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*An update from Domenick Muoio*



Over the past few months, I have had the pleasure of meeting more and more of you at events. This past month I was able to enjoy the Southern Pines Celebration trial down in Hoffman, N.C. I am very fortunate to live just 30 minutes down the road from the field trial grounds in Hoffman and took the opportunity to spend some time at this trial. I was only able to attend the first day of the event but even in just the one day, I was able to see a lot of fantastic bird work.

As a resident of the North Carolina sandhills area myself, I had a preconceived notion for how many (or few) birds I would see during my trip, but I was very pleasantly surprised by how many contacts we had that day. On top of getting to see and experience the excitement of great dogs finding birds all day long, I also got to enjoy some beautiful grounds and nice weather with the rain holding off until after the last brace of the day finished.

I must give a special thanks to Johnny Atkinson, Ray Joye and everyone else who played a role in providing me good mounts for both morning and afternoon, and I'd like to extend a thank you to everyone who made me feel so welcome that day. It is always a joy to continue to meet even more of our American Field community. I look forward to meeting many more of you and seeing familiar faces at future events.

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# GEORGIA AMATEUR CELEBRATION

By Nell Mobley | Waynesboro, Georgia | February 12, 2022



*Amateur Shooting Dog Winners: 1st Place—One Day Lucky Strike shown with Lane Hodges; 2nd Place—Reve's Royal Hawaiian with Nancy Browne; and 3rd Place—One Day Queen Bee with Darcy Hodges. Others: Nell Mobley, Lori Strausbaugh, Greg Strausbaugh (judge), Chad Chadwell, Randy Marsh, Gary Futch, Adam Marsh (judge), and Asher Marsh.*

DiLane Plantation, Waynesboro, Georgia, "The Bird Dog Capital of the World" was the venue of the Georgia Amateur Celebration. The Georgia Field Trial Association has hosted the events since the late thirties. We have three stakes—shooting dog, all-age, and derby.

Eighteen dogs were drawn for the shooting dog that began on February 12. Riding in the saddles to judge were Adam Marsh of Statesboro, Ga., and Greg Strausbaugh of Newport, Pa.

The first place winner was One Day Lucky Strike, a three-year-old pointer male handled by Lane Hodges. Lucky Strike ran a smooth forward race, always to the front. He hunted the course well, requiring minimum scouting, and made big cast where the course allowed. At 55 on the dove field edge, he pointed with birds flushed all in order. He finished the hour to the front running with style.

Second place went to Reve's Royal Hawaiian, a three-year-old vizsla female, handled by Chad Chadwell, in the second brace of the stake. She made a nice forward cast at breakaway and was quickly found standing her first bird before the dirt road. Hawaiian continued her pursuit with nice ground speed checking both sides of the course. Her second find was at 30, all in order. She continued to hunt the balance of the course, taking lines when necessary.

One Day Queen Bee, pointer female, a littermate of One Day Lucky Strike, was handled by Lane Hodges. Queen Bee took to the course hunting in all the right places, requiring little scouting. She had an all in order find at 20, looking good on point. For the balance of the hour, she could be seen to the front with a remarkable race.

## THE OTHERS

One Day La Bandita (Lane Hodges), was braced with Beckworth's Firecracker (Alan York), in the first brace of the stake. Bandita ran a good race and had five finds, but bad luck occurred near the end of the hour. Firecracker was harnessed for a breach of manners.

Reve's Royal Hawaiian's performance reported earlier. Heard Hill's Tom Cruiser (Buck Heard) ran a good forward race, backed bracemate at 18. Tracker was requested at 30, however he was found running to the front.

Dominator's Kid Rock (Tommy Liesfeld) ran a good race but went birdless. Pete's Wiki Aloha Spin It (Chad Chadwell) ran a medium race, pointed at 50 and finished the hour.

Brace four was drawn with Touch's Breakaway Fred (Gary Futch) and Heard Hill's Jaybird (Buck Heard). Fred covered the course well with no bird work to complete the hour. Jaybird ran a forward race with no bird work. These two pointer males ran in the heat of the day.

Master's Touch (Tommy Liesfeld) was off to a good start but tracker was requested at the half hour. Mia's Hour of Kalua (Chad Chadwell) was lost on point. Handler requested retrieval unit at 30.

One Day Lucky Strike reported earlier in first place. Secret Agent Attitude (Randy Marsh) was a nice one to watch. She was credited with a good find and finished the hour.

Heard Hill's Golden Girl (Buck Heard) and One Day Queen Bee, (Lane Hodges). Girl was off to a good start with a find at 18. Continuing on with a covey of wild birds and picked up for breach of manners. Performance of One Day Queen Bee reported earlier in third place.

Another Mai Tai Please (Chad Chadwell) ran a nice forward race going for him but failed to back bracemate. Evan's Lonesome River (Ron Lambert) started well but the hour was shortened with a breach of manners.

The last brace of the stake drew Sugar Cane Express (Chad Chadwell) and Heard Hill's Goldeneye. Express started with a nice forward race but was harnessed for breach of manners. Heard Hill's Goldeneye (Buck Heard) took to the start running in fashion. Around the 30-minute mark, he got a little sideways, going on to complete the hour.



Amateur All-Age Winners: 1st Place—Touch's Breakaway Fred shown with Gary Futch; 2nd Place—Touch's Secret Agent with Laura Marsh; 3rd Place—Dominator's Kid Rock with Steve Mills. Others: Alan York, Nell Mobley, Randy Marsh, Ron Lambert (judge), and Tommy Liesfeld. (Not pictured: Adam Marsh, judge)

Waynesboro, Ga., February 12 – One Course  
 Judges: Adam Marsh and Greg Strausbaugh  
**GEORGIA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]**  
 13 Pointers and 5 Vizslas

1st—*ONE DAY LUCKY STRIKE*, 1684551, pointer male, by Heard Hill's Memory Lane—Dubose's Snow White. Lane Hodges, owner and handler.

2d—*REVE'S ROYAL HAWAIIAN*, 1686906, Vizsla female, by C K Post Route Scout—Burr Oak's Reve. Chad Chadwell & Nancy Browne, owners; Chad Chadwell, handler.

3d—*ONE DAY QUEEN BEE*, 1684579, pointer female, by Heard Hill's Memory Lane—Dubose's Snow White. Lane Hodges, owner and handler.

## AMATEUR ALL-AGE

The stake drew six entries. They were judged by Adam Marsh, Statesboro, Ga., and Ron Lambert, Vidalia, Ga.

Touch's Breakaway Fred, pointer male (Gary Futch), was in the first brace of the stake. He had to his credit a nice find at 21 and a back of bracemate at 30. The hour was completed with a medium race.

Second place went to Secret Agent Attitude, pointer female, with Randy Marsh. Attitude needed birds to compliment a good race. Third place Dominator's Kid Rock, pointer male (Tommy Liesfeld), had a no show of game at 52, completing the hour to the front.

The three remaining dogs of the stake were Master's Touch (Tommy Liesfeld), Dominator's Rebel Squire (Tommy Liesfeld), and Walnut Tree Blue (Steve Mills). Touch was picked up following a find at 21. Squire completed the hour with a fair race. Blue went birdless, finishing the hour.

Nestlé Purina continues to serve as a sponsor of the Georgia Amateur Celebration. Feed certificates were presented to all winners. Greg Blair, Purina Field Consultant, makes certain they arrive in a timely manner. I would like to think "Purina Feed is for those who care to serve the best."

A steak dinner hosted by the club was enjoyed by some 25 people. Complimentary lunches were served daily by the GFTA.

For fear that I will overlook someone, I will not attempt to name

individuals. I must say that everyone in attendance pitched in to make the Amateur Celebration one of the best run trials that I can remember.

Judging six derbies were Buck Heard and Ron Lambert. Buck Heard was named first with a pointer male called "Dixie". Second place went to Alan York with Beckworth's Fire Chief, pointer male, FDSB Reg. No. 1697632. Third place went to a pointer male called "Frankie" and handled by Buck Heard. Registrations for the first and third placements are pending.

Jeff Crouch handled "Jack", pointer male. Big Mac, pointer male, was handled by Buck Heard and Crouch's Sunny Mill Joe, pointer female, was handled by Jeff Crouch.

All of the one-year-olds ran nice races for young derbies—a good potential for the six.

A big thanks to everyone for a job well done. I will look forward to seeing all of you in 2022.

Judges: Ronnie Lambert and Adam Marsh  
**GEORGIA AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] – 6 Pointers**

1st—*TOUCH'S BREAKAWAY FRED*, 1680750, male, by Touch's Mega Mike—Touch's American Baby. Gary Futch, owner and handler.

2d—*SECRET AGENT ATTITUDE*, 1678832, female, by Touch's Secret Agent—Bodacious Shadow Attitude. Randy Marsh, owner and handler.

3d—*DOMINATOR'S KID ROCK*, 1679598, male, by Just Irresistible—Pearl Again. Tommy Liesfeld, owner and handler.

Judges: Gary Futch and Ronnie Lambert  
**GEORGIA AMATEUR DERBY – 6 Pointers**

1st—*HEARD HILL'S DIXIE BELL*, 1698958, female, by Miller's Heat Seeker—Dominator's Heir Kate. Buck Heard, owner and handler.

2d—*BECKWORTH'S FIRE CHIEF*, 1697632, male, by Lester's Shockwave—Beane's Doll House. Alan York, owner and handler.

3d—*C S SMOKE ROLL*, 1695325, female, by Merritt's Bear—A Tarheel Miss Bo. Buck Heard, owner and handler.

# LANCASTER COUNTY FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

By Jameson Crandall | Lancaster, Virginia | February 12, 2022



*Amateur Shooting Dog Winners: Jimmy Crandall with Lancaster's Hit Man, Capt. Arnold Ripley (judge), Lee Flanders with Chippokes Cracker Jack, Johnny Lewis (judge), and Ashby Morgan with Mohawk Mill Rebel Pirate.*

The Lancaster County Field Trial Association's annual trial ran February 12 in Lancaster, Va. Next year will mark 55 years of the LCFTA running trials. We began running USCSDA trials in the early 90s, twice a year, and now hold one trial every winter. Conditions were pleasant for a change, as it is historically frigid and often snowing for this trial.

The winner of the Amateur Shooting Dog was Lancaster's Hit Man ("Mugsy"). Mugsy is stylish and pleasing to watch run and point. He scored five finds for his owner Jimmy Crandall. Second place went to Chippokes Cracker Jack and his owner Lee Flanders. The tri-colored male setter scored three finds and backed his bracemate twice. Three finds and one back with a forward hunting range brought third place to Mohawk Mill Rebel Pirate and his handler Ashby Morgan. Friends of the club, Johnny Lewis and Arnold Ripley, judged the amateur shooting dog stake.

"Molly" (Lee Flanders), "Spec" (Ashby Morgan), and "Mickey" (Lee Flanders) won the amateur derby stake. Each displayed shooting dog manners on their game, hunted wide objectives, and handled kindly for their owners.

"Suzie" (Steve Graham), "Bunny" (Arnold Ripley), and "Thor" (Dennis Kivikko) won the amateur puppy. Suzie lit up the course with her speed, range, fluid gait, and cracking tail.

Thanks to Mr. Jimmy King for bringing breakfast and coffee to everyone, and to the multitude of folks who helped out with running the trial.

Lancaster, Va., February 12 – One Course  
Judges: Jameson Crandall and Ashby Morgan  
AMATEUR PUPPY – 3 Pointers and 2 Brittany's

*1st—BACK CREEK SUZIE, 1696529, setter female, by Maximum Resistance—Deciding Point. Steve Graham, owner and handler.*

*2d—MOBJACK BUNNY GIRL, 1696350, setter female, by Erin's Wild Atlantic Way—Quickmarksman's Silky. Arnold Ripley, Jr., owner and handler.*

Judges: Johnny Lewis and Arnold Ripley  
AMATEUR DERBY – 2 Pointers, 1 Setter and 1 Brittany

*1st—CHIPPOKES FANCY LADY, 1689564, pointer female, by Stony Run's Buddy—Hirollins Fancy Lady. Lee Flanders, owner and handler.*

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

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 10 Pointers, 3 Setters and 1 Brittany

*1st—LANCASTER'S HIT MAN, 1679423, pointer male, by Waybetter Rocky—Calico's Touch of Class. James Crandall, owner and handler.*

*2d—CHIPPOKES CRACKER JACK, 1691321, setter male, by Skyview New Edition—Grid Iron's Sorrell's Penny. Lee Flanders, owner and handler.*

*3d—MOHAWK MILL REBEL PIRATE, 1680375, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Pirate—Arcanum's Southern Belle. Gary S. Winall, owner; Ashby Morgan, handler.*

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# TARHEEL SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

## *Just Call Me Eli wins the ABC Grand Open Limited Gun Dog Classic*

By Bruce Conover | Boydton, Virginia | February 15, 2022

The 2022 Tarheel Shooting Dog Championship/American Brittany Club Grand Open Limited Gun Dog Classic began on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at the Dick Cross Wildlife Management Area in Boydton, Va., under sunny skies and cold temperatures. Twenty-seven Brittany's from more than 7 states were brought to the line to test their worth by both professionals and amateurs alike, all intent upon highlighting the drive, strength, and style needed to be crowned the 2022 Tarheel Shooting Dog Champion. In the end, however, only one would be recognized as this year's best.

We would like to thank our judges, Howard Shultz of Maryland and Mike Mullineux of Virginia, for their dedication and careful evaluation of this year's running. Their undivided attention to each and every brace was recognized and very much appreciated by the many participants and spectators present during the competition.

We also wish to thank Ronnie and Ivan Clark who once again organized and executed an exceptional event and all those who contributed to making this year's championship another huge success. And a big "Thank You" also to all those who traveled great distances to participate in the championship, as well as the before and after regional trials hosted by the Northern Virginia and Tarheel Brittany Clubs. In all, more than 200 dogs competed in these events.

We would be terribly remiss if we did not call for a special recognition of the folks at Purina and SportDOG who sponsored this year's Championship. The professionals at Purina continue to research and develop the most nutritious animal feeds available and most deservedly enjoy the trust and confidence of field trialers across the nation. And to the folks at SportDOG who are committed to developing the absolute best in dog tracking and training technology, thanks again for your continued support.

The honor of being selected as the 2022 Tarheel Shooting Dog Champion went to Just Call Me Eli in the sixth brace late Tuesday afternoon. Owned by Tom Ettinger of Vermont and handled by Kyle Merrill, Eli ran a truly exceptional eye-catching forward race highlighted by five finds under some of the warmest conditions of the two days running. His quick gait, intense style, and willingness to handle became the standard to beat.

The designation of runner-up went to Shailorville's Gunner in the ninth brace. Owned by Tom and Robin Maule and handled by Ben Lorensen, Gunner demonstrated power and a consistent pattern throughout the 60 minutes he was down. With three finds at 8, 24, and 45, Gunner's performance on this occasion demonstrated his strength and desire and why he remains a threat to the competition each time he is released.

Piney Run Samantha, owned by Art and Judy Cohen and handled by Kyle Merrill running in the second brace, captured third place with three finds and a snappy race. Handling kindly throughout the 60 minutes, this young dog demonstrated exceptional desire and exceptional intensity when on game.

Fourth place was awarded to I'm Your Man, owned by Bill and Fran Gorman and handled by Ben Lorensen. "Gus", having previously won the title of Tarheel Shooting Dog Champion in both 2019 and 2020, rendered another exceptional performance here with three finds and a hard charging forward race.

To be successful on these grounds, a shooting dog must demonstrate a willingness to range out in the many open areas but also to shut down and hunt the heavy cover. The many turns and obstacles make handling a priority on this terrain. These four placing dogs and their



From left: Mike Mullineux (judge), Kyle Merrill, Howard Shultz (judge), and Ben Lorensen. Bottom row (from left): Daci Merrill, Fran Gorman and Bill Gorman.

handlers demonstrated that they had what it took to be successful. Congratulations to all!

Boydton, Va., February 15

Judges: Mike Mullineux and Howard Shultz

TARHEEL BRITTANY OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 27 Brittany's

Winner—JUST CALL ME ELI, 1676372, male, by Just Call Me Roy—One of Champagne Charlee. Tom Ettinger, owner; Kyle Merrill, handler.

Runner-Up—SHAILORVILLE'S GUNNER, 1649595, male, by Coos Rylee—Queen Alexandra O Shailorville. Tom & Robin Maule, owners; Ben Lorensen, handler.

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# SEDGEFIELDS YOUTH FIELD TRIAL

By Connie Hicks | Union Springs, Alabama | February 19, 2022



*All the participants along with parents, grandparents, family members and well-wishers.*

*[Rode and Dictated by Morgan Brewer]*

Sedgefields Field Trial Club held its annual Youth Field Trial on February 19, 2022. This one-day continuous course trial was held on the beautiful grounds of Greenway Sportsman's Club in Union Springs, Ala. This was the fifth consecutive year that Greenway has hosted this great trial. A very special thanks goes out to the Green Family—Mike, Jan, Justin and Cody—for their continued support, and always going above and beyond for our youth.

Mrs. Jan prepared a wonderful lunch of chicken spaghetti with all the fixings; Mike and Justin always do a superb job hosting and marshaling; and Cody handles the dog wagon. Many thanks to Robert Moorer, Darron Hendley, and the Alabama Field Trial Association, and the Youth Field Trial Alliance for their endless support for Youth Trials in the South. The beautiful trophies were donated by Jack and Fran Miller, and as always Purina with all their generous gifts to our youth. Judges for the day were Tommy Hicks and Bo Brewer. With 16 entries, these judges were ready for a very exciting day.

It was a beautiful picture perfect morning, with breakaway at 10:00, the temperature at 50 degrees, and a very large gallery; dogs were called to the line.

