lost on point.

McFay's Dire Straits (M. Martino) and Smoke N Mirrors (M. Basilone) screamed up the hill to the left. Both were gathered up in the valley and sent up and over the ridge. Dire Straits stood tall as the handler and scout called flight, but the judge or marshal did not see it. Point was called for Smoke N Mirrors in the center of the outer loop; as we gained the front, the pheasant was in flight. Dire Straits failed to back and was up. Smoke N Mirrors was off and around on the lower side of the outer loop and back up to the higher side before point was called at the end of the outer loop. She stood as Matt flushed a hen bird. She continued a forward race, and at the rock pile, point was called. The pheasant took flight as the judges rode up to the dog. She was released with three minutes to go on the locust grove. As time was called, Matt called point for a fourth and final find and a strong hour.

Jeanette Tracy released Pine Straw Sweet Tea in the first brace after lunch, with Mike Martino handling Town Creek Hardaway Jill. Jill is a classy moving pointer but had an unproductive before a slight lapse of manners. Sweet Tea was making big moves and checking in as needed. She scored a stylish find going up the ridge before suffering an unproductive at time.

The next brace included Miller's Special Cinderella (G. Tracy) and Hatteras Storm Surge (D. Ray). Surge was off and away, and the tracker was called for at 25. Cinderella ran a good race, tallying a find on the bottom of the ridge and handling a challenging relocation masterfully. She scored a classy find on the right side of the outer loop. Again, she stood tall at the end of the outer loop before we turned to head back. She finished the hour to the front.

Brace No. 13 featured Miller's War Bonnet (M. Tracy) and Walden's Ridge Slap Shot (D. Ray). Slap Shot is a classy moving pointer with all the style needed on point but had one find and two unproductives. War Bonnet was making big moves and putting on an exciting race, but with an unproductive at 30, the handler elected to pick up.

Monday morning George Tracy released High Drive Fantasy Pants with Hyhope Chipper (M. Basilone). They raced up the breakaway hill with point being called for Fantasy Pants. Hyhope Chipper refused to back. All was in order as George flushed a



(From left): Judges Jadie Rayfield and Sean Hauser, and Reporter Joe Lordi.

pheasant. Fantasy Pants was standing again further down the breakaway hedgerow. She took a few steps as George walked back to get her, and she was up.

Brace No. 15 featured Fort River's Lucky Charm (M. Basilone) and Miller's Heat Seeker (G. Tracy). Lucky Charm is a pleasing setter on the ground and on point. He scored a stylish find on a feed strip in the locust grove before a pheasant popped on him in the outer loop, and he took one too many steps. Heat Seeker's run was previously described.

Miller's Hopped Up Version (M. Hughes) and Jolene Jolene (M. Tracy) were sent away from the rock pile along the locust grove. It was just one of those braces where nothing went right. Mike doubled back at the end of the locust grove. Jolene showed up to the front as we followed Hopped Up Version. George took over as she swung to the far right around the pond. Neither dog was seen again, and both handlers called for the tracker at 25.

Absolute Tornado (D. Ray) and Waybetter Rebel (M. Tracy) started at the beginning of the outer loop. Point was called for Rebel, with Tornado backing on the left side of a feed patch. Rebel stood perfectly for the attempted flush but failed to handle the relocation. Tornado was brought back to the right side, where he pinned a pheasant. He made nice casts on the outer loop. As we crossed the first road from the rock pile, Doug called point and flight of the bird, but the judges did not see it; Doug took the dog on. He continued to run a good race, and as he was going up the hill toward the rock pile, he made game and locked up for an easy flush. He was released and took the left edge of the locust grove, meeting Doug at the end. Doug sent him to the left around the pond where point was called, and Tornado stood perfectly for the extended flush. Having three minutes to go, Doug put him on the top of the hill and raced to the front and over the next hill as time was called.

Show Times Dominator (D. Ray) and Double M's Smokin Gun (G. Tracy) started from the main breakaway after lunch. Smokin had one find before the handler called for the tracker, and Dominator had three finds before the handler elected to pick up.

Backcountry Bruiser, handled by Chris Catanzarite, and Cheyenne Jack (M. Tracy), were released in the valley before going up the ridge. Bruiser was pointing on the ridge with Jack backing. Both dogs were facing each other and looked like they were competing on who had more style. Unfortunately, this led to an unproductive for Bruiser. Jack had a stylish find just past the end of the ridge. Jack was not pleasing the handler and was up at 20. At 35, with no bird work, Chris elected to pick up.

Calico's Sky's The Limit (G. Tray) and Hard Truth (D. Ray) were released in the final brace on Monday from the main breakaway. Sky scored first on the breakaway hedgerow with a stylish find, never letting down after the shot. Point was called for Hard Truth on a feed strip with the bird seen by the marshal. Doug attempted to flush with the horse. Truth stood tight. Sky scored her second find out of my

sight. Both dogs made nice moves with no bird work until point was called for Sky going up the ridge, and again all was in order for the flush. At the bottom of the ridge, Hard Truth had a lapse of manners and was up. Sky was charged with an unproductive near the pond. Her bid unraveled on the outer loop as she had trouble running in the tricky wind conditions. She finished the hour and put on a nice show for a young dog. Her future looks bright.

Tuesday morning seemed like it would be perfect bird weather. Miller's Record Heat (M. Tracy) and Hillhavyn's Good Time Rail (M. Martino) were away. Record Heat had an issue on her first bird contact, and Good Time Rail needed the tracker at 10.

The next brace featured Erin's Big Casino (M. Tracy) and Steel City Avenger (J. Tracy). Avenger struck first with a picture-perfect find to the left. She gained the front, and both dogs were standing on the hill at the end of the outer loop. After two near-perfect relocations, neither handler could produce a bird. However, it was reported that the dog wagon had seen a bird fly on the other side of the hill. The dogs were taken on and released across from the rock pile toward the clubhouse. Avenger made a big move but showed well. Casino scored a stylish find on the right at a clump of trees near the road. Avenger stood again high and tight as Jeanette had an easy flush. After being released, Avenger was away up the hill, standing high and tight on both ends for the flush. He was sent along the breakaway hedgerow and was next seen down the hill on the crossing hedgerow, standing for what looked like a painting. This was the move of the trial, but a bird lifted, and Avenger could not handle the temptation. Big Casino suffered a second unproductive and was picked up.

Miller's Upgrading The Ante (G. Tracy) and Sunbelt's Repete (M. Martino) were released going out of the locust grove. Repete had a lapse of manners toward the end of the locust grove with Ante backing. Miller's Upgrading The Ante was making nice moves and was found standing on the left, going up the ridge for a pretty find. She was one of the few dogs that hunted the right side of the ridge. She was making some nice casts, but she hit the road and saw the dog wagon, and her bid was over.

A Buccaneer (D. Ray) and Miller's Sweet Talking Candy (M. Tracy) were away from the rock pile into the locust grove. Candy had an unproductive near the end of the locust grove, and both handlers called for the GPS by 20.

Brace No. 25 featured Answered Prayers (M. Tracy) and The Secret (J. Tracy). Answered Prayers failed to back and was up on the breakaway hedgerow. The Secret was running a blistering race, but with one unproductive and hail falling from the sky, Jeanette elected to pick up at 40.

Miller's Southern Gossip (G. Tracy) and Trump, handled by Bo Brewer, were away for the next brace. Trump is a fine-moving setter with some nice casts. Always forward, he tallied two finds and an unproductive. Miller's Southern Gossip ran a forward race but failed to make the turn near the clubhouse.

Suemac's Sashay (M. Hughes) and Bronco Bully (M. Tracy) were off from the end of the outer loop. Bronco Bully had a stop to flush, a find, and an unproductive and was making some nice casts before a pheasant came into the path right in front of him; the temptation was too much. Sashay is a pretty moving dog and showed plenty of class pointing but had two unfortunate unproductives.

We had Miller's Strolling For Gold (G. Tracy) and Walden's Ridge Rain Storm (D. Ray) Wednesday morning. Rainstorm ran a nice race with plenty of style on the ground, but with no bird work, she was up at 40. Strolling For Gold had a lapse of manners on the breakaway field.

Brace No. 29 pitted Faithful (M. Tracy) and Springflow's Backcountry P (C. Catanzarite) against each other. Faithful, a classy female, had an unproductive and failed to back in a tough situation. Backcountry P had two classy finds and a strong race but suffered

two unproductives.

The last brace before lunch pitted Hatteras Sand Storm (D. Ray) versus Miller's Just Plain Rowdy (G. Tracy). Both dogs took an unproductive just before the rock pile. Sand Storm pointed with Rowdy backing on the right side of the ridge along the corn. All was in order as a rooster was spotted in the corn. Rowdy scored a classy find going up the hill to the outer loop for an easy flush on a hen. Sandstorm was making game on the right coming back on the outer loop, and locked up for a good find. Both dogs finished the hour.

After lunch on Wednesday, we had I Am Spartacus (D. Ray) and Miller's Big Iron (M. Tracy) away at 1:30 p.m. Big Iron suffered two unproductives. I Am Spartacus, a classy pointer male, had an unproductive before a lapse of manners on a bird in the open field.

Southpoint's Hog Wild (M. Tracy) and Hillhavyn's Wild Child (J. Tracy) were away making big casts. Gathering each dog from the black hole took a few minutes. Hog Wild had a back, and Mike elected to pick up before the hour. Wild Child had a find past the ridge on the right. She then had a stop to flight at the end of the outer loop. The bird flew over the dog, and she stopped. She was sometimes a bit sticky returning to the outer loop due to the wind conditions. She was locked up for a find past the rock pile. She found her range, and point was called past the breakaway hedgerow. All was in order as Jeanette flushed a hen to finish the hour.

Miller's High Heat Index (M. Tracy) and Hatteras Rip Tide (D. Ray) ran the last brace of the day. Rip Tide ran a big race, but the tracker was called for at the end of the locust grove. High Heat Index ran with a high cracking tail, but with one find and an unproductive at 40, the handler elected to pick up.

Reedy Creek Dial Tone (M. Tracy) and Hillhavyn's Major Tom (M. Martino) were off fast and furious, making big moves. Dial Tone was pointing on the wood line, looking large in the distance for a beautiful find. Major answered just ahead with a stylish find of his own. The tracker was called for Dial Tone at the end of the locust grove. Jeanette Tracy called point for Major Tom on the hill to the left, but it was tough to see him heading into the sun. All was in order for the flush. Tom continued to the front; he popped and cracked his tail in the cover. At the top of the ridge, the handler elected to pick up.

Braggabull (M. Hughes) and Miller's Flowers And Lace (G. Tracy) were released going down the ridge. This was an exciting brace with lots of bird work. Braggabull was standing on the bottom of the ridge and moved on. Flowers And Lace stood going up the hill, and just as George got off the horse, a hen lifted. All was in order, and she was sent on. Braggabull was pointing with fine style for the flush on the far side of a feed patch. Flowers And Lace stuck a hen ahead, out of my sight. Flowers And Lace was locked up for a find at the far end of the outer loop. Braggabull answered with a find on the left coming back on the outer loop. Flowers And Lace was pointing on the knoll at the end of the outer loop. She was relocating when a bird got up behind her; she stopped immediately. As we gained the front, Flowers And Lace had a find with Braggabull backing. It was cold and wet on the ground, and both dogs were cold. On the breakaway hedgerow, Braggabull was pointing with fine style into the autumn olives with Flowers And Lace backing. Several pheasants were flushed. In the autumn olive bushes, Braggabull was making game after the breakaway and locked up before the hen took flight. Flowers And Lace was pointing on the other side of the feed strip. Both handlers fired and went on. Both continued a strong forward race through the locust grove. Point was called on the left hill past the pond. Braggabull was just in front with Flowers And Lace backing; again, all was in order for the flush. They both finished the hour to the front.

Class Act Express (A. Martino) and Two Spot Tommy (D. Ray) were off going up the ridge. Two Spot Tommy had a find but suffered two unproductives and was leashed. Class Act Express backed three



Miller's Heat Seeker Painting Presentation (from left): Scout Casey Hollander, Mary Tracy, Handler George Tracy, Joe Lordi, and Owners Muriel Primm, Bill Primm, and Dennis Hood.

times. With the course all to their own, both the handler and the dog took advantage with a find on the outer loop, and on the knoll at the end of the outer loop, he stood on a pile of feathers. He made some nice moves but handled with ease. On the left of the breakaway hedgerow, he required a relocation, and he moved directly to the bird and locked up. Anthony attempted to flush the bird away from the dog, and it flew straight at the dog. Express handled the temptation well. He stood, and another pile of feathers was found. As time was called, Anthony rode up the locust grove and called point. He flushed a covey of baby quail. This was a solid effort.

Backcountry Buddy (M. Martino) and Osceola's Seminole Wind (M. Tracy) were off from the breakaway. Buddy had two finds before two unfortunate unproductives. At the end of the locust grove, Mike called for the tracker for Seminole Wind.

Trumped (M. Tracy) and Pinson's Imagine That (A. Martino) started at the beginning of the outer loop. Trumped was tempted on the path with multiple pheasants, which proved too much. Imagine That had one find, and the handler elected to pick up.

Dakota Nation (D. Ray) and Double Deuce Zeke were away from the rock pile. Dakota Nation is beautiful on point; with one find and two divided finds, he had a slight lapse of manners. Zeke ran a big race with two divided finds and a back before the handler had to call for the GPS.

The next brace featured Deception's Wild Justice (M. Martino) and Raag's Rich and Rare (M. Tracy). Wild Justice had one find, but on the ridge had a lapse of manners on a divided unproductive. Rich and Rare ran a big race. He was one of the only dogs to execute the right side around the pond and up and over the hill with little handling; however, with an unproductive and a find at 40, he was behind the eight ball, and the handler elected to pick up.

Saddle Ridge Thunder (J. Tracy) was braced with Plains Drifter (A. Martino). Thunder had a haircut and some new PF Flyers and was away and gone. The handler called for the tracker at 15. Plains Drifter ran a good race, but with no finds at 30, the handler elected to pick up.

The final brace was Waybetter Rocky and Phillips Wind Line (A. Martino). Wind Line had one divided find, two finds, and a back with a good race. Rocky's race was described earlier.

Bloomington, Ohio, September 24 – One Course

Judges: Sean Hauser and Jadie Rayfield

NATIONAL OPEN PHEASANT SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 76 Pointers and 8 Setters

Winner—WAYBETTER ROCKY, 1652783, pointer male, by Brown's Tom Tom-Waybetter Reba. Carl, Joyce & Collin Bishop, Muriel & Bill Primm, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Runner-Up—MILLER'S HEAT SEEKER, 1674886, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Dennis Hood, Bill & Muriel Primm, owners; George Tracy, handler.

REGION 2 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Miller's Heat Wave Named Champion; Calico's Guns N Roses, Runner-Up

By Joe Lordi | Bloomingdale, Ohio | September 30, 2022



Region 2 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Miller's Heat Wave with Allen Linder and Calico's Guns N Roses with Alex Smith. (Back, from left): Dennis Hood, Jack Miller, George Tracy, Fran Miller, Ernie Saniga, Judge Justin Allen, Tiffani Smith, Judge Doug Ray, Mike Tracy, Chris Catanzarite, Jeff Haggis, Greg Strausbaugh, and Carl Bishop.

The Region 2 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship started at the conclusion of the National Open Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship at the Mingo Sportsman Club in Bloomingdale, Ohio. The New York State Bird Dog Association hosted the championship, where 50 dogs were drawn for an outstanding entry. We drew handlers from Canada, Georgia, Tennessee, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, New York, and New Jersey. This was a very impressive entry.

The Mingo Sportsman Club was a gracious host for this event. The grounds are groomed to perfection, and rolling hills allow a dog to be shown. These are truly excellent grounds for a pheasant trial. The facilities are also excellent. The New York State Bird Dog Club would like to thank the Mingo Sportsman Club for allowing us to run on these fine grounds.

The club would like to thank Purina. As with numerous field trials, we appreciate their support for our sport. The club would like to thank Chris Catanzarite for all his help. This trial would not have run without all his hard work and dedication. Chris deals with everything before, during, and after the trial. If it needs to be done, Chris does it. He handles getting the birds, overseeing the planting of the birds, and working with the club on the grounds, dates, and dinners. It truly is amazing how much work he puts into this trial.

We want to thank George and Mary Tracy for their hard work. Mary took care of the entries and snacks during the morning breaks. George drove the dog wagon and was always exactly where we needed him and the dogs to be. Thanks to Dave Hughes for allowing us to use his truck for the dog wagon. This was a big help.

We thank our judges, Doug Ray of Waynesboro, Ga., and Justin Allen of Norwich, Ohio. We appreciate their time in the saddle judging the dogs. Due to some inclement weather on Saturday, we were forced to make up time. They rode extra braces on Friday, Sunday, and Monday to complete the trial on time. We all hated that

Mother Nature did not work with us, but other areas had it much worse, and we are thinking about all the people in the direct path of Hurricane Ian that had their lives uprooted. Both judges worked with us to ensure everyone had an equal opportunity to run.

The Winners

Besting the field of 50 dogs was Miller's Heat Wave, an orange and white pointer female handled by Fran Miller and scouted by Madison McDonald. She has several placements in one-hour stakes. She had a far-reaching race with a divided find and three more well-mannered finds with perfect style to earn the championship.

The judges named Calico's Guns N Roses as the runner-up champion. This black and white pointer female owned by Calico Kennels and Alex and Tiffani Smith is no stranger to the winners' circle. Guns N Roses ran the final brace on Saturday, finishing before the heavy rain started falling. She ran a solid forward race with five stylish finds and one unproductive for handler Alex Smith.

**Bloomingdale, Ohio, September 30 – One Course
Judges: Justin Allen and Doug Ray
REGION 2 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 48 Pointers and 2 Setters**

*Winner—MILLER'S HEAT WAVE, 1675842, pointer female, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Fran & Jack Miller, owners; Fran Miller, handler.
Runner-Up—CALICO'S GUNS N ROSES, 1682136, pointer female, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Calico's Touch of Class. Calico Kennels, owner; Alex Smith, handler.*

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NATIONAL BRITTANY OPEN GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP ASSOCIATION

Bruno's Piney Run Pearl Wins Cover Dog Continental Championship

By Kenny DeLong | Meredith, Michigan | October 8, 2022



Theda Langstaff Memorial Open Shooting Dog Winners (from left): Rich Hollister with Back Creek Lucy, Chuck Langstaff with rotating memorial trophy, Robert Ecker with Dun Rovens Midnite Ike, Judge Kenny DeLong, Brent Peters, Marc Forman with French's Grouseringer Woody, and Judge Rob Ellis.



Continental Cover Dog Championship Winners (from left): Chuck Langstaff, Robert Ecker with Bruno's Piney Run Pearl, Kenny DeLong with K Del's Eagle Magnum Hotshot, and Judge Brent Peters.

Nearly perfect weather for a fall trial blessed us this second October weekend, with temperatures starting in the high 30s and rising to the mid-60s each of the three days of competition. It became a bit on the blustery side by midday on Friday and Saturday, but the otherwise pleasant conditions gave rise to plenty of good bird work for several fine dogs. This has been an exceptional fall for birds at the storied Gladwin venue, this weekend yielding outstanding numbers of grouse and woodcock across all events. From Friday through Sunday, nearly 90 birds were moved, grouse outnumbering woodcock two to one!

Great thanks to all those who pitched in to help a short-handed club. Marshals, vehicle movers, lunch and coffee break preparers, and others are all part of making for a smooth, successful trial. We are thankful for our wranglers, the Hollister Family, and the quality horses they always provide. The generous financial support of Purina and their quality Pro Plan Performance products, thanks to Greg Blair, is greatly appreciated.

This trial was dedicated to the memory of our "Matron of the Grouse Woods," the lovely Theda Langstaff, whom we could all feel was with us in spirit the entire weekend. The newly named Theda Langstaff Memorial Open Shooting Dog ran all day Friday, wrapping up with a couple of braces Saturday morning. A handsome rotating memorial trophy honoring Theda was donated to be awarded for the first time. A hefty entry of 31 dogs competed over all 16 of the Refuge's half-hour courses. Birds were abundant, with more than a third of the dogs in the stake having quality bird work. Judges Kenny DeLong and Rob Ellis named setter "Lucy," handled by veteran Rich Hollister mid-morning on Friday, to the top spot on the strength of her strong forward application and pair of grouse finds; the first of which was something special of a buried limb find that an over-eager bracemate put to noisy flight while Lucy stood like a statue watching it rocket through the trees and disappear.

Bobby Ecker handled setter male Midnite Ike to second place. Ike ran a fine, reaching race Friday afternoon, carding a single grouse at 10 and a pair at 28, standing tall while his backing bracemate broke and chased.

A male setter charge of Marc Forman's ran hard early Friday morning and hunted the cover impressively on course No. 2, earning the yellow ribbon. "Woody" scored on a grouse early at 4, all in order. After his bracemate was picked up at 17, he took advantage of flying solo and nailed a small brood in the cuttings at 27, remaining rock solid as three or four grouse were flown. These three placing setters were all very close, judges splitting hairs if you will.

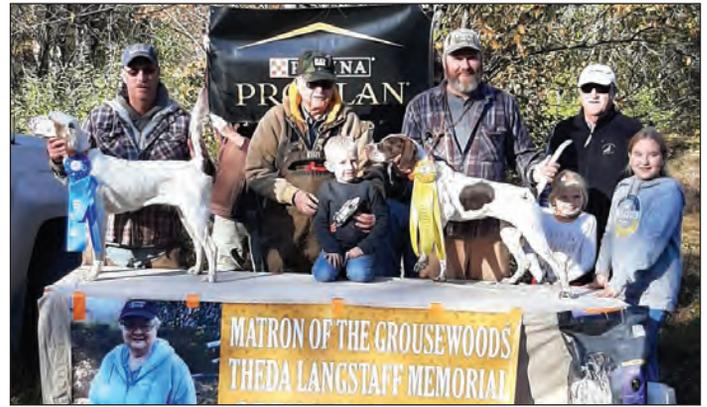
The Continental Cover Dog Championship commenced after the conclusion of the Shooting Dog on Saturday morning. The bounty of bird work continued in this small stake, with every brace having grouse and woodcock flown. Judges Mike Brown and Brent Peters named young Brittany female, "Pearl," the champion. This savvy 2½-year-old ran a consistent, forward race, handled to multiple finds on grouse and woodcock by veteran pro Robert Ecker. Runner-up honors went to Kenny DeLong's big running "Shooter." This powerful Brittany male scoured the limits of courses No. 5 and 6, finally slamming into a picturesque point in the cuttings at 55 for his single find.

Puppies ran after lunch Saturday afternoon, carefully scrutinized by the venerable team of Chuck Langstaff and Kit Foster. Long-time pro Marc Forman guided his energetic setter female "Ronnie" to the top spot, impressing the judges with her forward application. Lonnie Rademacher's young male setter "Addy" ran a more moderate race to grab the red ribbon. Running with the winner in the last brace, newbie Chris Wasserman showed the judges that his pointer female "April" deserved the nod for third.

Sunday was derby day, with Judges Joe Wohlfort and Dave Heavlin watching 15 hopefuls lay it down in the search for wild birds. First and second place came from the second brace early morning on course No. 2. Chris Wasserman's setter female "Maple" continued her winning ways with a strong race and stylish grouse find. Her pointer female bracemate "Sky" took second place, splitting the grouse find with Maple and scoring a woodcock find under the whistle of Marc Forman. Third place was awarded to Kenny DeLong's powerful pointer male "Freedom," running with strength and fancy style from start to finish.



Open Derby Winners (from left): Chris Wasserman and his daughter with Country Roads Acer, Judge Dave Heavlin, Marc Forman with County Line Sky, Kenny DeLong with May's Legacy of Justice, and Judge Joe Wohlfort.



Open Puppy Winners (from left): Marc Forman and Rock Solid Ronnie, Judge Chuck Langstaff, Chris Wasserman and his kids with Creekside's April Fools, and Judge Kit Foster. (Not pictured): Lonnie Rademacher and Abby.

This was a great trial, with many birds and good folks contributing to its success. We are blessed to have such wonderful grounds to pursue our passion. Members of all clubs work hard with Bruce Barlow and the DNR to maintain and manage all 16 courses to maximize each brace's potential to "show their stuff" on grouse and woodcock.

It was good to have Chuck and Theda's daughter Cindy Lou on hand to share in the memories. The Hand of the Lord was at work all weekend, and the Spirit of our Matron of the Grouse Woods was felt by two and four-legged and winged ones alike. As always, we are grateful for God's blessings and the contributions of all our participants and volunteers.

Meredith, Mich., October 8

Judges: Robert Ellis and Kenric DeLong

THEDA LANGSTAFF MEMORIAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers, 25 Setters and 2 Irish Setters

- 1st—BACK CREEK LUCY, 1683067, setter female, by Peyton's Legacy Kip-Girl's Little Dixie. Steve Graham, owner; Richard Hollister, handler.
 2d—DUN ROVENS MIDNITE IKE, 1685001, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Moonshine Cherry. Dr. Peter Millett, owner; R. J. Ecker, Jr., handler.
 3d—FRENCH'S GROUSERINGER WOODY, 1679375, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Grouse River Woodcock. Brian French, owner and handler.

Judges: Mike Brown and Brent Peters

COVER DOG CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 4 Brittans and 1 German Shorthair

- 1st—BRUNO'S PINEY RUN PEARL, 1690605, Brittany female, by Piney Run Jake-Piney Run Candy. Arthur Bruno, owner; R. J. Ecker, Jr., handler.
 2d—K DEL'S EAGLE MAGNUM HOTSHOT, 1685770, Brittany male, by Magnum High Velocity-K Del's Eagle's Chance to Soar. Kenric J. DeLong, owner and handler.

Judges: Carson Foster and Chuck Langstaff

OPEN PUPPY – 2 Pointers and 6 Setters

- 1st—ROCK SOLID RONNIE, 1700176, setter female, by Lightning Flash Remington-Grouse Ridge Lazer. Douglas J. Dix, owner; Marc L. Forman, handler.
 2d—SPRINGPOND'S ADDY'S BOY, 1699904, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Springpond's Autumn Adeline. Lonnie Rademacher, owner and handler.
 3d—CREEKSIDE'S APRIL FOOLS, 1701603, pointer female, by Pinehill Elhew Damascus Bud-Pinehill Elhew Miss Megan. Chris Wasserman, owner and handler.

Judges: Dave Heavlin and Joe Wohlfort

OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers, 8 Setters and 1 Brittany

- 1st—COUNTRY ROADS ACER, 1696811, setter female, by R C Spring Collins-Ruffed Country Belle. Chris Wasserman, owner and handler.
 2d—COUNTY LINE SKY, 1694900, setter female, by Lester's Shockwave-Lester's Speed Lady. Anthony Napolitano, owner; Marc L. Forman, handler.
 3d—MAY'S LEGACY OF JUSTICE, 1695469, pointer male, by Faith's Maximum Justice-Chasehill Mighty May. Kenric J. DeLong, owner and handler.

MY LIFE AS A FIELD TRIAL REPORTER

By Tom Word

My life as a field trial reporter began in 1995 when I was 57. Before that, I had been a farmer (1950-1960) and a lawyer (1961-present). Being a reporter was by far my most satisfying profession.

Why? Because it was fantasy. It allowed me to ride horseback and watch world-class bird dogs perform and compete across beautiful hunting grounds, handled, and scouted by professionals seeking perfection, then write accounts of what I had seen. What could be more fun than that? For me, nothing.

And it led me to yet another profession: storyteller. Compulsively, I began to write stories, fiction but inspired by events, people, and animals I had observed while reporting. What a gift!

I have written elsewhere about how it happened, pure luck and good fortune that led to my meeting Ted Baker. That started it all, and after publishing my first field trial report of the 1995 Florida Open All-Age Championship, invitations to report poured in. Why? Because few people share my love of reporting is the only logical explanation.