Brace one started right on time with Addison McDuffie and her pointer female "Dot", and Katie Bell Varner with pointer female "Sassy". Five minutes into the brace Varner had her first find, and McDuffie came in with bird work at 12, with Varner honoring with a back.

Brace two was called to the line with Hayes Green, our youngest handler with his pointer male "Jake", and Sterling Woodruff with his pointer female "Sammy". Green got busy with a find at 6, 9 and bird work at 12 and 19. Woodruff came in with a divided find at 6 and 9 and finished out the brace with bird work at pickup.

"Bell" handled by Ella Grace Montgomery and "Ole Red" handled by Addison McDuffie were in the third brace. Montgomery scored her first find at 9, and another at pickup. McDuffie had an unproductive at 15 after a lengthy relocation.

After breaking for lunch, the afternoon braces started back at 1:00 with a temperature of 60 degrees.

Fourth brace was on the line with Reese Green and her German Shorthair pointer male "Bo", and Braden Renfroe with his pointer female "May". Three minutes into brace, Renfroe had a nice find. Green and Renfroe had a divided find at 15. Green had a find at pickup with Renfroe honoring with a back.

Fifth brace was called up with Shelby Street and her pointer female "Jenny" and Hayes Green with his pointer male "Jack". These youngsters worked their dogs hard; unfortunately time was called with no bird work.

"Jane" handled by Claire Street and "Clay" handled by Katie Bell Varner were in the sixth brace. Street had a find at 17. Varner had at find at 4, and an unproductive at 15 after a good relocation.

Seventh brace was called up to the line with Sterling Woodruff and his pointer female "Bee" and Ella Grace Montgomery and her setter female "Jill". Woodruff struck early with bird work at 7, and had his second find at pickup. Montgomery had a good race but unfortunately fell short with bird work.

"Rook" handled by Braden Renfroe and "Josie" handled by Reese Green came to the line for the eighth brace, the last brace of the day. Renfroe had an unproductive at 4 but finished the brace with perfect finds at 14, 16 and 19. Green had a nice find at 7.

As all participants, family and friends gathered, the anticipation of the announcement brings so much excitement, as it should. These youth work so hard, they might compete against one another; however, they are one of the closest groups of kids you will ever meet.

*The Winners:*

1st—Dot (A. McDuffie)

2d—Rook (B. Renfroe)

3d—Josie (R. Green)

Honorable Mention—Bee (S. Woodruff)

Thanks again to the Green Family for graciously sharing their beautiful grounds for all of us to enjoy. Also, thanks to our judges Tommy Hicks and Bo Brewer for their dedication and time to help our youth grow and love our beloved sport.

# NATIONAL AMATEUR FREE-FOR-ALL CHAMPIONSHIP

## *Dragonfly wins the 2022 Running; Rentz's Hijacked named Runner-Up*

By Morgan Brewer | Union Springs, Alabama | February 22, 2022



*National Amateur Free-for-All Championship Winners: Dragonfly posed by scout Brandy Gilmore, Runner-Up Rentz's Hijacked posed by owner/handler Joe Rentz, Top Qualifier Electronic Warfare posed by owner/handler Bill Goodwin, Shirley Varner, Rhonda Hughes, Jim Hughes, Kevin Stuart (judge), Bill Lee, George Kimbrell (judge), Morgan Brewer (reporter), John Neely, Darron Hendley and Joe Varner.*

February 22 is equivalent to Christmas morning in the hearts of every amateur field trialer in America. It is the commencement of the 72nd annual National Amateur Free-For-All Championship. This prestigious Championship is held at Sedgefields Plantation in Union Springs, Ala., the most celebrated grounds in the Field Trial Capital of the World. Participants from all over the country make the trek south in hopes to capture the most sought after title in the history of amateur field trials. This esteemed trial would not be possible without the continued support from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Herbert. They will never know how much their generosity keeps this sport alive. Jason Howard, Bill Lee, Chance Kelley, along with the rest of the Sedgefields Team, work hard all year long grooming the grounds to be the best to ever turn a bird dog loose in America.

The board of the National Amateur Free-For-All consists of fifteen members. Each director plays a key role in the success of this trial and each year it runs like a well-oiled machine. Chance Kelley rode every single brace and was very attentive at giving direction to each handler. He, along with several board members, served as marshals and their assistance was greatly appreciated by each participant. Kenneth Newman was greatly missed this year serving as captain of the dog wagon, however Bo Brewer and Steve Hutto stepped up to the plate and kept the show running. The "dynamic duo" made sure every dog was accounted for on the wagon, and that there were plenty of refreshments, as well as offered interesting conversation in between braces. Dr. Josh and Kathleen Varner and Dr. Mac and Chelley Varner graciously sponsored the refreshments on the dog wagon. Their patronage was greatly appreciated by all participants. It was a breath of fresh air to see Marcelleno's smiling face when we returned to the barn each day. He diligently washed and took care of all of the officials' horses for the duration of the trial. Many thanks go out to our judges George Kimbrell of Fort Mill, S.C. and Kevin Stuart of Schenectady, N.Y. They rode hard and were very observant of every dog and handler.

A scrumptious breakfast was provided daily, prepared by two lovely ladies and sponsored by the Tourism Council of Bullock County. The list is endless of businesses, owners, handlers and well-wishers that make donations to this welcomed meal. Their contributions go toward

the food, hiring of the smiling chefs as well as the welcome signs and banners that are hung in town. The Union Springs Country Club prepared lunch daily on the grounds and it was a delight to see Ginny Allen and her staff after a long morning of riding.

The nightly social events were altered last year due to the worldwide pandemic so there was much anticipation for new and old friends gathering together to celebrate our beloved sport. The "Kick-Off Party" hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Green and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gibson in honor of Mrs. Bootie Smitherman, was held at Greenway Sportsman Club on Tuesday night. Two chefs from Louisiana prepared an extraordinary seafood extravaganza that was greatly enjoyed by all.

AmeriFirst Bank of Union Springs sponsored the Owner/Handler party held at the field house Wednesday night. The meal was phenomenal and the fellowship was even better.

The awaited "Friends Party" was held at the home of Hunter and Addie Smith on Thursday night. This lavish event was greatly missed last year. Hunter and Addie graciously open up their beautiful home and hosted the event along with Jimmy and Catherine Bassett, Andy and Beverly Callaway, Pete and Chris Del Collo, Brandy Gilmore, Anderson and Laura Hembree, Kevin and Maureen Joyce, Charles and Heather Klinck, Jim and Jane Klingler, Tom and Sue Ellen Lanier, Tommy and Renita Main, Frank Moorer, Frank and Colleen Rutland, Brian and Brooke Sanchez, Jim and Sandra Smith, Joe and Shirley Varner, and Winston and Laura Way. The food was exceptional and all had a glorious time.

The "Draw Down and Dance" was held Friday night at the Union Springs Country Club. David and Ginny Allen do a remarkable job managing the country club and serve the finest cuisine in Bullock County. The cocktails, food, fellowship and music were splendid and all had a grand time.

The "Steak Dinner and Dance" hosted by Raymond and Catherine Herbert was held Saturday night at Sedgefields Field House. Chefs Bo Brewer, Justin Green and Robert Moorer prepared the steaks. They did an exceptional job and to say the meal was superb would be an understatement. The acoustics from the Michael Stacey Band had

everybody in attendance on their feet dancing the night away.

## THE RUNNING

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*Day 1*—There is no greater thrill than to hear “turn ‘em loose” at the breakaway of the first brace. It was 61 degrees and cloudy when Dunn’s Ever’n Onward, owned and handled by Will Dunn, and Smokin Joe’s Rock, owned by Joe Brunner and handled by George Brown, came to the line. Onward, an orange and white pointer male had an exceptional race, regrettably no bird work, but was called back for his race. Rock, an orange and white setter male had no bird contacts but finished the brace.

One Day Queen Bee, owned and handled by Lane Hodges, and One Penny More, owned and handled by Susan Wells, were in the second brace. Bee, a liver and white pointer female had picture perfect finds at 4, 40, 43 and 45. Penny, a liver and white pointer female had a nice find at 9, and unproductive at 36, a back at 43 and finished up the brace with a find at 44.

Erin’s Young Offender, owned and handled by Alan Atkins, and Smokin Joe’s Moses, owned by Joe Brunner and handled by George Brown, turned loose at the Coke Barn for the third brace. Unfortunately there was a wreck that occurred at the 4-minute mark and the judges ordered both dogs up.

Miller’s Record Heat, owned by Jack and Fran Miller and handled by Fran Miller, and Hightailing Pearl, owned and handled by Kevin Joyce, were in the fourth brace. Heat and Pearl both finished the brace but unfortunately did not have any bird work.

It was 79 degrees at breakaway behind the barn when G K’s Ramblin Josie, owned and handled by Justin Green, and Smokin Joe’s Luke (Brunner/Brown) came to the line for the fifth brace. The race was on for first time Free-For-All handler Green and his German Shorthair pointer female, Josie. Time was called before Josie had any bird work. Brown picked up at 32 after a breech of manners.

Northwoods Charles owned and handled by Bill Owen, and Clear Creek’s Jim, owned and handled by John Neely, were in the sixth brace. Charles had a stellar find off of breakaway. Jim had an unproductive at 39 after a lengthy relocation.

*Day 2*—It was 66 degrees at breakaway for the second day of qualifying. Panther Creek Hank, handled by Brent Cox, and Sedgewilds Legacy, owned by Sedgewilds Plantation and handled by Hunter McDuffie, turned loose at the power line for the seventh brace. It was great to see long time handler Brent Cox turn a dog loose for the first time in years. Hank finished the brace but did not have any bird contacts. Legacy, a black and white pointer male had a strong race with perfect finds at 4, 9, and 26 and was called back for his performance.

Pineywood’s Belle Aire, handled by Darron Hendley, and Deception’s Wild Justice, handled by Jeffrey Gilbertson, were in the eighth brace. Belle Aire, a liver and white pointer female had a clean find at 4, an unproductive at 29 after an extended relocation and a second unproductive at 40.

One Day Lucky Strike (Hodges) and Miller’s Cover Girl (Miller) turned loose for the ninth brace. Strike, a stylish pointer male had an unproductive at 33. Girl had nice clean find at 21.

C S Trump, owned by Becky Gibson and handled by Hunter McDuffie, and Dragonfly, owned and handled by Jim Hughes, were in the tenth brace. Trump, a classy orange and white setter male had a strong front running race but time was called before he had any bird work. Dragonfly, a liver and white pointer male was always to the front and ran a great race and was called back for his performance.

It was 81 degrees at breakaway for the eleventh brace. Alabama Youth Handler Braden Renfroe turned Sand Hill Buddin Up loose for his debut handling experience in the National Amateur Free-For-All Championship. He was braced with 2022 National Derby Champion

Rentz’s Hijacked, owned and handled by Joe Rentz. Bud had an unproductive at 18, two perfect finds at 31 and 37 and an unproductive at 41 after a lengthy relocation. Jack had an exceptional strong front running race and the judges called him back to take a second look.

Goldberg, owned and handled by Pete Del Collo, and DuBose’s What A Dog, owned and handled by Bobby DuBose, turned loose across from Bill Lee’s driveway for the twelfth brace. Goldberg, an orange and white pointer male, had an unproductive at 18. What A Dog was picked up at 28.

*Day 3*—It was 66 degrees at breakaway for the thirteenth brace when C S Li’l Ann, owned by Tony and Becky Gibson and handled by Joe Varner, and Rentz’s Tipped Up (Rentz) came to the line. Ann had stylish finds at 8 and 38. Tip had a back at 8 and an unproductive at 27.

Southern Shadows T Rex, owned and handled by Brian Peterson, and High Drive Fancy Pants, owned by Allen Linder and Madison McDonald and handled by McDonald, were in the fourteenth brace. Rex and Fancy went out of pocket in what the judges have named the “Bermuda Triangle”. Peterson asked for his tracker at 25 and McDonald was handed hers at 27 after her dog had been absent too long.

Dunn’s Sneak’n In (Dunn) and Miller’s Upgrading The Ante (Miller) turned loose at the Coke Barn for the fifteenth brace. Sneak’n In had a nice find at 6 and Ante honored with a back.

Kevin Joyce’s Hightailing Maggie and Brian Sanderson’s Reynolds Party Starter came to the line for the sixteenth brace. Maggie, a black and white pointer female, finished the brace but didn’t have any bird work. It was Sanderson’s first time turning a dog loose to handle in the Free-For-All. He has scouted for many but the race was on for him and his orange and white pointer male. Unfortunately, Starter went out of pocket and he was handed his tracker at 37.

It was 78 degrees with a slight breeze after lunch for the seventeenth brace. B K Iron Clad, owned and handled by Brian Sanchez, and Lone Tree Splish Splash (Owen), turned loose behind the barn. Iron Clad, an orange and white pointer male, had a strong race with classy finds at 16 and 36 and was called back for his good performance. Splash had a clean find at 40.

Panther Creek Merlin, owned and handled by Frank Rutland, and Backcountry Buddy, owned and handled by Chris Catanzarite, came to the line for the eighteenth brace. Merlin ran a great race, had a find at breakaway, a back at 14 and picture perfect finds at 15 and 30. Buddy had a find at 14 and was picked up at 40 after being out of pocket for too long.

*Day 4*—It was 66 degrees and overcast when Miller’s Packing Heat (Miller) and Smokin Joe’s John (Brunner/Brown) turned loose for the nineteenth brace. Heat had nice clean finds at 20 and 34. John had an unproductive at 11 and was ordered up at 20 for failing to honor a back.

Miller’s Upgraded Version (Miller) and Smokin Joe’s Mathew (Brunner/Brown) were in the twentieth brace. Version, a classy orange and white pointer male, ran a stellar race and had perfect finds at 6, 17, and 34 and was called back for the judges to take a second look. Brown was handed the tracker at 8.

Mauck’s Wyeast Owyhee Jack, owned and handled by Alex Mauck, and Great River Yellowstone (Sanchez), were in the twenty-first brace. Jack, an orange and white setter male had a find at 11. Yellowstone had a nice find at 6.

Alabama Youth Handler Katie Bell Varner turned loose Phillips Wind Line, owned by Tony and Becky Gibson, for her debut handling experience in the National Amateur Free-For-All Championship. She was braced with Face To Face (Gilbertson) in the twenty-second brace. It wouldn’t be fitting if Varner didn’t have fellow Alabama Youth Handler Addison McDuffie scout for her. The pair did outstanding but time was called before Wind Line had any bird work. Gilbertson picked up at 25.

It was 61 degrees and cloudy when Backcountry Girlfriend (Catanzarite) and Charlie’s Zip Tie (Owen) came to the line for the

twenty-third brace. Girlfriend had an unproductive at 19, a divided find at 25 and a find at 30. Tie had a find at 14, a back at 19 and was picked up at the divided find at 25 for moving after the flush.

Born On Fourth July (Gilbertson) and Electronic Warfare, owned and handled by Bill Goodwin, were in the twenty-fourth brace. Warfare, an orange and white pointer male put on a show with 5 perfect finds at 6, 15, 24, 29 and 35. He ran a strong front running race and was awarded "Top Qualifying" and a spot in the callbacks for his phenomenal performance. July had clean finds at 28, 33 and was ordered up after getting to close to a single bird catching the front.

Day 5—It was 46 degrees when DuBose's Wander Bog (DuBose) and Miller's Southern Gossip (Linder/McDonald) turned loose for the twenty-fifth brace. Wander Bog had a find at 5 and was ordered up at 22 after a breach of manners. Gossip finished the brace but regrettably did not have any birdwork.

Seekin A Thrill, owned and handled by Ross Leonard, and Dunn's Tried'n True (Dunn) were in the twenty-sixth brace. Thrill had an unproductive at 8. True had an unproductive at 8 and Dunn asked for the tracker at 34.

Lester's Top Recruit, owned and handled by Lance Servais, and Sandhill Maybaby (Renfroe) came to the line for the twenty-seventh brace. Recruit ran a good strong race but did not have any bird contacts. Renfroe asked for the tracker at 30.

Backcountry Bruiser (Catanzarite) and Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee, were in the twenty-eighth brace. Bruiser, an orange and white pointer male had an unproductive at 8, a back at 21 and an unproductive at 33. Dallee had unproductives at 21 and 40.

It was 29 degrees after lunch when One Day La Bandita (Hodges) and Renrav's Mr. Tonys Shag (J. Varner) came to the line for the twenty-ninth brace. Hodges asked for the tracker at 27. Mr. Tonys Shag, a stylish orange and white setter male, had a good race and a classy find at 22 and was called back for his performance.

Alabama Youth Handler Addison McDuffie turned Twin Willow Passion loose for the second year in a row for the thirtieth brace. She was braced with S B Always Dreamin' (Owen.) "Dot" had a great race with picture perfect finds at 14, 23 and 30. Dreamin' had a find at 26 and a back at 30.

Day 6—It was 55 degrees at breakaway when Miller's Heat Wave (Miller) and Smokin Joe's Mark (Brunner/Brown) turned loose for the thirty-first brace. Heat Wave, an orange and white pointer female had a stellar race and finds at 6, 34, an unproductive at 39 and was called back for the judges to take a second look. Mark had a back at 6, and was picked up at 13 after moving after the flush.

Morton's Shooting Star, owned and handled by Wayne Pope, and Panther Creek Rose (Rutland), were in the thirty-second brace. Star had a divided find at 22, a clean find at 34 and was picked up at 44. Rose, a liver and white pointer female had a divided find at 22 and two perfect finds at 33 and 42.

Pineywood's Legacy (Hendley) and Miller's Unbridled Forever, owned by Neil Walker and Brian Sanchez, was handled by Sanchez. Legacy had two unproductives at 23 and 26. Sanchez asked for the tracker at 22.

Springflow's Backcountry (Catanzarite) and Hunt's Sargent of Arms, owned and handled by Justin Hunt, were in the thirty-fourth brace. Backcountry had an unproductive at 16 and 28 after a lengthy relocation. Arms had an unproductive at 13 and at 28, got in the middle of a big covey of birds, and failed to stand tall. Hunt was handed the tracker at 31.