Be that as it may, those invitations led me to unbelievable fun. In particular, the invitation to report the Invitational at Paducah was rewarding (no pun intended). Each Thanksgiving weekend matched the 12 top all-age dogs of the year in head-to-head competition over three days in four hours (1-1 and 2-hour heats, judged as one continuous performance). Nowhere could a bird dog fan watch so much top talent in such concentration. The judges each year were two top arbiters plus a respected top handler. They were wonderful teachers, sharing their knowledge and observations with me and providing a much-needed education. And they became friends.

Over the ensuing years, I reported the Continental Championships, the Open Free-For-All and National Derby Championships, the National Amateur Pheasant Championship, the Oklahoma and Southeastern All-Age Championships, the Amateur Free-For-All Championship, the Alabama Open Shooting Dog Championship, and the North Dakota Classics, several repeatedly, plus for its centennial, the Virginia Amateur. And every year through 2022, the Florida. Now at age 84, my career as a field trial reporter is over. It has been incredibly rewarding, and I thank all who have made it possible.

NGSPA GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championship Series Held At Ionia State Recreational Area

By Dan DiMambro | Ionia, Michigan | October 10, 2022



NGSPA Great Lakes Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (front, from left): Andy Dynkiewicz with Slaterock's Mountain Heart and Sherri Tangsrud with Uodibar's Robbi Jo. (Back row, from left): Dan DiMambro, Lee Wagoner, Kirk Loftin, Leroy Long, and Tom Davis

This year the Great Lakes Championships ran October 10-14 at Ionia State Recreational Area. The grounds were in the best shape thanks to the IFTGA, comprised of volunteers to groom the grounds during the summer months. Our hats are tipped to those who have donated their time to make these grounds some of the best in the country to watch our bird dogs perform. As always, the fall colors are brilliant and full during this event, and there are many magnificent views throughout the courses. As with many field trials, this trial isn't any different in that it has gone from many helping hands to only a few. Thanks to those who stepped up to help with various duties throughout the week, including Marc McKinley, Tom Davis, Kirk Loftin, Sherri Tangsrud, Hank Lewis, Joe Orndorff, and Blake Rizzo. The Great Lakes Championships would also like to thank the long-time support from our sponsors, Purina and SportDOG. These two companies diligently support horseback field trials.

The Open Shooting Dog drew 23 entries, and the stake was filled with exceptional dogs. This year's winner was Slaterock's Mountain Heart, owned by Andy and James Dynkiewicz and handled by Dan DiMambro. "Rommel" had a bold and forward race with six finds. The judges commented on his speed, style, and stamina. The runner-up champion was Uodibar's Robbi Jo, owned by Sherri Tangsrud and handled by Kirk Loftin. Robbi Jo is no stranger to the winners' circle on these grounds. She had four finds and a great forward application. This pair of dogs flopped the placements last spring, and Robbi Jo has placed almost every time she has run on these grounds.

Our Open All-Age stake drew 12 entries this year, with several outstanding performances. Evergreen's Jed, owned by Lance Olsen and handled by Dan DiMambro, was named the winner. Jed ran a big forward race, had three finds, and took the outer rim of these Ionia grounds. Hi N's Allison Miranda, owned and handled by Kirk Loftin, was the runner-up champion. Allie had a great race with several limb finds.

The Amateur Shooting Dog stake was won by Hi N's Curtain Call ("Charlie"), owned and handled by Jim and Hank Lewis. Charlie had four finds during the hour and was stuck to the tree lines of Ionia like glue. Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee, owned and handled by Kirk Loftin, had five well-spaced finds throughout the hour. She exemplified great style and was very classy about her way around the course.

Our Open Derby winner was Winston's Hammer Time Show,



NGSPA Great Open All-Age Championship Winners (front, from left): April Raber with Evergreen's Jed and Sherri Tangsrud with Hi N's Allison Miranda. (Back row, from left): Dan DiMambro, Lee Wagoner, and Kirk Loftin.

owned and handled by Bob Toney. Winston had a powerful race and got better by the minute. Second place was Caprock's Bella's Country Gamin ("Bella"), owned by Joe Vandiver and handled by Dan DiMambro. Third was Highwater's Lex Luther, owned and handled by Blake Rizzo.

Ionia, Mich., October 10

Judges: Leroy Long and Lee Wagoner

NGSPA GREAT LAKES OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 23 German Shorthairs

Winner—SLATEROCK'S MOUNTAIN HEART, 1675343, male, by Hi N's Bodacious-Slaterock Matte Clark. Andy & James Dynkiewicz, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.

Runner-Up—UODIBAR'S ROBBI JO, 1662507, female, by Uodibar's Against all Odds-B D K's Sin City Casino. Sherri Tangsrud, owner; Kirk Loftin, handler.

NGSPA GREAT LAKES OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 12 German Shorthairs

Winner—EVERGREEN'S JED, 1676169, male, by Trublee B D K Ace In The Hole-Chicoree's What A Hoodlum. Lance Olsen, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.

Runner-Up—HI N'S ALLISON MIRANDA, 1676665, female, by Hi N's Feed Jake-Chicoree's Sparkle In Her Eye. Dr. Kirk Loftin, owner and handler.

Judges: Peter Coppens and Joe Orndorff

NGSPA GREAT LAKES AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 12 German Shorthairs

Winner—HI N'S CURTAIN CALL, 1687995, male, by Hi N's Bodacious-Hi N's Hasty Matilda. Hank Lewis, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—STONEY HILL'S PINNACLE DOC, 1694168, female, by Simon's Gunner-Shadowrock Mighty Mouse. Dr. Kirk Loftin, owner and handler.

Judges: Peter Coppens and Tom Davis

NGSPA GREAT LAKE OPEN DERBY – 6 German Shorthairs

1st—WINSTON'S HAMMER TIME SHOW, unreg., male, by LSVS Hammer Down-Allen's Jade. Melissa Toney, owner; Bob Toney, handler.

2d—CAPROCK'S BELLA'S COUNTY GAMIN, unreg., female, by Llano's Game Or Dude-Chicoree's Coming Fan. Joe Vandiver, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.

3d—HIGHWATER'S LEX LUTHER, unreg., male, breeding not given. Blake Rizzo, owner and handler.

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NGSPA Great Lakes Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Lee Wagoner with Hi N's Curtain Call and Sherri Tangsrud with Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee, and Kirk Loftin.



NGSPA Great Lakes Open Derby Winner: Bob Toney with Winston's Hammer Time Show. (Back, from left): Peter Coppens, James J. Juergens, and Tom Davis.

MICHIGAN WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

Snyder's Fireside Ed Wins Thirty-Third Annual Running; Thornapple Cody, Named Runner-Up
 By Craig Merlington & Bill Nelson | Gladwin, Michigan | October 11, 2022



Michigan Woodcock Championship Winners (from left): Field Trial Chairman Bryan Wood, Scott Chaffee, Tammy Chaffee with Snyder's Fireside Ed, Judges Bill Nelson and Justin McGrail, Bob Leet with Thornapple Cody, and Bruce Minard.

The 2022 annual running of the Michigan Woodcock Championship, hosted by the Ruffed Grouse Field Trial Club and held at the legendary wild bird venue, Gladwin Field Trial grounds in Northern Michigan, celebrated its nearly 107th year as a place where true wild bird dogs come to compete.

The Ruffed Grouse Club has a rich history of great dog men and contributors to cover dog trials. The three founders, then acting President John R. (Jack) Stuart, Vice President Dale Hernden, and Secretary/Treasurer John A. (Jack) Nicholson, formed the RGFTC in 1975 because they felt a fourth club would round out the spring and fall trials in the Michigan cover dog circuit. Dale Hernden had applied to the AFTCA and was awarded the National Amateur Grouse Championship. They felt this championship would be effective and popular among amateurs in the Midwest and Northeast, requiring a club to host the event. After hosting two

amateur one-hour classics in 1976 and 1977, the AFTCA granted the championship, which would become known as the "National Amateur Grouse Championship" in the fall of 1978 and would be run at the Gladwin Field Trial Grounds and hosted by the Ruffed Grouse Field Trial Club in its first inaugural running. So as we reflect on great patrons of our sport, let's not forget that we've lost more dedicated club members in recent times, such as our great Secretary/Treasurer Theda Langstaff, who organized meetings, got permits and took account of every penny, and helped build the club's financial foundation for over 30 years. Dick Wyatt, Russ Gingras, Scott Kinne, Bill Wendt, and founding father, Dale Hernden, were dedicated club members who volunteered many hours either organizing or helping run trials over several decades. Their faces will be forever remembered as patrons who helped shape the clubs into what they are today, and for that, we look forward to



Bill Wendt Memorial Open Derby Winners (from left): Field Trial Chairman Bryan Wood, Bill Nelson with Highbanks Final Justice, Judge Brandon Short, Marc Forman with County Line Sky, Judge Mike Brown, Chris Wasserman with Country Roads Acer, and Josie Wasserman.



Kim Kinne Memorial Open Puppy Winners (from left): Field Trial Chairman Bryan Wood, Denise Peters, Brent Peters with Baxter's Doc Holiday, Judge Rob Ellis, Scott Johnston with Scotland Country Boy Too, Judge Lonnie Rademacher, and Christy Helmes with Grouse Hill Mac.

perhaps renaming a few open stakes to celebrate their lives as great supporters of our sport.

The Ruffed Grouse Field Trial Club would like to thank everyone who helped make this 2022 championship a success. Once again, a huge thank you to Purina for supporting the Michigan Woodcock Championship. Purina continues to be the backbone sponsor that helps makes this championship so attractive. Our Purina representative, Greg Blair, works very hard to accommodate all the cover dogs clubs' needs throughout the year, and their help is always appreciated.

This year's championship drew 60 dogs from the Midwest and Northeast regions. The weather was typical mid-October Michigan weather as we had moderately cool mornings in the 40 to 50-degree range and afternoons climbing into the 50s to 60s, rounded out with a few days of on-and-off light rain. Our companion stakes drew an additional 40 dogs rounding our club's entry to 100 dogs over a six-day event.

The RGFTC would like to thank our championship judges, Justin McGrail and Bill Nelson, for their judicial eyes over the five-day championship. Thank you to derby judges Mike Brown and Brandon Short and puppy judges Lonnie Rademacher and Rob Ellis. Let's not forget our club members for all the behind the scene duties that make this trial a huge success, such as our financial secretary Tammy Chaffee who works tirelessly to make sure our finances and paperwork are on-time and accurate, our stake manager Bryan Wood for getting judges and gallery to their proper courses and getting dogs to the line each brace in a timely matter and to President Craig Merlington and Vice President Bill Nelson for facilitating all the little things that make a trial run smoothly without incidents or time delays. Let us not forget our wranglers, Rich and Jenny Hollister, for having sure-footed safe horses each morning saddled and ready on time every day. The Club thanks everyone who helped move vehicles, marshaled braces, and all the little things that made this trial a great success.

The Winning Runs

The new champion, Snyder's Fireside Ed, is owned by Steve Snyder of Ellendale, Minn., and handled by Michigan pro trainer Tammy Chaffee. His run to the win began on day four of the championship, courses No. 13-14, the final brace of the day under partly cloudy skies and favorable temperatures. The hour-long course has many covers, beginning with scrubby oaks scattered with poplars, followed by a more mature cover. Throughout the course are patches of dense blackberry briars, perfect for protecting wild birds from their natural predators. Ed is a pleasure to watch, as he is quick and light-footed, dancing through the open cover and busting into the thickets in search of elusive wild upland birds.

Ed's bracemate was Rumble, handled by Michigan pro Rich Hollister. The pair hit the cover from the first whistle with determination and forward casts. After the road crossing on course No. 13, Rumble pointed to the right and was subsequently leashed as he moved with a woodcock, leaving the remaining hour to Ed. As Ed continued his torrid pace, he suffered an unproductive at 30, followed by his first woodcock find at 32 with head and tail high and tight, about 30 yards from the course. His second woodcock find at 38 was a dug-up one, perhaps 150 yards forward on the right side of the trail, buried in one of the briar thickets. It took the handler and judges several minutes to locate him, and they found him staunch and certain, with Tammy putting a tight sitting woodcock to flight with Ed standing through the shot. After making the turn onto 14, his race showed his maturity as he cruised through the open cover, seeking the more likely thickets that would hold grouse and woodcock. Ed hit the pond on the final turn for a drink before cruising into the home stretch. He began a cast to the right of course, and could be seen swapping ends and lifting his nose in the air to the scent of a pair of grouse at 57. As the handler and judges witnessed Ed's stand, the grouse lifted, and Ed remained staunch through flight, shot and release to finish his hour, moving swiftly to the front.

Runner-up Thornapple Cody is owned by a longtime patron of the sport, Robert Leet of Kalamazoo, Mich., and was handled by Michigan pro trainer Bruce Minard. Cody made his bid on the second day on courses No. 5-6 under cloudy skies and 50-degree weather. Off the breakaway, Cody was forward, making long casts while returning close enough for the gallery only to catch a quick glimpse. Cody was very consistent throughout the first half. As we neared the half, Cody was hunting the left side of the course when his bell abruptly stopped. With Bruce having a good line on his location, he found Cody in short order. Cody looked good and confident on point. As Bruce began to flush for Cody, his bracemate came in and backed. The cover was a mixture of pine and smaller oaks with little ground cover. After a lengthy flushing attempt, Bruce returned towards Cody and put a grouse thundering to flight off the bare ground between the two dogs! As we worked onto course No. 6 up the hill into the younger aspen cut, Cody was deep left, and Bruce took a moment to round him up and returned to course, continuing forward. At 57, just before the road crossing, Cody stopped again. This area is a high-density aspen stand, and Cody was about 60 yards in on the left. A shot was quickly fired with a woodcock flying back over the gallery. Cody finished as he started, making for a strong bid early in the championship.

The Backstory

Ed's journey to the champion's podium culminated in a winning partnership with Ed's owner and Pioneer Kennels' pro trainers, Scott and Tammy Chaffee. Steve has been developing what could be the finest line of English setters for upland bird hunters and cover dog

field trialers alike. Steve's journey began as an 8-year-old hunting with his father and their Irish setters, which led to his first English setter in 1970. He was introduced to cover dog trials with Jerry Kolter and his first field trial prospects, Rocky Balboa and Snyder's Liz. As Jerry drifted away from field trialing, Steve contacted Pioneer Kennels and Scott and Tammy to continue his quest for winning competitors. His current winning streak and the bedrock of his current setter line began in 2015 when he purchased two-time Champion Jetwood from Michael Cooper. Jetwood has proven to be a strong producer of winning setters, including Ponderosa Mac. Steve then made what is inarguably the purchase of a lifetime when he bought then Runner-up Champion Ponderosa Mac from Bruce Cartwright in 2016. Ponderosa Mac amassed a record-breaking eight championships and three runner-up championship wins, including three national championship wins and two runner-up national championship wins. In addition to Jetwood and Ponderosa Mac, Steve purchased Snyder's Full Rage, which garnered five runner-up championships. Since acquiring Jetwood, Steve has accumulated 12 championship wins and ten runner-up placements with his line-up of English setters. A truly remarkable feat in the highly competitive cover dog field trial circuit.

In addition to his win record, Ponderosa Mac has proven to be a prolific producer of winning trial dogs in many different circuits, along with producing excellent hunting dogs. Among these are Champion Snyder's Pioneer Scout and the current winner of this championship, Snyder's Fireside Ed. Both of these dogs are from the very first breedings of Ponderosa Mac and the only ones of their litters to have campaigned in cover dog field trials. Ed was bred and raised by Dale Ash, and he was subsequently purchased as a derby dog by veteran field trial enthusiast and English setter breeder Dr. Mary Beth Esser. Steve purchased Ed from Mary Beth in October of 2021 after a visit to Scott and Tammy's winter training grounds in southern Alabama. After Steve observed Ed in a workout, he contacted Mary Beth about purchasing Ed. Ed has been in Tammy's string of competitors since his derby age and has been knocking on the door of championship placements for the last several years.

This win for Steve was very special, as a life-changing turn of events occurred during the Wisconsin Cover Dog Championship this past fall. Steve was driven to a local emergency center by his loving wife, Wendy, complaining of chest pains. While there, he suffered a critical heart attack that resulted in the stoppage of his heart. He was revived and airlifted to Mayo Clinic, where he underwent emergency heart surgery, followed two days later by a second surgery. To say that he was fortunate to survive would be an understatement. Tammy and Scott contacted him about Ed's win, and the uplifting news continues to help him face what will undoubtedly be some months of recovery. Steve is very upbeat and is working hard towards spending next fall gunning in his favorite hunting spots. We believe that we speak for the entire field trial community, wishing him the

best of luck in his journey to full recovery and many more bountiful bird-hunting excursions with his winning lineup of English setters.

Bob Leet's journey into bird field trials began in 1964, when he purchased his first English setter, entered it in a hunting stake at Fort Custer, and won. He was hooked! Bob bought his first horse the following month and spent many years with his dogs on the horseback circuit. In 1989, he purchased a pup from Jim Wierman, a cover dog competitor. Bob entered this dog in the grouse futurity held in Pennsylvania that year and placed second. This began his love for wild bird competitions. His first cover dog champion was Thornapple Keeper in 1991. Since then, Bob has amassed 22 championship placements, including horseback and walking stakes. At 81 years young, Bob intends to pursue additional wins in future cover dog stakes.

Nine-year-old Thornapple Cody is a product of the championship bloodlines of Ridge Creek Cody and Fireside Drama Queen. Bob purchased him through Bruce Minard's kennel, Hifive. Bob had seen Cody in workouts with Bruce and expressed his desire to purchase him if the owner ever decided to sell. When the opportunity arose, Bob bought him when he was a year and a half old. In 2018, Cody was named runner-up in the North Country Sharptail Championship, held in the Namekagon Barrens in Wisconsin. He has proven to be a great companion to Bob and has sired some winning dogs to continue his legacy in future field trials.

Gladwin, Mich., October 11

Judges: Justin McGrail and William Nelson
MICHIGAN WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 24 Pointers and 36 Setters

Winner—*SNYDER'S FIRESIDE ED, 1672601, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Rouge River Bogsucker. Steven Snyder, owner; Tammy Chaffee, handler.*
 Runner-Up—*THORNAPPLE CODY, 1656279, setter male, by Ridge Creek Cody-Fireside Drama Queen. Bob Leet, owner; Bruce Minard, handler.*

RUFFED GROUSE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Judges: Mike Brown and Brandon Short
BILL WENDT MEMORIAL OPEN DERBY – 15 Pointers and 12 Setters

1st—*HIGHBANKS FINAL JUSTICE, 1699690, pointer male, by Faith's Maximum Justice-Chasehill Mighty May. Bill Nelson, owner and handler.*
 2d—*COUNTY LINE SKY, 1694900, pointer female, by Lester's Shockwave-Lester's Speed Lady. Anthony Napolitano, owner; Marc Forman, handler.*
 3d—*COUNTRY ROADS ACER, 1696811, setter female, by R C Spring Collins-Ruffed Country Belle. Chris Wasserman, owner and handler.*

Judges: Rob Ellis and Lonnie Rademacher
KIM KINNE MEMORIAL OPEN PUPPY – 12 Entries

1st—*BAXTER'S DOC HOLIDAY, 1701013, setter male, by Thornapple Casey-Baxter's Mary Katherine. Brent & Denise Peters, owners; Brent Peters, handler.*
 2d—*SCOTTLAND COUNTRY BOY TOO, 1699777, setter male, by Long Hair Country Boy-Scotland Winnie Too. Scott Johnston, owner; Scott Forman, handler.*
 3d—*GROUSE HILL MAC, 1702136, setter male, by Grouse Hill Bullet Proof-Spata Setters Sally. Giovanni Capocci, owner; Christy Helmes, handler.*

RUTH A. BOZEMAN

September 20, 1938 - December 28, 2022

Ruth A. Bozeman, 84, of Taylor Ridge, Ill., died Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at Genesis Medical Center, Illini Campus.

Ruth was born on September 20, 1938, in Streator, Ill., the daughter of Stanley Fredel and Amanda Theolyn (Bingham) Olson. She married Loyd Bozeman on May 5, 1957, in Caledonia, Miss. Ruth was a pedigree researcher and president of Bozeann Setters. She also served as the secretary of the National Field Trial Association.

Ruth loved to tend to her flower garden, was an avid shopper,



and loved traveling, especially to Sanibel Island, Fla. She collected Santa Claus ornaments and was a wonderful cook. Her family meant the world to her, and she made sure that she always spent time with her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband; daughters, Kimberly Bozeman, Sandra (Scott) Rundall, Diane (Andy) Bozeman Woods; grandchildren, Jimmy, Chris, Joey, Steve, Lindsay, Jeff, Jenna, Alex, Tanner, and Jackson; 10 great-grandchildren, with two on the way; sister, Marilyn Carr; and beloved dog, Goldie.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Gerald and Larry Olson; and sister, Karen Boeckmann.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Harbor City Sure Shot Named Champion; Hillhavyn's Wild Child, Runner-Up

By Joe Lordi | Lacey Township, New Jersey | October 15, 2022



Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Championship Winners (front, from left): Harbor City Sure Shot with Matt Basilone and Hillhavyn's Wild Child with Jeanette Tracy. (Back, from left): Judge Lane Hodges, Karen Saniga, Lloyd Miller, Janet Hinkle, George Tracy, Muriel Primm, and Greg Strausbaugh.

The Middle Atlantic Championship was revived this year. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had issues securing grounds and dates to attract professional trainers. In the past, this championship was always run in the spring, but securing a date that would work in the spring was impossible. The team of Joe Cincotta, Joe Lordi, and Muriel Primm worked together and found a time slot after the Northeastern Championship and before the National Amateur Pheasant Championship when we were able to run on the Dr. A. Hunter Wilcox Field Trial Grounds in Greenwood Forest. The grounds are in Lacey Township, N. J., and are some of the finest field grounds in the northeast.

We drew four professional trainers with 48 dogs. The club would like to give special thanks to the owners and handlers for the excellent support of this championship. We were very excited to see the support from Mike Tracy, George Tracy, Matt Basilone, and Jeanette Tracy. They helped make this championship a huge success.

The Southern Bird Hunters Association (SBHA) was the official sponsor of the Middle Atlantic Championship this year. This is an amazing organization that is highly proactive in promoting field trials and getting sponsors involved in supporting field trials. Eukanuba, The Saddle Guy, Dogs Unlimited, Gun Dog Supply, Valu-Pak, Kinetic, SportDOG, Gundog Central, and James O'Neal Ram are very impressive sponsors. A special thanks to Lion Country Supply for providing generous gift cards for our judges.

We truly appreciate SBHA's support of the Middle Atlantic Championship and all they do to promote field trials. We look forward to a long relationship with this organization.

We thank our judges, Roger Dvorak of Elkton, Md., and Lane Hodges, of Whitt, Ga. Lane made the long trek from Georgia, leaving at 2 a.m. and not making it to New Jersey until 6 p.m.; this was a long trip, and we thank him for taking the time to come to New Jersey to judge. Both amateurs are well accomplished and

have numerous placements at all levels of field trials. They set a consistent pace and gave every dog an equal opportunity to make its case for a title.

Muriel Primm was quick to offer lunch and dinner. She provided delicious hoagies for lunch on Saturday. A local Italian restaurant catered Saturday night's dinner, and all enjoyed the Chicken Marsala, sausage and peppers, pasta, and salad. Louise Wilcox provided amazing desserts, including pumpkin pie and whipped cream. Lunch on Sunday was a homemade chicken salad made by Joe Cincotta; there was enough for an army. Karen Saniga provided a fantastic Sunday night dinner consisting of ham, macaroni, coleslaw, and brownies for dessert. The club provided the rest of the lunches and dinners with help from Muriel Primm, Karen Saniga, and Joe Lordi. We want to thank everyone for all their help.

The club would like to thank Bob Brooks and Lloyd Miller for driving the dog wagon. They were always on the spot with the dogs. We would also like to thank Matt Basilone for picking up the birds every night for the next day's running. Joe Lordi and Ernie Saniga did bird planting.

Unfortunately, the grounds do not have water, and with Hurricane Ian striking Florida, we could not provide water. Throughout the three weeks, Mark Janiec made multiple trips to provide thousands of gallons of water for all the participants. He went around and filled up everyone's water. We are truly thankful for this incredible gesture.

This was the first of four trials being run on the grounds. Joe Cincotta provided much help with setting dates, getting judges, making sure the birds would be there, planning the dog truck, designing the ads, working with SBHA, and doing everything else required to run a field trial. Thank you, Joe Cincotta, for all your help.

The Winners

The judges announced Harbor City Sure Shot, handled by Matt Basilone and owned by Richard Gillis and Karen Lordi, as the champion. This pointer male ran in the tenth brace with Iron Bully on Sunday afternoon. He scored a stylish find in the pines on the right at 5. As we hit Rocky's field, Sure Shot stood on the right for another classy find at 11. He backed with all in order in the southern loop. Out of my sight, it was reported that he again was locked up for a find at 37 and sent on. On the northern loop, he again stood for the flush at 43. As we returned to the center from the outer loop, Sure Shot stood with all in order for the flush. Released to the front at 50, he tallied his final find at 59 on the left before entering the southern inner loop. Matt provided a quick splash of water and finished the dog to the front.

Hillhavyn's Wild Child, handled by Jeanette Tracy and owned by Joe McHugh, was named runner-up champion. This pointer female impressed the judges with a strong, forward race. She swung to the front, hitting the required objectives. It was tough going for bird work in the beginning. She had one unproductive at 30. Wild Child's hard work paid off in the final 10 minutes with a classy covey find on the left going out of the main breakaway field. On the strips to the left, she held strong for what I believe was the only live pheasant find of the trial. She was sent on and was again found standing in Rocky's field for her third and final find at 59. She was the only dog to finish on day one.

The Running

Saturday was just not the day to be drawn. Scenting conditions could have been more optimal as dogs struggled to find birds.

The first brace featured Miller's Big Iron (G. Tracy) and Miller's War Bonnet (M. Tracy). They were off and away with fine class, but little was seen before the trackers were called for by 15.

The Secret (J. Tracy) and Hauser's Rollin Thunder (M. Tracy) were released into Rocky's field. Rollin Thunder was standing high and tall, but as Mike flushed, he took a few steps and was up. The Secret was running an excellent race, but the handler elected to pick up at 50 with no birds.

Miller's Blazing Hot Chick (G. Tracy) and Jolene Jolene (M. Tracy) were off in the final brace on Saturday morning. Jolene was running a far and wide race, and Mike called for the tracker at 20. Hot Chick had a pretty find that required a well-applied relocation, but the handler elected to pick up before the hour finished.

After lunch, Cheyenne Jack (M. Tracy) attempted to change bird finding. He had a pretty find, but a bird lifted on his second find while relocating and stopped a step too late. Calico's Sky's The Limit (G. Tracy) had a find and two unproductives.

The next brace included Hillhavyn's Wild Child (J. Tracy) and Erin's Big Casino (M. Tracy). Wild Child's run was described earlier. Erin's Big Casino, a big setter male with nice class on the ground, was picked up early.

Miller's Sweet Talking Candy (M. Tracy) and Miller's Special Cinderella (G. Tracy) were both nice running dogs but picked up early with no bird work.

Trumped (M. Tracy) and Pine Straw Sweet Tea (J. Tracy) ran in the next brace. Trumped, making the trek down from the Region 1 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, had a lapse of manners on a divided find in the northern loop. Sweet Tea suffered an unproductive. She stood stout for a tough situation on a divided find. She stood tight as the jumpy birds got up as Jeanette rode to the dog. She scored another stylish find and finished the hour out front.

Steel City Alabama (M. Basilone) and Miller's Locked And Loaded (G. Tracy) were off the sand washout area. Miller's Locked And Loaded had one find and two unproductives before the handler picked up. Alabama was picked up with only a back at 40.

Miller's Strolling For Gold (G. Tracy) and Miller's Record Heat (M. Tracy) were featured in the final brace Sunday morning. Strolling For Gold scored stylish finds at 14, 26, and 37, and one back to finish the hour. Record Heat had one find before the handler elected to pick up.