Neely's Business Man (Neely) and Rester's Amazing Grace (Gibson/Varner) were in the thirty-fifth brace, the last brace of the qualifying. Man, a classy orange and white pointer male had a strong race, a back at 15, two perfect finds at 36 and 45 and was called back for his good performance. Grace had a stylish find at 15.

## CALLBACKS

It was 50 degrees for the first brace of callbacks when last year's Champion, Twin Willow Ice owned by Addison McDuffie and handled by Hunter McDuffie, and Dunn's Ever'N Onward came to the line. Ice, also known as "Kat", had a beautiful find at 24 and was picked up at 45. Onward ran an outstanding race and had clean finds at 21, 59 and 68.

The race was on for the second brace of callbacks; the Champion and Runner-Up Champion were paired in this brace. Dragonfly, owned and handled by Jim Hughes, was named Champion for his amazing performance. He ran a strong front running race, was always to the front and had exceptional finds at 69 and 74. Dragonfly was named Champion in 2020 and proved himself once again two years later. Rentz's Hijacked, owned by Joe and Tricia Rentz and Claudia McNamee and handled by Joe Rentz, was named Runner-Up Champion for his stellar performance. He hit every edge and ran straight to the front with an unproductive at 5 and a stylish find at 39. Jack was named 2022 National Derby Champion and once again proved he is ready to run with the big boys.

Panther Creek Merlin (Rutland) and Top Qualifier Electronic Warfare (Goodwin) were in the third brace of callbacks. Merlin had a divided find at 12 and was picked up at 36. Warfare had clean finds at 12 and 36.

Sedgefield's Legacy (Sedgefields/McDuffie) and Renrav's Mr. Tonys Shag (Varner) came to the line for the fourth brace of callbacks. Legacy was picked up at 39 for being out of pocket too long. Mr. Tonys Shag was ordered up at 25 for failing to be steady.

Miller's Upgraded Version (Miller) and B K Iron Clad (Sanchez) turned loose on the last morning of the trial for the fifth brace of callbacks. Version had two divided finds at 25, 34, clean finds at 42, 49 and picked up at 79. Iron Clad had an unproductive at 18, divided finds at 25, 34, had a find at 44 and picked up.

Miller's Heat Wave (Miller) and Neely's Business Man (Neely) were in the sixth brace, the last brace of callbacks. Heat Wave had an unproductive at 2, clean finds at 32 and 59 and picked up at 77. Neely was given the tracker at 77.

Purina donates four bags of dog food to the Champion, three bags of dog food to the Runner-Up Champion and two bags of dog food to the Top Qualifying Dog. Garmin donates a tracking collar to the Champion as well as the Runner-Up Champion. Gibson's Furniture and Gifts and Accessories donate the gifts for the judges and the reporter. There can never be enough thanks for the generosity of these sponsors.

Union Springs, Ala., February 22

Judges: George Kimbrell and Kevin Stuart

NATIONAL AMATEUR FREE-FOR-ALL CHAMPIONSHIP

[Forty-Five Minute Qualifying Heats; One and One Half Hour Finals]

56 Pointers, 14 Setters and 1 German Shorthair

Winner—*DRAGONFLY*, 1669453, pointer male, by *The Crowd Pleaser—Miller's Calamity Jane Lady*. Jim Hughes, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—*RENTZ'S HIJACKED*, 1696866, pointer male, by *Redland's Jacked Up—F F Bit O'Honey*. Joe & Tricia Rentz & Claudia McNamee, owners; Joe Rentz, handler.

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# POWHATAN FIELD TRIAL CLUB

By Dennis Kivikko | Buckingham, Virginia | February 26, 2022



*Amateur Shooting Dog (front row, from left): Jimmy Crandall with Jake The Joker, Steve Graham with Sorrows of Satan, and Patrick Sheridan with Lancaster's Hit Man. (Back row, from left): Zach Fisher (judge), Kirk Regensberg and Tommy Stargell (judge).*

The Powhatan Field Trial Club held its rescheduled trial at Kathy Shannon's beautiful Slate River Farm on February 26, 2022. Kat and Stuart are always gracious and helpful hosts and are constantly working to improve the grounds at this magnificent venue.

The weather cooperated with us, this time, as we had to reschedule from our January 9 Virginia ice storm. We had a cool, frosty morning that warmed into the 50s. Perfect weather for both man and beast.

Thanks also go out to all the help for this trial. Steve Graham handled the bird planting, Patrick Sheridan drove the dog wagon like a veteran. Patrick has been coming to some events thinking about field trialing as he nears retirement from public service. Patrick's grandfather, Paul Cameron, was a well-respected field trialist here in Virginia and Patrick may have some aspirations to trial, based on childhood memories. What a better place to see all the action than in the dog wagon. Donna Kivikko and Karen Graham prepared a delicious lunch, with serving help from Marge Kivikko—chicken pot pie, Karen's famous beans that have become a trial favorite, as well as some sweets for dessert. No one went hungry. There may have been some sluggish handlers in the early braces after lunch. Thank you of course to Purina for their support of our U.S. Complete field trials and for fueling these magnificent dogs.

The Amateur Puppy stake broke away at 7:30 a.m., with cool morning temperatures and very excited puppies. The first brace had two classy pups that complimented each and were pleasing to the eye. The pointer, "Pearl" handled by Meredith Wadsworth, ran with a hard cracking tail and was very forward earning her a well-deserved

third place. The winner and second place pup both came from the fifth brace. "Suzie" was declared the winner with her very mature ground race and seemed to glide effortlessly through the course making moves to the corners of every field. She was very exciting and fun to watch. The second place pup, "McKenna", handled by Chris Childress, was a natural and powerful edge runner charging forward and carrying the edge as if on rails. Our judges Mark Calder and Jim Winnen said that this large puppy stake was a pleasure to judge with many good looking, strong future prospects, making the judging duty both fun and challenging. Their judgment was well received. Also noted, we had two (2) Junior handlers in this class, Will Prillaman and Kaiden Brubaker, who both did an excellent job with their charges.

The Amateur Derby stake was small but gave two quality performances. The winning dog was "Molly" (Flanders) competing in the first brace. She had a find at 3 and showed broke manners and good style. Her second bird was at 7 and had to endure tremendous interference but still held true to her manners. Molly had an unproductive at 23 and a third bird at 25. Her finish was strong.

Second was "Speck" (Morgan) in the second brace. This setter had a find at 4 and also endured undue pressure. She had a nice back and a good finish.

The Amateur Shooting Dog stake featured 14 competitors. We ran two braces before lunch. All the placed dogs ran after lunch. All 14 had ample opportunity to show themselves on a multitude of good flying strong quail. An oddity in this stake was that all three winners were



Amateur Puppy (front row, from left): Steve Graham with Back Creek Suzie; Chris Childress with Single Barrel's McKenna; and Meredith Wadsworth with Silvershot's Cover Girl. (Back row, from left): Will Prillaman, Kaiden Brubaker and Mark Calder (judge).

handled by the same person, Jimmy Crandall. The winner was "Jake", pointer male who ran in brace 6. As all the placed dogs, his race was not huge but perfectly applied as to what is wanted in a walking shooting dog. It is fair to say he sparkled on the ground. His best applied cast was when you want to see it, an excellent finish and found pointing. All his birdwork was the same, on each of his 6 finds he was found forward, high and tight.

In second was "Mavis" in brace 3. She successfully scored at 5 and looked pretty doing it. Mavis backed at 10 and again pointed her own second bird shortly after. Her last birdwork came at 15 and she was thereafter fully forward.

Third place went to "Mugsy". It is said you can't win backing, but you can certainly create an unforgettable impression when you capture the moment and do it like this dog. He pointed a bird at 4 with impeccable style. Bracemate was not far ahead and pointing. Crandall never hesitated and released his dog into a precarious situation. Mugsy handled the necessary back with aplomb. It was a real picture to remember and repeated again at 28. He had an unproductive at 15, and successfully pointed 18, 23, 27 and 30. The relocation at 27 was quick, and done with mature assurance.

The three placed dogs were pleasures to watch and we're the consummation of what is desired in a walking shooting dog.

Buckingham, Va., February 26 – One Course  
Judges: Mark Calder and Jim Winnen  
AMATEUR PUPPY – 11 Entries

1st—BACK CREEK SUZIE, 1696529, setter female, by Maximum Resistance—Deciding Point. Steve Graham, owner and handler.



Amateur Derby (front row, from left): Lee Flanders with Chippokes Fancy Lady and Ashby Morgan with Mohawk Mill Good Attitude. (Back row, from left): Will Prillaman, Kaiden Brubaker, Zach Fisher (judge), and Tommy Stargell (judge).

2d—SINGLE BARREL'S MCKENNA, 1696946, setter female, by Caladen's Davinci—Wynona's Gunslinger Luna. Chris & Clare Childress, owners; Chris Childress, handler.

3d—SILVERSHOT'S COVER GIRL, 1696397, pointer female, by Titanium's Hammer—Silvershot's Lil Fancy Pants. Meredith Wadsworth, owner and handler.

Judges: Zach Fisher and Tommy Stargell  
AMATEUR DERBY – 4 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—CHIPPOKE'S FANCY LADY, 1689564, pointer female, by Stoney Run's Buddy—Hirollins Fancy Lady. Lee Flanders, owner and handler.

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

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 9 Pointers and 4 Setters

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

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

3d—LANCASTER'S HIT MAN, 1679423, pointer male, by Waybetter Rocky—Calico's Touch of Class. James Crandall, owner and handler.

## — CORRECTION —

### **Southeastern Quail Championship Confident Nation Wins 2022 Running**

Pages 12-15 of the April newsletter carried the Southeastern Quail Championship report where Confident Nation's name was inadvertently printed as Confidence Nation.

Our apologies to reporter Dr. Ron Deal, owner Scott Jordan, and handler Luke Eisenhart.

# NATIONAL AMATEUR QUAIL & DERBY CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Touch's Blue Knight named Quail Champion; Erin's Code of Honor wins Derby*

By Maria Bassham | Greenville, Florida | February 28, 2022



*National Amateur Quail Championship Winners (foreground, from left): Maria Bassham, Piper Huffman, Woody Watson, Cecil Rester with Touch's Blue Knight, Paul Daniel with Touch's Dancing Nancies, Kent Cantrell, Ruthann Epp, and Patty Sanderson. (Behind, from left): Matt Pendergest, Lance Servais, Jim Pendergest, Amy Pendergest, Brian Peterson, Holly Rester, Keith Wright, John Hicks, John McCormick, Shannon Braden, Ben, Frank LaNasa, Randy Floyd, John Ivester, and Til Hankley.*

The Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America held its 101st running of the National Amateur Quail Championship on the prestigious grounds of Livingston Place (formerly named, and still always referred to as, Dixie Plantation) in Greenville, Fla. The 90-minute braces began on Monday morning, February 28, and concluded Friday morning, March 4.

The drawing for the all-age and Derby contenders was held Friday, February 25, and placed 68 dogs in their running order, braced together to run through the beautiful Spanish moss-draped live oaks and soaring pines of Dixie were friends and competitors of this Amateur Championship.

A huge thank you goes out to Greg Blair and Purina, the official sponsor and supporter of this trial. The winners were all presented with bags of Purina dog food as well as Garmin e-collars and handsome plaques.

Thank you to Randy Floyd, manager of Livingston Place and Shannon Braden and John McCormick for their continued help on the grounds and for marshaling the event. Gloria Hagen for always being there at lunch and with a smile, hug, and a few good stories of Dixie. We couldn't do it without any one of them.

Thank you to Piper Huffman for her beautiful spirit and being the glue that holds this organization together. Thank you to Til Hankley and Dan McCormick for driving the dog wagon and "biscuit bus" every day. They always had a cooler full of drinks and sweet snacks for all of us at brace change.

A big thank you to Holly and Cecil Rester for the Cajun Boudin appetizer evening and Purina for the big dinner on Thursday and heavy appetizers on Tuesday evening. The evenings spent together with friends and participants, exchanging stories of horses and dogs and birds, were such an enjoyable way of wrapping up each exciting day of competition.

Riding in the judicial saddles for the all-age dogs were AFTCA president Frank LaNasa of Isanti, Minn., and John Hicks of Amelia Island, Fla. For the Derby, we were honored to have the father-son

duo of Terry Chastain, Jr., of Donalsonville, Ga., and Terry Chastain, Sr., of Thomasville, Ga., judging our young dogs. We thank all these gentlemen for their time and expertise in judging these fine, four-legged athletes.

## THE WINNERS

Touch's Blue Knight put on a show on the first afternoon for Woody Watson and Cecil Rester. The weather was overcast and temperature held steady at 57 for the duration of this fourth brace of the day.

This handsome all-white pointer male started his race strong and never faltered during his 90 minutes in the spotlight. Knight maintained a consistent speed throughout his entire performance. He had his first find at 30 minutes and pointed with style and confidence. That was soon followed at 40 minutes when point was called and another large covey got up.

He covered the ground quickly, making big aggressive moves, and hunted every step of the way. At 1 hour 11 minutes he had his third find and held his point in a motionless fashion. Not long after, at 1 hour 24 minutes, Knight had his fourth find with more commendable bird work and flawless manners. He ran a big, forward race finishing strong out front.

When time was called, he was still hard at work and would locate one more find. Knight had everyone riding high in their saddles while following along in his championship brace. The bar was set high for fellow competitors after watching such an outstanding performance.

Touch's Dancing Nancies, owned and handled by Kent Cantrell, was crowned runner-up after another invigorating brace on Tuesday afternoon. This white and liver pointer female had her first find at 21 minutes into the eighth brace with birds up and shot fired. Her next spectacular find was an hour and 5 minutes into the brace. Another covey flushed as she held her point high and tight for wing and shot. Ten minutes farther into the course, at 1 hour 15 minutes, she had her third and final find. Birds flushed rapidly upon arrival and she held her



Amateur Derby Championship Winners (from left to right): Maria Bassham, Sean Derrig with winner's plaque, John Milton, John Mathys with Erin's Code of Honor, Shannon Braden, Terry Chastain, Jr. (judge), Holly Rester with Rester's Powered Up, Terry Chastain, Sr. (judge), Ian McTavish, Cecil Rester with runner-up plaque, Lorrie Beaulieu Bohl, Til Hankley, and Randy Floyd.

classy point until shot was fired.

Cantrell retrieved his dog on Paul's Hill and pleasingly returned with her. The dog wagon blew his horn and friends in the gallery that were anxiously awaiting her arrival applauded excitedly as he finished his dramatic brace.

The beautiful north Florida weather with sunny, bluebird skies and 70° temperature provided the perfect setting for this Tuesday afternoon.

## THE RUNNING

Redhills Rose (PM/Paul Daniel) and Myakka Time Shifter (PM/Beth Brown). Rose ran a nice race on this first morning with temperatures at 58 and rainy conditions. She had two blank stands and Daniels elected to pick up. Myakka wasn't suiting her handler and was picked up at Cadillac Field at an hour 3 minutes.

Game Rebel (PM/Fred Corder) and Touch's Breakaway (PM/Gary Futch). Rebel had his first find at 1 hour 22 minutes at the top of Boyd Corner. A second find was seen and birds flushed wild before handler was able to dismount. There were two divided stands at 12 minutes and 48 minutes. Both proved to be blank. Touch's Breakaway was picked up at 52 minutes.

Southern Bear Necessity (PM/Kent Cantrell; Paul Daniel) and Mohawk Mill Gangster (PM/ Gary Winall). Bear had a nice run with two finds at 45 and one hour 20 minutes. Gangster had two finds and a divided find at 15 min. He finished strong out front.

Notorious Dominator's Heir (PM/John Mathys; Ian McTavish) and Touch's Blue Knight (PM/Woody Watson; Cecil Rester). Dominator was up before the hour and a half's end. Knight ran his exciting championship effort.

Chipper Jones (PM/Ruthann Epp; John Ivester) and Game Wardon (PM/Fred Corder). Chipper failed to respond to handler and was up at 58 minutes. Birds flushed wild for Wardon before judicial arrival. Corder called point but elected to take dog on. At 36 minutes dog was on a stylish find at the base of Pike's Peak. Wardon had a blank stand at an hour 26 minutes.

Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk (PM/Gary Winall) and Casey Creek Crystal Ice (PF/Buster Tucker). Hawk had a blank stand at 29 minutes and chalked up a find at 59. A whitetail deer excitedly flushed from the pines. Hawk was picked up at an hour 5 minutes. Ice was up at 57 minutes.

Rester's Cajun Charlie (PM/Cecil Rester) and Confident Nation (PM/Scott Jordan). Charlie had an impressive find at 4 minutes across the main breakaway field. He finished the race strong and out front. Jordan picked up the retrieval device at an hour 15 minutes. When he was retrieved, Jordan's Confident Nation said "we couldn't hear him calling point."

Game Heir (PM/Fred Corder) and Touch's Dancing Nancies (PF/Kent Cantrell). Game Heir faded out of sight failing to return at 30 minutes. Nancy ran her classy runner-up heat.

Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior (PM/Gary Winall) and DuBose's Wander Bog (PM/Bobby Dubose). Winall called point at 43 minutes. Quail were seen by judge but dog was not seen. Handler requested the device at the hour. Wander Bog's unit was retrieved at 38 minutes.

Dialed In (PF/Jim Pendergest) and Showtime Mocking Jay (PF/Larron Copeland). Breakaway for this duo was on top of Acorn Hill. At 39 minutes Pendergest was requested for the retrieval unit Dialed In. Jay had a point at 10 minutes and birds flushed wild before judicial arrival. At 12 minutes another point was called and covey flushed for the big hat, little hat team. Jay then had a blank stand at 52 minutes and was picked up at 56.