Harbor City Sure Shot (M. Basilone) and Iron Bully (M. Tracy) were off and proved the birds were on the grounds. Bully had a covey find in the field off the breakaway. He ran to the front and stood with good manners for Mike to flush in Rocky's field. On the left side of the southern outer loop, Iron Bully had a find with Sure Shot backing; both were sent on at 20. Iron Bully was again standing on the northern loop with all in order as he watched the bird fly over his head. Iron Bully had a find on the right edge of the northern loop with good style. Iron Bully was standing on the far right on a dead pheasant, still warm. Iron Bully nailed his final stylish find of the hour in the pines. He finished the hour to the front. Sure Shot's run was described earlier.

Brace No. 11 included Smoke N Mirrors (M. Basilone) and Southpoint's Hog Wild (M. Tracy). Smoke N Mirrors was picked up with only a back. Hog Wild was running a wild race, with George taking over for a bit. He scored three classy finds to finish the hour.

The final brace on Sunday had Miller's Just Plain Rowdy (G. Tracy) vs. Waybetter Rebel (M. Tracy). Rowdy needed the tracker without any bird work. Rebel was locked tight for a stylish find on the left at 3. At 11, he scored another stylish find. As they headed toward the main breakaway, Rebel again stood for a find as a bird was seen running toward the road. Mike ran, and the bird was seen. Rebel stood again with fine style. Rebel suffered an unproductive at the end of Rocky's field. Rebel finished the hour with his final classy find at time.

Brace No. 13 featured Miller's Heat Seeker (G. Tracy) and Fort River's Lucky Charm (M. Basilone). Lucky Charm was lost on the southern loop. Heat Seeker scored three perfectly handled finds with one unproductive and a hawk kill.

Triple Nickel Carbon Copy (M. Basilone) was lost at 25. Bittersweet War Cry (M. Tracy) ran a solid forward race with two stylish finds, finishing the hour out front.

Raag's Rich And Rare (M. Tracy) ran an excellent forward race with two perfect finds. R Q's Saddle (J. Tracy) needed the tracker at 28.

Miller's High Heat Index (M. Tracy) had one unproductive and a good race, but the handler elected to pick up before the hour was over. Miller's Automatic Upgrade (G. Tracy) was running a good race but succumbed to the temptation of the flight of the bird.

Waybetter Rocky (M. Tracy) and Ravenwood Charley (M. Basilone) ran in warmer conditions on Monday afternoon. Charley had two unproductives and was roped early. Rocky had five finds and an unproductive, finishing the hour out front.

Brace No. 18 pitted Bronco Bully (M. Tracy) vs. Miller's Upgrading The Ante (G. Tracy). Bronco Bully suffered two unproductives. Upgrading The Ante had a stylish find and an unproductive before being picked up early.

Reedy Creek Dial Tone (M. Tracy) and Saddle Ridge Thunder (J. Tracy) were unleashed to start Tuesday morning. Dial Tone showed perfect manners and style for the flush at 4, but both big running dogs needed the tracker at 30.

Hyhope Chipper (M. Basilone) and Bully Rock (M. Tracy) had a divided find at 15 with good style and manners. Chipper had an unproductive at 31 before being leashed early. Bully Rock hunted the front with a stylish find at 49 and was picked up before the hour.

Steel Valley Raven (J. Tracy) and Faithful (M. Tracy) finished out Tuesday morning. Raven was locked up on finds at 12 and 35. She backed at 37 and suffered an unproductive at 46 when the handler



Middle Atlantic Amateur Shooting Dog Classic Winners (from left): Harbor City Sure Shot with Marcus Ramseur, Alex and Braydon Smith with Calico's Country Strong, and One Day La Bandita with Lane Hodges. (Back, from left): Sophia Ramseur, Lloyd Miller, Judge Dave McKay, Tiffani Smith, Judge Josh Ruitter, and Joe Cincotta.



Bill Beyer Open Derby Winners (from left): Backcountry Pure Gold with Chris Catanzarite, Ironwill's Raging Bull with Matt Basilone, and Marcus and Sophia Ramseur.

elected to pick up. Faithful ran a solid forward race with four classy finds.

Steel City Avenger (J. Tracy) and Limbsmoke Urban Lullaby (M. Basilone) were off to start Tuesday afternoon. Avenger hit the ground hunting with three nice finds and a forward race but came up lame and was picked up by the trailers at 30. Lullaby was picked up at 40 with no bird contact.

Miller's Million Dollar Penny (G. Tracy) was making a strong case for a placement with two stylish finds and two backs with a big, forward race before shortening up just a bit at the end. Ravenwood Throwing Smoke (M. Basilone) had a stylish find before Matt called for the tracker.

Miller's Flowers And Lace (G. Tracy) and Miller's Extreme Heat (M. Tracy) were the swan song of this trial. Extreme Heat made some big, exciting moves but missed a turn on the northern loop, and the tracker was needed. Flowers And Lace nailed two finds, but the tracker was called for at 30.

The Bill Beyer Derby Classic

First-place honors were awarded to Backcountry Pure Gold, handled by amateur Chris Catanzarite, with four finds and a big, forward race to best the field of 15. Second place was Iron Will's Raging Bull, a pointer male handled by Matt Basilone. Bull had two finds and a good front-running race. Judges Lane Hodges and Kevin Joyce elected not to place a third dog.

The Middle Atlantic Amateur Shooting Dog Classic

The Classic followed the National Amateur Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship and the Garden State Open stakes. This drew a healthy 28 dogs. We want to thank Dave McKay and Josh Ruitter for their time in the saddle.

The club would like to thank Matt Basilone for picking up the birds and planting them for the amateur trial. Special thanks go to Bob Brooks and Lloyd Miller for handling the dog truck duties and ensuring the dogs were ready for each brace. The club would also like to thank Joe Cincotta for all his work before and during the trial to make these trials a huge success.

The judges placed Harbor City Sure Shot first with three divided finds, one find, and one back. He displayed fine style and manners and a strong race for handler Marcus Ramseur. Marcus won a beautiful Haggis trooper saddle to commemorate this win. There was some discussion that this would be a fine gift for his daughter, Sophia. Calico's Country Strong was named second with five stylish finds. She displayed perfect manners on all her finds and a good race for handler Alex Smith. Alex won a beautiful scabbard. He is the one amateur who will get great use out of the fine craftsmanship

from Jeff Haggis. Third place went to One Day La Bandita, who came from Georgia; this is a classy pointer female that ran in the same brace as the winner. She scored three stylish divided finds and another perfect find, finishing the hour to the front. A custom-made roading harness by Haggis Saddles was awarded to Lane Hodges for his strong handling efforts.

Lacey Township, N. J., October 15 – One Course

Judges: Roger Dvorak and Lane Hodges

MIDDLE ATLANTIC OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 43 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner—HARBOR CITY SURE SHOT, 1668549, pointer female, by R J's Long Shot-Harbor City Sugar. Richard Gillis & Karen Lordi, owners; Matt Basilone, handler.

Runner-Up—HILLHAVYN'S WILD CHILD, 1673693, pointer female, by Wild Sky-Hillhavyn's Showgirl. Joe McHugh, owner; Jeanette Tracy, handler.

Judges: Lane Hodges and Kevin Joyce

BILL BEYER OPEN DERBY CLASSIC – 13 Pointers and 2 Setters

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

2d—IRON WILL'S RAGING BULL, 1697738, pointer male, by Hyhope Chipper-Iron Will Suzie. Robert & Lisa Brooks, owners; Matt Basilone, handler.

Judges: Dave McKay and Josh Ruitter

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 25 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—HARBOR CITY SURE SHOT, 1668549, pointer male, by R J's Long Shot-Harbor City Sugar. Richard Gillis & Karen Lordi, owners; Marcus Ramseur, handler.

2d—CALICO'S COUNTRY STRONG, 1679850, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Calico's Touch of Class. Calico Kennels, owner; Alex Smith, handler.

3d—ONE DAY LA BANDITA, 1684577, pointer female, by Heard Hill's Memory Lane-Dubose's Snow White. Lane Hodges, owner and handler.

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OIL CAPITAL FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

Weekend Stakes Draw 54 Dogs

By Bob Barker | Inola, Oklahoma | October 21, 2022



Amateur All-Age Winners (front row): Nemaha Tap Water with Buck Neil, Highwall To Rebel Hell with Brian Williams, and Broken Halo with Steven Auxier. (Back row): Judge Dr. Jim Mills, Pat McInteer, Judge Allen Vincent, Jon Humphrey, Barry Moore, and Jesse Lambert.



Amateur Derby Winners (front row): Arkansas Threat with Mike Lemons, High Mountdan Man with Scott Hadley, and Nemaha Lima Bean with Pat McInteer. (Standing, from left): Bob Barker, Jon Humphrey, Barry Moore, and Daniel Campbell.

The Oil Capital Field Trial Club held its fall trial from October 21–23. Surprisingly with the economy the way it is, we drew 54 dogs for the weekend. This is the largest number we have had for our weekend trial. Nothing seems to go smoothly with any trial when you rely on Mother Nature and other variables. Oklahoma and the whole Midwest have been in a severe drought. This affected scenting conditions and the 40-mile-per-hour wind gusts we sustained during our trial. With those winds on Sunday, the roof of some of our horse stalls was considerably damaged. Also, our judges had to leave early for unforeseen circumstances, and three people had horse accidents. Two of those people had to go to the hospital. I attributed the horses' misfortunes to slick grass because of the lack of rain.

Many thanks to our gracious hosts, Kay Ingersoll and her daughters, Windy and Joletta, for offering their ranch all these years. The ranch has been the home of the Oil Capital, Oklahoma Championship, Inola Open, and Oklahoma Shooting Dog Championship. And for many years, the Quail Futurity.

Thanks to Nestlé Purina for sponsoring dog food for the winners in each stake and Barry Moore for chairing this event. Also, thank you to our judges, Dr. Jim Mills, Allen Vincent, Jon Humphrey, Bob Barker, and Steve Auxier.

I have always said that it takes birds, food, and fellowship to make a trial, and we did with food and fellowship. Mr. Ray Roberts of Grove, Okla., cooked some excellent lunches and a shrimp boil on

Saturday night.

Unfortunately, all placements were considered on race because of such horrible scenting conditions due to the wind and drought, except a red setter on the first brace on Sunday morning in the Shooting Dog stake. Come Back Delta Dawn, owned by Kelli Aitken and handled by her husband, had a nice race and was on point with exquisite style as birds were getting up in front of her.

I want to thank all the participants and hope to see you all this spring.

Inola, Okla., October 21

Judges: Dr. Jim Mills and Allen Vincent

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

1st—NEMAHA TAP WATER, 1696256, pointer male, by Coldwater Spectre-Coldwater June. Dr. Pat McInteer, owner and handler.

2d—HIGHWALL TO REBEL HELL, 1687901, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Good Times Girl. Buck Neil, owner; Brian Williams, handler.

3d—INTENSIVE SPINAL TAP, 1697202, pointer male, by Broken Halo-Rocky River Snow Bird. Steve Auxier, owner and handler.

AMATEUR DERBY – 10 Pointers

1st—ARKANSAS THREAT, 1700971, male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Maggie. Mike Lemons, owner and handler.

2d—HIGH MOUNTDAN MAN, 1702088, male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Rebel Dreamer. Scott & Terra Hadley, owners; Scott Hadley, handler.

3d—NEMAHA LIMA BEAN, 1700804, male, by Touch's Grey Street-Jackson's Teardrop. Dr. Pat McInteer, owner and handler.



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (front row): Come Back Delta Dawn with Kelli Aitken, Striking Elhew Zorro with Scott Hadley, and Mr. Staley with Daniel Campbell. (Standing, from left): Clayton Thompson, Judge Steven Auxier, and Barry Moore.



Amateur Derby Winners (front row): Barker's Lightning Bolt with Bob Barker, Pretty Packaging with Jeff Hampshire, and Quantonas Road To Booneville with Mark Chestnut. (Standing, from left): Steven Burris, Judge Steven Auxier, and Barry Moore.

Judges: Steve Auxier and Bob Barker
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 10 Entries

1st—*COME BACK DELTA DAWN*, 1694423, Irish Setter female, by Hercules-Hatcreek Misty Blue. Kelli Aitken, owner and handler.
2d—*AIM HIGH ELHEW HADLEY*, 1683609, pointer female, by Striking Elhew Zorro-Elhew Epitome. Tierra, Scott & Kiowa Hadley, owners; Scott Hadley, handler.
3d—*MR. STALEY*, 1694752, Brittany male, by Beans Blaze-Janee's Rush'n Past The Limit. Daniel Campbell, owner and handler.

Judges: Steve Auxier and Jon Humphrey
AMATEUR DERBY – 9 Entries

1st—*BARKER'S LIGHTNING BOLT*, 1700253, setter female, by Doc's Second Wind-Hard Hats Bad Dotty. Bob Barker, owner and handler.
2d—*PRETTY PACKAGING*, 1698860, setter female, by The Masked Rider-Ambush's Pepper. Jeff Hampshire, owner and handler.
3d—*QUANTONAS ROAD TO BOONEVILLE*, 1698662, Irish setter male, by Just Raisin Cain-Quantonas Red Dirt Road. Mark Chestnut, owner and handler.

OKLAHOMA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Lowrider Frank Named Champion; Bonner's Bulletproof, Runner-Up

By Mike Griffin | Inola, Oklahoma | October 22, 2022



Oklahoma Open Championship Winners (from left): A curious spectator joins Judge Mike Griffin, Kevin Guess, Allen Vincent, Judge Eddy Smith, Randy Anderson, Matt Cochran with Lowrider Frank, and Jon Humphrey with Bonner's Bullet Proof.

We had a clear sky and pleasant temperatures when we started after a two-day delay of the Inola Open. We drew 28 dogs, all very competitive. We had great handlers. We knew bird-finding would be challenging, but we did find some birds. It was a good trial; all placements were on birds, plus some extra.

We wish to thank Purina for their continuous support, for which trials like these wouldn't survive. Greg Blair does a great job with them and is a good asset. I also wish to thank Bob Barker, Barry Moore, and Jon Humphrey, who helped in this trial; it turned out well.

Champion Lowrider Frank (Vincent) has won on these grounds before; he also placed in the Inola Open All-Age. He put on an excellent performance in all-age style, running to the front, and handling very well while collecting four well-spaced finds, all handled with style and excellent manners. This is what earned him

the championship title.

Runner-up Bonner's Bulletproof (Anderson) ran early with an excellent all-age race in the rugged country and did well with the handler while searching for birds. He was rewarded with two good finds and handled them with style and grace. It was a good performance.

Congratulations to the winners!

Inola, Okla., October 22
Judges: Mike Griffin and Eddie Smith
OKLAHOMA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 26 Pointers and 2 Setters

Winner—*LOWRIDER FRANK*, 1650933, pointer male, by Miller's Happy Jack-Fairchase Jiggs. Dr. Jim Mills & Steve Lightle, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.
Runner-Up—*BONNER'S BULLETPROOF*, 1683585, pointer male, by Miller's Speed Dial-Miller's Martha White. Chris Cornman, owner; Randy Anderson, handler.

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GARDEN STATE SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & DERBY CLASSIC

Miller's High Heat Index Named Champion; Miller's Upgraded Design Wins Classic

By Lloyd Miller | Lacey Township, New Jersey | October 24, 2022



Garden State Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): George Tracy, Mike Tracy, Marcus Ramseur with Miller's High Heat Index, Judge Jim Thomas, Jeanette Tracy with R Q's Saddle, Bill and Muriel Primm, Bob Verderosa, Judge John Malone, and Joe Cincotta.



Garden State Open Derby Classic Winners (from left): Judge Jim Thomas, George Tracy with Miller's Upgraded Version, Janet Hinkle with Suemac's Wicked Sister, Mike Tracy, and Judge John Malone.

The English Setter Club of America Garden State Shooting Dog Championship program began October 24. The weather was great throughout.

The club would like to thank SBHA this year for supporting this event. Our judges were Jim Thomas of Barneveld, N. Y., and John Malone of Bolton, Conn. We thank them for their time in the saddle and attentiveness throughout. Their decisions were well received. The club also thanks Chairman Joe Lordi and Co-Chairman Joe Cincotta for their work in putting this trial together. It was a monumental effort on their part to pull off the running of this event, part of a one-hour stakes program accomplished over two weeks, all running continuously in a row. Those stakes were the Middle Atlantic Open Shooting Dog Championship, the National Amateur Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship, the Garden State Open Shooting Dog Championship, and the Middle Atlantic Amateur Shooting Dog Classic. We thank them very much.

We also would like to thank all the English Setter Club members who pitched in to do the logistics in getting things done to put on a great two-week event, plus the judges and pros who made these events possible. We also thank Bob Brooks for handling the dog truck duties, our bird planters, and Mark Janiec, who helped provide water for our horses and dogs.

Garden State Open Shooting Dog Championship

The Garden State Open Shooting Dog Championship had a great entry of 43 top shooting dogs. Taking the championship this year was Miller's High Heat Index, a white and orange pointer female, owned by Stanton Harrell and Casey Hollander of Blakely, Ga., and handled by Mike Tracy of Glenville, Pa. Index scored with eight stylish finds. Index's winning performance came from the 19th brace overall, which ran at 9:07, the second brace on Thursday morning. His race was strong to the front throughout the hour—an outstanding effort to gain the judges' nod this day.

R Q's Saddle, a white and black pointer male owned by Ted Foust of Harrisburg, Pa., and Muriel and Bill Primm of Cream Ridge, N. J., and ably handled by Jeanette Tracy of Glenville, Pa., took runner-up honors. He also ran Thursday but in the fourth brace in the morning (21st brace overall), carding six nice finds with a strong, consistent forward race.

Eleven other dogs ran clean and completed their hour heats or almost got it done with some good efforts. As you will read, we

had a lot of worthy performances, and it was a great competitive championship.

Starting things off at 9:28 (second brace overall Monday morning), The Secret, a pointer female with Jeanette Tracy, scored nicely with a good race and five finds, one on pheasant. Next, off at 10:52 for the third brace Monday morning with a good performance was Bully Rock, a pointer male handled nicely by Mike Tracy, with an eight-find effort, five of which were pheasant, and a strong performance on the ground. Erin's Big Casino, a setter male, made an excellent effort in the last brace Monday afternoon with a good six-find performance. Mike Tracy also handled him.

Tuesday morning, we had Faithful in the second brace, with Mike at the helm, scoring a nice quail stand at brushing clump right off Cable Road and again in Rocky's field at the left turn toward the outer south loop. She finished the hour with a nice six-find, good hunting effort. Pine Straw Sweet Tea, a setter female with Jeanette Tracy, running in the last brace before lunch, scored with six good finds. One Day La Bandita, a pointer female with Lane Hodges, had it going with an eight-find effort in the first brace after lunch, off at 1:30. In the last brace Tuesday, off at 3:20, we had a great duel between father and daughter with Miller's Heat Seeker (George Tracy) and Steel City Raven (Jeanette Tracy). It was a hard fought back and forth battle. Seeker had six finds, two backs, and one unproductive; I believe Raven had seven finds, three on pheasant. They had a few divided stands during the run. They both finished racing to the front, being found on independent quail finds near the horseshoe mound, west of the normal breakaway, at pick-up time. From the road galley, I thought this was a pretty good brace.

Wednesday morning, after a lengthy fog delay, we got things going at 10:48. In the second brace (14th overall) off at 11:40, Ravenwood Throwing Smoke, a pointer male with Matt Basilone handling, put down a good forward running effort with four stylish stands and one unproductive. Waybetter Rocky, a pointer male with Mike Tracy, ran in the last brace Wednesday (17th overall). His race was very close to the winners with a strong ground performance and seven finds.

Thursday morning, we were off at 8:06. Limbsmoke Urban Lullaby, a white and orange pointer female with Matt Basilone, had it going, clicking off six to seven stylish stands in rapid order coupled with a solid forward race through the first 50 minutes. She missed the northeast corner turn, got off to the north side of the road, and had to be gathered up to end her bid.

Lacey Twp, N. J., October 24 – One Course
Judges: John Malone and Jim Thomas
GARDEN STATE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 38 Pointers and 5 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—R Q'S SADDLE, 1680847, pointer by Waybetter Rocky-Ladywood's Keepsake. Ted Foust & Muriel Primm, owners; Jeanette Tracy, handler.

Garden State Open Derby Classic

The Derby Classic ran Thursday afternoon. Taking the blue ribbon was Miller's Upgraded Design, a pointer male owned by Allen

Linder of Livingston, Tenn. He scored on two classy quail finds and one unproductive, coupled with a nice forward-searching race. Second went to Suemac's Wicked Sister, a pointer female owned by Roger McPherson of Chesterfield, S. C. She also had some nice bird work and a good effort on the ground. George Tracy of Glenville, Pa., ably handled both dogs. No third place was awarded.

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC – 6 Pointers

1st—MILLER'S UPGRADED DESIGN, 1700308, male, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Walden's Ice Breaker. Allen Linder, owner; George Tracy, handler.

2d—SUEMAC'S WICKED SISTER, 1699012, female, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Dominator's Heir Kate. Roger McPherson, owner; George Tracy, handler.

INOLA OPEN ALL-AGE

Westfall's River Ice Wins All-Age

By Mike Griffin | Inola, Oklahoma | October 24, 2022



Inola Open All-Age Winners (standing, from left): Judges Tony King and Steve Auxier. (Kneeling, from left): Andy Daugherty with Westfall's River Ice, Matt Cochran with Westfall's Wheels Up, and Allen Vincent with Lowrider Frank.



Derby Winners (standing, from left): Bob Barker, Steve Auxier, and Judges Randy Anderson and Eddy Smith. (Kneeling, from left): Matt Cochran with Wynona's Nickleback Hank, Jerone Boggs with Tek One Eyed Willie, and Allen Vincent with Wynona's Atlantic Way Cookie.

We drew 30 dogs but got started late after a few days of much-needed rain. We were in bad drought conditions and needed this rain. It was very welcome, but after the delay, we did get going. Bird finding was challenging, but we found enough to place all dogs on birds with some to spare.

The judges saw some great performances and picked some very nice dogs. I want to thank Purina; without their sponsorship, we might not have these trials. They did a great job.

Thanks to Barry Moore and Bob Barker for their help.

The Winners

Westfall's River Ice (Daugherty) ran on the first afternoon on the third course with a big forward race that was very showing, coupled with a find way out across the creek, earning him first.

Westfall's Wheels Up (Daugherty) ran in the first brace with a forward all-age race well controlled and handled kindly with a dug-up find to earn him second place.

Lowrider Frank (Vincent) ran on the second course with a good forward race and a find on released birds, handling well as always.

Inola, Okla., October 24
Judges: Steve Auxier and Tony King

INOLA OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] – 29 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—WESTFALL'S RIVER ICE, 1659989, pointer male, by Westfall's Black Ice-Westfall's Quick Gold. Brad Calkins, owner; Andy Daugherty, handler.

2d—WESTFALL'S WHEELS UP, 1680653, pointer male, by Westfall's Black Ace-

Westfall's Quick Trick. Bill Westfall, owner; Andy Daugherty, handler.
 3d—LOWRIDER FRANK, 1650933, pointer male, by Miller's Happy Jack-Fairchase Jiggs. Dr. Jim Mills & Steve Lightle, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.

Inola Open Derby

We had a good entry of 13 in the Derby with some excellent races.

First place was Wynona's Nickleback Hank (Vincent), a nice young setter male who ran a big searching race, fast and stylishly, looking good going to the right places.

Second place went to Tek One Eyed Willy (Anderson), a very good-looking pointer male. He ran with lots of style and had a good rapport with the handler with plenty of forward race.

Third place was Wynona's Atlantic Way Cookie (Vincent), a nice-looking setter female with lots of energy and all class going to the right places, always moving to the front. She looks like a nice prospect.

Judges: Steve Auxier and Eddie Smith
INOLA OPEN DERBY – 10 Pointers and 3 Setters

1st—WYNONA'S NICKLEBACK HANK, 1694727, setter male, by T's Nickleback-Carpenter's Don't Ya. Bruce Sooter & Ryan Garrett, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.

2d—TEK ONE EYED WILLY, 1696665, pointer male, by Touch's Blackout-Eich's Dixieland Delight. Aaron Robinson, owner; Randy Anderson, handler.

3d—WYNONA'S ATLANTIC WAY COOKIE, 1697180, setter male, by Erin's Wild Atlantic Way-Wynona's Gunslinger Jewel. Bruce Sooter, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.

CENTRAL CAROLINA FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

92nd Running Held At The Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds

By Sammy & Nida Giddens | Hoffman, North Carolina | October 28, 2022



Amateur All-Age Winners (from left): Gary Winall and Ellen Clements with Mohawk Mill Good Advice, Grayson Francis and Steve Mills with Rocky Ridge's Second Chance, and David Huffine with Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk. (Second row, from left): Jeff Smith, Dr. Duerksen, Whitley Stephenson, Sammy Giddens and Johnny Atkinson. (Back row, from left): Darrell Miller, Dennis Snyder, Alford Wood, Judges Jett Ferebee and Tony Bingham, Ray Joye, and Bill Adams.



Amateur Derby Winners (from left): Kyle Whitfield with I Dream of Jeannie, Darrell Miller with Betty's Karma, and Nida Giddens and Larry Cox standing in for Bill Adams with J C L's Joleene.

The Central Carolina Field Trial Association sponsored the 92nd Central Carolina Amateur Trial. It was a successful three-day trial held October 28-30 at Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds in Hoffman, N. C. The trial was very competitive, with 30 all-age dogs and ten derbies.

Our field trial ground facilities are very welcoming, offering electrical hookups for trailers and campers, a huge horse barn with 52 stalls, outdoor corrals including many new ones added in the past year, lots of dog kennels, and a large clubhouse equipped with bathrooms, full kitchen and a large dining/fellowship room. A new well, well house, water lines, and tractor shelter are being added. Thank you to the NC Wildlife Commission, the Sandhills Wildlife team led by Lee Criscoe, and NC Field Trial Association President Ray Joye, Vice President Grayson Francis, and Secretary/Treasurer John Ivester, for working hard to provide these beautiful grounds and facilities for all of us to enjoy.

The grounds offer six continuous one-hour courses considered by many to be the finest all-age courses in the country. The grounds have an abundance of milo, pearl millet, switch grass, wire grasses, and Black Jacks scattered throughout the longleaf pines with plum thickets for the quail to escape predators.

Coveys of quail were pre-released throughout the six courses in September and October. Thank you to John Ivester and his team, Lefty Henry, Greg Robinson, Steve Mills, Gary Miller, Mike Hester, and Bob Young, for taking their time to do the covey releases and to Lefty Henry for diligently keeping the quail fed.

Thank you to Purina Pro Plan and Area Manager Greg Blair for your generous sponsorship of our trial each year. It is through your support that we can continue this trial.

Thank you to Surestay Plus-Best Western-Southern Pines for special rates for our judges and field trial participants. All the staff are courteous and strive to make our stays with them pleasurable.

Thank you to our other sponsors: Gun Dog Supply (Steve Snell), Johnny O's Awards (Martha Owen), Aberdeen Supply (Jason Vuncannon), Andi's Tack (Andi Neal, Newton Grove), and Union Level Leather (George Doyle).

A special thank you to Alford Wood and Greg Robinson, our gallery dog wagon drivers. We all appreciate your always having the

right dogs in the right place and for providing us with refreshments during morning and afternoon breaks.

Lunches were prepared daily consisting of hot dogs with all the fixings, salad, baked beans, homemade barbecue sandwiches, etc. Saturday night Nida prepared homemade appetizers, cocktails, lasagna, salad, and bread. Our friend, Maggie Maier, was a welcome assistant that volunteered to help Nida. We were thrilled that Louise Wilcox could join us and even brought us delicious pumpkin pie topped with real whipped cream!

Thank you to all the participants who entered their dogs. A special thank you to Dr. Duerksen, our oldest handler at 85 years young, for coming from South Carolina to compete in our trial. Although Doc recently lost two horses and borrowed horses to compete in our trial, he did not give up.

Doc is one tough gentleman that we all love. We were thrilled that Jett Ferebee's sons, Jo Jo and John, and a friend joined us on Saturday.

Handling the judicial assignments were Tony Bingham from Shelby, N. C., and Jett Ferebee from Greenville, N. C. Tony is a very successful pro and has judged many championships in walking, shooting dogs, and all-age. His knowledge of bird dogs and horsemanship is highly respected. Jett is a southern gentleman and is thoroughly versed in what a class bird dog is and what it takes to develop one. Jett was the breeder of Hamilton's Blue Diamond, an eight-time champion/two-time runner-up champion setter he accomplished in two years. With pro handler Doug Ray, Jett has several great dogs on the shooting dog circuit. Jett is also known for his fine horses and horsemanship.

Both judges were attentive while watching each dog and handler perform. They would ride to the top of hills to watch these all-age dogs making long forward casts while hitting the edges.

The drawing was held at the home of Sammy and Nida Giddens. Thirty all-age and ten derbies were drawn for the trial. Enthusiasm was high at the trial, as was the temperature and humidity making it tough on the horses, dogs, and handlers. Even with these weather conditions, there were many fine performances with coveys pointed throughout the trial.

Just before the breakaway of the first brace, Sammy asked for all

to have a moment of silence to have thoughts and prayers for several members of our field trial group who are dealing with health issues.

Amateur All-Age Winners

First place was Mohawk Mill Good Advice, handled by Gary Winall and scouted by Ellen Clements. Good Advice is a young pointer with excellent confirmation and great stride. He ran an all-age race on course No. 2. As we rode up the hill, Ellen called point. Good Advice was in a feed patch next to woods. Since Gary is recovering from knee surgery, Ellen dismounted and flushed. A large covey lifted, and Good Advice showed great style and manners. He finished a great race out front. He was braced with Saddle Tramp handled by Carl Owens. The judges and gallery rode high in the saddle, watching this all-age race.

Second place was Rocky Ridge’s Second Chance, handled by Grayson Francis and scouted by Steve Mills. Hitch is an impressive liver and white pointer. He is well-coordinated and has great desire and determination for his age and size. Hitch ran on course No. 2 and was found on point just after crossing the dirt road. When point was called, Grayson had to ride fast to the front to get to him. Although Hitch endured a waiting period, he continued to show plenty of style and composure. Birds were flushed, and all was in order. Hitch continued the brace with an impressive, forward finish. He was braced with L C Smith, handled by Gary Miller.

Third place was Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk, handled by Gary Winall and scouted by Ellen Clements. Hawk ran as a bye-dog on course No. 4. He was released behind the horse barn, and we heard Ellen calling point as we made the first turn to the right. When Gary, the judges, and the gallery approached, Hawk was standing between plum thickets. Ellen flushed the covey, and Hawk stood steady and stylish. Continuing down the course, Gary was heard calling point as we approached the first water hole on the left. Ellen flushed another large covey out of the briars and plum thickets. Hawk finished with a forward race.

Hoffman, N. C., October 28

Judges: Tony Bingham and Jett Ferebee

AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] – 27 Pointers and 3 Setters

- 1st—*MOHAWK MILL GOOD ADVICE, 1685480, pointer male, by Stoney Run’s Buddy-Miller’s Fancy lady. Gary Winall, owner and handler.*
- 2d—*ROCKY RIDGE’S SECOND CHANCE, 1691423, pointer male, by Erin’s Kentucky Gambler-Burning Edge Julie. Grayson Francis, owner and handler.*
- 3d—*MOHAWK MILL KNIGHT HAWK, 1685481, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Pirate’s Legacy-Katie Lee’s Wild Side. Gary Winall, owner and handler.*

Amateur Derby Winners

First place was I Dream of Jeannie, handled by Kyle Whitfield and scouted by David Huffine. Jeannie ran a forward race throughout the brace, hunting hard between the edges of course No. 6 and moving strongly from start to finish with high style and much class. Her excellent ground race earned the first placement for the beautiful, young setter. Jeannie was braced with J C L’s Joleene (the third-place dog), handled by Bill Adams.

Second place was Betty’s Karma, handled by Darrel Miller and scouted by Steve Mills. Karma ran a fast, forward, classy race on course No. 5, showing consistently to the front. This classy, young liver and white female showed many desired traits of a promising young derby. Karma was braced with Klee’s Ben, handled by Dr. Duerksen.

Third place was J C L’s Joleene, handled by Bill Adams and scouted by Whitley Stephenson. Jolene ran on course No. 6, braced with the first place dog, I Dream of Jeannie. A beautiful orange and white pointer, Jolene was always forward and bold, completing wide range cast after cast, hunting all the birds’ areas. She finished with high style, and much class as Bill and Whitley gathered her up at pickup.

Thanks to everyone who supported our all-age trial with your time and entries. We look forward to next year!

AMATEUR DERBY – 8 Pointers and 2 Setters

- 1st—*I DREAM OF JEANIE, 1699099, setter female, by Hot Blooded-Shamrock Miss Grace. Kyle Whitfield, owner and handler.*
- 2d—*BETTY’S KARMA, 1696872, pointer female, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Steel Valley Wardance. Darrel Miller, owner and handler.*
- 3d—*J C L’S JOLEENE, 1694081, pointer female, by Lester’s Sunny Hill Jo-Skyz the Limit. William Adams, owner and handler.*

2023 GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE & WOODCOCK INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

By Joe Cammisa, Grand National Grouse Invitational Secretary

The Grand National Grouse & Woodcock Invitational Championship will take place April 5-7, hosted by the Pennsylvania Grouse Trial Clubs at The Black Moshannon State Forest in Phillipsburg, Pa. Full trial particulars will be published at a later date.

The Invitational is a 14-dog field, and invitations will soon be sent out to the top points earners. The following dogs are ranked in order of total reported points. Congratulations to the dogs, owners, and handlers that got them here.

<u>Dog / Owner(s)</u>	<u>Points</u>
Chasehill Poison Ivy / Allen Raiano	Guaranteed
B K Rolling Dice / William Siemer	Guaranteed
Spring Brook Maximus / Russell Ogilvie	Guaranteed
Moss Meadow Seeker / Ken Moss	1752
Travel Alert / Dr. Harold Holmes	1395
Snyder’s Fireside Ed / Steven Snyder	944

<u>Dog / Owner(s)</u>	<u>Points</u>
Sterlingworth Jack / James Millett	878
Braggabull / Mark Hughes	864
Duck Hook / Richard Straub & Michael Flewelling	848
Daddy’s Little Boy Butch / Paul Scott	756
Neo / David Theroux	748
Thornapple Cody / Bob Leet	708
Northwoods Atlas / Greg Johnson	624
North Slopes Allie / Ed Graddy	598
Full Breeze / Richard Brenneman	590
Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire / Shady Hills Kennel	564
Blue Ribbon’s Harper Bella / Martin Festa	504
Rowling’s Star / Chuck Rowling	492
Blast Off / Justin Evans	480
Jerry On Fire / Nicholas Puhak	448
Chasehill Hidden Jewel / Tadaaki Terada	448

BEAR POND FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Little More Shine Wins Bear Pond Open Shooting Dog Classic

By Pam Tucker | Berea, Kentucky | October 29, 2022



Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (from left): Tim Hammons with Little More Shine, Barry Stumbo, and Calvin Curnutte with Woodlands Ridge Jim.



Open Derby Winner (from left): Barry Stumbo, Ed Stevens with Smooth Operator, and Tim Hammons.

The 10th running of the Bear Pond Shooting Dog Classic ran at the Miller Welch Wildlife Management Area in Berea, Ky., on October 29-30.

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Eighteen entries in the Shooting Dog and four in the Open Derby were judged by Scott Kermicle, Dawson Springs, Ky., and Bill Vest, Ezel, Ky. Both experienced judges provided the highest standards, and their decisions were well received. The club appreciates both men's time away from their families and businesses, their hard work riding long days in the saddle, providing their horses, and judging the dogs on the merits of their performance.

Little More Shine, Kris Hammons' Irish setter female, placed first with two finds. Her first find was at the end of the Dewey Bottoms, and the second was a divided find with her bracedmate at the top of the hill on course No. 1. Little More Shine had a solid forward brace and was handled by Tim Hammons.

Second place was Woodlands Ridge Jim, a setter male handled by Calvin Curnutte of Drowning Creek Kennels and owned by Bob Angen and Aaron Ferguson of Toms River, N. J. Jimmy had a big breakaway into the Dewey Bottoms, showed to the front in the third big field, found forward standing on his find at the top of the hill. Bear Pond thanks Calvin Curnutte for completing our judges' books, donating a heavy-duty tote filled with snacks, and his entries.

The third-place winner, Casey Creek Crystal Ice, a pointer female owned and handled by Buster Tucker, ran in the heat of the day. Crystal had a find at 20 and an unproductive at pickup time.

Smooth Operator, a pointer male handled by owner Ed Stevens of Rattle Snake Creek Kennel, West Union, Ohio, was awarded the only placement in the Open Derby stake. Smooth Operator made a big cast through the Dewey Bottoms, then crossed the concrete bridge making another cast, went around the old tobacco barn, and finished back at the clubhouse.

It takes many KFTA members to run a field trial. Bear Pond President Barry Stumbo would like to thank Kris and Tim Hammons, Matt Pendergest, Buster and Pam Tucker, Charlie Turner, and Ed and Dee Stevens for marshaling, scouting, riding the braces,

driving the dog wagon, preparing and serving food, making judges' guests comfortable, and putting out birds. Incredible generosity is recognized by members who provide safely trained horses for judges and others to ride.

Berea, Ky., October 29

Judges: Scott Kermicle and Bill Vest

OPEN SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats] – 10 Pointers, 5 Setters and 3 Irish Setters

1st—LITTLE MORE SHINE, 1671392, Irish setter female, by Red Rock-Covered In Red. Kristine Hammons, owner; Tim Hammons, handler.

2d—WOODLANDS RIDGE JIM, 1676234, setter male, by Hot Blooded-Sky's The Limit. Bob Angen & Aaron Ferguson, owners; Calvin Curnutte, 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.

OPEN DERBY – 4 Pointers

1st—SMOOTH OPERATOR, 1701773, male, by Erin's Redrum-Dominator's Rebel Maiden. Rattle Snake Creek Kennel, owner; Ed Stevens, handler.



CORRECTION

Champion Ringo's Sweet Heart was featured on the front cover of the January issue.

Robert Ecker, who took the photo, was inadvertently listed as the handler. Owner Verlene Stephenson is the handler of the 7-year-old female.

Best of luck to Ringo's Sweet Heart and Verlene during the spring field trial season!

Looking for a copy of last year's field trial ad to update?

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COLUMBIA RIVER FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Region 10 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog & Pacific Northwest Open Shooting Dog Championships

By Matt Huston | Alderdale, Washington | October 29, 2022



Region 10 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Judge Brandy Gilmore, Bill Owen, Kim Sampson, Alex Mauck with S B Always Dreamin, Matt Huston, Judge Tim Robertson, Rich Heaton with Touch's Jimi Thing, Alex Rickert, Chris Perkins, Mike Smith, and Sergio Velez.

The Columbia River Field Trial Club kicked off its championship series on October 29. This would be the first time the club held a trial on grounds other than the Buckhorn Ranch since 2009. We appreciate Chuck and Kara Kunde's generosity and commitment to opening their ranch up for our sport all those years. The difficulty in setting up new grounds cannot be taken lightly. First and foremost, the club searched for grounds holding a significant wild bird population.

Nothing proves a championship dog like wild birds in this scribe's mind. Just having a wild population isn't the whole story. The grounds must lay as such to give ample places to show a dog and have locations for extraordinary dogs to shine amongst their competitors, yet still, provide safe paths for the safety of horses and their riders. Next, the grounds must be accessible to provide amenities such as porta Johns, water for animals, and places to park large horse trailers with ample room to stake out horses, as well as the ability to retrieve and drop off dogs with a dog truck. Lastly, the grounds would ideally be in a location that is centralized for competitors and close to hotels and restaurants for those people with smaller setups, such as the amateurs and beginners, which will provide the lasting support our sport needs to survive. We found those grounds under the stewardship of the Gary Hess family and McBride Hereford Ranch. Grounds with ample wild birds, yet accessible enough to salt the courses with liberated birds, and terrain that wasn't so harsh as to provide undue hazards for dog, horse, and rider. Grounds with enough acreage to lay out multiple courses with ample room to show a dog, yet with challenging turns and locations that would prove the ability to handle and maneuver a championship-worthy shooting dog in its quest for birds.

I go back to an article published by Tom Word titled "T. J. Jack and Ted at the Florida Championship." In that blog, it is stated that Chinquapin would be an ideal trial location. "These lands are ideal quail habitats and are especially suited to the purposes of showing a class dog. They are of a rolling contour, thinly scattered with pine and scrub oak trees, a clump of palmetto here and a group of Chinquapin there, with feed patches of several kinds of millet, corn, beans, indigo and benne scattered throughout." Yet as ideal as those grounds proved to be, Hall of Fame inductee Fred Arant

complained bitterly at the lack of a definitive layout of the courses. Ted Baker heard him and was incensed. He sent club Vice President John Murphree to order Arant off and refund his entry fees. Arant immediately apologized and offered to stay after the trial and layout and mark the courses. Even grounds as hollowed as Chinquapin got off to an inauspicious start. What could we expect?

Region 10 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

The Region 10 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship drew 14 dogs for the inaugural running on the McBride Hereford Ranch. We were honored to have judges Brandy Gilmore from Kalispell, Mont., and Tim Robertson from Parma, Ida., watch over the dogs. Brandy brought a fresh perspective as he recently moved up from Alabama, where he has scouted many champion dogs over the years in that region. Tim also brought his skilled view, having trained dogs professionally for decades with his father, brother, and sister. Multiple wild California quail and Hungarian partridge were pointed or rode up on each course. The liberated chukar provided ample opportunity for multiple pieces of bird work for each brace yet stirred debate amongst the gallery if the birds being worked were wild or pen-raised, as the birds were superb! Many dogs finished the hour with finds to their credit worthy of a championship title. The judges used the dogs with the cleanest hour runs, free of smudges on their notebooks. Simply counting finds wasn't on the judges' radar, but dogs navigating the courses with minimal scouting and extraordinary bird work. Named champion from brace No. 3 was S B Always Dreamin, a pointer female owned and handled by Bill Owen of Santa Barbara, Cal. Named runner-up from brace No. 4 was Touch's Jimi Thing, a pointer male owned and handled by Chris Perkins of American Falls, Ida. Congratulations to the winners.

The Columbia River Bird Dog Club's Open All-Age Derby drew eight dogs. We ran the all-age derby course directly behind camp on grounds we hope to hold an all-age championship someday. The grounds do not currently provide access to a dog truck; therefore, we ran a single course for the Derby, giving the wild birds a break on the shooting dog course to settle into their regular daily routine. Judges for this event were Alex Rickert of Bozeman, Mont., and Matt Huston of Kennewick, Wash. It was great to have Alex on the



Pacific Northwest Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left). Bill Owen, Graer Huston, Judge Alex Rickert, Jerry Fitzgerald with Miller's Newest Version, Cliff Mesnard, Matt Huston with Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee, Chet Hadley, Lane Huston, Alex Mauck, and Judge Brandy Gilmore.

grounds to pair with Huston's experience as an owner and amateur handler of champion dogs. As an amateur, Alex has trialed from the piney woods to the prairies, and he is the owner of multiple top all-age dogs on the major open circuit.

Multiple derby dogs showed they were worthy of a placement. First place was awarded to Mauck's Wyeast Molly, a setter female, owned and handled by Alex Mauck of Ontario, Ore. Second place was Perkins Diamond Cutter, a pointer male owned and handled by Chris Perkins of American Falls, Ida. Third place was West Mountain Speed Wave, owned by Kim Sampson of Santaquin, Utah, and handled by Rich Heaton of Boise, Ida.

Alderdale, Wash., October 29

Judges: Brandy Gilmore and Tim Robertson

**REGION 10 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 10 Pointers and 4 Setters**

*Winner—S B ALWAYS DREAMIN, 1679869, pointer female, by Riverton's Funseek'n Scooter-Touch's J Class. William Owen, owner and handler.
Runner-Up—TOUCH'S JIMI THING, 1692245, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Hainline's Silver Star. Christopher Perkins, owner and handler.*

Pacific Northwest Open Shooting Dog Championship

The Pacific Northwest Open Shooting Dog Championship drew 11 dogs to conclude our championship series. Judges were again Brandy Gilmore of Kalispell, Mont., and Alex Rickert of Bozeman, Mont. This pairing had not been judged together previously; therefore, one could not accurately guess their preferences. The individual skillsets and perspectives they brought to the judging position assured that the best performance would win. The fears of many birds moving off course were quickly laid to rest as there was bird work in every brace that finished the hour. Judges again used the advantage of having courses that proved the handlers' ability to navigate their dogs with ease yet still fill up the country in search of their game. Excellence for the entire hour was awarded over counting finds.

Named champion was Miller's Newest Version, a pointer female owned and handled by Bill Owen of Santa Barbara, Cal. Runner-up was Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee, a setter female owned and handled by Alex Mauck of Ontario, Ore.

In conclusion, I thank all the participants who entered our trial. As the grounds were new, you had no idea what you were getting

into. Thank you, Gary Hess and McBride Hereford Ranch, for the opportunity to showcase dogs on your grounds; it benefits all of us who love the sport. I want to thank the judges who traveled many miles to sit in the saddle amongst the dust, wind, and rain just to have their opinions ridiculed. It seems like a thankless task at times, but without knowledgeable judges that know how to differentiate between a good and a great performance, our dogs and expectations of them will regress to average. We can have all the entries in the world, but without grounds and judges, it's all for not. As always, thank you to our sponsors, Purina and SportDOG. Their generous contributions are always well-received and appreciated. I want to thank Jerry Fitzgerald and Mercer Farms for their help and generosity. The behind-the-scenes work and effort do not go unnoticed. Without you, this trial wouldn't happen. As Ted Baker stated in his inaugural running at Chinquapin, there is room for improvement. It takes years to learn the nuances that each course provides. The future looks bright for continued championships at the McBride Hereford Ranch with the Columbia River Field Trial Club.

**Judges: Brandy Gilmore and Alexander Rickert
PACIFIC NORTHWEST OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 8 Pointers and 3 Setters**

*Winner—MILLER'S NEWEST VERSION, 1696284, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. William Owen, owner and handler.
Runner-Up—MAUCK'S WYEAST OWYHEE DALLEE, 1687695, setter female, by T's Gunslinger-Hidden Jasmine. Alex Mauck, owner and handler.*

**Judges: Matthew Huston and Alex Rickert
OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers and 2 Setters**

*1st—MAUCK'S WYEAST MOLLY, 1699454, setter female, by P W Sunrise-High Prairie Gypsy. Alex Mauck, owner and handler.
2d—PERKINS DIAMOND CUTTER, 1698024, pointer male, by Touch's Diamante-Perkins Trace of Snow. Christopher Perkins, owner and handler.
3d—WEST MOUNTAIN SPEED WAVE, 1695027, pointer female, by Lester's Shockwave-Lester's Speed Lady. Kim Sampson, owner; Rich Heaton, handler.*

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GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE FUTURITY

Chasehill Wicked Wilma Wins 78th Running

By Thor Kain | Berlin, New Hampshire | October 30, 2022

Sunday, October 30, 2022, dawned cool and crisp in the beautiful White Mountains of New Hampshire. Grouse trial competitors, amateur and pro, had come from regions far and near to turn their top prospects loose in the Grand National Grouse Futurity. The year prior, a breeder planned a breeding to their female that they felt would produce winners and champions on the grouse trial circuit. They then nominated the dam and, later on, the litter. The following January, the owners pay a forfeit to keep their pup eligible for the Futurity. Futurities are breeders' stakes and the thought and hope that a litter has what it takes to produce winning Grouse trial dogs are put to the test each year at the running of the Grand National Grouse Futurity.

Judging the 78th running of the Grand National Grouse Futurity was this reporter, accompanied by a capable and knowledgeable judging partner, Bill Ballin, from Norwich, N. Y. After every brace, our discussions were as easy as we were always on the same page. Rhode Island pro John Stolgitis handled stake manager duties. John had the courses flowing nicely through cover while allowing opportunities to show a dog. Speaking of the courses, they were in great shape. On behalf of the competitors and the Grand National Grouse directors and members, I would like to thank Lloyd Murray, Tony Bly, John Stolgitis, Deb Kennedy, Russell Ogilvie, and many more who spent countless hours getting the famed Kilkenny grounds ready for not only the Futurity but also the Grand National Grouse Championship that follows the Futurity.

There were birds on every course; some had seen multiple and pointed them. Fourth place was Ralph's Chasehill Rip, bred and handled by John Stolgitis and owned by Brian Ralph. Rip ran in the final brace on the Beaver Hole course. Usually, a course full of birds lacked them this day, but with two minutes left to go in his half-hour, Rip stopped to the left of the course on a rise, and shortly after, a grouse was seen leaving, and handler fired, all with shooting dog manners. Rip runs with speed and style, and a little bit of a slow start to his brace kept him from placing higher, but the potential to go on and do great things is there and was on display.



78th Grand National Grouse Futurity winners and spectators.

Third place went to Long Gone Juniper, bred, owned, and handled by Lloyd Murray. Lloyd is known for a few things but is most known for setters and grouse hunting. I don't think anyone spends more hours grouse hunting than Lloyd and his hunting partner, Tony Bly. It's hard to think of anyone more synonymous with the word "setter" than Lloyd. His passion for setters and grouse is deep-rooted and goes back to his grandfather. Juniper ran in the first brace, and from the time she was cut loose, it was apparent she knew there were wild birds out there and where to look for them. At the halfway mark, her bell stopped, but she didn't look sure. Lloyd tried whistling her on, but she wasn't budging, so he decided to look. I followed him in and noted something moving in the heavy cover but couldn't tell what it was. Lloyd flushed to no avail, and before relocating, I mentioned seeing something moving toward the fir trees on the way in. He relocated Juniper; she shot forward towards the firs, and shortly after, a grouse was seen gliding out the back, Lloyd fired, and the first find of the 78th Grouse Futurity was in the books. Juniper ran hard and continued her quest for more birds. Two grouse flushed wildly at the top of the hill, but the dogs would handle no more. Juniper finished her half-hour hunting hard, a solid effort that earned her a spot on the podium.

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DICK BRENNEMAN STEPS DOWN AS GNG PRESIDENT

By Russell Ogilvie

At the annual meeting of the GNG, Dick Brenneman stepped down as president. I took some excerpts from a speech by Joe Cammisa that highlighted some of Dick's contributions to the sport.

"From almost the beginning of his involvement in the early 1970s, Dick Brenneman has been an active handler and has also been of constant service to various dog clubs. He has served as secretary and president of the Grand National Grouse Championship, the Pennsylvania Championship in a number of leadership positions, grounds committee chairman at Marienville and the Barrens Field Trial grounds, and the Nittany Valley Bird Dog Club. He has been a constant at workdays at Marienville and the Barrens. He and his longtime bird dog partner Bob Watts have been breeding English setters for decades, including Champions Ian's Blue and Star's Misty Ghost. In their kennel, five-time Champion Pennstar, two-time



(From left): Tom Fruchey, Helen and Dick Brenneman, and Joe Cammisa.

Champion Northern Anndee, and Grand National Champions Body Guard and Full Tilt. Now, understand something and keep in mind, prior to all that Dick has done for the Grand National and grouse trials in general, breeding grouse dogs and competing, he had judged every major horseback stake and championship on the east coast. Think about that and add in the statement from the 'Legends' plaque that said no one in our history has judged more grouse and woodcock championships than Dick Brenneman and most of the important ones he has judged multiple times. Chosen as a 'Coverdog Legend' by the Middle Atlantic region directors in 2009, Dick joined the Grand National in 1972 and today celebrates 50 years of dedication."

While Dick may have stepped down as the president of the GNG, his influence and leadership will continue as he stays on as a director. On behalf of the trial community, we appreciate everything you have done for the good of the sport.

Ralph's Chasehill Molly, owned by Brian Ralph and bred and handled by John Stolgitis, earned the red ribbon. She ran with speed and style from the breakaway and hit the cover hard. At the 10-minute mark, we hadn't heard her bell in a minute or two. John dispatched Brian to scout to the right of the course and decided to take a look himself. We found Molly standing high and tight, and John flushed a tight sitting woodcock with Molly maintaining perfect manners. She turned it up another gear after her find with big sweeping casts covering whole hillsides and showing way to the front. She finished strong and had me and fellow judge Bill Ballin happy to have witnessed such a strong derby performance.

Chasehill Wicked Wilma was the winner of the 78th running of this Futurity, and rightfully so. To say she dominated the stake and set herself far and above the rest of the field would not be an overstatement. She is proudly owned by Harley McClung and bred and handled by John Stolgitis. She ran a true all-out race with her tail cracking hard as she cast to the far depths of the course. She was not seen or heard from around 15 in the general area where Juniper had her find earlier in the stake. It took a few minutes of looking to locate her buried in the fir trees, and a grouse was put to wing, shot fired, Wilma having perfect manners. She, too, hit another gear and hammered to the front as we went up the big hill. When the course turned right, she faded to the front and headed towards the other handler and dog. We did our best to catch up and eventually did so at time. Judge Ballin commented that she came charging to the front and was rolling! It was no doubt that she was the winner.

North Country's Soda Pop and Chasehills Wango Tango were closest to the winners. Soda Pop is owned by Nick and Emily Hamel, bred by Lance Bressler, and trained/handled by New Hampshire pro Adam Dubriske. She's got speed and style and had an accurately located woodcock find during her run. Wango Tango is owned by Allen Raiano and bred/handled by John Stolgitis. His ground effort was strong and had he come up with a bird, he'd have been in the ribbons.

As highlighted earlier, a Futurity is a breeders' stake. The first,

second, and fourth places were all out of the same breeding of Panola Bacon to Chasehill Little Izzy. This is a repeat breeding, with several from the first litter already titled. Both sire and dam are champion grouse dogs, as are their parents and so on. John started his line with multiple-time Champion Beaver Meadow Benjamin, who sired the most famous dog in his line, Chasehill Little Bud, and kept it going through Daddy's Little Boy Butch and now Bacon and Izzy. The number of championships this line has amassed on wild birds is staggering. It further highlights the importance of futurities and the breedings enrolled in them to better the breed. It looks like the Chasehill line will still be a force to reckon with in the future as this crop of derbies moves up.

Many thanks are due to Nestlé Purina and our rep Greg Blair for their generous support of all Grand National Grouse events. From paying for ads to supplying food to the winners, they go the extra mile to help our sport. As mentioned earlier, John Stolgitis handled stake manager duties, and we thank him for that. Joe Cammis, Norm Meeder, and Dave Duell were on hand to offer a hand anywhere it was needed. The three of them traveled from Pennsylvania together. None of the three are exactly spring chickens, but it was noted that they seemed as if they were sixteen and on their first road trip, in a good, having the time of their life way. As futurity secretary, I want to remind everyone to nominate litters and support the Grouse Futurity. I hope to see everyone at the Puppy Classic this spring.

Berlin, N. H., October 30

Judges: Bill Ballin and Thor Kain

78TH GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE FUTURITY

- 10 Pointers and 10 Setters

1st—CHASEHILL WICKED WILMA, 1698454, pointer female, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Hailey McClung, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

2d—RALPHY'S CHASHEILL MOLLY, 1697757, pointer female, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Brian Ralph, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

3d—LONG GONE JUNIPER, 1697824, setter female, by Lone Gone DeQuan-Lillehill's Drum Come True. Lloyd Murray, owner and handler.

4th—RALPHY'S CHASEHILL RIP, 1697746, pointer male, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Brian Ralph, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

“ACROSS THE PRAIRIES”

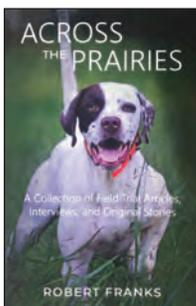
A Collection of Field Trial Articles, Interviews, and Original Stories by Robert Franks

— A Review by Todd Kellam

I have a shopping cart at Amazon Books that is quite extensive. I want them all, but it takes time. My bookshelves at home are equally vast; if a book is related to bird dogs, waterfowling, or fly fishing for trout, it is probably already on my radar. I am motivated to write this report because it concerns an outstanding book that was not on my radar! The fact that I was unaware of this rare opportunity makes me believe that I am not the only one whose radar this gem has somehow flown under.