Always Dreaming (PF/Kent Cantrell; Paul Daniel) and Cheyenne Nation (PF/Scott Jordan). Dreaming was picked up at 34 minutes. Cheyenne had a blank stand at 27 and was picked up at an hour 7 minutes

Both Storm's End (PF/Matt Pendergest) and Marques Armed Robber (PM/John Ivester; Ruthann Epp) ran an exciting, forward race. Temperatures were not in the dogs' favor this hot afternoon and both handlers elected to pick up at an hour 9 minutes.

Pendy's Good Grace (PF/Matt Pendergest) and Rester's Cowboy Bill (PM/Cecil Rester). Grace covered the ground and had a forward moving race. The retrieval unit was picked up at an hour 28 minutes. She was found by her handler still performing and holding a steady point. The device was requested for Bill at the "Y" at an hour 13 minutes.

Showtime Game Changer (PM/Larron Copeland) and Rebel Grace (PF/David Williams). Point was called for Showtime at 50 minutes. Covey flushed, birds were seen, but dog had moved out to the front. He was picked up at 55 minutes. Grace wasn't suiting her handler and was picked up at an hour 11 minutes.

A warm afternoon and temperatures challenged both Mohawk Mill Image (PM/Gary Winall) and Southern Shadows T Rex (PM/Brian

Peterson). Handlers secured their devices at 41 and 53 minutes, respectively

Dunn's Tried'n True (PM/Will Dunn) was scratched. Rebel Dreams (PF/David Williams) was a bye dog. Williams called point at 23 minutes but covey flushed wild before handler was able to dismount. He was relocated and more birds got up. He was picked up at 23 minutes.

Both Lester's Top Recruit (PM/Lance Servais) and Rebel Survivor (PM/David Williams) ran an exciting last brace. Top Recruit had a divided find at 35 minutes. He was relocated but had a blank stand. He then had a handsome find at 41 minutes as birds got up to side of dog. He was relocated but had an unofficial find due to judges not seeing the birds. At 52 minutes he was front dog on a divided find and held steady for wing and shot. Servais elected to pick up at 54 minutes to give Rebel a fair chance to get it done. Rebel had a stylish find at 26 minutes and two divided finds, backing both times at 35 and 52 minutes. His Last point was at an hour 3 minutes. Rebel finished strong with Williams at his side at the end of his 90-minute brace.

Greenville, Fla., February 28

Judges: John Hicks and Frank LaNasa

NATIONAL AMATEUR QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP [Ninety-Minute Heats]  
30 Pointers and 4 Setters

*Winner—TOUCH'S BLUE KNIGHT, 1680548, pointer male, by Touch's Knight Rider—Touch's Maswood Anne. Woody Watson, owner and handler.*

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

## AMATEUR DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

The last brace of the day proved to be a very exciting one on Saturday afternoon. Both forthcoming winners of the Derby Championship were braced together for this nail-biting hour.

Erin's Code of Honor, handsome pointer male owned and handled by Sean Derrig, took the top No. 1 spot. Rester's Powered Up, pointer male owned by and handled by Cecil Rester with Woody Watson scouting, secured runner-up.

These dogs ran a very forward, true all-age style brace with distance and class. Powered Up started the excitement with a find at 36 minutes. Birds were well located. He held steady for wing and shot. Both dogs were on a thrilling cast out front and both handled extremely well. They raced to the top of the hill south of the big lake and each had a classy find with separate coveys at 50.

Honor had two more finds at 52 and 59. We held our breath as birds flushed in the last few moments of the brace. Both dogs finished the exhilarating tenth brace leaving the gallery wanting more.

Judges: Terry Chastain and Terry Chastain, Jr.  
NATIONAL AMATEUR DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP  
32 Pointers and 2 Setters

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

*Runner-Up—RESTER'S POWERED UP, 1694447, pointer male, by Showtime Sam Houston—Rester's Katie Lee. Cecil Rester, owner and handler.*

## CUMBERLAND FIELD TRIAL CLUB

By Ross Leonard | LaVergne, Tennessee | March 4, 2022

The Cumberland Field Trial Club enjoyed another successful rendition of its annual amateur derby and amateur shooting dog stakes at the Percy Priest WMA Field Trial Grounds. After years of neglect, work is underway burning and thinning overgrown cover and the grounds are looking better thanks to Mark Vance, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) conservation officer, who was recently appointed to oversee Percy Priest.

The Percy Priest Field Trial Grounds have outstanding facilities with three barns comprising 40 horse stalls, a clubhouse with a kitchen and bathrooms, ample parking, power and water for trailer hookups. With a renewed commitment by the TWRA to improving and maintaining the field trial courses, the clubs that make up the Southern Circuit Field Trial Association are encouraged about the future of field trials at Percy Priest.

We were very fortunate to have two experienced and respected judges. Scott Kermicle is a longtime breeder, bird dog and horse trainer, who has judged dozens of amateur and open field trials from Canada to Alabama. Scott managed a private hunting club for several years and now is enjoying his retirement in Western Kentucky. Scott is also the breeder and co-owner of Stardust Chaz, a big-running English setter that enjoyed a very successful career on the open all-age circuit.

Kent Walker, in addition to being a successful amateur competitor in West Tennessee and North Mississippi for many years with several different dogs, heads up the Mid-South Field Trial Association and Cedar Hill and Memphis Amateur Field Trial Clubs. Kent also adeptly chairs the historic Ames Amateur field trial—one of the most prestigious



*Amateur Derby (front row, left to right): Taylor Henley with High Drive Heat and Marion Brown with Cochise B. (Back row): Lane Hodges, Darcy Hodges, Courtney Henley, Ross Leonard, Buddy Morrison, Jimmy Gentry, Scott Kermicle (judge) and Kent Walker (judge).*

amateur all-age trials in the country.

Both Scott and Kent are highly sought-after judges and we are very grateful for their time and expertise.



*Amateur Shooting Dog (front row, left to right): Ross Leonard with Seekin A Thrill, Chris Cantanzarite with Backcountry Bruiser, and Taylor Henley with Gentry's Little Jane. (Back row): Scott Kermicle (judge), Kent Walker (judge), Jimmy Gentry and Courtney Henley.*

Many thanks to Southern Circuit members Jimmy Gentry, Arnold Hall, Taylor Henley, Ronnie Rogers and Caroline Leonard who all pitched in with securing quail, marshaling, scouting, driving the dog wagon, and preparing lunch. We would not have been able to conduct the trial without their help.

Finally, we are immensely grateful to Greg Blair and Purina for sponsoring our trial and generously providing several bags of Purina Pro Plan for the winners.

This year's trial was marked by unseasonably warm weather and strong winds from the south. Thankfully, there were extended periods of cloud cover and a lot of water on the course from recent rains to make the conditions tolerable.

Before the announcement of the amateur shooting dog placements, the judges announced an interesting observation. There were a total of 55 pieces of bird work during the 10-brace shooting dog stake – all with no errors. Several finds included tricky situations with running birds that required potentially difficult relocations. No one could recall a trial with such similar results. Perhaps it was the result of experienced dogs after a full season of trials? No doubt the handlers had their dogs prepared and the judges commented there were a few other performances worthy of placements.

Earning first place was Seekin A Thrill for handler Ross Leonard and scout Caroline Leonard. "Domino" tallied seven finds and a back, coupled with a big race with the last find coming after he disappeared to the front right before pick-up.

Backcountry Bruiser, owned and handled by Chris Cantanzarite, finished second last year in this trial and repeated his success this year. Bruiser put down a strong forward race with five finds. Chris has a nice string of dogs and we were glad he was able to join us again as he worked his way north to Pennsylvania and home.

Gentry's Little Jane earned third for handler Taylor Henley and scout Jimmy Gentry. Jane ran in the last brace of the trial with a great handle and superb manners on her six finds. Jane garnered a first place finish on these same grounds earlier in the season.

Derby entries were light this year with only six dogs. Taking first was High Drive Heat, handled by Buddy Morrison. Cochise B earned second for Marion Brown. Robert Two Shoes placed third for Arnold Hall.

LaVergne, Tenn., March 4

Judges: Scott Kermicle and Kent Walker

AMATEUR DERBY – 4 Pointers and 2 Setters

*1st—HIGH DRIVE HEAT, 1693929, pointer male, by Miller's Heat Seeker-Dominator's Heir Kate. Allen Linder, owner; Buddy Morrison, handler.*

*2d—COCHISE B, 1695918, setter male, by Shagtime Max-Shagtime Hope. Marion Brown, owner and handler.*

*3d—ROBERT TWO SHOES, 1693058, pointer male, by Miller's Direct Line-Cedar Rock Charlotte. Arnold Hall, owner and handler.*

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]

15 Pointers and 5 Setters

*1st—SEEKIN A THRILL, 1661543, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Snow Thrill. Ross Leonard, owner and handler.*

*2d—BACKCOUNTRY BRUISER, 1672645, pointer male, by Erin's War Creek-Backcountry Tornado. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.*

*3d—GENTRY'S LITTLE JANE, 1678592, pointer female, by Gentry's Sam-Walden's Susie Q. Jimmy Gentry, owner; Taylor Henley, handler.*

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# REGION 8 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

## Game Rebel wins the 2022 Running

By Brandon Johnson | Inola, Oklahoma | March 4, 2022

The Region 8 Amateur All-Age was held March 4-7 at the historic McFarlin-Ingersoll Ranch. This Ranch has hosted countless field trials over the years and we were very grateful to again hold this trial on these tremendous grounds. Judges for this year's running were Kevin Guest of Prague, Okla., and Matt Cochran of Reydon, Okla. These judges did an outstanding job and the announcements were well received. Twenty-two dogs were drawn, the field was comprised of 20 of the best pointers and setters in the country. Entrants hailed from as far as Mississippi, and Tennessee, as well as, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Texas and Oklahoma. The weather was everything you would expect in springtime Oklahoma, everything from warm and windy to cold and wet!

Our champion and runner-up shared the ninth brace! Game Heir, owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder, was declared the champion. He bested the field with a two-find performance and a very strong race into gale force winds. He showed grit and determination worthy of a champion in very tough conditions. Our runner-up Champion was Bromance, handled by Jon Humphrey. Bromance also had a very strong race into strong winds to go along with two nice finds and a back. Jon and Bromance have been a force to be reckoned with on the circuit over the past several seasons.

### THE RUNNING

Greypointe Luminoso (Meyer) and Ready's First Pitch (White) were loosed in the first brace. Luminoso had two finds at 9 and 39 and finished the hour. First Pitch was picked up.

Rebelator Sam (Oxendine) and Carpenter's Star Chaser (Barker) were the second brace of dogs to run. Barker picked Star Chaser up and Oxendine picked Sam up after one find.

The third brace consisted of Westfall's Tulsa Time (Humphrey) and Bull (Curtsinger). Bull was a little short of race but finished the hour with a divided find. Tulsa Time had a find at 15, shared a find at 22 and finished the hour.

Griff's Big Ransom (Griffin) and Small's White Charger both had good races and strong finishes in the fourth brace.

Game Rebel (Corder) and Cactus Jet J R (Parnell) were drawn in the fifth brace. Parnell was forced to scratch after falling under the weather. Rebel finished the hour but was short birds and race.

Cocklebur King Tut (Spencer) and Small's White Stryker (Small) were turned loose in the sixth brace. King Tut was picked up early. White Striker had one find and finished the hour.

In the seventh brace Reed's Touch of Class (Reed) and Game Wardon (Corder) were ready for their chance. Unfortunately, Touch of Class was picked up after a bird infraction and Game Wardon was picked up after scoring a find.

Barker's Open Range Terminator and Oxendine's Double Rebel Cowboy were turned loose in the eighth brace. "Adeline" finished the hour with a nice race and one find. Double Rebel Cowboy was unable to produce game and picked up.

The ninth brace produced the champion and runner-up champion, as was previously described.

The tenth brace consisted of H P Cottonmouth (Shoemaker) and Worsham's Super Sport (Worsham). Cottonmouth was picked up early. Super Sport finished the hour but was unable to locate any birds.



*Game Rebel, winner of the Region 8 Amateur All-Age Championship.*

In the eleventh brace, both Working Class (Auxier) and Iron and Wine (Humphrey) were picked up early.

In the twelfth brace Intensive Chain Breaker (Auxier) was picked up early.

Inola, Okla., March 7

Judges: Matt Cochran and Kevin Guess

REGION 8 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]  
20 Pointers and 2 Setters

*Winner—GAME REBEL, 1691409, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir—Game Snow. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.*

*Runner-Up—BROMANCE, 1668193, pointer female, by Tallokas Lane Change—Osceola Patty Cake. Jon Humphrey, owner and handler.*

Judges: April Coffin and Bob Gum

AMATEUR DERBY – 13 Pointers

*1st—H P SHOTS FIRED, 1692506, pointer male, by 1692506, pointer male, by Wiggins Mister Ronnie—Wiggins Miss Swami. Rodney Shoemaker, owner and handler.*

*2d—HAUSER'S ROLLING THUNDER, 1690773, pointer male, by Rocky Ridge's White Smoke—Gambler's All In. Sean Hauser, owner; Will Dunn, handler.*

*3d—REED'S SUPER SPIRIT, 1691963, pointer female, by Valiant—Reed's Winter Spirit. Jason Super, owner and handler.*

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# ALL-AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Haney's Storm Warning wins Derby; Game Rebel named Quail Champion

By Jim Atchison | Cutler, Illinois | March 6, 2022



Derby Winners (front): Chris Cagle, Jr. with Haney's Storm Warning and Ryan Eichelberger with I'm Gallant. (Back, left to right): Gary Lester, David Russell, Chris Cagle, Bill Mason (judge), Randy Anderson, Gary McKibben (judge), Mike Small, Holly Hatfield, Nathan Phillips and Rick Stanford.

The Hoosier Field Trial Club hosted their Derby and Quail (All-Age) Championships on the Captain Unit of Pyramid State Park near Cutler, Ill., March 6-8. The Derby Championship, which was run first, drew 15 dogs and the Quail Championship drew 22 entries. Bill Mason from Moundville, Ala., and Gary McKibben from Hernando, Miss., judged both stakes.

Purina again sponsored the championships. Their financial assistance to the club coupled with bags of dog food awarded to the winning handlers was greatly appreciated. Additionally, the company's contribution of dog food, which was raffled by the club, added significantly to the club's ability to break even financially while hosting the stakes.

Jim Lawless and Kay Morrison worked like Trojans, before, during and after the championships. They were on site from early until late each day and still had all their chores and responsibilities at home to take care of. Jim picked up the birds, put them out daily, marshaled, and constantly helped anyone who needed help during their Illinois sojourn. In addition to being the secretary/treasurer of the Hoosier Club, Kay cooked breakfast in the clubhouse each morning, provided lunches each day, and did much of the work each night during meals sponsored by others. Those meals were provided by Jon Lam on Sunday night and by Gary Lester on Monday night.

The three one-hour courses on Pyramid were in excellent condition, with evidence they would soon be even better, as lots of the invasive autumn olive was being removed. Jim Lawless shared with members of the club that the management of the park was very interested in and receptive to suggestions for making the property better for field trialing. He also projected that an additional loop was being added to the third hour course which would eliminate the frequency of handlers having to carry their dogs onto the beginning of the first hour course in order to finish the time remaining in the third hour.

Another addition to the Captain Unit field trial headquarters area was the presence of additional round pens for horses. Those were donated

by individuals and appreciated by the handlers and judges who used them. The probability of piping running water into the clubhouse was also mentioned as being an improvement to be made in the near future.

## DERBY CHAMPION AND RUNNER-UP

Haney's Storm Warning won the Derby Championship, handled by Ike Todd for his owner, Chris Cagle from Woodlawn, Tenn. The owner and his son, Chris Cagle, Jr., rode throughout both Championships. The personable pair was especially pleased that winning the Championship fulfilled Storm Warning's National Championship eligibility. The champion was the Top Dog in the fourth brace. He backed his bracemate at 5 and then found birds three times—at 10, 43, and 45. Storm Warning was stylish, both running and on point, his manners were excellent, he was showy on a course that offered him plenty of opportunity to show himself, and completed the hour with a strong finish. Ike Todd handled the dog wonderfully and the pair made earning the title of Champion look easy.

I'm Gallant, owned by Jay McKenzie and handled by Randy Anderson, was runner-up. His sire, and also the sire of the Champion, was Valiant. The runner-up had an unproductive at 18, followed by two excellent finds which came at 34 and 51. I'm Gallant demonstrated every quality one might expect and hope to see in an extremely promising Derby. He was fast, forward, strong, and stylish; producing a genuinely fine performance enjoyed by those privileged to watch him.

## OTHER DERBIES

Excalibur's Ice Blade and Pleasant Run Sally were the first pair of derbies to compete on the misty Sunday morning with the temperature at about 50. Ice Blade, owned by Scott Griffin and handled by Ike Todd, pointed at 5 and Todd flushed a single from under a dense cedar. That bird was flushed multiple times during both championships. He

then had an unproductive at 16, achieved a superior find at 36 and shared a divided find with Sally at 45. Pleasant Run Sally was handled by her owner, David Hendricks from Russellville, Ky. She backed at 36 and participated perfectly in the divided find at 45, prior to finishing the contest.

World Class Moonshiner, owned by Mick Maretta and handled by Randy Anderson, went next paired with Lam's Prime Choice, owned and handled by Jon Lam. Lam's Prime Choice had a nice find at 5, which Moonshiner backed. Anderson chose to pick Moonshiner up at 37. Prime Choice finished the hour with the one early find.

Knight's Little John, owned by Scott Griffin and handled by Ike Todd, was braced with the runner-up in the second brace. He finished the hour but found no birds.

Skydancer Marksman, handled by Anderson for Butch Houston, was braced with the champion. He found birds at 5 but followed the birds when they flew and was picked up.

Dunn's Ever'n Onward and Shagtime Buck started brace 5. However, both Will Dunn, the owner/handler of Ever N' Onward, and Ike Todd, handling Buck for Chris Cagle, got their trackers early.

Lester's Storm Chaser, owned by Jannie Chapman and handled by Gary Lester, and Dunn's Sneak'n In, owned and handled by Will Dunn, ran next. Sneak'n In pointed at 13, but took off while Dunn was flushing. Storm Chaser pointed at 15, but following multiple unsuccessful relocation efforts, was then picked up by Lester at 20.

The final two braces of derbies were run on Monday morning, a day that proved to be raw, cold, and windy throughout. At 8:00 a.m., Phillips Linebacker and Touch's Cocaine Blues were released. Cocaine Blues, owned by Matt Griffith and handled by Randy Anderson, found birds at 21, but jumped forward when the birds were flushed and consequently, was picked up. Nathan Phillips owns Linebacker with Orrin Ingram and was doing the handling. He asked for his tracker at 32.

The last entry was Rentz's Hijacked, owned and handled by Joe Rentz. Rentz chose to pick up Highjacked at 16, thus ending the Derby competition.

Cutler, Ill., March 6

Judges: Bill Mason and Gary McKibben

ALL-AMERICA-DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]

13 Pointers and 2 Setters

*Winner—HANEY'S STORM WARNING, 1691416, pointer male, by Valiant—Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner; Ike Todd, handler.*

*Runner-Up—I'M GALLANT, 1696254, pointer male, by Valiant—Double Swami Dixie. Jay McKenzie, owner; Randy Anderson, handler.*

## ALL-AGE CHAMPION AND RUNNER-UP

Game Rebel, owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder from Corinth, Miss., was champion of the Quail Championship. The three-year-old champion, sired by Dominator's Rebel Heir, stood first at 5, while he and his bracemate were both pointed; about 100 yards separating the two. Dr. Corder flushed and Rebel ran a strong forward race, continuing until 39 when he pointed a nice covey of wild birds. His two clean finds, coupled with his style and the way he handled the first hour course on the last morning of the championships, earned him the coveted title of Champion.

Phillips Linebacker, owned by Orrin Ingram and Nathan Phillips, holds a name that is special to his handler, Nathan Phillips. Nathan related that he was with his father at the time of his death and perhaps no more than one minute prior to his father's death his last words to Nathan were, "You should name a dog Linebacker". Nathan said he held that idea in his mind, hoping to someday have a dog with promise and to use the name. Thus, that's how this runner-up champion got his name. Linebacker had birds once, at 56 in brace 9. He demonstrated

excellent manners and ran a forward race, making some big swings as he ran strongly throughout the hour.

## OTHER ALL-AGE CONTENDERS

Como Rain, owned by Doug Arthur, Billy Blackwell and David and Rachel Russell, was loosed by Billy Blackwell while Lester's Stem Winder, owned by Dan Hensley and handled by Randy Anderson, were the first to go in the Quail Championship. Blackwell asked for his tracker at 30. Anderson flushed over Stem Winder at 35, but picked him up when he marked flight.

Gary Lester had Lester's Boss Man, owned by David Thompson, in the second brace. Boss Man had birds at 8, 18, 43, and 57, but erred on the contact at 57 and was picked up.

Como Thunder, a littermate to Como Rain and having the same owners, was handled by David Russell in the third brace, paired with Shagtime Max, owned by Chris Cagle and handled by Randy Anderson. Thunder finished the hour, having an UP at 10 and enabling Russell to flush a woodcock at 33. Max was lost and Anderson got his tracker at 22.

Bonner's Hot Rize, owned by Jannie Chapman and handled by Gary Lester, was braced with Miller's L'etto, owned by Karen Concilio and handled by Randy Anderson, in the third brace. The pair first stood in the positions of a divided find that proved unproductive. While both dogs were relocating, Hot Rize pointed and L'etto took a back, while Lester shot. At 24 Hot Rize pointed dangerously close to one of the former strip mines which is now a lake. That stand proved unproductive. Continuing forward, L'etto pointed and Hot Rize backed while Anderson successfully flushed. Both dogs finished the hour, ending the second day or running.

Dakota Nation, owned by Julie and Pat Roach, was handled by Korry Rinehart, while braced with Game Rebel, the Champion. Dakota Nation had unproductives at 5 and again at 22.

Brace six had Bonner's Bulletproof, owned by Dr. Chris Concilio and handled by Randy Anderson, running with Small's White Charger, owned and handled by Mike Small. White Charger pointed at, but Small had no success while flushing. Then a bird flew after Small had stopped trying to flush. He had another find at 54 which Small easily flushed. Bulletproof hunted the entire hour but found no birds.

Game Heir, owned and handled by Dr. Corder, and Lester's Storm Surge, handled by Gary Lester for Tommy and Bonnie Hamilton, both stood at 3 with their rear ends near each other, but pointing to different sides of a low to the ground and dense cedar. Both handlers went to opposite sides of the cedar, birds flew from both sides, and both handlers shot. Game Heir pointed again at 20 and 30, but no birds were flushed either time. Storm Surge finished but found no birds other than those found at the beginning of the brace.

Gary Lester had Miller's Speed Dial while Jonathan Burch loosed Burch's Set'em Up Joe for brace eight. Both dogs were gone and both handlers got their trackers at 25.

Joey McAlexander's Misty Morn Masked Man was braced with the runner-up in brace nine. The Masked Man was gone for awhile and come along a side road returning to the front about 30 seconds after McAlexander got his tracker.

Lester's Shockwave and Touch's Fire Away went next; Shockwave handled by Gary Lester for Tommy and Bonnie Hamilton and Fire Away handled by Randy Anderson for Dr. Greg and Carmen Adams. Shockwave had a find a 5, and pointed again at 7, with Fire Away backing. After a couple of relocations birds were flushed and both dogs continued. Both dogs were gone before the half hour and after more than 20 minutes the judges rode up to both handlers and gave them their trackers, thus ending the All-Age competition.

While things have been touch and go for the Hoosier Club and their



Quail Championship All-Age Winners (front): Kyle Graves with Game Rebel and Mike Small with Phillips Linebacker. (Rear, left to right): Randy Anderson, Gary McKibben (judge), Gary Lester, Dr. Fred Corder, Max Wimmer, Nathan Phillips, Jim Lawless, Bill Mason (judge), and Jon Lam.

continuing to host the All-America Championships has been uncertain the last couple of years, the club members were encouraged following this year's renewal. All left with optimistic anticipation of returning again next year and starting the running on March 10, 2023.

**ALL-AMERICA QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]  
21 Pointers and 1 Setter**

*Winner—GAME REBEL, 1691929, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir—Game Creek. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.*

*Runner-Up—PHILLIPS LINEBACKER, 1695679, pointer male, by Phillips Off Line—Phillips Silver Lady. Orrin Ingram & Nathan Phillips, owners; Nathan Phillips, handler.*

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## KENTUCKY OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

### Casey Creek Crystal Ice named Champion

By Pam Tucker | Berea, Kentucky | March 8, 2022

The 42nd running of the Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Championship had been rescheduled from November, 2021, until March 8, 2022, in an effort to draw three pro handlers necessary to qualify for Purina Dog of the Year points. Our efforts were not successful. Two pro handlers entered our rescheduled postponed championship—Doug Ray, Waynesboro, Ga., and Matt Basilone, Pittsgrove, N.J.

Twenty-one dogs were entered in the Open Shooting Dog Championship stake. First place winner was Casey Creek Crystal Ice, female pointer owned by Buster and Pam Tucker, handled by Buster. Crystal ran the sixth brace, third course, braced with Ravenwood Charley, handled by Matt Basilone. After take off upon entering into the Old House Bottoms, Crystal was seen crossing the tree row to the front and wasn't seen again until scout Tim Hammons found her on point in the cemetery field. Crystal was high on both ends and mannerly on her birds. She heeled to the front and was released just prior to the cedar row behind the Agee House. Thanks to Matt Basilone who was at the cedar line, routing her toward handler Tucker. Crystal crossed the tree line and was found pointed on the other side of the cedar line. She was

high on both ends and mannerly on her birds. Crystal was heeled to the gravel road where she caught up with the judge and other handler. She was released down into the Agee thicket bottom where scout Tim Hammons' keen eyes saw her approximately 200 yards standing on her third find along the edge of the thicket. Crystal's point was high on both ends and mannerly on her birds. Crystal was heeled back on course and at this time braced mate was picked up. Crystal was released and was seen making a huge cast to the right corner of the field prior to entering Drive-In Theatre field. She continued down the tree row across the front and was found approximately 100 yards down the fence row for her 4th find. She was high on both ends and mannerly on her birds. She cast to the front and was seen going out of the Drive-In Theatre field. Prior to crossing the road, scout Tim Hammons found her on point in a food plot just south of the clubhouse woods. Crystal was high on both ends and mannerly on her birds. She was heeled across the blacktop road and released down the ditchline where she made a swing to the front and cast again into the Round Woods field. She was found on point along the Round Woods line again nailing her sixth find high on both ends and mannerly on her birds. Crystal was



From left to right: Pam and Buster Tucker posing winner Casey Creek Crystal Ice, Arnold Hall (judge), Tim Hammons posing Runner-Up Little More Shine, Kristine Hammons and Scott Kermicle (judge).

not seen again until she showed front at the Old Burnt barn. She then made a huge cast around the perimeter of the property line. Crystal continued front into the 20th Century Pass field crossing the front. She then rimmed the creekline of the Powerline field. As the judges entered the concrete bridge field they called pickup. Crystal was seen going across the hill at the front of the field.

Runner-Up Little More Shine, female Irish Setter, owned by Tim and Kristine Hammons, handled by Tim Hammons, was released from the clubhouse in the last brace of the trial. Shine was found on point by scout Kris Hammons on the left side of the Dewey Bottoms, woodcock was right in front of her. Catching the front, both dogs were found in tree line before the Burnt Barn. Nothing found initially, bird was seen eventually on relocation. Both dogs making large swings in field behind Gravel Hill. Little More Shine takes the right edge and is found pointing into a thicket. Another woodcock is produced. Only seen once on the back side of the No. 1 course and was missing then found pointing by scout in clump of bushes near the course path where a woodcock was produced. On past the sow pond, Little More Shine was missing again. A search by scout and handler found her pointing on the all-age side of the course in a grove of saplings, another woodcock was flushed by handler. On to the front, Little More Shine was found pointing just before time at the Round Woods. A nice covey of quail flushing ended her strong forward hour.

Gratitude to the two judges—Scott Kermicle, Dawson Springs, Ky. and Arnold Hall, Morristown, Tenn. Their diligent observation and rainy days in the saddle were exemplary and appreciated.

Our sponsor Purina make the standards held possible with their donation of Purina Pro Sport dog food to the winners, and jackets and hats to be embroidered for the Championship. Thank you, Greg Blair, for always coming through and continuing to help us.

Charlie Turner drove our dog wagon. Complimentary meals were provided in the clubhouse and breakfast items/refreshments were available for all participants provided by the Kentucky Field Trial Association.

Engraved award trays were given to the winner and runner-up, purchased from local Hoppers Jewelry, Richmond, Ky.

Field Trial Chairman Matt Pendergest oversees the mechanics of the championship. Acquiring judges, holding the drawing, composing the ad, marshaling the braces, and insuring details are attended to are a few of the many responsibilities behind the scenes. Officers of the Association expend hours of time necessary to hold a good field trial. It's a thankless work taken for granted that a trial magically happens.

Thirteen dogs were entered in the Derby.

All winning placements of the Open Derby were judged on ground work. Walden's Ridge Slap Shot, pointer female owned by David Steele, handled by professional Doug Ray, placed first. I'm Spartacus, male pointer owned by Harold Ray and Jeff Ferebee, handled by Doug All winning placements of the Open Derby were judged on ground work. Walden's Ridge Slap Shot, pointer female owned by David Steele, handled by professional Doug Ray, placed first. I'm Spartacus, male pointer owned by Harold Ray and Jeff Ferebee, handled by Doug Ray placed second. Third place went to Hotrod Ricky Joe, male Irish Setter, owned and handled by Tim Hammons.

Thank you to all participants. Hopefully we provided a good experience to all. KFTA and its member clubs continue to enjoy the efforts of the past, Miller Welch WMA's 1,800 acres of wildlife management area with three one-hour continuous courses. KFTA is a non-profit organization who fund raise to pay for ground improvements and maintenance of our facilities. This previous year KFTA paid for electrical wiring of the barn needed to continue safe use, installed a concrete barrier muck station, bought fertilizer for food plots, and paid for liability insurance for field trailers. In 2020-21, KFTA composed a COVID plan required by the Madison County Health Department for field trials to be held at MWWMA. Supplies, masks, disinfectant, gloves, and posted guidelines were provided by the KFTA.

Berea, Ky., March 8

Judges: Arnold Hall and Scott Kermicle

KENTUCKY OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 13 Pointers, 7 Setters and 1 Irish Setter

*Winner—CASEY CREEK CRYSTAL ICE, 1676903, pointer female, by Casey Creek Icy Hot—Charlie's Dream Girl. Buster & Pam Tucker, owners; Buster Tucker, handler.*

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

OPEN DERBY – 11 Pointers and 2 Setters

*1st—WALDEN'S RIDGE SLAP SHOT, 1692371, pointer female, by High Drive Rocky—Walden's Ridge Chatter Box. David Steele, owner; Doug Ray, handler.*

*2d—I'M SPARTACUS, 1695668, pointer male, by Miller's Upgraded Version—Miller's Special Edition. Harold Ray & Jeff Ferebee, owners; Doug Ray, handler.*

*3d—HOT ROD RICKY JOE, 1692220, Irish setter male, by Zansett Ricky O'Ryan—S C Miss Behaving. Tim Hammons, owner and handler.*

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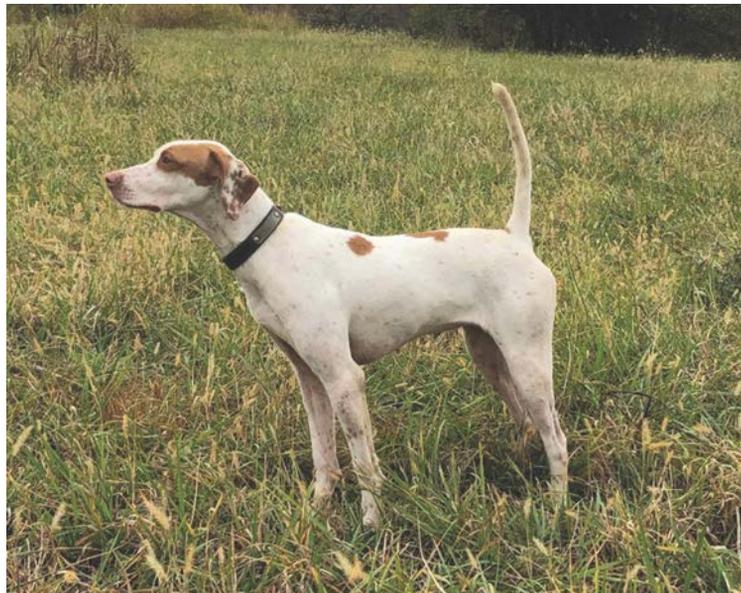
By Billy Kerr | Allendale, South Carolina | March 8, 2022

This year's Carolina Celebration witnessed all seasons in one week of running, featuring 72 of the top shooting dogs in the country. This year's running saw all sorts of weather from high 70s, pouring rain, strong winds and below freezing temps. For the sixth year the trial was run on the pristine Yadkin Ridge in Allendale, S.C., and hosted by the Clarendon Farms and the Lowcountry Bird Dog Association. A field trialer's dream grounds that feature rolling hills that allow one's dog to show their range, piney woods that show the dog's ability to swing and hunt and plenty of opportunities to find birds. In many of the participants opinions these grounds are some of the best to run in the United States and in this reporter's eyes, I must agree. With that being said, we want to thank Jim Kennedy and Alex Taylor, the owners of these spectacular grounds, for allowing this great trial to be run at Yadkin Ridge. Our judges, Buck Daniels and Jim Crayne, are owed a big thank you for riding 36 braces and carefully watching every dog compete for a win. Billy Kerr and Luke Wilson were right by their sides marshaling making sure everyone knew the courses and could stay on track. Al Sauls and John Ferguson made sure the dogs could be viewed by the dog wagon and of course made sure we always had snacks and drinks. Lauren Kerr prepared all the lunches every day and put on three great dinners, serving a welcoming spaghetti dinner the first night, and the traditional low country boil and pulled pork dinner provided by Joe McHugh and last year's winner Reedy Creek Dial Tone. We also want to thank everyone that chipped in on the dinners for the rest of the trial. Jason Hewett made a delicious chili for Saturday's lunch which hit the spot with windy and colder weather arriving that day. We cannot wait to be back again next year for another fantastic running of the Carolina Celebration on the magnificent grounds at Yadkin Ridge.

## WINNERS

Miller's Extreme Heat (PF/M. Tracy) brought home the blue ribbon this year. The female pointer gave her owner Joe McHugh his second first place finish at this prestigious classic with Reedy Creek Dial Tone winning last year's installment. Extreme Heat ran in the last brace on the first day and set the bar high for the rest of the stake. She started her hour by traveling quickly off the breakaway making a good move up the left side of the course before the bridge crossing behind the bunkhouse. After crossing the bridge, she raced through the alfalfa field and up the next hill where she was found standing on a single at 16. After catching the front, she was found standing on a covey on course at 25. The snappy little female charged forward on course and as the handler and the gallery crested the next hill, both handlers called point as both dogs were standing far to the front and Heat recorded her third find of the hour. Not long after, Heat was seen standing on the right side of the course before crossing the pond at 35. The stylish female stood tall as the covey was flushed. After crossing the pond, she rimmed the field and moved to the front. Once moving back into the quail woods, handler spotted her on point on the edge of a bottom at 42. Covey was flushed with everything in order. After making the turn she was pointed out by her handler way to the front. Right before pick up, Heat was seen charging over the next hill out of sight.