Good books containing fictional stories relating to bird dogs are rare. Good non-fiction, although I would not consider it rare, can be both educational and entertaining, two valuable qualities. You can find examples of both types, as I have done over the years. You can also find one that contains both kinds of writing, as I have done recently, in “Across The Prairies” by Robert Franks.

“Across The Prairies” is laid out in two sections. In the first, titled “Articles and Interviews,” you will find nine topic-specific recollections from some of the biggest names in the sport of pointing dog field trials. I hesitate to name the contributors because, in doing so, I will miss many. But potential readers should know that Hoyle Eaton, Freddy Epp, Marshall Loftin, Andy Daugherty, John Rex Gates, Garland Priddy, and Billy



Morton are included. The stories are entertaining in nature and not just about how to train or handle a dog in field trials.

My favorite chapter in this section would have to be “The Era of the Scout.” The role of a scout is one that I have always found fascinating. If you want to hear stories about Robert Burris, Joe Bush, David Johnson, Peck Kelley, Man Rand, and Joe Odom, this would be a great place to start!

The second section, titled “Stories,” contains seven original fictional stories based on the people and dogs that make the sport of field trialing so special. I will admit up front that I read this section first. As mentioned above, this type of work is rarer and very intriguing. As is usually the case, I couldn't put it down. I have much respect for those who cannot only think up a unique story but also build upon it and present it in such a way that it spares no important details while, at the same time, doesn't go off on tangents that do not contribute significantly. These stories are excellent.

A tip of my hat to author Robert Franks. A suggestion to each of you reading this is to buy this book. You can find it through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or Wal-Mart. The rest of the books in your shopping cart can wait.

SEDGEFIELDS FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Cheyenne Jack Wins Dixie Open Shooting Dog Classic

By Cecilia Moorer | Union Springs, Alabama | October 31, 2022



Dixie Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (from left): Justin Green with Cheyenne Jack, Casey Foster with Bully Rock, and Tommy Rice with Dakota Nation. (Back row): Mike Tracy, Roger Key, Mike Green, Susan Wells, Ted Roach, Alan Atkins, and Robert Moorer.

The Dixie Open Shooting Dog Classic kicked off the field trial season in Bullock County with a draw of 38 pointers, two setters, and one German shorthair. Greenway Sportsman Club was the venue, and although the grounds are limited to one course, they were nonetheless in beautiful condition and nicely accommodated the running of this trial.

The drawing was held on Tuesday, October 25, at the Union Springs Golf and Country Club. The club's staff is always accommodating to field trialers and events and ensures everyone in attendance is well taken care of.

Judges Alan Atkins and Roger Key named Cheyenne Jack, a pointer male owned by Sal Morelli, and Bill and Muriel Primm, the first-place winner. Mike Tracy handled Jack. Second place went to Bully Rock, a pointer male owned by the Primms, and Ernie and Karen Saniga. Tracy also handled Bully Rock. Dakota Nation, a pointer male, owned by Julie Roach and handled by Ted Roach, was the third-place winner.

The Derby drew 13 pointers and one setter. First place was awarded to Calico's Sugar 'N' Spice. Calico Kennels and Jeff Smith own this white and orange pointer female. Tommy Rice handled her. Sehoj's Run Happy, a pointer male, handled by Bob Hartwig and owned by Sehoj Plantation, placed second. Tallokas New Business, owned by Tallokas Kennels and handled by Jason Loper, placed third.

Breakfast was brought in each morning and furnished by the Tourism Council of Bullock County. Ben and Allison Stewart had a delicious lunch each day during the running, and the club provided nighttime meals. Jan Green, the "First Lady" of Greenway Sportsman Club, was a gracious hostess and ensured that the bar was stocked with snacks and refreshments. Her famous Poppy Seed Chicken was the main dish on Monday night, and Selena Moorer prepared her famous spaghetti for everyone Wednesday night. Steve Hutto was responsible for Thursday night's meal and served guests a

delicious steak dinner.

The Sedgefields Field Trial Club appreciates everyone who stepped up to make this trial successful. Special thanks to Jan and Mike Green, The Bullock County Tourism Council, our judges, wagon drivers, marshals, scouts, handlers, and owners.

Union Springs, Ala., October 31 – One Course

Judges: Alan Atkins and Roger Key

DIXIE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 35 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—CHEYENNE JACK, 1668503, pointer male, by Great River Ice-Blaze's Isis. Sam Morelli, William & Muriel Primm, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

2d—BULLY ROCK, 1674970, pointer male, by Bully Bragg-Ballerina. William & Muriel Primm, Karen & Erwin Saniga, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d—DAKOTA NATION, 1674370, pointer male, by Erin's Full Throttle-My Minnie. Julie S. Roach, owner; Ted Roach, handler.

Judges: Hunter McDuffie and Ted Roach

DIXIE OPEN DERBY – 13 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—CALICO'S SUGAR 'N' SPICE, 1700320, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Waybetter Rummy. Calico Kennels & Jeff Smith, owners; Tommy Rice, handler.

2d—SEHOJ'S RUN HAPPY, 1695902, pointer male, by Miller's Speed Dial-Lester's Sundancer. Sehoj Plantation, owner; Bob Hartwig, handler.

3d—TALLOKAS NEW BUSINESS, 1701627, pointer male, by Miller Unfinished Business-Talloakas Sun Dial. Talloakas Kennels, owner; Jason Loper, handler.

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GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Spring Brook Maximus Named Champion; Daddy's Little Boy Butch, Runner-Up

By Russell Ogilvie | Berlin, New Hampshire | November 1, 2022

When time was called in the early afternoon of November 5, the 80th running of the Grand National Grouse Championship was in the books. I had the pleasure of walking every brace and watching some great dogs and handlers work. I also had the opportunity to turn a dog loose with the same goal as everyone else—point a bird, fire your gun, and finish. The outcome of this year's Grand National caught me off guard, so writing about my dog was made easy as my friend, John Stolgitis, was beside me to watch Max run. John and his wife Jill have been highly influential in my development as a handler and in developing my dogs, particularly Max. When John wrote the following piece about Max, it was a no-brainer to use it. I hope you enjoy reading it half as much as I did.

This year's champion came from brace No. 15 and ran on the Golden Rod course. Max is an 8-year-old white and liver deep-chested pointer, built very ruggedly. Russell purchased Max as an 8-week-old puppy from Chasehill Kennel. Max came from a breeding George Hetrick did with his Riley bitch-bred to 19x Champion/19x Runner-up Chasehill Little Bud. Russell developed Max to be a grouse dog from an early age.

For those who don't know Russell, he is a true amateur who works a job that requires 12-hour swing shifts. When not working, he is usually working and running dogs or hunting. He is president of the Mid-Coast Field Trial Club, the Maritime Bird Dog Club secretary, and helps or reports at most New England trials. He became director of the GNG last year and took his responsibilities very seriously. He worked in concert with Lloyd Murray and Tony Bly on several work parties this summer to prepare the grounds for this year's event. He also took a week's vacation to report the championship this year, walking every brace of the trial on the most rugged courses in all field trials. Max is hunted often as Russell can get out. He is a superb grouse dog, and I have shot dozens of grouse over him hunting with Russell. I don't ever remember Max going birdless in Kilkenny. Max is no stranger to the winners' circle; he has won and been runner-up in the Northeastern Grouse Championship, the Southern New England Woodcock Championship, and many other placements.

Max was braced with Cairds Remi in the championship, and they broke away in warm, dry conditions, actually record warmth this week. Max broke away with power and desire. He ran along the fir swamp edge, periodically digging in and popping out. He had an unproductive at 5 where a bird had been hanging out in the previous futurity. He stopped again at 8, and Russell thought he had heard a bird leave but didn't call it and collared Max away. Later, judge Ralph said he thought he had heard a bird and was waiting for Russell to call it. After this, you leave the best bird cover and head to the mature pole timber and likely no birds. Max powered forward, and his bell fell silent as we marched up the hill. Max was spotted up ahead on point in the wide open, and the bracemate was hunting the area as Russell approached cautiously, waiting to see what unfolded as he was already riding an unproductive. A big drummer roared as he approached, and Russell screamed, "Bird!" Brian Ralph commented, "That's how you call bird."

Released, Max powered forward again in the warm, dry conditions running at the edge of his bell but still in contact with Russell. Towards the end of the hour on Golden Rod, you pass back by the breakaway where all the bird cover is. Max recognized the cover and dove back down to the fir swamp edge and out of bell range for a couple of minutes. Russell dispatched his scout to look for him. As time ticked, Russell came down to search as if he had stopped.



Championship Winners (from left): Russell Ogilvie with Spring Brook Maximus, John Stolgitis with Daddy's Little Boy Butch, and Judges Brian Ralph and Bert Benshoof.

Meanwhile, Remi enters the area and begins hunting; her bell stops, so Russell locates Remi in hopes that Max is there. They flush a grouse in front of Remi and shoot over her, and as they collar her, they see Max still with a bird in front of him. The end of an exciting Grand National Championship performance!

Runner-up Daddy's Little Boy Butch, owned by Paul Scott and handled by John Stolgitis, came out of brace No. 13. Butch is also sired by Chasehill Little Bud but has Richfield Stella as the dam. Both Butch and Max were whelped in 2014. Daddy's Little Boy Butch had Deer Mountain to himself as Minard scratched B K Rolling Dice. At 7:52, Butch was cut loose up the hill. The crisp fall air carried the Lion Country bell well, and it didn't take long for Butch to stretch it.

Turning into the spruce, he swung downhill across the hardwoods. Before we reached the blueberry barren, Stolgitis had him swing up and come in from the top, but nothing was home. The next stop was the alder run; unlike the previous two days, nothing was home. Forward and strong Butch reached out. Making the next turn down the hill on the two tracks, the next spot was the dark wood on the right that held a bird every day. Unfortunately, he was home but still eating breakfast in a tree. Through the next section of spruce and hardwoods, he drove winding through until we hit Fogg Brook. Butch made no haste in attacking the cut as Stolgitis and judges turned down the edge. Butch swung to the right in the green growth and down to the road's edge. With a few calls, Butch was back up and out in front and into the spruce swamp edge. Even with time winding down, Butch is never out of it. He is one of those dogs that can come up with a bird out of nowhere. With 5 minutes left, the echo of the bell stopped, deep to the front and in a difficult place to search. For 3 minutes, both judges and handler searched until Butch had a head movement which allowed a ting of his bell to assist in his location. Stolgitis located him, but he was loose and allowed to relocate at time. With a word, Butch drove up the hill and quickly stopped to the right. Even being so close, the thick spruce was almost impossible to see. As judge Ralph and the reporter made their way along the woods road, a bird got up but still no sign of Butch. From the high side, judge Benshoof spied him and the echo of the

209-primer range through the mountains, making the walk up the hill much more enjoyable.

Many who read this report may never get an opportunity to experience Kilkenny in all its glory. These grounds are part of the White Mountain National Forest, meaning dogs, handlers, and judges must work to get it done. These courses will throw everything at you, from picturesque views from the rocky hill you just climbed to noisy hardwood ridges, stream crossings, mud holes, thickets, and gnarly cuts to swamps and more. Everything is uneven, making footing challenging for both man and beast. Many say this venue is a true test of a dog's fortitude and bird-finding skills. With November starting up, the fall colors have since faded. The bright reds, oranges, and yellows have turned to grays and greens, with the stubborn beech leaves holding on for dear life. When you look at some of these courses, you would think they would be void of birds. However, each course has its honey holes with the opportunity for grouse to show up anyplace. The key factor was their birds to be pointed, and plenty of them. In fact, in the 4½ days of running in dry, seasonably warm to hot conditions, we moved 51 grouse and 14 woodcocks with 19 dogs with bird work.

Day One

Brace No. 1—With temperatures in the high 30s, at 7:30, the first brace of the 80th running of the Grand National was announced. Synder's Fireside Ed (T. Chaffee) broke away with Lighting Flash Remington (M. Forman) on the revamped Deer Mountain. Both dogs quickly charged up the hill. The first five minutes allowed the dogs to loosen up before we turned to the right across a hillside. Both dogs started to stretch out, with Ed going deep right and Remi going up the hill to the left.

As we made it to the old blueberry barren, it was noted that this looked like a good bird spot, and on cue, a grouse blew out without any dogs involved. The alder run, a likely spot, was searched, but nothing was home. Remi worked deeper to the right with Ed at a moderate range as we turned down the two-track. Responding to Chaffee's calls, Ed swung back toward the road, and when he cut through the green growth, his bell suddenly stopped at 25. The judge quickly pointed out the dog, and in the meantime, Remi came in to honor. Chaffee moved toward the dog, and as she reached Ed, a grouse thundered out, and the first find of the championship was in the books.

The dogs were taken to the course and let loose across the mountain. With excitement, both dogs started to gain momentum. Remi was moving out in front just to the right of the course and stopped at 31. A flush attempt by Forman in a likely spot came up empty. With the dogs moving strong, the handler stepped out of the woods and turned right down a two-track on Fogg Brook before swinging down along the edge of the new cuts. As soon as Remi dove in, his bell fell silent at 39 right in the path. Ed, at the time, was deeper and moving across the cut. Forman flushed but again could not produce a bird. Ed crossed out in front as this was going on, and his bell fell silent in a birdy-looking spot at 43. Ed was staunch, and confidence was high, but Chaffee could not get a bird to fly. Ed was turned loose but was unable to pin anything down. As the handler and dogs made their way around the lower edge of the cut, Ed would stop in a mass of green growth and blowdowns but ended up moving on. Ed would finish with a nice race that immediately set the bar for the trial. The gallery walked up an additional two birds.

Brace No. 2—The first shot at Lonesome Ridge included Braeval Skye (McClusky) and Full Breeze (Hughes). Earlier in the year, this breakaway had been holding birds, so anticipation was high. Bree stopped shortly after the breakaway at 4, just off the right of the course. A quick flushing attempt by Hughes led to nothing, and she was released. Skye was gaining space as he moved forward. Skye would go deep left toward the river bottom. As we turned down towards the river, Skye was still deep left but coming across. Bree

would stop to the right of the course in the hardwoods at 34, and Skye came in to honor. Hughes flushed but could not get anything to fly in the open timber. Hughes sent the dog on and sent her over the hill, where she stopped in the whippets right before the green growth close to the river at 40. From a distance, the judge and reporter could watch as Dave flushed out in front, and as he walked back towards the dog, a woodcock lifted and flew straight out. Bree's run strengthened as the hour went on.

Brace No. 3—Stokely's B Ricky (Bly) and Chasehill Hidden Jewel (Stolgitis) got going on Golden Rod. Juju started strong right from the beginning, flashy and hard driving. Ricky made a solid move to the front, came back, and swung down the left with his bell falling silent at 7. Ricky was spotted from the trail from the field edge out in the open woods. Bly made his way toward him and out blew a grouse with all in order. Juju would keep laying out a strong race. Working the green to the left of the course, Ricky stopped at 17, just off the trail. Bly could not get anything to fly this time, and the relocation was unsuccessful. After we turned on the two-track, a grouse was seen leaving the area from a tree. As Bly called his dog in and watered, it was noticed that there was a second grouse in a limb 20+ feet in the air watching the day's events. Even after we all walked by, the grouse thought it was better to sit and watch. Juju ended up with the race of the day but went birdless. Ricky had a nice run, but the climbing temperatures did get to him at the end.

Brace No. 4—Shady Hills Zeena (M. Forman) was braced with Sweet Southern Belle (Little) on Pancake. With temperatures rising, it was tough for the dogs. Zeena hustled and had a nice run but could not nail down a bird. Belle worked with Little early but quickly ranged farther and farther, and the handler called for the tracker at 16.

Brace No. 5—Hifive's Top Shelf (Minard) and Snuffmill Life of Riley (Dellinger) broke away on Moosehorn. This course starts right out in quality bird cover, but it is thick in spots and windy. Both dogs went wide open on the breakaway. Riley returned first and was followed by Scotch. Riley stayed to the right of the course. The action started early as Scotch stopped to the left at 13. Minard went in and quickly found his dog. A woodcock took flight will all in order. Scotch was turned loose on the course, and shortly after, she stopped again to the left at 17. Riley followed suit but to the right, just off the course. Dellinger flew a woodcock with all in order. Minard fired his gun as a grouse took flight. With both dogs back on course, Scotch stopped in the path just before the brook crossing. Minard was not able to produce a bird. Both dogs crossed the brook and went strong and forward. They hustled through the course but were unsuccessful at nailing down more birds.

Brace No. 6—The last brace of the day included Deciding Point (Hughes) and Mooselook Mac (McNulty). Taking off down the trail, Mac quickly became the bigger runner. He was going strong, forward, and out to the edge of the bell. Bek was smooth going and forward but with less range. They moved through the cover without action until they hit the turn at the stream. Bek would stop between the trail and the stream at 29. Hughes entered the woods, and a grouse took flight without a dog in sight. As Hughes searched for his dog, Mac continued forward. Bek was spotted shortly after, and point was called. Bek, facing away and rock solid, waiting for Hughes, and as he stepped in front, a woodcock took flight. The dog was taken back to the course, and when it was cut loose, it quickly burst down the course, swung to the right, and stopped at 32. At this point, Mark Hughes took over and had the grouse air born with all in order. Hughes and McNulty would take their dogs across the marsh grass, up the hill, and to the end without further action. Bek seemed to tire toward the end.

Day Two

Brace No. 7—Upper Ammonoosuc Poison Ivy (S. Forman) and Grouse Hill Pepper (S. Chaffee) had a chilly start. The temperatures

had dropped down to the 30s for the morning start. Ivy and Pepper ran strong, covering the hills. Pepper tried to make game at the blueberry barren but was unsuccessful. Ivy kept rolling along, and as we headed downhill on the two tracks, Pepper stopped at 28 in the same area as the previous morning's find. Hoping to have the same outcome as his wife, Scott Chaffee flushed, but nothing was home. The relocation failed to nail anything down. Ivy was deep to the left coming down the two-track and was picked up at 41. Pepper had a strong ground race and continued hunting hard but could not produce a bird.

Brace No. 8—Thornapple Cody (Minard) and Paucak's Little Tommy Tucker (Short) broke away on Lonesome Ridge. Both dogs went strong from the breakaway, but most of the early cover was missed. Once the dogs hit the open hardwoods, they stretched their legs. Cody worked deep out front while Tucker went deep to the left. With both dogs staying out on the edge of the bell, Minard and Short worked their way around the course. Tucker would return just before the turn, and soon after, Cody did as well. Tucker stayed low near the water, and Cody was above and farther out. As Cody moved forward, a group of four grouse was moved, one coming from a tree and the others from the ground without any dog in the area. Tucker continued to swing along the river. As both dogs got closer to the road crossing, a grouse got up near the camping area. At this point, Minard decided to pick up at 53, and Short stayed on course. She and Tucker crossed the road, and once they hit the alder run, Tucker's bell stopped. Short walked out in front with woodcock splash being noted, but just then, a grouse blew out with all in order. Time was called, and a happy walk back to the truck was taken.

Brace No. 9—Goldenrod hosted Wynot Roscoe (Robbins) and Chasehill Poison Ivy (Stolgitis). Birds had been pointed early and often in the futurity. Stolgitis and Robbins worked their way through the eggshell leaves with the dogs breaking down the trail. The gallery kept its distance to limit the noise. Ivy would go strong forward, and her bell would stop at 10. Roscoe quickly came in and stopped as well. The scout was sent along the field edge, and point was called with Ivy in the field facing the woods and Roscoe honoring. Stolgitis flushed, and Robbins took his dog on. Nothing was produced, and Ivy methodically searched the area and moved on. Ivy headed to the left to the bird cover, with Roscoe moving out ahead. Ivy stopped just inside the green growth at 15, and when Stolgitis entered, a grouse hit the gas and left town. Both dogs opened up when they hit the hardwoods. Roscoe needed a bird and searched his heart out. Ivy, as fancy a pointer as one can have, just glided through the woods stopping only to get some water. Both dogs crossed the road and finished strong in warm temperatures.

Brace No. 10—Grouse Ridge Woody (M. Forman) and Super Storm Nell (Dubriske) took their turn at Pancake. While following a swamp edge for a large part of the time, Pancake usually has birds just before and after the swamp. Perhaps it was the dry conditions, but nothing was moved. Woody had a strong race and dove deep down the hill on the final stretch, where we could see him work the cover from afar. This was where a grand winner nailed a late bird, so hope was high. Unfortunately, Lady Luck was not shining, and time was called.

Brace No. 11—Hifive's Power Line (Minard) and Flycast Rollie Fingers (S. Chaffee) tried their luck on Moosehorn. Pete slid through the course, but Rollie stopped first at 12. Chaffee made a valiant flushing attempt in a nasty tangle of brush but was unsuccessful. In the meantime, Pete worked forward and stopped at 16. Minard was quick to flush, sending the woodcock fluttering off. Pete would stop again at 42 but move on before he was located.

Brace No. 12—The last brace of the day, Braevel Ghillie (McGregor) and Cairds Little Macy Mae (Little), had the honor of ending the day. Ghillie went out strong from the beginning and never looked back. Tracker was called for at 30. Macy would run much smoother, working her way back and forth and to the front.

We turned the corner at the stream before the hill, and she stopped in the alders. Little walked to her and flushed, producing a woodcock eager to vacate the premises. Macy would go up the hill and even stopped to the left at 38 but moved on just as the scout was almost to her. Macy would finish strong but without a grouse.

Day Three

Clear and cold. The breakaway temperature was 22 degrees.

Brace No. 13—Previously described.

Brace No. 14—Stan (Fruchey) and Bakers River My Man (M. Forman) had the crisp and noisy run at Lonesome Ridge. Hoping that the road bird on the loop road was a sign, they turned their dogs loose. Prime cover at the beginning, but still, as hard as it was hunted, nothing was produced. Both dogs hit the hardwoods going strong and deep left, quickly dropping down. At the turn, both dogs were near the river bottom, laying it out. As we wound through the course, nothing was walked up, and across the road with seven minutes to go, we went as we reached the end of the alder run. Stan was working it, and a grouse was heard leaving without a dog involved. Time was called, and back to the trucks we went.

Brace No. 15—Previously described.

Brace No. 16—Setter Ridge Flash Forward (S. Chaffee) and Neo (Dubriske) headed up and out on Pancake with the gallery in tow. Pancake had been voided of birds up to this point when at 11, Flair went into some mixed growth on the left, stopped, moved up, and locked on point. Chaffee stepped forward, and a grouse roared out. Both dogs moved forward; Neo's bell stopped to the left of the course at 20, with Flair stopped to the right at 21. Neo was all stacked up, and Dubriske walked out in front. Chaffee was having some trouble locating Flair. Dubriske flushed deeper, and Neo decided he had enough and moved up, ending his day. Flair was finally found under a fir tree, and Chaffee sent him on, only to have him quickly stop again. Chaffee flushed without success. Flair would go forward just before the swamp; it was decided to snap on the lead at 30 and head back on solid ground.

Brace No. 17—Chasehill Little Izzy (Stolgitis) and Synder's Sadie (T. Chaffee) took off down the course on Moosehorn. The action started early when Sadie dipped to the right of the course and froze for all to see. Chaffee stepped in, and a grouse thundered out with all in order. Chasehill Izzy was down farther and stopped at 17. Stolgitis flew a woodcock with all in order. Stolgitis decided to pick up Izzy, as her run on this day was not to his liking at 17. Sadie continued with a sudden stop at 21, but nothing was produced. Running a smooth and forward race, Sadie worked her way through the cover. Sadie would stop in the alder run at 40. Chaffee slogged through the muck and was rewarded when a grouse erupted from the alders with all in order. Unfortunately, her race was not as strong as needed, and Chaffee pulled the lead out at 45.

Brace No. 18—The last brace of day three included Pistol Patch Bullet (S. Forman) and Hi Five Ridge Runner (Minard). Bull and Bill made strong moves and hit the cover hard but were not rewarded.

Day Four

Brace No. 19—Grouse Hill Bullet Proof (S. Forman) had Deer Mountain with Cold Creek Rip (Dubriske). The temperature was 15 degrees warmer than the day before. Both dogs drove up the two-track and worked easily on the first corner. Both Rip and Proof went deep to the right. They would eventually show up at the barren and then head downhill. Dubriske turned the corner and was headed downhill when Rip's bell fell silent at 30. A scout was dispatched, and after a short time, point was called. Dubriske walked to the dog and made a strong flushing attempt, but nothing was flown. Rip was cut loose and headed on down the course. Both dogs cut and worked hard, but all the action was done.

Brace No. 20—Elhew Snakedancer (Doherty) and Fireside Sally Forth (T. Chaffee) had the run at Lonesome Ridge. Both dogs broke away strong but returned and hunted hard in the dense cover before breaking into the open hardwoods. Once they did this, they both went wide open and to the front. Both dogs made the turn and headed along the brook. Hopes of a bird before the crossing were squashed as the dogs headed for the other side. Sadie was the first to reach the alder run near the stream, and when she did, Sadie stopped suddenly at 56. Lizzy came in soon after and as she did, a grouse lifted. The commotion was too much for the young setter, and she moved up, ending her day. Sadie did a nice job for a first-year shooting dog.

Brace No. 21—With temperatures climbing fast, Cairds Dreaming of Jeannie (Little) and Vitali Grouseringer Pappy (S. Forman) had a go at Golden Road. Both dogs worked their way through the early bird cover, hoping that the cooler temperatures in the evergreens would hold birds and scent better. Everyone made it to the hardwoods without any action. Pappy was working near a waterhole and stopped at 35. Jeannie was out front and to the left. Forman flushed, hoping a grouse might be near, but noisy leaves only moved. Given the conditions, the dogs were back on course and made a gallant effort. Pappy was picked up at the crossing, and Little took Jeannie on without success.

Brace No. 22—With temperatures now reaching 60 degrees, Elhew Snakewood (Doherty) and Panola Bacon (Stolgitis) had an ominous go at Pancake. Cobe and Bacon headed uphill as the judges and gallery walked. Last time The Grand was held here, the champion came off this course with a late find, so upbeat handlers worked their way along the course. Bacon started strong and never let down. He was deep to the front, swung in, and hit all the likely spots, seeking water only when the opportunity presented itself. He blew through the swamp and powered into the hardwoods. He got a final drink at the stream on the final turn and dove deep into the valley below. We could watch him work from afar, and it looked like he was making game but ended up moving on. Cobe had enough and was collared at 52. When time was called, Bacon was still driving.

Brace No. 23—Meridith Grade Corky (T. Chaffee) and Shady Hills Whiskey Bonfire (S. Forman) fighting the heat were sent down the path of Moosehorn. Whiskey was working the thick cover and popped out and suddenly stopped in the trail, looking into a large blowdown at 17. Forman circled the blow, hoping something would take flight from the tangle but not to be. Whiskey was sent on and went to the left of the course and stopped near an uprooted tree at 19. Forman fought his way to his dog, and as he moved out in front, the judge called bird as a woodcock was noted leaving the scene. Corky got into the action at 20 with a stop in the same alder tangle except on the right side of the course, and Chaffee was able to get a woodcock to fly as well. Across the brook they went, swinging up to the alder run that had been consistently holding birds in it or near it all trial. Not this time, and at this point, Forman decided to snap on the lead at 42. Chaffee continued, and as we started into the hardwoods, Corky made an awkward stop in the trail next to a log at 48. The dog's posture made it look like he was unsure of himself, so Chaffee sent him on only to have grouse blow out off the dog's nose ending his day

Brace No. 24—Duck Hook (Stolgitis) and Lightning Flash Sue (M. Forman) ended in the heat on Ammonoosuc. Brute went right and deep, never really getting himself to the front. Brute was picked up at 36. Sue made it through the course, but the heat did affect her race. Scenting conditions were poor as we moved six grouse and three woodcocks on our walk.

Brace No. 25—Oscar Robinson (S. Forman) and Calamity Cinder (Minard) went up the two tracks in t-shirt weather. The last time the Grand was here, the end of the trial had frigid temperatures and snow. Oscar never made it very far, as we were picked up at the first crossing. Cinder had something else going on, and the tracker was

called for at 25.