Miller's Strolling For Gold (PF/M. Tracy) owned by Allen Linder, took second place this year running in the first brace on Saturday morning in very gusty conditions. Gold wasted no time scoring right off the breakaway and was found standing on a covey of birds. Moving up course she made a big move up the left side, as we moved up the big hill she swung in from the left and pointed at the base of the hill. Birds were flushed and everything was in order. The stylish female pushed



*Miller's Extreme Heat, winner of the Carolina Celebration Open Shooting Dog Classic,*

through the course showing well to the front. After crossing the pond dam, she moved up and over the hill and was found standing at the 45-minute mark, with birds being flushed. She finished her hour making a big move up the left side long the field edge and swung down by the road on the left side. With the tough conditions, Gold's performance set her apart from the rest of the field.

Oahe Buck (PM/Rice), owned by Mac Stidham, took third place honors this year. He ran the last brace of the second day. Off the breakaway Buck pushed up the course and was seen crossing up the left side before making the cut through the bottom. After the crossing through the bottom he was seen heading over the next hill, while cresting the hill was seen crossing back to the front, from left to right. Buck moved to the front and went on point at the 15-minute mark. Covey was flushed and everything was in order. After crossing the pond dam, he pointed at the 24-minute mark, but no birds were produced. After making the turn by the paved road, he pushed to the front and pointed off the right side of the course at 42. A covey was flushed as the dog stood tall. Buck made his way back to the front rimming the right edge by the lodge pond. After coming over the hill, and Buck was nowhere in sight, point was called by the scout and Buck was buried up on the edge of the bottom on another covey at 55. He finished his hour well to front heading towards the pond dam.

## THE RUNNING

*Brace 1*—J C L's Dal (PM/Adams) went strong off the breakaway and moved to the right before the dove field. After a long absence, tracker was asked for at 33. Hillhavyn's Drug Runner (PM/Martino) made a big move off the breakaway and was seen rimming the hillside on the left of the course, he moved to the front and had a unproductive at 13 on the other side of the dove field. Drug Runner pushed to the front showing well but after an absence before the pond crossing the tracker was asked for at 43.

*Brace 2*—Miller's Heat Seeker (PM/G. Tracy) made a big move off the breakaway and was seen rimming the far hill to the front. After a short absence the scout called "point" off to the right at 12. Seeker

had a covey pinned far to the right with everything in order. Catching the front, Seeker was seen pushing the front up the left side by the road, he swung back to the front and moved across the dove field. After crossing the Wolf Pond, Seeker moved up the hill and swung to the front. After topping the hill, he was seen on point off to the left on the edge of the bottom. Covey was flushed with everything in order. At pick up Seeker was seen crossing the front and over the next hill. Hightailing Penny (PF/Joyce) ran a stout forward race showing well to the front. She finished her hour with no birds.

*Brace 3*—R Q's Saddle (PM/J. Tracy) looked great on the ground and showed well, he finished his hour going hard to the front with no birds. Miller's Blazing Hot Chick (PF/G. Tracy) made a big move off the breakaway and was next seen moving up the course across from the barn. She scored her first find at 27 when she was found standing on top of the hill across from the bunkhouse. Chick showed well to the front as we moved down into the creek crossing. After crossing the creek, she made a big move to the right as the course moved up the hill. She scored her second find at 52 after the scout found her pointed far off to the right. Right before pick-up Chick was seen crossing over the next hill out of sight; after pick-up was announced by the judges she was found pointed over the next hill on a big covey.

*Brace 4*—Dunlookin's Ronin (PM/J. Tracy). With the temperature reaching the upper 70s it made it hard on the dogs. Ronin ran a hard forward race, but the handler elected to end his hour early. Miller's Million Dollar Penny (PF/M. Tracy) ran strong to the front but the heat got the stylish running female and handler elected to pick up early.

*Brace 5*—Bronco Bully (PM/M. Tracy) scored early, pointing off the breakaway on the edge of the bottom. He moved the front and made the bridge crossing. After crossing the bridge, he was seen far to the front moving up the left side of the course. Bully had an absence while heading back towards the bridge crossing. He finished his hour hunting to the front. Zumbro Stinky Pete (PM/Rice) ran a strong forward race showing well to the front, he made the turn by the railroad tracks. After a long absence the handler asked for the tracker at 40.

*Brace 6*—Hillhavyn's Good Time Rail (PF/Martino) started strong on the ground showing well to the front. She recorded her first piece of bird work at the 30-minute mark as her and her bracemate were seen pointed far to the front. Not long after, she scored again on a divided find at the 35-minute mark before crossing the pond. After rimming the field on the side of the pond she was seen heading up right side of the course. Rail made the bottom crossing and was last seen peaking the next hill. She finished her hour well to the front.

*Brace 7*—Panther Creek Rosie (PF/Rice) started her hour off moving up the left side of the course making a big move on the far hill before crossing towards the dove field. Before crossing the dove field, Rosie pointed on the edge with a nice covey find at 10. The female pointer hunted well to the front until she scored another find at 33 in the cut through. After crossing the pond dam, she was seen to the front going over the next hill. She finished her hour well to the front going over the next hill. Miller's Upgrading The Ante (PF/G. Tracy) started her hour off strong and was pointing on course at the 3-minute mark. A covey was flushed with everything in order. She moved well to the front hunting the entire way. Point was called by the scout at 30 well to the left but a mishap by the dog ended her hour.

*Brace 8*—Hightailing Pearl (PF/Joyce) ran a good forward race to start her hour. After crossing the small dove field, Pearl was seen pointing to front at 21. Unfortunately, no birds were produced. Pearl shortened up after that but still hunted hard and pointed again at 26 with birds being flushed and everything in order. Pearl wasn't pleasing the handler and was picked up at the 30-minute mark. Miller's Sweet Talking Candy (PF/M. Tracy) made a good move off the breakaway and was found pointing at the 10-minute mark but a mishap while the birds were flushed ended her hour early.

*Brace 9*—Diamond Hill Mad Max (SM/J. Tracy) turned loose across the pond, pushed to the front and was seen crossing over the next hill

as the course turned back to the right, after a long absence tracker was asked for at the 25-minute mark. Rocky River Showmaster (PM/M. Tracy) hunted well to the front but wasn't pleasing the handler and was picked up at the 25-minute mark.

*Brace 10*—Skyz The Limit (PF/Adams) scored early, pointing birds behind the bunkhouse off the breakaway. Limit moved well to the front, hunting the whole way. She pointed again at 32 but no birds were produced. Moving the front, Limit pointed again at 51 but a mishap on her birds ended her hour. Miller's War Bonnet (PF/M. Tracy) moved well to the front off the breakaway and was seen moving up course through the pine strips. She made the turn in the corner and moved to the front and down through the bottom. On top of the next hill she scored her first find at the 36-minute mark. Bonnet moved across the bridge crossing and pointed again at 43 off the road with flight of birds being called. The female pointer moved up the right side of the course and was found pointed near the railroad at the 50-minute mark, but no birds were produced, and the handler elected to end her hour.

*Brace 11*—Proof Nation (PM/Rice) made a big move to the front down the left side and was seen crossing to the front before crossing the bridge. The male pointer hunted hard to the front and recorded his only find at the 55-minute mark. He finished his hour. Miller Unfinished Business (PM/M. Tracy) started strong up the course off the breakaway and was pointed out crossing well to the front before the bridge crossing. After making the second bridge crossing, he was seen swinging around the alfalfa field and crossing the front when he went on point at the far end of the field. A covey was flushed, and his first find was recorded at the 32-minute mark. Business ran the rest of his hour showing well to the front and finished far to the front.

*Brace 12*—Oahe Buck (PM/Rice) [Covered in winners]. Waybetter Rocky (PM/M. Tracy) hunted hard to the front making some nice moves but with no birds by the 50-minute mark the handler elected to pick him up.

*Brace 13*—Heardhill's Goldeneye (PM/Rice) made a big move off the breakaway showing well to the left. After making a hard turn and getting out of pocket, his hour ended. Miller's Triple Digit Heat (PM/M. Tracy) scored early, riding up on him standing at the 8-minute mark. Covey was flushed and everything was in order. Heat made a big move up to the left and point was called by the scout far on the left at the bottom of the hill. No birds were produced. He moved up the left side of the course and crossed the front. After a long absence the handler requested the tracker at 45.

*Brace 14*—Steel City Karen (PF/J. Tracy) started her hour off with a find off the breakaway on the right side of the course. The female pointer moved across the pond dam and pointed again by the island field. No birds were produced. After hunting up the course she was seen pointing again at the 29-minute mark. Unfortunately, no birds were flushed, and her hour ended. Osceola's Seminole Wind (PF/M. Tracy) made a big move off the breakaway but wasn't seen after crossing the pond dam and the tracker was asked for at 15.

*Brace 15*—Hillhavyn's Major Tom (PM/Martino) moved to the front off the breakaway and was seen heading up the left side. He turned and swung down the hill and crossed the dove field. After crossing the pond dam, he made some good moves to the front. He scored his only find on a covey at the 50-minute mark and finished his hour to the front. Iron Bully (PM/M. Tracy) started off early with a find at the 7-minute mark with flight of birds being called. He didn't waste any time pointing again at 14 on the other side of the dove field. He moved up course and pointed on the left at 20 with birds being produced. After making the turn and crossing through the bottom he pointed again at 26. Not long after that, Bully was seen pointing again at 29 with birds. He crossed the pond dam and made a big move up the far hill and was found pointing at the 40-minute mark, but no birds were produced. He started hunting hard and scored a back at 50. Bully finished his hour pushing the front on top of the hill.

*Brace 16*—Erin's Big Casino (SM/M. Tracy) made a big move off

the breakaway and was seen crossing the front from the left coming through the long pine strips. As he moved into the bottom, he had a mishap at 13 and his hour ended. Charitable Deed (PF/Rice) pushed hard to the front through the long pine strips and moved through the bottom and up the right side of the hill by the road. She hunted well through the piney woods and pointed on the side of the powerline at 20. No birds were produced. She made the hard turn and moved to the front where she pointed again at 30 but after relocation no birds were produced ending her hour.

*Brace 17*—Grand Prairie Thrill (PF/Rice) drove hard up course off the breakaway but after not making the turn and getting out of pocket, the handler elected to get the tracker at 15. Hightailing Maggie (PF/Joyce) moved quick up course and had a short absence off the breakaway. After crossing the powerline, she was seen crossing the front and moving towards the bridge crossing. After moving into the bridge crossing point was called at the back of the gallery and she was buried up on the left side of the of the course at 17. Birds were flushed and everything was in order. After crossing the bridge Maggie was seen heading up the left side and towards the front. She was found standing at 23 by the railroad track turn. Handler flushed the birds with the dog standing tall. Maggie moved forward and crossed to the right up over the next hill when point was called far off in the distance by the scout. After a long ride Maggie scored another find at the 30-minute mark. She moved down through the course showing well to front. She finished her hour rimming the alfalfa field behind the shop moving out of sight.

*Brace 18*—Hillhavyn's Wild Child (PF/J. Tracy) started her hour by moving well to the front and was seen crossing far into the bottom. She scored at the 19-minute mark pointing birds on the right side of the course. While moving towards the Clovis Pond she pointed again at 24 but no birds were produced. The female pointer moved hard to the front before making the turn back towards the bottom crossing. After crossing the bottom, she moved up course and over the far hill, not long after point was called at the 40-minute mark. No birds were produced, and her hour ended. High Drive Fancy Pants (PF/M. Tracy), a strong running female, made strong moves to the front showing well, but with no birds by the 43-minute mark the handler elected to end her hour early.

*Brace 19*—Miller's High Heat Index (PM/M. Tracy) scored early off the breakaway at 5, across the road with a big covey being flushed. After moving to the front, handler called point at 18 but no birds were produced. High Heat pushed forward on course and pointed at 32 before the cut through. Birds were flushed and everything was in order. After a small absence Index was seen pointed on the left, but with no birds being flushed his hour ended. Nella Belgian Brew (PF/Rice) started her hour off with a back at the 5-minute mark. She hunted up course and backed again at 18. Belgian Brew worked her way up course showing nicely to the front. She pointed at 42 in the cut through and tallied her first piece of bird work. Brew moved to the front and crossed the pond dam. After a short absence she was found pointing to the front on a nice covey bird at the 55-minute mark. The female pointer went up course and over the next hill. After pick up the handler found her point to the front. A pair of birds were flushed, and everything was in order.

*Brace 20*—Towncreek Hardaway Jill (PF/Martino) started her hour making a big move up course showing well to the front. She crossed the front and moved across the small dove field and pointed on the other side. After a relocation he pinned the birds and she recorded her first find. She moved down course and crossed the pond and pointed at the 37-minute mark, bird were flushed with everything in order. Martino's pointer wasn't pleasing the judges and was picked up after her last find. Answered Prayers (PM/M. Tracy) ran big to the front, showing well but after not having birds by the 35-minute mark and getting out of pocket, the handler elected to pick him up.

*Brace 21*—Towncreek Hardaway Red (PM/Martino) pushed hard to the front and was seen heading through the left side of the course. He

scored his find at the 27-minute mark. He wasn't pleasing the handler and was picked up. Raags Rich and Rare (PM/Tracy) worked well to the front and hunted hard but wasn't pleasing the handler and was picked up early.

*Brace 22*—Starting this brace rain was lightly falling but by the time we reached the shop it started pouring. Although the hard rain, both dogs still pushed hard through it. Erin's Tough Grit (PM/Rice) ran hard to the front and showed well but got out of pocket and handler asked for the tracker. Faithful (PF/Tracy) ran a good forward race but a mishap on birds on the edge of the far bottom under the powerline ended her hour at 27.

*Brace 23*—Heard Hill's Tom Cruizer (PM/Rice) moved to the front and scored his first find at the 10-minute mark across the bottom after a good relocation. Covey was flushed with everything in order. He moved across the bridge crossing and made a big move up the left side and was seen pointing again at 27 in the railroad turn. After coming back across the bridge, he hunted up and over the next hill. He finished his hour across the second wooden bridge. Cheyenne Jack (PM/Tracy) started his hour off strong, scoring his first find before crossing the bottom on a nice covey of birds. He pushed to the front and across the wooden bridge and was found pointing on the right side of the course with another covey being flushed. Moving up the big hill towards the railroad turn he recorded a back at 27. Jack scored his third find at the 38-minute mark on the edge of the big field. After crossing the bridge Jack made a big move up the left side of the hill and point was called way off in the distance at 50. Unfortunately, no birds were produced. He finished his hour going to front.

*Brace 24*—Back Country Buddy (PM/Martino) moved hard to the front and over the far hill. He scored on a covey of birds at the 10-minute mark through the alley. Buddy hunted up course but after shortening up a bit his hour ended early. Miller's Big Iron (PM/M. Tracy) started his hour out with a big move to the front and was seen crossing the next hill and heading up the right side of the course. After a long absence the handler elected for the tracker.

*Brace 25*—Miller's Strolling For Gold (PF/M. Tracy) [Covered in winners]. Saddle Ridge Thunder (SM/J. Tracy) moved hard off the breakaway making a big move up the left side of the course. He pointed at the 10-minute mark before the dove, no birds were produced. The male setter moved up the left side of course after the big hill turn and got out of pocket and the handler asked for the tracker at the 35-minute mark.

*Brace 26*—South Point Hog Wild (PM/M. Tracy) hunted hard to the front, but not producing any birds by the pond dam the handler elected to pick up and his hour ended. Goldberg (PM/Martino) started with a big move up the left. As we moved across the small dove field he was seen making on the right around the wet weather pond. After crossing the pond dam the male pointer went hard to the right and the handler requested the tracker and his hour ended.

*Brace 27*—Bully Rock (PM/M. Tracy) charged hard to the front off the breakaway and was seen crossing up the right side of the course. He swung to the front, moving up the right side of the course. After making the turn heading up course across from the barn, he pointed at 25 but had a mishap with the birds flushing wild as we were riding to him. The Secret (PM/J. Tracy) started off well pointing on the right side of the course at the 10-minute mark with birds being flushed. He worked his way up course hunting the entire way. After crossing in front of the shop and into the piney woods he was seen standing again at the 39-minute mark. Birds were flushed and everything was in order. The male pointer hunted well to the front and pointed again at 48 on the top of the hill. Birds were flushed and Secret stood tall. Secret hunted hard to the front and finished his hour after crossing the creek.

*Brace 28*—Sunbelt's Repete (PM/Martino) moved well to the front through the long pine strips and was found pointed to the front at 17. No birds were produced after a lengthy relocation. He moved to the front but got out of pocket in the corner of the course and was picked up

at 25. Bittersweet War Cry (PM/M. Tracy) started his hour making big moves to the front but shortened up and hunted hard halfway through his hour. Without any birds by the 45-minute mark the handler elected to end his hour.

*Brace 29*—Renrav's Mr. Tonys Shag (SM/Martino) made big moves off the breakaway and showed well to the front. After making the turn back towards the bridge crossing, he got out pocket and his hour ended. Waybetter Rebel (PM/M. Tracy) showed well to the front and pointed after crossing back over the wooden bridge. He pointed at 28 minutes, but no birds were produced. With no bird work by the 45-minute mark the handler elected to end his hour.

*Brace 30*—Miller's Record Heat (PF/M. Tracy) scorched the course making big moves to the front showing well when she needed to. Moving towards the crossing she pointed at the 48-minute mark on the edge of the green field. After a relocation attempt no birds were produced and she was picked up. Reedy Creek O J (PF/J. Tracy) ran hard to the front throughout her hour. After crossing by the green field, she pointed in the bottom at 49 at the bottom of the hill. Birds were flushed with everything in order. O J pointed again at 50 but no birds were produced, and her hour ended.

*Brace 31*—Pine Straw Sweet Tea (SF/J. Tracy) pushed up the course off the breakaway and recorded her first find before the dove field. The female setter moved through the course showing well to the front. She pointed again at 28 before entering the cut through. Birds were flushed and everything was in order. She hunted hard to the front and over the pond dam and was seen going over the next hill. After crossing over the hill Tea was seen standing on the left side of the hill at the 53-minute mark. Sweet Tea finished her hour going to the front. Reedy Creek Dial Tone (PM/M. Tracy), last year's winner, ran a strong forward race but didn't produce any birds.

*Brace 32*—Miller's Southern Gossip (PF/G. Tracy) ran a forward race but wasn't pleasing the handler and picked up early. Steel Valley Raven (PF/J. Tracy) hunted well to front and pointed after crossing the small dove field at 10. Unfortunately, no birds were produced. Not long after she crossed to the right and pointed again, with flight of birds being called, she recorded her first find. With birds on her mind, she pointed again at 18 on top of the hill. Hunting to the front she pointed at 25 but no birds were produced, and her hour ended.

*Brace 33*—Miller's Lock And Loaded (PM/G. Tracy) moved hard to the front off the breakaway and pointed before crossing the middle road. No birds were produced. He moved to the front and was crossing down towards the paved road. After making the turn he pointed again at 32 across from the barn. No birds were flushed, and his hour ended. Steel City Avenger (PM/J. Tracy) ran well off the breakaway moving up

the right side of the course. He worked his way through the course and pointed at 29 near the paved road. Flight of birds were called. His hour ended at 32 after a back.

*Brace 34*—Panther Creek Merlin (PM/Martino) started his hour with a big move off the breakaway and moved up through the pine strips. After crossing through the bottom and over the hill he had a small absence, but point was called by the scout on the edge of the next bottom. No birds were produced. After catching the front, Merlin got out of pocket to the left and the tracker was asked for at 35. Miller's Just Plain Rowdy (PM/G. Tracy) ran a strong forward race making some big moves to the front. With no birds by the 45-minute mark the handler elected to pick up.

*Brace 35*—Miller's Braveheart (PM/M. Tracy) made a big move up the course and over the far hill. He made the turn by the railroad tracks and headed down the left side, got out of pocket before the bridge crossing and the tracker was asked for at the 25-minute mark. Land Cruiser Benny (SM/J. Tracy) hunted well to the front but with no birds by the 30-minute mark his handler elected to end his hour early.

*Brace 36*—Bluebar Prettyboy (PM/M. Tracy) charged up the course off the breakaway and was seen far to the front crossing on the next hill. He was found standing with his bracemate at 13 on the right but no birds were produced. After making a big move to the front he had an absence but was seen again crossing on the other side of the bottom and moved along the field by the Clovis Pond. After another absence tracker was asked for at the 40-minute mark. McFay's Dire Straits (PM/Martino) made a big move off the breakaway and was seen crossing from the right before entering the cut through. He was found pointing with his bracemate at 13 but no birds were produced. Strait pushed hard to the front and was seen going over the next hill. After an absence he was seen crossing the front before the Clovis Pond. After another absence the handler elected for the tracker at the 40-minute mark.

Allendale, S. C., March 8

Judges: Jim Crayne and Buck Daniels

CAROLINA CELEBRATION OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC  
[One-Hour Heats] — 66 Pointers and 6 Setters

*1st*—MILLER'S EXTREME HEAT, 1685698, pointer female, by Just Irresistible—Miller's Bring The Heat. Joe McHugh, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

*2d*—MILLER'S STROLLING FOR GOLD, 1690151, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version—Erin's Little Rose. Allen Lindler, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

*3d*—OAHE BUCK, 1684188, pointer male, by Just Watch—Erin's Galway Girl. Mac Stidham, owner; Tommy Rice, handler.

## SOUTHERN PINES CELEBRATION

### Winall Pointers win Derby and All-Age

By Dwight Smith | Hoffman, North Carolina | March 11, 2022

The Southern Pines Celebration's third field trial was a success thanks to the owners of the top amateur all-age entries that came from a three-state area. Twenty-seven entries competed for the three placements in the Amateur All-Age. Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk captured first place honors for owner Gary Winall. Woodville's Saddle Tramp garnered second place for owner Carl Owens and Steve Mills' pointer, Walnut Tree Blue, was awarded third place by judges Whitney Stephenson and George Kimbrell.

The companion derby stake was also captured by a Gary Winall pointer, Mohawk Mill Jacked Up, followed by Palmetto's Knight Light,

Rodney Poston's young pointer for second place. Teacher's Little Tommy, owned by Ray Joye, placed third.

The three-day event was held at Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds near Hoffman, N.C., on the Sandhills Wildlife area.

Enough good things cannot be said about the Robert Gordon Grounds, commonly known as "Hoffman". There are plenty of kennels, horse stables and corrals, camper hook-ups and a nice clubhouse.

The grounds are in superb condition thanks to the North Carolina Wildlife Commission employees led by Brady Beck and Lee Crisco.



*Amateur All-Age (front row, from left): Ellen Clements with first place winner Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk and Carl Owens with second place winner Woodvilles Saddle Tramp. (Second row): Gary Winall, Whitney Stephenson (judge), George Kimbrell (judge), and John Atkinson. (Third row): Dwight Smith and Sandra Stone. (Back row): Gretchen Audit, Scott Griffin, Ray Joye, Gregg Robertson, and John Audit.*

The quail release program has worked well for the past seven years. At the present time, John Ivestor and Robert Henry are guiding the release efforts.

Weather during the three-day event was unusual. Friday was about normal for Sandhills weather this time of the year. Rain came on the second day and a hard freeze, which was very unusual, followed Saturday and Sunday morning.

John Atkinson, Ray Joye, and Grayson Francis were the workhorses of the 2022 Southern Pines Celebration. Every detail of the trial was carried out, was well organized and moved in a timely manner.

Gretchen and John Audit took care of the meals with suggestions from Ray Joye. The Audits have been a positive influence on trials at Hoffman after moving to the area from Vermont.

Dog truck driver Gregg Robertson is new to the job but he is fast becoming a fixture at Hoffman.

The 2022 Southern Pines Celebration was a fun trial – and an exciting trial. The Directors and the Celebration want to thank sponsor, Purina, who helps trial after trial and makes it possible for some trials to be able to put on a better trial with their support.

Whitney Stephenson and George Kimbrell judged the All-Age Stake. Grayson Francis joined Kimbrell for the Derby.

## OPEN DERBY

The eight-entry Open Derby stake kicked off the 2022 Southern Pines Celebration on a bright sunny day.

Mohawk Mill Jacked Up got the trial off to an exciting start with a find

within the first ten minutes, then followed with more bird work before the big lake. He was exciting and a pleasure to watch; made one think he was going to explode with energy. His ground work was what made him stand out from the other entries. It is easy to predict a bright future for him.

Palmetto's Knight Light placed second with more than ample foot work and one find, then he had an unproductive just before pickup. He impressed with his strength and easy way of moving.

Teacher's Little Tommy placed third on a solid ground effort for handler Ray Joye. The Ray Joye pointer had bird work at nine and he too had an unproductive just before pickup.

South Point Speedy impressed with range, style and speed but had two unproductives.

Richmond County Tourism Authority supports the quail release program. Without their support finding enough quail during trials might not be possible. Field trialers and outdoors people can find whatever they need in Rockingham—be it eating, fuel, sleeping and animal food.

Hoffman, N. C., March 11

Judges: Grayson Francis and George Kimbrell  
OPEN DERBY – 8 Pointers

1st—MOHAWK MILL JACKED UP, 1689941, male, by Stoney Run's Buddy—Miller's Fancy Lady. Gary Winall, owner and handler.

2d—PALMETTO'S KNIGHT LIGHT, 1697096, male, by Palmetto's Spy Ranger—Santee River White Light. Rodney Poston, owner and handler.

3d—TEACHER'S LITTLE TOMMY, 1689374, male, by Mohawk Mill Image—Bevy's Cadillac Jukebox. Miles R. Joye, owner and handler.

## AMATEUR ALL-AGE

The flagship stake of the Southern Pines Celebration is the Amateur All-Age. Its purpose statement states that a class moving, hard hunting, responding to handler and well-mannered quail dog will be honored with a placement. In this writer's opinion Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk met all the ideas in the Celebration's purpose statement.

Hawk drew the first brace in the All-Age and set the bar so high no other entry reached it.

His ground work was about as good as it could be on course three and he had two well-spaced finds, displaying excellent style and manners around game. As someone in the gallery was overheard saying "how does Winall put all that style in his dogs pointing?"

The answer might be the dogs are born with it and Winall develops it.

Carl Owens brought his setter, Woodville's Saddle Tramp, up to Hoffman from Mount Pleasant, S.C., to take second place. Tramp showed intelligence in selecting places to hunt and he did not just run. He was rewarded with a find near the concrete bunker at which he displayed excellent manners and style.

Walnut Tree Blue, owned and handled by Steve Mills, was awarded third place on the basis of a sound ground effort and one find which he handled well.

"Hitch", Grayson Francis' pointer, had some admirers in the galley. He had two pieces of bird work.

Judges: George Kimbrell and Whitney Stephenson

AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] – 21 Pointers and 6 Setters

1st—*MOHAWK MILL KNIGHT HAWK, 1685481, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Pirate's Legacy—Katie Lee's Wild Side. Gary Winall, owner and handler.*

2d—*WOODVILLE'S SADDLE TRAMP, 1681364, setter male, by Caladen's Davinci—Shamrock Rising Star. Carl Owens, owner and handler.*

3d—*WALNUT TREE BLUE, 1680850, pointer male, by Walnut Tree Fred—Dialing Kate. Steve Mills, owner and handler.*

## MISSOURI OPEN ALL-AGE & MISSOURI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

### Touch's Fire Away wins All-Age; Bonner's Bulletproof named Open Champion

By Bonnie Hidalgo | Grovespring, Missouri | March 14, 2022

Bonner's Bulletproof was named the Missouri Open Champion for 2022. The event ran on the popular Field Trial Sportsmen's venue at Grovespring, Mo. Beginning with this year, that title comes with an automatic qualification to the National Bird Dog Championship at Ames Plantation. This white and orange pointer male is owned by Dr. Chris Cornman of Georgetown, Tex., and was handled by Randy Anderson. He put on a beautiful performance, with two stellar finds and a strong forward race to capture the coveted title.

Runner-up in the Championship was Touch's Fire Away, pointer male, owned by Greg and Carmen Adams of Norfolk, Va., and handled by Randy Anderson. Fire Away had a very nice hour with a consistent race and four finds.

The Missouri State Field Trial Association sponsors this Championship which runs at the conclusion of the Missouri Open All-Age trial and sponsored by the Southwest Missouri Sportsmen's Club. The Missouri Championship commenced Thursday afternoon, March 17, and concluded Sunday, March 20. Weather caused a half-day delay in running. The Field Trial Sportsmen's grounds were in excellent shape; birds were plentiful with pre-released coveys and freshly planted birds being found on all three courses.

Handily winning the Missouri Open All-Age was Touch's Fire Away, handled by Randy Anderson for Greg and Carmen Adams. The pointer male put on a thrilling four-find performance with a spectacular race. This win, along with his placement in the championship, qualifies him for the 2023 National Championship.

Miss Stylin Sue, a pointer female, was an obvious choice for second. Sue scored two beautiful finds in which she stood tall until she was collared. Her race was big and forward; she hunted the course thoroughly at speed. Miss Stylin Sue is owned by Dr. Jim and Marian Mills and Steve Lightle of Searcy, Ark. Sue is capably handled by Allen Vincent.

Westfall's River Ice, a white and black pointer male owned by Brad Calkins of Centennial, Colo., was handled by Andy Daugherty to a very

respectable third place finish. He scored four good finds in a hard driving, forward race.

In the Don Fox Derby, Haney's Storm Warning, pointer male, was absolutely stunning on the ground and on his two, perfectly mannered finds. He was piloted by his trainer, Ike Todd, for owner Chris Cagle and son Chris, Jr. of Woodlawn, Tenn. Second place went to Knight's Little John, a pointer male who put down a fine all-age race with two stylish, well-mannered finds. He is owned by Scott Griffin of Mint Hill, N.C., and was expertly handled by Ike Todd. I'm Gallant was third for handler Randy Anderson and owner Jay McKenzie, Eureka, Kan. This pointer male turned in a good ground effort and had one find.

The drawing for all three stakes was held at the Daugherty home at Grovespring, Mo. It was conducted by Sharleen Daugherty, on Saturday evening, March 12. The first stake to run, the Open All-Age, drew 32 dogs and its companion Don Fox Memorial Open Derby stake drew 13 entries. The final stake of the week-long trial was the Missouri Open Championship which attracted 31 starters. The total entry of 76 dogs was a typical draw, although last year set a record with 109 dogs drawn.

The trial commenced, as advertised, on Monday, March 14. The Derby ran in its entirety on the morning of the 17th so that the Missouri Open Championship could begin that afternoon. The threat of thunderstorms for Friday morning was the reason for pushing to get the Championship underway. As it turned out, the running was delayed on Friday until after lunch.

Purina is the sole dog food sponsor of these Missouri Open Trials. They sponsor this event each year and supply a large amount of dog food to the winners of each stake. This trial is a Purina Points trial and a Purina Handler of the Year points program member. Purina Pro Plan is fed by most professional handlers on the circuit because of the great results it gives them, both on and off the field. The Missouri State Field Trial Association and the Southwest Missouri Sportsmen's Club are very appreciative of Purina for the support they continue to bestow on this event.



Missouri Open All-Age Winners: Ryan Eichelberger with Touch's Fire Away, Matt Cochran with Miss Stylin Sue, and Landon Westfall with Westfall's Black Ice. Standing (from left): Randy Anderson, William & Tommi Smith, Allen Vincent, Gary McKibben (judge), Marian Mills, Bonnie Hidalgo, Kevin White, Dr. Jim Mills (judge), and Andy Daugherty.

Sharleen Daugherty served her famous hors d'oeuvres every night except Wednesday and Friday during the running of the Missouri Open trials. There was a plethora of delicious appetizers from fried wild turkey nuggets, meatballs, smoky links, cheese platters and sausage platters, to deviled eggs, chips and homemade dips and even homemade lemon, coconut cream and German chocolate pies piled high with perfect meringue. I know I have forgotten some of the items, there were so many! I'm betting I wasn't the only one who gained weight at this trial!

On Wednesday evening, Dennis Hidalgo and your scribe served light appetizers and a pasta dinner for all who wished to join us. This was in appreciation of all the friendships that we have been privileged to make at this wonderful field trial over the course of many years.

The Championship dinner honoring the 2021 Missouri Open Champion, Touch's Blackout, was held at the clubhouse on Friday evening. Randy Anderson and Susan McClung hosted the delicious meal of smoked pork chops and all the sides. Dave Capstick, Tim Self and Kipp Linard assisted Susan with the food preparation. The meal was enjoyed by a large and jovial crowd. Thank you, Susan and Randy!

Owners present during the trial were Dr. Jim and Marian Mills, Jay McKenzie, Bill, Ryan and Landon Westfall, Jannie Chapman, Chris Cagle, Sr., Chris Cagle, Jr., David Russell, Mick Marietta, Dennis Hidalgo, and Dr. Chris Cornman. Piper Huffman, Lorie Vincent, and Joy Lester were there in support of their husbands. Visitors were William and Tommi Smith, Don Stroble, Tom and Sue Norton, Bruce Ludwig, Bill Signetti, and Susan McClung. My apologies to anyone I may have missed!

George Hill, Hank Jansen, Dave Capstick, Sharleen Daugherty, Tim Self, Dennis Hidalgo, Kipp Linard and Steve Gill were instrumental in putting this great trial on and have been for many years. This year they got an assist from Bill Signetti who helped Dave plant birds each

morning and Mick Marietta who pitched in where needed. George Hill was the trial chair, Sharleen handled secretarial duties. George and Dennis took turns planting birds from horseback and marshaling. Hank Jansen was sidelined because of a health issue so he was chief dog wagon driver, and he was very good at it! Hopefully next year he can spend some of the trial on the back of a horse. Hank was at times accompanied by Steve Gill, Dave Capstick, Tim Self and Don Stroble. Kipp Linard assisted as marshal during the Missouri Championship. Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo baked the cookies for the dog wagon crew to dispense between braces.

## MISSOURI OPEN ALL-AGE

The results of this stake are nearly identical to those of 2021, when Touch's Fire Away and Miss Stylin Sue also went toe to toe for first and second. Westfall's River Ice has won or placed in this stake a few times too. It was a stake filled with well-known, winning dogs, thirty-two to be exact, and was enjoyable to watch.

The Open All-Age judges were Gary McKibben of Hernando, Miss., and Kevin White from Choctaw, Okla. Gary has been running bird dogs since 1983 and has a deep involvement in the sport. Kevin White has also put a substantial amount of time into the sport of bird dogs. They were a very attentive team, set an excellent pace and positioned themselves well to take in the action. They watched dogs closely and were very knowledgeable. Their decision was well received. The Southwest Missouri Sportsmen's Club appreciates their services.

## THE WINNERS

Touch's Fire Away, handled by Randy Anderson for owners Greg and Carmen Adams, turned in a phenomenal performance for the win.

Fire Away was fast from the starting line and was soon well to the front where he remained for the hour. Point was called for Fire Away at 15; he stood beautifully on the far edge of the double gates field. Birds were put up with all in order. Sent on he immediately pointed, but it was determined that his previous bird had landed there, and he was taken on. Fire Away scored again at 26, on the end of a beautiful move down the left side of Davis bottom. He stood high and tight through flush and shot. Upon release from this second find, he headed for the right edge and took it nicely forward; stopping to point in the corner at 28. Again, it was a flawless piece of bird work. Fire Away made a huge move through the Island field and was seen making the turn at Horse Killer hill. He was next seen on the south line of Apple Tree hill, pointing for his fourth find at 50. Style and decorum were perfect. He finished the hour forward. Touch's Fire Away's entire performance was exceptional; he knocked it out of the park, setting a mark none other was able to achieve.