Brace No. 26—Cairds Cracklin Rosie (Little) and Long Gone Porky (Leitch) were sent forward. Porky went deep from the start. Rosie worked closer but did go deep left on Little. Leitch had his work cut out for himself. Rosie turned in the hardwoods and was headed to the river when she stopped at 33. Little walked up to her and a woodcock lift in the open timber. Porky would show up at the crossing and be picked up. Rosie had another stop to the left just before the crossing but did not look very good and was sent on and, without success, was picked up as well.

Brace No. 27—Wizard's Cas Dubh (Hathaway), Blast Off (M. Forman), and a hot last go at Goldenrod. They went through the evergreens with nothing moved into the open hardwood and nothing seen. Both dogs were collared at the crossing, and the 80th running of the Grand National was in the books.

It takes many people to get a trial of this magnitude started, run, and completed. The first thank you goes to our great sponsor, Purina, and Greg Blair. Purina continues to produce top-end food that leads to healthy and strong dogs. This year significant coursework had to be completed. Some courses had to be lengthened, altered to use better bird cover or like Deer Mountain, which almost had to be all reworked. While it was a scenic and challenging walk, Deer Mountain was the course with the most grouse moved this year.

In preparing this course, there was much sweat and probably some blood given by Lloyd Murray, Tony Bly, John Stolgitis, Deb Kennedy, Kellie Short, Art Hemrough, Jamie Leitch, Kelly Hays, Peter Sperin, and Mike Gauthier. Helping out with pick-ups, shuttling vehicles, and marshaling, Ed Marquis, Doug Dix, Kellie Short, Allen Raiano, Bob Little, Scott and Christy Forman, and Tony Bly all went above and beyond. What is a trial without a snack during the coffee break? Marie Bly does it right. The homemade donuts with coffee give you something to look forward to after the second brace. In years past, it was hard to get updates if you weren't at the Grand. This year, Deb Sloan took many pictures and videos to allow people to be involved that couldn't come. I know it was appreciated by so many across the country. We can't thank Tony Bly enough for being the stake manager and organizing everything.

Lastly, the club members, handlers, and owners would like to thank the judges for their tireless work during the week. Judge Bert Benshoof, who hails from Roseville, Minn., made the long drive out and dedicated his week to watching a strong field of bird dogs. Judge Brian Ralph from Grove City, Pa., also had the honor of watching over some of the top cover dogs in the country on very rugged grounds. When you are a handler, you get to have breaks between braces. These judges had to fight the conditions all day long. Their passion for high-quality bird dogs comes from living it and knowing that trialing helps produce better bird dogs. They kept their eyes and ears sharp to ensure they gave each dog every opportunity.

Berlin, N. H., November 1

**Judges: Bert Benshoof and Brian Ralph
GRAND NATIONAL GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP
[One-Hour Heats] – 22 Pointers and 33 Setters**

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

Runner-Up—DADDY'S LITTLE BOY BUTCH, 1655649, pointer male, by Chasehill Little Bud-Richfield Stella. Paul Scott, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

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R Q's Saddle Wins Keystone Open Shooting Dog Classic

By Sheila Cassidy Hart | Petersburg, Pennsylvania | November 1, 2022



Keystone Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (from left): Jeanette Tracy with R Q's Saddle, Janet Hinkle with Miller's Big Iron, and Mark Hughes with Double Deuce Zeke. (Standing, from left): Ted Foust, Judge Sheila Hart, George Tracy, and Judge Greg Strausbaugh.

It takes much work to run a successful trial before, during, and after. The club would like to thank all the members that pitched in—our bird planters, Greg Strausbaugh, Ted Foust, and Ernie Saniga; Mary Tracy, that kept us well fed; Ted Foust, Ernie and Karen Saniga, Mr. and Mrs. Powell, and Sheila Hart for the dinners; Purina for their continued support; the professional trainers and their clients; the amateurs for supporting our trial; last but not never least, our judges. Thank you to all that keep this sport we love going.

There is nothing like derbies in the morning. This group did not disappoint. Judges Sheila Hart and Stacey Goodie enjoyed watching the up-and-coming future champions. The ladies took the field today. Miller's Little Duce Coupe, handled by George Tracy, captured first place for owner Allen Linder. This little lady sailed the front, scoring two beautiful finds, easily working with her handler. Coming in a close second was Miller's Upgraded Design, owned by Allen Linder and handled by George Tracy. She showed a nice forward race, also scoring two finds. Mulberry Meadow's Molly took third place. This classy little lady, owned by Norm Meeder and handled by Mark Hughes, scored three finds with a forward race.

A brisk frosty morning met the amateur shooting dogs. Judges Mark Hughes and Eric Munden gave every dog their full attention. Capturing first place was Bella Bulli, owned by Ernie and Karen Saniga and handled by Ernie. Bella carried a strong forward race, scoring three classy finds. Navajo Cody, owned by Sal and Camilla Morelli and handled by Joe Lordi, claimed second, running a solid forward race with two stylish finds. Bull Finch, owned by Ernie and Karen Saniga and handled by Ernie, scored two nice finds with a good forward race.

The open shooting dogs faced unseasonable warm weather topping the 80s. The hot weather and dry conditions made for challenging conditions. Judges Greg Strausbaugh and Sheila Hart rode hard, paying attention to every competitor. R Q's Saddle,

owned by Ted Foust and Bill and Muriel Primm and handled by Jeanette Tracy, earned first place. Running a strong, classy forward race, working with his handler, he scored fancy finds at 25, 36, 41, and 54. Second place went to Miller's Big Iron, hanging every edge to the front and scoring stylish finds at 6, 35, 40, and 52. He is owned by Allen Linder and handled by George Tracy. Taking third was Double Deuce Zeke, owned by Douglas McMillen, Jr., and handled by Mark Hughes. Zeke ran a solid forward race scoring nice finds at 5, 15, 29, and 35. He also had an unproductive at 45. He finished strong and to the front.

**Petersburg, Pa., November 1 – One Course
Judges: Sheila Hart and Greg Strausbaugh
KEYSTONE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC
[One-Hour Heats]- 21 Pointers and 3 Setters**

1st—R Q'S SADDLE, 1680847, pointer male, by Waybetter Rocky-Ladywood's Keepsake. Ted Faust, Muriel & Bill Primm, owners; Jeanette Tracy, handler.
2d—MILLER'S BIG IRON, 1681068, pointer male, by Miller's Dialing In-Mandalay Miller Bell. Allen Linder, owner; George Tracy, handler.
3d—DOUBLE DEUCE ZEKE, 1673940, pointer male, by Double Deuce Peter-Funseeker's Holiday. Douglas McMillen, Jr., owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

**Judges: Stacey Goodie and Sheila Hart
OPEN DERBY CLASSIC – 9 Pointers and 1 Setter**

1st—MILLER'S LITTLE DUCE COUPE, 1700309, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Walden's Icy Breaker. Allen Linder & Madison McDonald, owners; George Tracy, handler.
2d—MILLER'S UPGRADED DESIGN, 1700308, pointer male, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Walden's Ice Breaker. Allen Linder, owner; George Tracy, handler.
3d—MULBERRY MEADOW'S MOLLY, unreg., setter female, by Stillmeadow's Benjamin-The Eiger. Norm Meeder, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.

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Open Derby Classic Winners (front row, from left): Janet Hinkle with Miller's Little Duce Coupe, Greg Strausbaugh with Miller's Upgraded Design, and Mark Hughes with Mulberry Meadow's Molly. (Second row, from left): George Tracy, Judge Stacey Goodie, Kelly Fisher, and Judge Sheila Hart. (Back row, from left): Darren Boyer, Steven Boyer, and Ted Foust.



Amateur Shooting Dog Classic Winners (front, from left): Ernie Saniga with Bella Bulli, Joe Lordi with Navajo Cody, Dave McKay with Bull Finch, and Karen Saniga. (Back row, from left): Sheila Hart, Bob Verderosa, and Judge Mark Hughes.

Judges: Mark Hughes and Eric Munden

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 12 Pointers

1st—**BELLA BULLI**, 1674898, female, by Bully Bragg-Bullerina. Ernie & Karen Saniga, owners; Ernie Saniga, handler.

2d—**NAVAJO CODY**, 1668520, male, by Great River Ice-Blaze's Isis. Camille Masiello & Saverio Morelli, owners; Joe Lordi, handler.

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

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KENTUCKY OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Casey Creek Crystal Ice Named Champion; Blue Eye Dreamer, Runner-Up

By Pam Tucker | Berea, Kentucky | November 1, 2022

The 41st running of the Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Championship ran October 29-30 at the Miller Welch Wildlife Management Area in Berea, Ky.

Bill Vest of Ezel, Ky., and Matt Pendergest of Lexington, Ky., judged the event with 12 shooting dogs entered. Gratitude to both judges for providing their horses, willingness to give their time, and paying diligent attention to the braces.

First place Casey Creek Crystal Ice, owned and handled by Buster Tucker of Berea, Ky., had an overall good front-running race. Crystal ran the Mailbox course and was found at 20 by scout Tim Hammons in the Old House Bottoms casting forward. Her second find was behind the Agee House.

Charlie Turner's Blue Eye Dreamer ("Hannah") placed second. Hannah's first find was at 18 near the burnt barn, and the next was at 32. Hannah ran the country, hunted big and strong through the power line bottom, showed up where needed to be, and did not need much scouting.

Both dogs are littermates out of Casey Creek Icy Hot and Charlie's Dream Girl.

Appreciation is expressed to Purina for its continued support and generosity and to the Kentucky Field Trial Association's officers for their work and presence during the trial.



Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Judge Matt Pendergest, Buster Tucker with Casey Creek Crystal Ice, Tim Hammons, Charlie Turner with Blue Eye Dreamer, and Judge Bill Vest.

Berea, Ky., November 1

Judges: Matt Pendergest and Bill Vest

KENTUCKY OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 6 Pointers, 3 Setters and 3 Irish Setters

Winner—**CASEY CREEK CRYSTAL ICE**, 1676908, pointer female, by Casey Creek Icy Hot-Charlie's Dream Girl. Buster & Pam Tucker, owners; Buster Tucker, handler.

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

CONTINENTAL FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Showtime Game Changer Wins Amateur All-Age Classic

By Steve Standley | Greenville, Florida | November 4, 2022



Amateur All-Age Classic Winners (front, from left): Dr. Kent Cantrell with Showtime Game Changer, Bobby Dubose with Dubose Wander Bog, and Joe Rentz with Rester's Cajun Justice. (Back, from left): John Michael McCormick, Judges Justin Hunt and Jason Williams, Randy Floyd, Larron Copeland, Shannon and Destiny Braden, Steve Standley, Ben Melvin, Til Hankley, and Cecil Rester.

The Continental Field Trial Club began its annual Amateur All-Age and Derby stakes over the grounds of The Livingston Place on November 4. This beautiful and historic venue was once again made available through the generosity of Tall Timbers Research Station, Tallahassee, Fla. We also thank Club President and Plantation Manager Randy Floyd, his staff, and club officials Larron Copeland and Dr. Kent Cantrell. The latter attended daily to ensure smooth running. Assistant Manager John Michael McCormick and enthusiastic associates Shannon Braden and Ben Melvin were very helpful. Gloria Hagen is fun, warm, and generous with her comments as she ensures that we are fed, housed, and on our best behavior.

The All-Age stake was judged by noted dog trainer and horseman extraordinaire Jason Williams of Blakely, Ga. Justin Hunt, also of Blakely, filled the other judicial saddle, and his commitment and positive attitude were welcomed.

Sponsor Purina and their representative Greg Blair are irreplaceable in our sport, and their commitment to the Continental Field Trial Club is highly appreciated. AgPro of Boston, Ga., can always be counted on for support for this club.

We saw many birds in the air through the first morning afield. An incredible cotton crop that would warm any farmer's heart awaited harvesting. The dogs negotiated their way through these crop areas with little problem. It is always great to see these grounds and the wild quail that thrive here. Jason Williams guides most of the hunts that are offered on these grounds. He has a client that hunts worldwide, and Jason shared that gentleman's description of The Livingston Place as the best "pure hunting there is." As Jason said, "The horses may not be as highly groomed, and the tack may not be as shiny as some places, but this is the real deal here. The dogs are of the highest quality, as are the grounds, staff, and true wild birds."

Continental Field Trial Club Board Member Dr. Kent Cantrell shared that he has run Touch's Dancing Nancies over these grounds five times and had 19 finds during those braces. Kent also expressed his opinion that he doesn't know why anyone would run a field trial bird dog anywhere else if the possibility existed to run it over these grounds.

Larron Copeland's Showtime Game Changer garnered the first-place award in the amateur all-age. This pointer offered a forward all-age race over course No. 2. There were plenty of places that he could have gotten away, but he was shown often enough, stood well for game, and finished well.



Amateur Derby Winners (front, from left): Cecil Rester with Johnny Ringo, Justin Hunt with Hunt's Rollin' The Dice, and Shannon Braden with Hunt's Fireball. (Back, from left): John Michael McCormick and son, Judge Jason Williams, Dr. Kent Cantrell, Larron Copeland, and Randy Floyd.

Dubose Wander Bog, owned and handled by Bobby Dubose, earned second place by offering well-handled finds at 20, 25, and 55. This performance was during very warm conditions, and Wander Bog displayed great heart. This Dubose entry has placed here before and is always a threat.

Rester's Cajun Justice garnered the third-place ribbon. He hunted through the famed first-morning course on the first day and didn't waste the territory. Cecil Rester's strapping competitor ran the country in eye-catching form, stood for game three times, and his range was impressive.

The Amateur Derby had eight starters for the 30-minute braces. First place was won by Johnny Ringo, owned and handled by Cecil Rester of Angie, La. As Cecil later commented on his prodigy, you will hear his name in the future. This writer would agree. The second and third-place derbies are both out of Touch's Mega Mike and owned and handled by Justin Hunt of Blakely, Ga. Hunt's Rollin' The Dice, second, and Hunt's Fireball, third, displayed the talent and training and showed the potential to become successful all-age dogs. Justin Hunt is an excellent young amateur handler who brings a lot to the game.

This is an excellent trial, and this writer hopes lovers of the sport support this club and this very special venue. Don't miss the experience!

Greenville, Fla., November 4

Judges: Justin Hunt and Jason Williams

AMATEUR ALL-AGE CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 11 Pointers

1st—SHOWTIME GAME CHANGER, 1684556, male, by Miller's Unfinished Business-Moehill Carolina Dial In. Larron & Laura Copeland, owners; Larron Copeland, handler.

2d—DUBOSE'S WANDER BOG, 1684553, male, by Heard Hill's Memory Lane-Dubose's Snow White. Bobby Dubose, owner and handler.

3d—RESTER'S CAJUN JUSTICE, 1691667, male, by Whippoorwill Justified-Rester's Katie Lee. Cecil Rester, owner and handler.

Judges: John Michael McCormick and Jason Williams

AMATEUR DERBY – 8 Pointers

1st—JOHNNY RINGO, 1695797, male, by Miller's Blindsider-Rester's Amazing Grace. Cecil Rester, owner and handler.

2d—HUNT'S ROLLIN THE DICE, 1701416, male, by Touch's Mega Mike-Gone With The Wind. Justin D. Hunt, owner and handler.

3d—HUNT'S FIREBALL, 1701417, male, by Touch's Mega Mike-Gone With The Wind. Justin D. Hunt, owner and handler.

NGSPA PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Annual NGSPA Pheasant Championship Series

By Anthony Rusciano | Wye Island, Maryland | November 4, 2022



NGSPA Pheasant Derby Classic Winners (from left): Judge Dayna Rusciano, Mike Mullineaux, Steve Zozzaro with Three Z's Sunrise Ruby, Barry Bollinger, Cameron Bell with Hi N's Laying It Down Sally, Joe Orndorff, Charles Gonzalez with M's Free Rider, and Judge Anthony Rusciano.



NGSPA Pheasant Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Judge Helmut Schoen, Anthony Rusciano, Dayna Rusciano with High Standing Cuttin Edge Woody, Wes Williams, Sherri Tangsrud with Hi N's Allison Miranda, Kirk Loftin, and Judge Peter Coppens.

The NGSPA Pheasant Championships started on Friday, November 4, 2022, in Wye Island, Md. This marked the 49th year for this championship and the 29th year running on the beautiful grounds at Wye Island. This year we could not have asked for better, sunny fall weather and only one brief rain shower throughout the week. There were ample areas of switch grass and cover this year to hold our 300 pheasants planted by Mr. Wes Williams, who did an outstanding job; his attention to wind direction, cover, and bird dog wisdom resulted in multiple pheasant finds. Wes, your hard work was appreciated, and the Pheasant board couldn't thank you enough for your assistance.

This year we opened up a new course that broke away from the parking area, through a new field across the road, then on to the two designer fields, past the holly tree field, and if the dogs made it, the hour concluded in the area that we broke away from in the prior years. This new course added almost one full hour of running. Every year this championship is very fortunate that it attracts participants from across the country. Many of the attendees travel hundreds of miles to compete with their dogs and try to pin down a few pheasant finds. While the competition against some of the top German shorthaired pointers is worth the trip alone, you cannot overlook the great company of the fellow field trialers, the beautiful scenery of the changing of the leaves on the island, some of the best seafood that Maryland has to offer, or the hospitality and social events held at the clubhouse. A lot of planning and time goes into running the Pheasant Championship, and we appreciate all of our professionals and amateurs that select this championship to attend and support.

Whether it was taking entries, planting birds, driving the dog wagon, assisting in the kitchen, being a stake manager, or jumping in where needed, this championship would not be a successful event without a team effort. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make this championship enjoyable for all of our attendees. We are grateful to all the participants (friends) who return every year and welcome the newcomers who joined us this year. A special thanks go to our judges for taking the time out of their busy schedules and away from their families to look at our dogs. We also thank Jen Goodall for taking the entries and assisting where needed. I cannot thank Kirk Loftin and Sherri Tangsrud enough for bringing extra horses to give our judges a safe, comfortable ride. Purina Pro Plan has sponsored the NGSPA Pheasant Championship for many years, and we would like to let Purina and Greg Blair know that we are grateful for all they do for our sport. We would also like to thank the Wye Island NRMA employees, especially Martin Callahan, who

took time away from his schedule to mow some areas of fields for us to use and help run the event smoothly. Lastly, we thank the NGSPA board for trusting us to run this event.

2023 will mark the 50th year running the NGSPA Pheasant Championship and the 30th year at Wye Island, Md. My hope as president is that we can have a huge support of attendees to celebrate it. If you have not had the opportunity to travel to the scenic grounds at Wye Island, Md., or have not joined us in the past few years, please consider attending in 2023. We are still determining how long we may be allowed to continue to hold our championship on these grounds, and it would be great to share the experience with our field trial friends.

Congratulations to all of the 2022 champions and runner-up champions.

On Friday, November 4, the Pheasant Championship kicked off the event with Anthony Rusciano, Newfield, N. J., and Dayna Rusciano, Newfield, N. J., judging the Derby Classic. The course we ran was an out-and-back, starting at the Boy Scout camp area and only using the left-hand side of the island. There was plenty of excitement watching the ten derby dogs run and handle the open grounds, some encountering their first-ever pheasant find.

First place went to Three Z's Sunrise Ruby, owned by Steve Zozzaro and handled by Mike Mullineaux. Ruby had some excellent reaching casts and ran mostly shooting range. Ruby didn't hesitate to jump into cover to hunt and was awarded two pheasant finds. She demonstrated that she has the potential to be a big-running, forward-moving dog when she matures.

Second place went to Hi N's Laying It Down Sally, owned and handled by Barry Bollinger. Sally ran a solid shooting dog race. Although she made some immature moves, she handled kindly and complemented the first-place dog.

Third place went to M's Free Rider, owned by Cheney Matarrese and handled by Joe Orndorff. This young dog had an excellent forward shooting dog race while working the edges and cover. He showed some signs of immaturity but had excellent potential.

Congratulations to all the derby owners and handlers on your up-and-coming dogs. These juvenile dogs are on track to have an outstanding field trial career, and we look forward to reading about their future accomplishments.

The Pheasant Championship would like to thank all who

participated in this stake.

The judges for the running of the 2022 NGSPA Pheasant Amateur Shooting Dog Championship were Helmut Schoen from Pennsylvania and Peter Coppens from Illinois. Both judges are experienced German shorthaired pointer owners and handlers. The three-day stake weather was a little warmer than usual this time of year, but the sun was shining, so we couldn't complain. Most of the 31 dogs in this stake could find and produce many pheasants, making it a very competitive and exciting stake to watch.

Champion High Standing Cuttin Edge ("Woody") came out of the third day in brace No. 14B. Woody is owned by Anthony and Dayna Rusciano, handled by owner Anthony, and scouted by Dayna. The breakaway was in a tough spot, being that the last brace didn't make it the hour. We started by heading into the first field on the new course's right-hand side of the designer field. Woody started forward and was found standing at 8, but this resulted in a nonproductive when the handler could not produce the pheasant in the thick thorny brush. Woody was sent on and was found standing with impeccable style at 17 in the far back-reaching corner of the designer field. Woody was again rewarded with a find at 32, with style and manners. Woody made an incredibly finishing cast to time around the entire edge of the large back field tree line to the left of where the white fence starts the private property. Woody was an all-around powerful dog for the hour. He consistently handled kindly for Anthony and was a pleasure to judge.

Hi N's Allison Miranda ("Allie"), owned and handled by Kirk Loftin, was awarded runner-up. Allie came out of the last brace, No. 6A, on Saturday. Allie started out breaking away in a long cornfield heading towards the Boy Scout camp field and continued holding the edges throughout that side of the island until crossing over into the bean fields. She then went towards the designer field and made a big cast with a well-rewarded find at 55. Allie's manners were all in order and that of a seasoned pointing dog. Allie had a nice all-around shooting dog race and handled well for Kirk.

Interestingly, Woody and Allie were the champion and runner-up at the 2022 NGSPA National Amateur Championship. The Amateur Shooting Dog stake was another excellent performance by both these dogs and well-earned placements.

Sportsmanship Award

Each year the amateur shooting dog judges name an amateur handler to award the Jerry Albanese Sportsmanship Award. This award is for the amateur going above and beyond just showing up and running their dog. They help others by scouting for them or assisting with running the championship more efficiently, all with a great attitude and as a true sportsman. This year's recipient is Kirk Loftin. Congratulations, Kirk, on being named the recipient for the second year. We cannot thank you enough for your overwhelming support of our championship.

The judges for the running of the 2022 NGSPA Pheasant All-Age Championship were Kevin Joyce from New York and Peter Coppens from Illinois. Kevin is a seasoned veteran on these grounds and has done his share of winning here throughout the years. Peter is a German shorthaired pointer owner and has won his share of championships over his years of field trialing. The weather for the entire two-and-a-half days was ideal for running dogs, it was cool, but the sun was shining.

Twenty-five dogs were entered in this stake, making it very competitive. The new course was eliminated for this stake, avoiding the possibility of losing these big running dogs.

High Standing Cuttin Edge ("Woody"), owned by Anthony and Dayna Rusciano, was in the second brace, No. 9A, on Wednesday morning. Woody was just named the Pheasant Amateur Shooting Dog champion, and it was now time for handler Dan DiMambro to let Woody stretch out in the all-age. Woody broke away at the Boy

Scout camp strong, forward, and to the front. As we made our way towards the back of the island, Dan rode the side of the road as he pointed Woody out to the judges rimming the edges of the fields. Woody ran hard and fast forward, then as we turned the corner of the field heading towards the corn field before the two back gated areas, Dan and the judges found him standing way out in the back corner of the island, past the water buffalo pointing on the edge of the field at 18. The pheasant was produced as Woody stood with manners in order. Woody was released and ran the edges to a second find at 36. Woody handled the pheasant with style and intensity. Woody finished the hour strong and forward, running the edge of the Boy Scout field. This performance earned Woody the 2022 Pheasant Open All-Age Champion title.

P W Bert's Joke On Us ("Bert"), owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson and handled by Rich Robertson, is no stranger to the Wye Island grounds and has done some winning here in the past. Bert was in the first brace, No. 11B, in the afternoon on Wednesday. Bert was released at the Boy Scout field and wasted no time gaining ground. Rich pointed him out to the front at 14. Bert was seen heading to the water buffalo tank parking lot gated fields, and as he continued to run the course, he was found standing at 35. Bert had the style and manners of a veteran pointing dog. He was released again, and off to the front he went. Bert finished the hour as strong as he started and was named runner-up champion of the 2022 Pheasant All-Age for his performance.

Things were running smoothly until we received news a few days before the stake that a judge would unfortunately not be able to attend due to a family matter. Thankfully we had a parking lot full of qualified participants that could step in and lend a hand. Lucky Dayna Rusciano did not have a dog in the stake and accepted our invitation to judge the three-day 35-dog stake. Judge Dayna Rusciano is from Newfield, N. J., and as an amateur, she helps campaign her family's string of German shorthairs. The fellow judge was Jeanette Tracy from Glensville, Pa. We have been asking Jeanette to join us for many years, but her schedule has always conflicted as a professional trainer and handler. We were honored to have Jeanette join us this year. The weather temperatures dropped over the next couple of days for this stake, and the cool, overcast days made for excellent conditions.

On the third day of the Open Shooting Dog Championship came the champion and runner-up for the stake. Saturday's second brace, No. 14A, owner and handler Kirk Loftin ran Hi N's Allison Miranda ("Allie"), catching the judges' attention with her application on the ground and style and intensity on birds. Allie, the Pheasant Amateur Shooting Dog runner-up, was all business as she hunted the edges in search of game. Judges stated that Allie was snappy on the ground and had great style on her game. Allie was rewarded with finds at 30 and 58, all in order. At 48, Allie was found pointing, but Kirk could not find the pheasant. Allie completed the hour, moving forward the same as she started it. Allie's performance earned her the title of Open Shooting Dog Pheasant Champion.

Later in the day, after lunch, in brace No. 16B, Slaterock's Mountain Heart ("Rommel"), owned by James Dinkiewicz, handled by Dan DiMambro, and scouted by April Raber, ran. Rommel had two beautiful pheasant finds at 10 and 58. Rommel also had a back at 15 and stop to flush at 45, all in order. Rommel is another seasoned winner at the Pheasant Championship, and as in the past, he had an excellent run, was always forward, and stayed consistent for the entire hour brace. Rommel handled kindly and ran with little need of direction from the handler or scout. His performance earned him the Amateur Shooting Dog runner-up placement.

The Pheasant Championship would like to thank all who participated in the trial.



NGSPA Pheasant Open All-Age Championship Winners (from left): Dayna Rusciano, Judge Peter Coppens, Anthony Rusciano, Dan DiMambro, April Raber with High Standing Cuttin Edge, Judge Kevin Joyce, Keith Richardson with P W Bert's Joke On Us, and Rich Robertson.



NGSPA Pheasant Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (from left): Kirk Loftin, Sherri Tangsrud with Hi N's Allison Miranda, Judge Jeanette Tracy, April Raber with Slaterock's Mountain Heart, Dan DiMambro, and Judge Dayna Rusciano.

Wye Island, Md., November 4 – One Course

Judges: Anthony Rusciano and Dayna Rusciano

NGSPA PHEASANT OPEN DERBY – 10 German Shorthairs

1st—THREE Z'S SUNRISE RUBY, 1697289, female, by Keg Creek Mc's Big Lick-Monica's Q P B R Duchess. Stephen Zozzaro, owner; Mike Mullineaux, handler.
2d—HI N'S LAYING IT DOWN SALLY, unreg., female, by Joke's On You-Hi N's Family Ties. Barry Bollinger, owner and handler.
3d—M'S FREE RIDER, 1702341, German Shorthair male, by B M B's Freeloader-Duck Creeks Chaney Matarrese, owner; Joe Orndorff, handler.

Judges: Peter Coppens and Helmut Schoen

NGSPA PHEASANT AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 31 German Shorthairs

Winner—HIGH STANDING CUTTIN EDGE, 1675198, male, by Slicks Cuttin Wild-C L K's Point Me The Way. Anthony & Dayna Rusciano, owners; Anthony Rusciano, handler.
Runner-Up—HI N'S ALLISON MIRANDA, 1676665, female, by Hi N's Feed Jake-Chicoree's Sparkle In Her Eye. Kirk Loftin, owner and handler.

Judges: Peter Coppens and Kevin Joyce

NGSPA PHEASANT OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 25 German Shorthairs

Winner—HIGH STANDING CUTTIN EDGE, 1675198, male, by Slicks Cuttin Wild-C L K's Point Me The Way. Anthony & Dayna Rusciano, owners; Dan DiMambro, handler.
Runner-Up—P W BERT'S JOKE ON US, 1655432, male, by Slicks Cuttin Wild-P W Fast Forward. Keith & Bobbi Richardson, owners; Rich Robertson, handler.

Judges: Dayna Rusciano and Jeanette Tracy

NGSPA PHEASANT OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 35 German Shorthairs

Winner—HI N'S ALLISON MIRANDA, 1676665, female, by Hi N's Feed Jake-Chicoree's Sparkle In Her Eye. Kirk Loftin, owner and handler.
Runner-Up—SLATEROCK'S MOUNTAIN HEART, 16745343, male, by Hi N's Bodacious-Slaterock Mattie Clark. James Dynkiewicz, owner; Dan DiMambro, handler.

NORTH-SOUTH FIELD TRIAL CLUB

I'm A Southern Man Wins Wilcox Amateur All-Age Classic

By Lefty Henry | Hoffman, North Carolina | November 4, 2022

November 3 commenced the annual running of the North-South Amateur Trial at North Carolina's premier field trial grounds in Hoffman, N. C. This was the fourth trial of the year to run on the grounds. The fall changing of the clocks does not necessarily mean cool weather in North Carolina. The sun shined a little brighter and warmer during the trial than most bird dog enthusiasts preferred. Shade and water were key elements to the winners' bids, and bird contact was ample for those dogs who hunted wood edges and moist bottoms.

The judicial seats for the Amateur Derby were Gary Miller and Bob Youngs. The field of nine was narrowed down to three standouts, with Miller's Grey Street, owned and handled by Dennis Snyder, winning the stake with a big running, perfectly gaited forward race. His animated style exhibited confidence in his game location. Grey Street's manners at flight were indeed acceptable for a fall derby. Second place was Hammer, a pointer male owned and handled by Grayson Francis. Hammer ran a stylish forward race that exemplified the type of drive you want to see in a young dog. Hammer did not have any bird contact during his 30 minutes. New Salem Willie, a pointer male owned and handled by Larry Cox, ran a birdless brace but with good style and enthusiasm.

Rodney Poston of South Carolina and Rob Maguire of Virginia presided over the Hunter Wilcox All-Age Classic. The early drawing of the trial indicated that 16 dogs would compete for placements. Unforeseen health issues, schedule conflicts, and the forecasted heat

wave dwindled the field down to 12 as the first dogs came to the line behind the clubhouse for the start of the trial. Hot, dry, and dusty was the prevailing theme of the trial.

I'm A Southern Man, the bold and stylish setter owned and handled by Sam Giddens, was the clear winner of the stake. It was hot, and I'm A Southern Man never showed any indications that the steamy conditions would hamper his efforts. His race was wide, always forward, and with ease. He was a very happy dog and, at times, appeared to show his bracemate where to find water so they could continue the hour together. I'm A Southern Man earned two perfect finds and a back.

Rock, a pointer male owned and handled by Ray Joye, was braced with the stake's winner. Soon off the breakaway, Rock had a find honored by his bracemate. It was a large covey, and each dog showed impeccable manners with birds flying in all directions. Rock ran with determination. He had an unproductive going up the hill before the road crossing at the clubhouse. The water holes provided relief at the right time as he headed into the "New Loop." He handled the long fields and course turns with ease. He went on to have a divided find with his bracemate and, at time, ran to the front and pinned a single.

Cape Hickory Bucky, a big pointer male owned by Paul Gadd, was the third-placed dog. Bucky and his handler had a very joyful hour. Bucky ran wide and far and to the front. The morning dew was

beginning to evaporate as his hour progressed. Bucky first found birds on the left side of the course at around 47, shortly after passing the soldier camp. The birds were held tight in a low moist area and exploded in all directions at flush. Bucky had a second find after time on a pair held up in a briary row on the left about a half mile past McGhee's Castle.

The Amateur Shooting Dog stake started after lunch on Saturday. It was hot, hot, hot by that point in the day. Six dogs were drawn, and four started their hour. Lucky Recharge, a pointer male owned and handled by Earl Drew, and Ms. Lady W, handled by Gary Miller, departed behind the clubhouse together. It was a challenging hour, but each dog was in good shape, and their stamina training paid off. Their race was as forward and far as possible, given the conditions. Lucky had a find in the shade at 52 and was honored by his brace mate. They finished the hour.

The second brace was Island Blue Genes, owned and handled by Earl Drew, and Miss Clinique, owned and handled by Gary Miller. The brace was cast off; however, shortly after passing the bunker, each handler stopped to water and evaluated their dogs. Together, the handlers determined the conditions were too harsh and decided to end their bid early.

The North-South Field Trial Club would like to thank everyone who pitched in and helped with the trial. We especially appreciate Purina's continued advertising support and Pro Plan dog food donation to the winners.

Hoffman, N. C., November 4

Judges: Gary Miller and Bob Youngs
AMATEUR DERBY – 8 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—*MILLER'S GREY STREET*, 1697743, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Hirollins Fancy Lady Dan. Denise Snyder, owner and handler.
2d—*SADIE RIDGE HAMMER*, 1701215, pointer male by Broken Halo-Rocky River First Choice. Grayson Francis, owner and handler.
3d—*NEW SALEM WILLIE*, 1698040, pointer male, by Wild Southern Knight-New Salem Katie. Larry Cox, owner and handler.

Judges: Rob Maguire and Rodney Poston
WILCOX AMATEUR ALL-AGE CLASSIC
[One-Hour Heats] – 14 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—*I'M A SOUTHERN MAN*, 1685724, setter male, by I'm Southern Style-A Tarheel Pretty Penny. Hunter's Creek Kennels & Sammy & Nida Giddens, owners; Sammy Giddens, handler.
2d—*ROCKY RIVER LOADED*, 1696572, pointer male, by Broken Halo-Morgan's Mountain Maggie. Carl Lefler & Phil Stevenson, owners; Ray Joye, handler.
3d—*CAPE HICKORY BUCKY*, 1671550, pointer male, by Walnut Tree Fred-Homeboy Girl. Paul W. Gadd, owner and handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats] – 5 Pointers and 1 Setter
1st—*LUCKY RECHARGE*, 1681737, pointer male, by Bud of Piney Woods-Blue Ribbon Bella. Earl & Margaret Drew, owners; Gary Miller, handler.
2d—*MS. LADY W*, 1671582, pointer female, by Dunn's Tried'n True-Moonlite Magic. Earl Drew, Jr., owner and handler.

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CENTRAL PRAIRIE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

NBHA Trial Held At Ellis Farm

By Dan Crunk | Orchardville, Illinois | November 5, 2022

The Central Prairie Field Trial Club held its fall trial on November 5 at the Ellis farm in Orchardville, Ill. The bad news for the day was that the weather was not the best for holding a field trial. There was much rain Friday night that stopped about 7:00 a.m., just before the trial. Wind gusts all day were very trying for dogs to find and handle birds. Handlers came from Oklahoma, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky, and Illinois to compete. The quality of entries was great, as each stake was hotly contested. Again, we are so blessed to have the Ellis farm to hold our trials. The grounds were in very good shape for this fall trial. Judges were Jeff Hainline, Rick Stanford, Frank Christy, Brad Hargis, and your scribe. Jae Crunk prepared lunch. This farm allows us to have two courses, or we could not have handled 45 dogs.

First in the Amateur Shooting Dog went to Sadie, an Irish setter female handled by Mike Fox. Sadie had three finds and one unproductive with a solid forward race. Sadie was always hunting in the most likely areas. Second place went to Roxie, Craig Hiatt's pointer female. Roxie must like Orchardville as she always does well here. Roxie had two finds and a big-reaching race, always to the front. Danny Draffen's pointer male, Red, was awarded third with a huge race and one find. So many quality dogs ran in this stake, and placement was significant.

In the Amateur Derby, Trigg, a pointer male for Stephen Fuess, took home first place. Trigg had one broke find, one unproductive, and a strong race always staying on the edges. Stephen Fuess also had a second place with Bert, a male setter who ran a great race, always to the front. Travis Patterson's Brittany female, Artie, took home third with one find and a strong race.

First in the Amateur Puppy went to Boomer, pointer male, for Travis Patterson. No birds on the course today for the puppies, so placements were decided by race. Second place also went to a Travis

Patterson entry, Artie, a Brittany female. It was very close between these two entries. Third place went to Bell, pointer female for Marla Stockrahm. Bell ran a strong forward race for Marla. Marla's husband Brian recently let Marla run dogs, and she is doing a good job.

First in the Amateur Shooting Dog went to Diamond, a German shorthair for John Landolina, with two finds and two backs. The second went to Jack, an Irish setter male for Jack McCuan, with two finds and one unproductive. Cam, a pointer male for Danny Draffen, took third place with one find, one back, and one unproductive. These are dogs that anybody would love to wild bird hunt behind.

This was an NBHA trial, and we must thank Purina Pro Plan, Gun Dog Supply, and national sponsors Garmin, Mule Hunting Clothing, and Gun Dog Central. Despite the weather conditions, this was an excellent trial. Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy a day of field trialing.

Orchardville, Ill., November 5

Judges: Jeff Hainline and Rick Stanford
NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 4 Pointers, 2 Setters,
3 German Shorthairs, 3 Irish Setters and 1 Brittany

1st—*FOXY LADY SADIE*, 1691626, Irish setter female, by Zan Sett Simply Red-Foxy's Lil Red Miss. Mike Fox, owner and handler.
2d—*CRAIG'S RUNNIN ROXIE*, 1665573, pointer female, by Mac's Silver Dollar-Hilo Southern Tea. Craig Hiatt, owner and handler.
3d—*DOUBLE D'S RED LANCELOT*, 1675802, pointer male, by Double D's Sir Galahad-Parsley's Wild Injustice. Danny Draffen, owner and handler.

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El Camelot, Third in the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake

Judges: Jeff Hainline and Brad Hargis
NBHA AMATEUR DERBY – 5 Pointers, 2 Setters, 1 Brittany,
1 German Shorthair and 1 Irish Setter

1st—ELM HILLS TO THE TRIGGER, 1701516, pointer male, by Redhawk's Clyde-Rolling Hill's Alice. Steve Fuess, owner and handler.
 2d—ELM HILL'S BOJANGLE BERT, 1697138, setter male, by Woodsway's Bojangles-High Alice Kallie. Steve Fuess, owner and handler.
 3d—HUBER'S ARTEMIS SUNSHINE, 1702261, Brittany female, by Biebel's Walt Longmire O'Call-O'Callahan's Run Around Sue. Aaron Patterson, Jr., owner and handler.

CARROLL COUNTY AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Cocklebur Breaking Bad Wins Amateur Shooting Dog

By Jim Atchison | Huntingdon, Tennessee | November 16, 2022

The inaugural running for the 2022-23 season of field trials on the Carroll County Field Trial Grounds, owned by David Williams near Huntingdon, Tenn., was held November 16-20 as the Carroll County Club hosted their annual amateur trial.

The weather was near perfect during each of the five days of running. Temperatures were in the low to mid-20s each morning and reached into the low 40s each afternoon, with sunny skies prevailing and moderate amounts of wind on most days.

Steve Towery of Murray, Ky., judged all three stakes. Greg Tapp of Somerville, Tenn., was the second judge for the Shooting Dog and All-Age stakes, and Scott Little from Woodlawn, Tenn., stepped in to serve as the second judge for the derbies when Greg Tapp left at noon on Saturday to return home and enjoy a family wedding.

Shooting Dog Winners

Cocklebur Breaking Bad handily won the stake with his outstanding four-find performance during the first brace of the competition. He had finds at 28, 40, 48, and 50. He hunted the right places and performed well for his owner/handler throughout the hour. His finish seemed to be timed perfectly as he approached the Sandy River bottom as time was about out and showed himself impressively while hunting the long edges of that large field. Breaking Bad set the bar high at the beginning of the stake, and none of the other contenders produced a better performance.

J Maple Lucy won second place with three finds, and how she handled a situation that would have been the undoing of many dogs with less self-discipline. That test began during the second minute of the fifth brace when both dogs stood, assuming a divided find. Yet, as the handlers walked forward, Lucy's bramate bolted forward and continued to hunt the birdy area. Lucy held, and birds were soon

Judges: Dan Crunk and Ted Ellis
NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 7 Pointers, 3 Irish Setters
and 2 German Shorthairs

1st—NO LIMITS LITTLE SLICK, unreg., German Shorthair female, breeding not given. John Landolina, owner and handler.
 2d—MYTHOLOGICAL KILLAGRIN HANDSOME JACK FLUSH, unreg., Irish setter male, by Mythological Astronomical-Lowe's Celtic Jewel. Dave McCuan, owner and handler.
 3d—EL CAMELOT, 1643383 pointer male, by El Lancelot-Zup Ragin Zip. Danny Draffen & Danny Martin, owners; Danny Draffen, handler.

Judges: Frank Christy and Dan Crunk
NBHA AMATEUR PUPPY – 7 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—SONIC BOOM V HUBER HAYS, 1701297, pointer male, by Mac Rhoads-Lacey Jane Elhew Blackhawk. Travis Patterson, Jr., owner and handler.
 2d—HUBER'S ARTEMIS SUNSHINE, 1702261, Brittany female, by Biebel's Walt Longmire O'Call-O'Callahan's Run Around Sue. Aaron Patterson, Jr., owner and handler.
 3d—P B HELLES BELLES, 1702138, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Three Stripes Anomaly. Brian Stockrahm, owner; Marla Stockrahm, handler.

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Amateur Shooting Dog Winner: The Bubba Spencer Family with Cocklebur Breaking Bad.

flushed. Then after being gone for a while, the 6-year-old pointer had additional finds at 25 and 50, thus earning the judges' approval and placement.

Casey Creek Crystal Ice won third for her performance in the ninth and final brace of the stake. She ran an excellent shooting dog race and worked very responsively for her handler for the first 45 minutes of the hour but had no finds. Then she had a find at 46 while hunting along the edge of the long bottom leaving the Vickers Farm



Amateur All-Age Winners (from left): David Williams, Judge Steve Towery, Joe Hughes with Misty Morn Masked Man, Jim Pendergest, Matt Pendergest with Dialed In, Gary McKibben with Coldwater Paradise, and Judge Greg Tapp.



Amateur Derby Winners (from left): Chris Cagle, Jr. with Haney's Justice For Joe, Scott Little, Tessa Hughes, Joe Hughes with Dominator's Big Mike, Judge Steve Towery, and David Williams with Rebel Gold Plan.

and soon had birds again, at 52, toward a grain bin. All the parts of her 60-minute challenge were pleasing and earned her placement.

All-Age Stake Winners

Misty Morn Masked Man easily won the Shooting Dog stake as he ran an excellent all-age race and scored three finds while hunting the third-hour course on Friday morning. He had his first find at 11 while in the rolling hills, part of the Quiet Place Loop, and at the northernmost edge of the three Carroll County courses. His next find was near the middle of the hour along the east edge of the long cotton field on the Vickers Farm. He then had a third find at pickup shortly before reaching the end of the course at Smyrna Road. Misty Morn Masked Man, now seven years old, and Joey McAlexander have enjoyed numerous wins and probably made the judges' decision easy as they added this win to their list.

The second and third-place winners, Dialed In and Coldwater Paradise, ran in the fifth brace. Dialed In earned second with two finds during her strong race. Her first find was at 14, just as she was entering the terraced field on the second hour course. Her second find was at 53 along the west edge of the hilly field near the double galvanized gates where time would be called, marking the end of the brace. Dialed In was bold, stylish, and productive as she and Jim Pendergest achieved another of many wins that they have enjoyed together.

Coldwater Paradise had an unproductive at 31 and continued to hunt the second hour course until reaching the field immediately north of the clubhouse and east of Smyrna Road. There she had birds at 38 and again at 45. She handled both coveys perfectly.

Derby Winners

Many field trial reports say, "None of the derby winners had any bird work, and placements were determined by groundwork." That was not the case this year at Carroll County, as all the winners and some of the derbies that did not win had bird work.

Haney's Justice For Joe, recently acquired by David Russell from Chris Cagle, won first place. While competing in the fourth brace, the winner had a find at 21 while running along the east edge of the long cotton field on the Vickers Farm. His bracemate backed him, and birds were easily flushed. Both his bird work and ground performance were excellent.

Dominator's Big Mike placed second. He scored a find at 28 at the lower edge of Sickie Pod Hill while competing in the eighth brace. He worked well for Joe Hughes and demonstrated strong all-age potential.

Third-place winner Rebel Gold also competed in the eighth brace, paired with Dominator's Big Mike. He pointed at a different location on Sickie Pod Hill immediately following the flush from the second-place winner's find, and his owner, David Williams, flushed a single.

Huntingdon, Tenn., November 16

Judges: Greg Tapp and Steve Towery

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats] – 12 Pointers, 5 Setters and 1 Irish Setter

1st—*COCKLEBUR BREAKING BAD*, 1689927, pointer male, by Cocklebur King Tut-Cocklebur Regent Runaway. Bubba, Amy & Colt Spencer, owners; Bubba Spencer, handler.

2d—*J MAPLE LUCY*, 1681755, pointer female, by J Maple Jake-J M Storm Cat. Joe & Tessa Hughes, owners; Joe Hughes, 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 ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] – 18 Pointers

1st—*MISTY MORN MASKED MAN*, 1667341, male, by Miller's Dialing In-Mac's Inspiration. Joey McAlexander, owner and handler.

2d—*DIALED IN*, 1655274, female, by Miller's Dialing In-Rester's Zumba Girl. Jim Pendergest, owner and handler.

3d—*COLDWATER PARADISE*, 1684062, female, by Coldwater Spectre-Coldwater Belle. Gary McKibben, owner and handler.

Judges: Scott Little and Steve Towery

AMATEUR DERBY – 16 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st—*HANEY'S JUSTICE FOR JOE*, 1698759, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. David Russell, owner and handler.

2d—*DOMINATOR'S BIG MIKE*, 1702018, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Gal Gadot. Joe Hughes, owner and handler.

3d—*REBEL GOLD*, 1701829, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Rebel Maiden. David E. Williams, owner and handler.

The Carroll County Effort

Many people work harmoniously together each time the Carroll County Club hosts a trial. David Williams is the club's CEO and owns most of the land upon which the three one-hour courses are located. He works year-round to ensure the courses and habitats are at their best. Gary McKibben keeps the club's records and finances in good order. Many others come in to help during each trial. Those who have one or more jobs for which they are responsible, and without guidance from anyone, all the work is always done and is done well. Those who helped with the many tasks for this 2022 renewal of the club's amateur stakes included Jamie Daniels, Angie Williams, Danny (Lebob) Stanfill, Phillip Barnett, Michelle Clark, Dan Warrick, Charlotte Atchison, and Jim Atchison.

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— John Everett Walking Field Trial —

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OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Trophies	\$30.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20 less \$5 per dog	\$50.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20 less \$5 per dog	\$40.00
AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.)—Trophies	\$25.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Trophies	\$40.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Trophies	\$30.00

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: MIKE MCKINNEY, President • (803) 526-1904 • York, SC
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WEST VALLEY BIRD DOG CLUB

Commences 8:00 A.M., Friday, February 17 to Conclusion
— Region 11 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship & Derby to follow, February 18-19 —

72nd PETE CUNNINGHAM PUPPY CLASSIC (30 Min.) \$50.00
HAL MEYER AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.) \$50.00
PAUL ROSE OPEN SHOOTING DOG DERBY (30 Min.) \$50.00

Judges (all stakes): To be announced

***PC Puppy, Hal Meyer ASD & Paul Rose OSD Perpetual Trophies do not travel. Winners' names will be added by WVBC.*

Grounds: Stinson's Moonlight Ranch, Valley Springs, CA. Grounds generously donated by Lynn & Teresa Stinson in support of field trialing, bird dogs, the sportsmen and sportswomen of Region 11. Liberated quail and native valley quail. Directions: Hwy. 99 (North or South) to Hwy. 26. Go east approx. 26 miles to Silver Rapids Rd. Go right to Hogan Dam Rd. Turn right across river and continue approx. 7 miles to "T". Go left on gravel road to the gate. Signs will be posted. ****Gate Combination: 0000 (2nd lock from right)**** **Drawing:** Thursday, February 16, 6:30 P.M., at Ranch Headquarters; Region 11 drawing to be held Friday, February 17. **Ranch Accommodations:** Bunkhouse; bring your bag and towels. Meals: Three served daily. Social Hour: Friday and Saturday evenings at Ranch House.

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MARCH 4 • STARTS 7:00 A.M.

Grounds: Cohoke Shooting Preserve, 10004 Mt. Olive Cohoke Rd., King William, VA. **Drawing:** Thursday, March 2, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Kirk Regensburg—(804) 730-8433.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

*AMATEUR PUPPY	\$25.00
AMATEUR DERBY	\$40.00
WAVERLY COLEMAN AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG	\$50.00

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Union Springs, AL



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Directions to Grounds: Take Hwy. 29 South from Union Springs, AL. Travel approximately 8 miles. Turn right on South Gate Rd. just past Mile Marker 136. Look for Conecuh Station field trial sign. **Drawing:** Tuesday, February 14 6:00 P.M., at the Union Springs Country Club. Accommodations: Master Rack Lodge (334) 474-3600. Ask for field trial rates. Barn, lots, and camper set-ups available at field trial site with handlers and owners having priority. Breakfast and lunch provided.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....\$125.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG DERBY (30 Min.) \$ 75.00

Judges: Tim Moore, Blakely, GA, and Harold Johnson, Shorter, AL

Entries to: LISA LITTELL • Phone: (334) 649-0076

Email: conecestationfieldtrials@gmail.com

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February 24-25* • Starts 7:30 A.M. daily
Murphree Valley Farm, Walnut Grove, AL

**This is a rescheduled trial, with original dates of December 9-10*

Directions to Grounds: From Walnut Grove, AL, on AL Hwy. 278, turn onto Murphree Valley Rd. (County Rd. 39). Go approx. 5 miles and turn left onto Ragsdale Rd. (Google Maps Coordinates: 34.023388, -86.364176). Lunch will be provided. **Drawing:** Tuesday, February 21, 6:00 P.M. (CST), at the home of Ed Cooley. Please bring all info on your dogs to the trial. Accommodations: Covered Bridge Inn of Oneonta, AL—(205) 625-3961; Days Inn of Oneonta, AL—(205) 274-2200 (10 miles to grounds).

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OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Trophies & Certificates	\$50.00
AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.)—Awards & Certificates	\$25.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Awards & Certificates	\$40.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Awards & Certificates	\$50.00

Judges: To be announced

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MARCH 3-5

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AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour)\$120.00

***AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)\$ 60.00**

**Time permitting*

Judges: Jerry Raynor, Dunn, NC,
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All entries to: GRAYSON FRANCIS, Chairman

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INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL

Grounds: Howell Farms, 1/2 mile south of AL/FL state line, 2150 Hook Way, Campbellton, FL. Continuous course. **Drawing:** Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 P.M. (CST). AFTCA membership number must accompany entry. All participants must be in good standing with The American Field.

***AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour).....\$ 135.00**
***AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—Purina Points.....\$ 135.00**
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OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—50%, 50-30-20.....\$150.00**
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Entries to: ROBBY THOMAS, Secretary
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Judges: Brian Spear, Lowndesboro, AL,
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AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....\$100.00

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***AMATEUR DERBY (30 Minutes).....\$ 50.00**

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(*May start on February 2, if needed)



— THE ROBERT LAIS DERBY CLASSIC IS A KFTCA SANCTIONED DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS STAKE—

Grounds: From I-70, take Keene/Eskridge exit South to K-4 Hwy. Turn west onto K-4 and go to Bradford Rd. Go approx. 3 miles south on Bradford Rd. Watch for sign at entrance on the right. To be run on multiple courses on wild and liberated birds. Lunch served on grounds. **Entries Close/Drawing:** Monday, January 30, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Jim Corpening. AFTCA Members must present their membership numbers to the field trial chairman in order to receive an AFTCA Win Certificate, should they place.

***ABHA OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—Payback: 40%, 60-40.....\$190.00**
ROBERT LAIS OPEN SHOOTING DOG DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Payback: 40%, 60-40.....\$ 75.00

**Six braces per day with a seventh on standby.*

Judges: *Championship*—Harold Gerhardt, Kingsville, MO, and Luke Topp, Crab Orchard, NE;
Classic—Jim Corpening, Topeka, KS, and Tyler Buche, Burlingame, KS.

Reporter & Field Trial Marshal: Jim Corpening, Topeka, KS

Field Trial Chairmen: Jim Corpening, Joshua Palmer and Justin Crook

To enter, contact: JIM CORPENING • Cell: (785) 250-5515 • Email: warjamkennels@live.com

The Rock Springs Field Trial Club or its members and landowners are not responsible for any injuries, damages or losses incurred during the running of this trial. Only manufactured solid barrel firearms which prevent a projectile (of any kind) from leaving the barrel may be used at all member club trials.



SOUTH CAROLINA AMATEUR CLASSIC CELEBRATION



Sponsored by Palmetto Quail Club
Member SBHA, AFTCA & ASCFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

February 10-12 • Pamplico, SC



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

Grounds: Palmetto Quail Club, 364 E. Shirley Rd., Pamplico, SC 29583. **Drawing:** Tuesday, February 7, 6:00 P.M., at the Palmetto Quail Club.

— HORSEBACK TRIAL —

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—Awards \$90.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20 \$45.00

Judges: Ray Joye and Johnny Atkinson

Entries to: RODNEY POSTON
Phone: (843) 319-4814 • Email: Rposton1023@gmail.com

The Kansas Field Trial Clubs Association presents the KANSAS OPEN DERBY & PUPPY CLASSICS

Sponsored by: Kansas Red Setter Club & Wichita Bird Dog Club

Members AFTCA & KFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

March 17* to Conclusion • Dexter, KS • Starts 8:00 A.M.

*(*Or March 16 depending on entries)*



— KANSAS DOG OF THE YEAR AWARDS POINTS —



This Event Sponsored by NutriSource

Grounds: Paula Radcliff Ranch, located approximately 15 miles east and 1 1/2 miles south of Winfield, KS, or 1 mile north, 1/4 mile east & 1 1/2 miles north of Dexter, KS. **Directions:** Leave Winfield, KS, on Hwy. 160 and 15, go 1 mile east on Hwy. 28 from its junction with Hwy. 15. Then follow the sign south 1 1/2 miles to trial headquarters. Lunch served daily at the Red Barn on Hwy. 28. **Motels:** The Cabins at the Stone Barn, just outside of Dexter, or Bunk House in Dexter—Home: (620) 876-3467 or Cell: (620) 886-1703; or Grouse Valley Lodge in Dexter—(620) 876-7323. **Drawing:** Tuesday, March 14, 8:00 P.M., at the home of Don Beauchamp, Cheney, KS—Home: (316) 542-0103 or Cell: (316) 772-3684

***OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)Entry Fee \$100.00**

National Amateur All-Age Invitational Points Trial

****KANSAS OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (45 Min.)Entry Fee \$ 90.00**

American Derby Invitational Championship Points Trial

***OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....Entry Fee \$100.00**

National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Points Trial

****KANSAS OPEN PUPPY CLASSIC (30 Min.).....Entry Fee \$ 75.00**

**Gifts to 3 places • **Purse: 50%, 50-30-20*

Judges: Greg Gibson, Jay Lewis, Ed Berendzen, Dr. Richard Steckley and Nathan Berendzen

DON BEAUCHAMP, Chairman • Cheney, KS

Home: (316) 542-0103 • Cell: (316) 772-3684

An entry is accepted as a waiver of any claim for loss or damage from the sponsoring clubs, Kansas Red Setter Club and Wichita Bird Dog Club, their employees and officers, landowners, and/or other trial sponsors.

A MID-SOUTH AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION EVENT
ALABAMA FIELD TRIAL CLUB'S
ALABAMA OPEN ALL-AGE
CHAMPIONSHIP

— Established 1897 —

Begins Saturday, February 4, 8:00 A.M.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING TRIAL • A PURINA AND PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL
ALABAMA OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour).....(includes \$25.00 grounds fee) \$350.00**

Purse: 60% divided 70% to Winner; 30% to Runner-Up • ****\$20/dog NFTCA fee included in entry fee**

Qualification: Entry must have a placement in a recognized Open Derby or Open All-Age stake.

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (1 Hour)—60%, 50-30-20 (includes \$25.00 grounds fee) \$225.00

— Derby Classic is a Derby Invitational Championship Points Trial —

Judges: Joey McAlexander, Holly Springs, MS, and Jon Lam, Makanda, IL

Reporter: Tessa Hughes, Locust Fork, AL

Drawing: Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 P.M., at office of Melissa Bain, Hatton, AL—(256) 762-2014.

Grounds: Hell Creek Wildlife Management Area. From Ripley, go south approx. 12 miles and turn right on CR 825 at WMA sign. From New Albany, go north approx. 8 miles and turn left on CR 825 at WMA sign.

BLANK AMMO & MANUFACTURED BARREL GUNS ONLY!

Entries to: GREG BAIN, Secretary • Phone: (256) 762-2014
524 County Road 137, Towncreek, AL 35672

Entries accepted with the understanding that the Alabama Field Trial Club, officers and the State of Mississippi are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents to anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs or equipment.



SBHA NATIONAL OPEN HORSEBACK SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

Member SBHA & Alabama Field Trial Association





Starts February 9* • SBHA Points Trial

Tony & Becky Gibson's Conecuh Station, Union Springs, AL

(*Or 24 hours after completion of National Open Shooting Dog Championship)

— \$10,000 GUARANTEED PURSE —

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour)\$275.00

1st Place: \$7,000; 2nd Place: \$3,000; 3rd Place: 12 bags of Eukanuba Dog Food

Trophies to 3 placements • Owner of winning dog will receive a "Saddle Guy" Trooper saddle

Directions to Grounds: Take Hwy. 29 South from Union Springs, AL. Travel approximately 8 miles, turn right on South Gate Rd., just mile marker 136. Look for Conecuh Station field trial sign. **Drawing:** Sunday, February 5, 8:00 P.M. (EST), at the home of Marty Robinson. **Accommodations:** Master Rack Lodge—(334) 474-3600; ask for field trial rates. Barn, lots, and camper set-up available at field trial site with handlers and owners having priority. **Meals:** Provided daily. **Qualification:** Placement in a recognized Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby stake. **Special Note:** Shotguns with blank ammo only. No pistols.

Judges: Wallace Reichert, Whitesburg, GA, and Jeff Gibbons, Clanton, AL

Contact: MARTY ROBINSON • Phone: (770) 862-6568

The SBHA, its officers, directors and landowners cannot be held responsible for any accidents, including anyone attending the trial, their dogs, horses or equipment.








NBHA WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



**February 9*-12 • Starts 8:00 A.M.
Delong Ranch, Moline, KS**

(*Will start February 9 if entries warrant)

Hosted by: Wichita Bird Dog Club

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

— A KFTCA POINTS TRIAL —

Grounds: Moline, KS, 1 mile north of Hwy. 160 and Hwy. 99, then east 3 miles. GPS Coordinates (37.380823, -96.222129). Signs will be posted. Single course run on native and liberated quail. Lunches provided on grounds. **Drawing:** Tuesday, February 7, 8:00 P.M., at the home of the chairman. **Headquarters:** Crooked Creek Lodge & Swinging Bridge Café, Moline, KS—(620) 647-4055.

STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)	\$165.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)	\$ 65.00
OPEN PUPPY (20 Min. or Course)—Run at club's discretion	\$ 50.00

Judges: Josh Palmer and Travis Morgan

Entries with dog's registered name & Win Certificate number at time of entry to:

BRAD TAYLOR • Phone/Text: (316) 259-8514

Neither Wichita Bird Dog Club nor landowners are responsible for any accident or mishap to spectators, handlers, dogs, etc.



U.S. COMPLETE NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



SWEET GRASS SLIM
2022 Champion
David Huffine, Owner



**Starts Thursday, February 9 until Completion
Robert Gordon FT Area, Hoffman, NC**

Entry Fee: \$200.00 • Purse: 50% (less bird and land fees) plus additional \$1000, divided 70-30

Winner will receive an oil painting, 12 bags of Purina, and a Garmin 550 Pro E-Collar;
Runner-up will receive 6 bags of Purina and a bark collar by Garmin.

Judges: Sammy Giddens, Faison, NC, and John McIltrout, Roundup, MT

Field Trial Chairman: Tony Bingham • **Reporter:** Margaret Drew

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (45 Min.)—Time Permitting

Entry Fee: \$100.00 • Purse: 50% (less bird and land fees) divided 70-30

Qualifications: Entrants must have an Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog placement. All participants should have their state hunting license. **Accommodations:** Best Western—(910) 692-0640, Southern Pines, NC. **Meals:** There will be a dinner sponsored by Purina Friday night. A handlers' dinner, date to be determined, will be hosted by David Huffine, owner of last year's winner, Ch. Sweet Grass Slim. **Drawing/Entries Close:** Monday, February 6, 7:00 P.M.

Entries to: JAMESON CRANDALL • Phone: (804) 577-3788 • Email: jameson.crandall@gmail.com

U.S. Complete Shooting Dog Assn. handicap rule applies. Horseback scouting permitted. Gallery wagon will be provided. All entries accepted as a waiver of any claim for loss or damage from the sponsoring club, officers or state.



NBHA NATIONAL INVITATIONAL BREEDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by: NBHA Futurity

Member NBHA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



**Wednesday, February 15, if entries warrant • Grovespring, MO • Breakaway 8:00 A.M.
One-Hour • Entry Fee: \$175.00**

Purse: 40% (less \$30 grounds fee) divided 70-30 to Winner and Runner-Up.

Winner will receive cash purse, Garmin E-collar, Purina Pro Plan, OnX Hunt certificates and Trophy;
Runner-Up will receive cash purse, Purina Pro Plan and Trophy.

— BONUS CASH PRIZE—

If the Champion was a past Futurity participant, the owner will receive an additional \$2,000 cash prize.

Judges: Ken Chenoweth, Fairplay, MO, and Mark Livingston, Central City, IA

Grounds: Located at 10321 Parks Creek Rd., Grovespring, MO 65662 (Clubhouse is one mile north). **Early Drawing:** Friday, February 10, 8:00 P.M., at the home of Futurity Director Christian Ogle. **Qualification:** Any dog with an Open NBHA Shooting Dog or Derby placement from the previous trial season, Fall 2021—Spring 2022; Or any Shooting Dog or Derby that is from an NBHA Futurity Nominated litter that has a current American Field recognized Open trial placement. **Lodging:** Available in Lebanon, MO, and limited bunks in the clubhouse. Electrical hook-ups for an additional \$10/day available at the grounds. Horse corrals and dog kennels available on a first come basis.

JIM OGLE, Futurity Director
P.O. Box 103, Jasper, MO 64756
Phone: (417) 388-0734

TIM PENN, NBHA Secretary
50578 State Hwy. 6, Edina, MO 63537
Phone: (660) 341-1165

Email: jojosenhlishsetters@gmail.com

The NBHA Futurity, its members and officers, are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs or equipment.



37TH ANNUAL NBHA FUTURITY

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JERRY D. KILGORE PUPPY CLASSIC



February 17-19 • Grovespring, MO

Grounds: Located at 10321 Parks Creek Rd., Grovespring, MO 65662 (Clubhouse is one mile north). **Early Drawing:** Friday, February 10, 8:00 P.M., at the home of Futurity Director Christian Ogle. **Lodging:** Available in Lebanon, MO, and limited bunks in the clubhouse. Electrical hook-ups for an additional \$10/day available at the grounds. Horse corrals and dog kennels available on a first come basis.

37th ANNUAL NBHA FUTURITY (30 Min. Qualifier; One-Hour Final)..... \$145.00*
JERRY D. KILGORE PUPPY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—To be run following the initial series of Futurity..... \$ 85.00*

Judges: *Futurity & Puppy Classic*—Jim Corpening, Topeka, KS, and Greg Gibson, Goddard, KS

Awards: 50% payback to be split between Winners and Breeders. Futurity winner will receive an oil painting, Garmin E-Collar, Purina Pro Plan and plaque. Jerry Kilgore Classic winner will receive a print, Garmin E-Collar, Purina Pro Plan and plaque. **Qualifications:** All Futurity and Jerry Kilgore Classic participants must be from an NBHA nominated litter. **Handlers' Dinner & Auction:** Will be held Friday night, February 17, 6:00 P.M.

CHRISTIAN OGLE, Futurity Director
P.O. Box 103, Jasper, MO 64756
Phone: (417) 388-0734
Email: jojosenhlishsetters@gmail.com

TIM PENN, NBHA Secretary
50578 State Hwy. 6, Edina, MO 63537
Phone: (660) 341-1165

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United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship

Winning handler prize package includes:

- \$8,000 Guaranteed Purse
- Garmin Astro tracking and Tri-Tronics units

Winning owner prize package includes:

- Ross B. Young original oil painting
- Montana Silversmiths belt buckle

Trial starts February 18, 2023

Drawing: February 17, 5:30 P.M., at the Camp Robinson Wildlife Management Area clubhouse, Conway, AR.

Activities

Friday: Cocktails, Dinner, Drawing & Calcutta (5:30 P.M.)

Saturday: Cocktails & Dinner (5:30 P.M.)

Sunday: Cocktails & Dinner (5:30 P.M.)—hosted by Dr. Tom Jackson and George Hickox, owners of the 2022 Invitational winner, Chelsea's Thunder Bolt.

Invitational Entry Fee: \$300

Judges

Robert Barker, Inola, OK

Mike Griffin, Stilwell, OK

Reporter

Joyce Taylor, Paron, AR

Purina Top Shooting Dog Award Points

400 Bonus Points

Purina Top Handler of the Year Award Points

Confirmed Participants

Wind Ridge Sugar Plum

Owner: Eugene J. Spiotta

Handler: Eddy Taylor

Upfront's Southern Star

Owner: Lance Schulz

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

Silver W Jill Z

Owner: Dr. Debbie Ozner

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

Chelsea's Mae West

Owners: Ron Prewitt and Brad Sadler

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

Touch's Shameless

Owner: Dr. Richard Steckley

Handler: Chuck Stretz

Touch's Big Whiskey

Owners: Dr. Richard Steckley and John Stretz

Handler: Chuck Stretz

Tug of War

Owners: Adam Hart and Bjorn Peterson

Handler: Shawn Kinkelaar

Hale's High Flyer

Owner: Dr. Jeffrey Hale

Handler: Eddy Taylor

Sun's Out Gun's Out

Owner: Rick Thone

Handler: Eddy Taylor

Hale's Kickstarter

Owner: Dr. Jeffrey Hale

Handler: Eddy Taylor

Grand Prairie Thrill

Owner: Mac Stidham

Handler: Tommy Rice

Doc's Second Wind

Owner: Michael & Dan Plate

Handler: Eddy Taylor



2022 Invitational winner Chelsea's Thunder Bolt with owner George Hickox, handler Shawn Kinkelaar, and owner Dr. Tom Jackson

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Lion Country Supply

World Class Kennels

Dr. Jeff & Melanie Hale

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Mike Taylor & Marcia Woody

Farmers Association

Lee Cruse
Charlie & Linda Jackson
Randy & Lynn Potter

Invitational Benefactors

Ron Prewitt

Jack, Audrey & Brian Sanchez

Johnny & Joyce Taylor

For more information

Johnny & Joyce Taylor

32000 Kanis Rd., Paron, AR 72122

Johnny: (501) 681-0125 or Joyce: (501) 681-8580



The Invitational participants have been selected on the basis of the Purina Top Shooting Dog Award for 2021/22. All braces to run one-hour heats on two consecutive days, 90-minute heats for finals on third day. The number of dogs called back for finals is entirely at the discretion of the judges. Champion only, no Runner-Up.

Find us on US Shooting Dog Invitational Championship
www.usshootingdog.com



SOUTHEASTERN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

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

February 22 to Conclusion • Starts 8:00 A.M. (EST)
The Farm, 157 SE Endless Ct., Lake City, FL 32024



Directions to Grounds: Take Hwy. 247 South out of Lake City for 8 miles; The Farm will be on the left. Signs will be posted. To be run on continuous courses with wild and pre-released birds. **Drawing:** Saturday, February 18, 6:00 P.M. (EST), at The Farm. **Qualification:** Must have a placement in a recognized Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby stake.

SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (One-Hour Heats) Entry Fee: \$250.00 + \$25.00 Grounds Fee
— A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG & HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS TRIAL —
Purse: 60% of entry fees divided 70-30

Judges: Buck & Lynn Heard, Moultrie, GA • **Reporter:** Joel Norman, Suwannee, FL

Thank you to Mr. Chester Stokes for the promotion of the sport and for providing a great place for the Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship to be held.

Entries to: JOEL NORMAN • Phone: (229) 413-3907 • Email: joelnorman1959@gmail.com
— Entries must be confirmed —

The Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship, its officers, members, and landowner disclaim all liability or responsibility for loss, accident or injury to visitors, participants, their animals and equipment.

EASTERN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & EASTERN OPEN DERBY CLASSIC

Hosted by Association of Virginia Field Trial Clubs, Inc.

Starts Monday, February 27, 8:00 A.M. each day
Dick Cross Wildlife Management Area, South Hill, VA



Directions: From South Hill, VA, approx. 11 miles west on Rt. 58, then south on Rt. 4 approx. 5 miles. Stalls and kennels available on a first come basis. **Drawing:** Friday, February 24, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Jeff Smith, 554 Trailer Park Rd., Chase City, VA 23924.
Lodging: Hampton Inn—(434) 477-4600; Comfort Inn—(434) 447-2200; Fairfield Inn—(434) 447-6800; or Best Western—(434) 955-2777.

EASTERN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

One-Hour Braces • Entry Fee: \$230.00 plus \$20/dog grounds fee • Purse: 50% divided 70-30
— A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AND PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS TRIAL —

Qualification: Entry must have a placement in a recognized Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby stake.

Judges: Larry King, Shepherdstown, WV, and John Malone, Bolton, CT • **Reporter:** Jeff Smith



EASTERN OPEN DERBY CLASSIC

Starts immediately following the Eastern Open Shooting Dog Championship

30-Minute Braces • Entry Fee: \$75.00 plus \$10/dog grounds fee • Judged on Shooting Dog standards
— A PURINA DERBY OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS TRIAL —

Judges: Larry King, Shepherdstown, WV, and John Malone, Bolton, CT

Entries to: JEFF SMITH, Stakes Manager • Phone: (603) 344-6960
Email: jwsmith603@gmail.com [All entries must receive confirmation of receipt]

No live ammunition permitted on grounds during trial. Only a solid barrel or plugged barrel firearm, with blank shells or crimps, which prevents a projectile (of any kind) from leaving the barrel may be used. .32 caliber blanks or larger will be fired over dogs on point. All horses must have negative Coggins test within the last year. Entries accepted with the understanding that the Association of Virginia Field Trial Clubs and the State of Virginia, their officers and directors, are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs or equipment. All participants, guests and invitees, please review the Virginia Wildlife Management Area's requirements for licenses and permit requirements to be sure you are in compliance.

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3rd Vice-President

AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA PRESENTS THE
102nd Running of the

NATIONAL AMATEUR QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

.32 cal or larger, .410 shotguns allowed with AFTCA approved blank ammo.



Starts Monday, February 27

Livingston Place, Greenville, FL

90–Minute Heats • Entry Fee: \$250.00

A PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD POINTS TRIAL

Judges: Jarrett Bell, Troy, MO, and Mike Moses, Lake City, FL

Reporter: Maria Bassham, Quitman, GA

— There will only be one brace on standby at the end of each day —

Qualifications: For qualification, a dog shall have placed, under an amateur handler, in an all-age stake held by an active member of this corporation under its regulations; or winner or runner-up in the National Amateur Derby Championship sanctioned by this corporation. According to The AMERICAN FIELD, no dog or handlers suspended by The AMERICAN FIELD or FDSB will be declared a winner. Must be an individual AFTCA member to enter. All horses must have a current Coggins Test (less than 12 months) and health papers on out-of-state animals. **Entries Close (both events):** Wednesday, February 22, 6:00 P.M. (CST). **Drawing (both events):** Thursday, February 23, 9:00 A.M. (CST), at the office of the secretary. Must be an individual member of AFTCA to enter. Drawing will be posted on AFTCA website before noon. **Dinner:** Sponsored by Purina to be announced.

— *immediately followed by the* —

NATIONAL AMATEUR DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP

.32 cal or larger, .410 shotguns allowed with AFTCA approved blank ammo.

One–Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$175.00

Judges: Joe and Tricia Rentz, Brooks, GA

Reporter: Maria Bassham, Quitman, GA

— There will only be one brace on standby at the end of each day —

GARMIN collars to the Winners and Runners-Up. | *Birds For* sculpted game bird plaques to Winners and Runners-Up.

Contact: PIPER HUFFMAN—(662) 471-1700

[Entries will be taken by phone calls ONLY, no email entries accepted. All entries will be confirmed, no messages accepted.]

CAPE FEAR FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION
presents the

USCSDA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Starts March 1, 2023 • Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, Hoffman, NC
Entry Fee: \$200.00 • Purse: 50% (less bird, dog wagon, and grounds fees) divided 60-40

— Starting at the conclusion of Championship, time permitting —

PAUL WALKER OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (45 minutes)

Time for running of the Classic may be reduced to 30 minutes if reasonably necessary to meet time constraints.

Entry Fee: \$100.00 • Purse: 50% (less bird, dog wagon, and grounds fees) divided 50-30-20

Judges: Ellen Clements, Powhatan, VA, and Gary Winall, Powhatan, VA

Drawing: Sunday, February 26, 5:00 P.M., at 120 Coquina Dr., Wilmington, NC.

A handlers' dinner will be provided on Friday night by Warren Parrott,
owner of last year's champion, Hirollins Gone And Doneit.

Entries to: DAVID HUFFINE, Trial Chairman

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

— Accepted email entries require email confirmation —

Entries accepted with the understanding that the club and officers are not responsible for accidents, injuries or loss to person, dogs, horses or equipment.

REGION 3 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Solid Barrel Manufactured Guns Only, 209 Primer or .32 caliber or larger blank ammunition required.

Begins Friday, March 3 • Starts 8:00 A.M.
Dick Cross Wildlife Management, Boynton, VA



— Sponsored by Purina —

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

Entry Fee: \$130.00 (includes Grounds Fee) • Prizes to the Champion and Runner-Up

Judges: Calvin Curnutte, Jackson Springs, NC and Ashby Morgan, Mathews, Va

Drawing: Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 PM at the home of the chairman, 554 Trailer Park Rd, Chase City, VA.

Qualifications: Entries must have an Amateur Derby or Amateur Shooting Dog AFTCA win certificate. Handler must have handled a dog to an AFTCA win certificate and be a member of the AFTCA. Owners and co-owners must be members of the AFTCA. **Lunches and Dinners:** Served on the grounds compliments of Region 3.

Accommodations: Hampton Inn—(434) 447-4600; Comfort Inn—(434) 447-2200; Best Western—(434) 955-2777.

Entries to: JEFFREY SMITH • Phone/Text: (603) 344-6960 • Email: jwsmith603@gmail.com.

Gary Miller, President • Johnny Atkins, Secretary/Treasurer

Field Trial Committee: JJ Shippole Doyle, George Doyle, Frank Henderson, Jeff Smith, Bruce Conover

43rd MISSOURI OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



Starting Monday, March 6, 2023

Hosted by the Missouri Shooting Dog Association

— THIS TRIAL QUALIFIES FOR PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AND PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARDS —

MISSOURI OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)

Entry Fee \$200.00 + \$30 grounds fee • Purse: 50% divided 70-30

Qualification: An Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby placement recognized by The AMERICAN FIELD.

Judges: Bob Bakus, Winfield, IL, and Lou Qualtiere, Marshfield, MO

Marshals: Tony King, Jerry Hailey, Adam Delude and Jason Kemna

Grounds: Sportsmen's Club of S.W. Missouri, Grovespring, MO. 2,600 acres, including a clubhouse, 36 horse stalls, outside pens, and 50 kennels. Bunks in clubhouse and other facilities are on a first come, first served basis. Six braces run per day. **Directions:** From I-44 and Hwy. 5 at Lebanon, MO, take Hwy. 5 south approx. 20 miles to Meadowlark Lane (a bird dog silhouette points the way); turn right, and follow road 1½ miles to grounds. **Drawing:** Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Tony King. **Accommodations:** Hampton Inn—(417) 533-3100 and Super 8 Motel—(417) 588-2574. Ask for trial rates.

Entries to: TONY KING—(573) 239-1665 -or- ADAM DELUDE—(920) 579-0344

No harassment of the judges will be tolerated! Entries accepted with the understanding that the club, its officers, and landowner are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs, or equipment.

35th MIDWESTERN STATES SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY



Sponsored By
Ross B. Young
— Art Studio —



Following the conclusion of Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship

Hosted by the Missouri Shooting Dog Association

— THIS IS A *BONUS* POINTS TRIAL FOR THE PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG DERBY OF THE YEAR AWARD —

35th MIDWESTERN STATES SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY

Entry Fee \$120.00 + \$30 grounds fee • Purse: 50% split 40, 30, 20, 10 to four places

Prizes to Breeders and Owners

Qualification: Derby dogs from Litters whelped on/after January 1, 2021, and nominated in the 35th Midwestern States Shooting Dog Futurity Program. The Futurity has 30-Minute Qualifying Heats and 1-Hour Callbacks to win. Derbies will be judged on Shooting Dog Standards and Callback dogs at the discretion of the judges.

Judges: Bob Bakus, Winfield, IL, and Danny Draffen, Speed, MO

Marshals: Tony King, Jerry Hailey, Adam Delude and Jason Kemna

Grounds: Sportsmen's Club of S.W. Missouri, Grovespring, MO. 2,600 acres, including a clubhouse, 36 horse stalls, outside pens, and 50 kennels. Bunks in clubhouse and other facilities are on a first come, first served basis. Six braces run per day. **Directions:** From I-44 and Hwy. 5 at Lebanon, MO, take Hwy. 5 south approx. 20 miles to Meadowlark Lane (a bird dog silhouette points the way); turn right, and follow road 1½ miles to grounds. **Drawing:** Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Tony King (or following the drawing of the Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship). **Accommodations:** Hampton Inn—(417) 533-3100 and Super 8 Motel—(417) 588-2574. Ask for trial rates.

Entries to: TONY KING—(573) 239-1665 -or- ADAM DELUDE—(920) 579-0344

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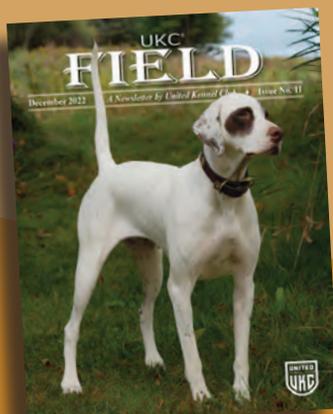
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Wolf River Field Trial Club

February 2 / Hickory Valley, TN
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Phone: (731) 343-0561

North Carolina Field Trial Association

February 3 / Hoffman, NC
Contact: Grayson Francis
Phone: (434) 610-8601

Alabama Open All-Age Championship

February 4 / Blue Mountain, MS
Contact: Greg Bain
Phone: (256) 762-2014

Associated Field Trial Clubs of Florida

February 4 / Punta Gorda, FL
Contact: Beth Brown
Phone: (941) 737-3660

NGSPA Savannah River Championship

February 5 / Bronwood, GA
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Georgia Amateur Celebration

February 10 / Waynesboro, GA
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Chestnut Bird Dog Club

February 11 / Bando Field
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The National Championship

February 13 / Grand Junction, TN
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February 16 / Union Springs, AL
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West Valley Bird Dog Club

February 17 / Valley Springs, CA
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Region 11 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship & Derby

February 18 / Valley Springs, CA
Contact: Jan Corbitt
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United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship

February 18 / Conway, AR
Contact: Joyce Taylor
Phone: (501) 681-8580

Region 15 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

February 19 / Tone River Field
Contact: Tatsuo Ishino
Phone: 053-925-3029

National Amateur Free-For-All Championship

February 22 / Union Springs, AL
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Southeastern Open Shooting Dog Championship

February 22 / Lake City, FL
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Fuji Field Trial Club

February 23 / Bando Tone River
Contact: Satoshi Kobayashi

Kanto Pointing Dog Club

February 26 / Kanna River
Contact: Nobumasa Takeishi

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& Eastern Open Derby Classic**

February 27 / South Hill, VA
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National Amateur Quail & Derby Championships

February 27 / Greenville, FL
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Southeastern Quail Championship

March 1 / Dawson, GA
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Phone: (404) 790-2944

**California Open Shooting Dog & Region 11 (AFTCA)
Amateur All-Age Championships**

March 2 / Hornitos, CA
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**Region 17 (AFTCA) Amateur
All-Age Championship**

March 2 / Onaga, KS
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**Region 3 (AFTCA) Amateur
Shooting Dog Championship**

March 3 / Boynton, VA
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Rend Lake Field Trial Club

March 3 / Cutler, IL
Contact: Dennis Sneed
Phone: (618) 438-1339

Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship

March 6 / Grovespring, MO
Contact: Tony King
Phone: (573) 239-1665

Midwestern States Shooting Dog Futurity

March 7 / Grovespring, MO
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Phone: (573) 239-1665

Sedgefields Field Trial Club (Shenandoah Derby)

March 9 / Union Springs, AL
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All-America Championships

March 10 / Pinckneyville, IL
Contact: Nathan Phillips
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**Region 17 (AFTCA) Amateur
Shooting Dog Championship**

March 10 / Dexter, KS
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**National Vizsla Association
National Championships & Classic**

March 13 / Grovespring, MO
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Midwest Open Shooting Dog Championship

March 14 / Elk City, KS
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Kansas Open Derby & Open Puppy Classics

March 16 / Dexter, KS
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Eastern Kanto Field Trial Club

March 21 / Chiba-Ken
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Nevada Bird Dog Club

March 24 / Reno, NV
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**Kelly's Rebel Maggie Shooting Dog Classic
& Region 11 Amateur All-Age Derby**

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Chickahominy Field Trial Association

March 26 / Jarratt, VA
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March 30 / Scottsville, VA
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Region 5 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship

March 30 / Cutler, IL
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Cascade Open All-Age Championship

March 31 / Payette, ID
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April 1 / Payette, ID
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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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Atlantic Sportsman's Club

August 19 / Caledonia, NS
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ABHA TRIALS

ABHA Walking Shooting Dog Championship

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NBHA TRIALS

NBHA Western Regional Championship

February 9 / Moline, KS
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NBHA National Invitational Breeders' Championship

February 15 / Grovespring, MO
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NBHA Futurity & Kilgore Puppy Classic

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Elkhorn Bird Dog Club

February 18 / Berea, KY
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Licking River Bird Dog Club

March 11 / Berea, KY
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North Missouri Field Trial Association

March 24 / Williamsburg, MO
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SBHA TRIALS

Rocky Creek Field Trial Club

February 3 / Campbellton, FL
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Central Alabama Shooting Dog Association

February 9 / Alberta, AL
Contact: Teresa Justice
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SBHA National Open Shooting Dog Classic

February 9 / Union Springs, AL
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South Carolina Amateur Classic Celebration

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Sumter County Bird Hunters Association, Inc.

February 4 / Pinewood, SC
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Hunter Run Farm Field Trial Club

February 20 / Chesterfield, SC
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Alabama Region of SBHA

February 24 / Walnut Grove, AL
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USCSDA National Open Championship

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USCSDA Southeast Regional Championship

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Hanover Field Trial Association

March 4 / King William, VA
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