Miss Stylin Sue, owned by Dr. Jim Mills and Steve Lightle and handled by Allen Vincent, was a worthy second place. Jim was mounted to watch his favorite Sue turn loose into Little Vine loop. She showed forward near the end of the loop and on toward Sycamore bottom. Sue was sighted on the right edge of Sycamore at 21, far to the front. She carded a covey find at the ditch crossing at 22, very nicely done. Past the twin barns, she was directed down a left-hand strip. Showing beautifully on it to the fence line, she slammed on point at 38. Her classic stance, intensity and manners were impeccable. She was forward for the remainder of the hour showing attractively just when you started to think she was lost. She finished with a great move in Horse Corral bottom.

To take third in this competitive stake, Westfall's River Ice owned by Brad Calkins, and handled by Andy Daugherty, turned loose heading up the ridge toward the twin barns. At the old feeder site, Ice pointed a covey at 6, with good style and comportment. The next find for Ice occurred just below the big pond at 13, he was high and tight. He scored again in the Clubhouse loop near the last pond at 40. His birds were buried up in the cover, and he was partially under the brambles. Ice's fourth find was south of barns at 50. Generally, forward in pattern, Ice made some big bold moves.

## THE RUNNING

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Wynona's Nickleback Sugar (Vincent) was paired with Touch's Fire Away (Anderson). Touch's Fire Away's performance was the winning one and is described on the previous page. Sugar ran well and to the front. Coming into Davis bottom, she pointed stylishly on the left side at 20, but moved in on the birds to end her bid.

Westfall's Mandalay (Daugherty) and Whippoorwill Vette (Huffman). Mandalay's owner, Bill Westfall was with the gallery. They started up the hill in Little Vine loop; both were spotted forward at the end of the loop. In the field below, they stood side by side in a feed strip at 9. Vette pointed, while Mandalay took a back. Both were steady for flush and shot. They were well forward through Sycamore bottom and up the ridge. A divided find was recorded below the barns at 31; they were side by side. At 33, Vette pointed with Mandalay backing; all was in good order for both pointers. Mandalay had an infraction at 37 near the big pond and was picked up. Vette had a fourth good find before the old house site but when sent on, he ran over a bird and was up at 40.

Dakota Nation (Rinehart) and Big N Wild (Cochran) released into the bull pasture. They were fast, forward through the pasture and into Climer's. Wild pointed on the hillside to Clubhouse loop but no birds were produced. Dakota was seen pointing before the back corner pond but moved in on a dead coon. Korry opted to pick up. Wild continued forward to the Twin barns where he scored two finds in quick succession on the fence line. The first netted a single at 38; the dog was tall and mannerly. The second find just a moment down the line produced several birds. Wild stood high and steady for the flush.

He was absent heading into the alley and was not seen again until the double gates. Heading north, he took the right edge and pointed birds below Daugherty's at 59; time was called when the work was successfully completed.

Miller's Speed Dial (Lester) and Texas Wild Rex (Vincent). Rex showed nicely at the far end of the breakaway field; Speed Dial was absent soon after the release. Rex showed in the double gate field; he made game along the ditch edge and established point near the west end at 18. Speed Dial appeared and followed the horses, stopping to honor when he saw Rex. Rex was relocated and birds were flushed with all in order. They raced each other to the road crossing; Speed Dial scored a nice find near the cemetery in Davis at 22. Rex went up the ridge, coming off it to take the left edge. He pointed but pushed birds to end his bid at 28. Speed Dial came by just after that work ended but was not involved. Speed Dial showed well in the Island field. He showed again at 45, before Horse Killer hill, and finished the hour forward.

Miller's L'etto (Anderson) and Miss Stylin' Sue (Vincent) released into Little Vine. Sue's performance is related under "The Winners". L'etto showed forward near the end of the loop. Into the top of Sycamore, point was called for the attractive L'etto, he stood on the left edge at 20. Relocation was required; he moved into the cover and pointed again but self-relocated during the flush attempt.

Cold Creek Buck (Cochran) and Westfall's Wheels Up (Daugherty) turned loose heading into Clubhouse loop and soon showed well forward. At 15, Buck pointed with beautiful style in a feed strip. Wheels failed to back and was up. Buck was mannerly for flush and shot. He attempted to return to the scene but was prevented; on a second attempt, he was picked up.

Lester's Boss Man (Lester) and Firefly's Invictus (Vincent) were Tuesday's opening brace. The latter's co-owner, Dennis Hidalgo, was riding. Boss scored a good find at 13, just north of the double gates. Invictus was absent at the time but showed at 14. She was on point in the right corner across the road at 23, but it was not productive. Boss pointed midway through Davis at 28, but his work also proved unproductive. They took separate sides of Davis, Invictus pointed on the right edge at 32, and Boss on the left at 33; both were unsuccessful, and the brace was over.

Westfall's True Grit (Daugherty) and Nosam's Sweet Water turned loose near the south end of Davis. They were away to the front and not much was seen of Sweet Water after Island field. Grit pointed in a feed strip just before Horse Killer hill at 14; relocation was required but not productive. He was found pointing on top of Apple Tree hill at 21, but this was also unproductive, and Grit was up. Sweet Water showed near Little Vine at 29 but his absence was too much to overcome.

Lester's Shockwave (Lester) and Bonner's Bulletproof (Anderson) headed up the hill into Little Vine and were nicely forward in pattern. Point was called at the far end of Sycamore for the pair at 21 but they corrected. Bulletproof went on, Shockwave went into the cover and pointed a quail in a cedar tree. His manners and style were good. Bulletproof pointed in the corner near the road at 24. It didn't end well for him. Shockwave was found pointing on the hillside above the road at 26. His birds were put up with all in order. He was forward across the ridge and on toward the old house site where he pointed at 42, on the south side of the tree line. Flight of birds was called but they weren't officially seen. Lester asked the dog to relocate; he went up the line and had a stop to flush on relocation. Shockwave took the bottom side of the Bull pasture and was found pointing along the fence near Lehar's former home at 50. Birds were flushed and the dog was mannerly. He finished the hour forward.

Justifier (Vincent) and Como Thunder (Russell) broke away heading into Clubhouse loop and were seen forward above the clubhouse. Thunder showed again at the west corner pond. At 13, Thunder pointed stylishly near the next pond; Justifier honored nicely. Birds were flushed with both dogs mannerly. They were taken to the pond where they both



Don Fox Open Derby Winners (front, left to right): Chris Cagle, Jr. with Haney's Storm Warning, Korry Rinehart with Knight's Little John, and Ryan Eichelberger with I'm Gallant. (Standing, from left): Chris Cagle, Sr., Dr. Allen Dunbar, Bonnie Hidalgo, David Russell (judge), Ike Todd, George Hill, Dave Capstick (judge), Don Stroble, Jay McKenzie, Mick Marietta, and Bill Signetti.

pointed upon coming out of the water, carding a divided find at 15. Thunder went right at the Twin barns and was not seen again under judgment. Justifier pointed at 25 but no birds were produced; Vincent opted to pick him up.

Wild Credence (Cochran) and Cypress Cracker (Daugherty) were the first brace on Tuesday afternoon. Cracker was gone for quite a while early in the hour and was picked up soon after his return. Credence was absent for a time but appeared from the left at 15. He pointed near the bridge, but his quarry was never found. He disappeared again before the Island field and the tracker came out.

Lester's Storm Surge (Lester) and Como Rain (Russell) began their hour in Island field. Rain scored a nice find before Horse Killer at 6. At the far end of Sycamore bottom, both dogs were on point at 43 in two separate locations. Both finds were very nice in all aspects. Surge pointed on the hillside at 46 with Rain backing naturally, all was in good order for flush and shot. The dogs were turned loose into more birds, Rain failed to stop and traveled in the direction of flight; Surge was stopped on whoa and both were ordered up.

Lester's Stem Winder (Anderson) and Westfall's River Ice (Daugherty) were sent up the ridge. The performance of Westfall's River Ice is described under "The Winners". Stem Winder had a good find in Clubhouse loop at 40. At the twin barns, he scored again, showing fine style and manners at 49. Stem was forward for most of the hour but was absent at time. He was returned under judgment a few minutes later.

Lowrider Frank (Vincent) and Touch's Blackout (Anderson) were the first brace on Wednesday. These dogs had their running shoes on. Frank pointed on Apple Tree hill at 49 but it was unproductive. Neither dog found birds this hour, but they put down great races.

Dream Chaser (Daugherty) and Bonner's Hot Rize (Lester) were released into Little Vine. They ran well to the front and were absent off and on. Hot Rize scored a nice find along a feed strip prior to Sycamore bottom and point was called when they reached the far end at 22. Positions changed before we arrived. Dream Chaser went on; Hot Rize pointed in the ditch and was successful. Dream Chaser was

picked up. Hot Rize showed on the ridge before the barn but was not seen again under judgment.

Barshoe Forget Me Not (Vincent) running as a bye, turned loose at the center of the bull pasture. He ran a forward race but did not challenge the leaders.

Sadie Firefly (Vincent) was in season and ran as a bye. Sadie had a find in the clubhouse loop at 15, with all in order. She wasn't changing the standings and was ordered up.

Grovespring, Mo., March 14

Judges: Gary McKibben and Kevin White  
**MISSOURI OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]**  
 30 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—TOUCH'S FIRE AWAY, 1679602, pointer male, by House's Ring of Fire—Touch's Maswood Anne. Greg & Carmen Adams, owners; Randy Anderson, handler.

2d—MISS STYLIN SUE, 1674906, pointer female, by Ransom-Coldwater Snow. Dr. Jim Mills & Steve Lightle, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.

3d—WESTFALL'S RIVER ICE, 1659989, pointer male, by Westfall's Black Ice—Westfall's Quick Gold. Brad Calkins, owner; Andy Daugherty, handler.

## DON FOX OPEN DERBY

Judges for the Don Fox Memorial Derby were Dave Capstick of Missouri and David Russell of Como, Miss. Dave Capstick has successfully competed on the Brittany circuit for many years and has been a hard worker for the Missouri Open trials for a long time. David Russell is known for being a part owner of 2020 National Champion Coldwater Thunder and for handling a couple of successful young pointers—Como Thunder and Como Rain. Both men are knowledgeable about bird dogs and did a great job of watching and evaluating these classy derby dogs.

Haney's Storm Warning, handled by Ike Todd for Chris Cagle, was



Missouri Championship Winners: Bonner's Bulletproof with Ryan Eichelberger and Dr. Chris Cornman; and Touch's Fire Away with Randy Anderson. Standing (from left): Judge Dan DiMambro, Sherry Warren, judge Kirk Loftin, Kipp Linard, Dave Capstick, Hank Jansen, Jay McKenzie, Don Stroble and George Hill.

an exciting winner of this memorial derby stake. He scored a find in Davis bottom at 10 with lofty style on both ends. Speck ran hard to the front, sticking to the edges like a seasoned competitor, showing well. He was absent prior to Horse Killer hill but showed on Apple Tree hill. He finished his performance with an exquisite find at time.

Knight's Little John was second for Ike Todd and owner Scott Griffin. He pointed stylishly on the ridge at 11, showing intensity through flush and shot. John had an equally nice find near the old house site at 20. His race was strong and attractive, he finished forward.

I'm Gallant, owned by Jay McKenzie and handled by Randy Anderson, was third. Gallant was on birds by one minute into his brace, pointing them on the south side of Apple Tree hill. He showed fine style but took some steps at the flush. He ran a good, forward race.

Judges: Dave Capstick and David Russell

DON FOX OPEN DERBY – 9 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st—HANEY'S STORM WARNING, 1691416, pointer male, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

2d—KNIGHT'S LITTLE JOHN, 1697531, pointer male, by Valiant-Double Swami Dixie. Jay McKenzie, owner; Randy Anderson, handler.

## MISSOURI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Judges for the Missouri Championship were Dan DiMambro of Big Rapids, Mich., and Kirk Loftin from Fort Worth, Tex. They rode hard to keep a good watch on all dogs. They are both involved in running top German Shorthairs. Dan has been named the Purina German Shorthaired Pointer Handler of the Year, a record seven times in a row. Kirk is a very serious and competitive amateur. Both men have been involved with bird dogs their whole lives. They knew what they were looking for and their decision was well received. They were for the most part a good-humored pair. The Missouri State Field Trial Association appreciates their time and attention in the saddle.

Judges Dan DiMambro and Kirk Loftin were looking for powerful running dogs that covered a lot of country. They didn't want to see them often. They wanted them to be independent enough not to need direction but smart enough to stay forward. The dogs needed to have class and manners on their game. They needed to still be driving hard at pick-up time. There were four dogs that filled the judges' requirements well enough to be carried for placement until the eventual winners emerged. Those dogs in the order they appeared were Miss Stylin Sue, Touch's Fire Away, Whippoorwill Justified and Bonner's Bulletproof. The winning performances are listed in "The Winners" section. The descriptions of Justified's and Sue's hours are listed under "The Running", in the order of their draw.

## THE WINNERS

Bonner's Bulletproof ran course two on Sunday morning. Dr. Chris Cornman was up from Texas to watch him perform and was not disappointed. He scored a find at 6, in the back corner of the loop, with great style and manners. Bulletproof made big moves, used the edges and showed just when he was needed. At the alley off Sycamore at 21, Bulletproof scored a high tailed find and held his form until collared. He was forward as we left the twin barn area heading west to the bull pasture. He showed forward in the pasture. Bulletproof showed again, on the left in Climer's, he raced down the hill and up into the Clubhouse loop where he finished the hour well to the front. It was an exciting performance to witness.

Touch's Fire Away, handled by Randy Anderson, made good use of the long edges and was powerful in his runner-up performance. He is owned by Greg and Carmen Adams of Norfolk, Va. A divided find was scored by the double gates at 14, all in good order. The next find for Fire Away came on the-left side of Island field at 35. He showed beautiful style and great manners. Fire Away scored his third find on the east fence line of Apple Tree hill at 48. He was gone to the front at pick-up time and was found on point at 1:03. He was high and tight for the flush.

## THE CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNING

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Miss Stylin Sue (Vincent) and Miller's L'etto (Anderson) opened this event after lunch on Thursday. Sue's owner, Dr. Jim Mills, was in the gallery. Sue was strong and forward from start to finish. She scored her first find at 24 in the center of Davis bottom, displaying great style and perfect manners. Sue was well ahead when she hit Apple Tree hill and took the east fence line quickly to the south. Miller's L'etto had a nice looking find at 43, at the top of Horse Killer hill. Sue established an attractive stance at 45 on the east end of the south line. She showed impeccable manners and class on this find. L'etto pointed farther down the south fence line at 49 but this proved unproductive. L'etto ran a pleasingly forward race. Sue finished with energy to spare, going away in Little Vine.

Lester's Storm Surge (Lester) was braced with Westfall's Mandalay (Daugherty). Mandalay pointed at 10 with Storm Surge backing but no birds were produced. Mandalay scored a good one at 22, at the cross row in Sycamore bottom. It was Mandalay pointing again at the old feeder site on the ridge with nice style and good manners at 29. Not a lot was seen of Storm Surge, as he had a few absences, one of them quite lengthy. He showed after a 15-minute absence, to point quail near the twin barns at 35, with style and all in good order. Just out of Climer's, Mandalay notched his third find at 55, nicely done. In the Clubhouse loop, Mandalay carded his last find at 58; again, he displayed good manners. He ran a nice race and finished going away.

Wild Credence (Cochran) and Nosam's Sweet Water (Huffman) were released at the clubhouse gate. Credence pointed before the back corner pond at 5 but it was not productive. Sweet Water pointed in the strip across from the barns at 15, all was in order with Sweet Water looking good throughout. He pointed again, in the alley at 20; it ended badly, and Sweet Water was up. Credence pointed just before the end of the alley, but it was a second barren stand and the brace was over.

Como Thunder (Russell) and Texas Wild Rex (Vincent) ran following an all-morning rain and thunderstorm delay; these two were released on Friday afternoon. Both dogs ran all age races, but Thunder was extreme and consistently forward. Thunder's first find was on the side hill below Daugherty's at 11. At 14, he styled up on the west side of double gate field after a tremendous cast to get there. Thunder's third find was dug up, on the ridge in Davis with Rex backing at 23. Both dogs were high styled and mannerly. Rex got sucked into Vacuum hollow for a lengthy absence after which he was picked up. Thunder was making us all sit up in the saddle to watch the show. He handled quite well for the range that he kept. It was apparent that he was putting in a "door slamming" performance. He made good moves through Island field but vanished near horse Killer hill and was not seen again under judgment. [As a postscript, he was found after judgment ceased, on point only yards from where he was last seen].

Westfall's True Grit (Daugherty) and Lester's Stem Winder (Anderson) released heading up the Little Vine hill in the rain. Stem Winder carded a find just beyond the loop at 9, True Grit backed nicely. Grit scored a find in the alley at Sycamore's end at 23 with Stem Winder backing. Both were attractive and mannerly. Matt Cochran handled Stem Winder in Anderson's absence as it was thought that the dog had climbed the hill. Randy came back to get him and both dogs were sent up to the ridge. Stem Winder scored a nice find at the old feeder site on a covey, with Grit backing at 29. Grit scored a nice find below the barns at 35. Point was called by scout Ryan Eichelberger for Stem Winder at 40, on the right edge, beyond the barns. It was an attractive piece of work. Grit scored again just before the old house site at 42. Coming into the Bull pasture, Stem Winder pointed around the curve to the right; Grit honored him at 45. The flushed bird flew toward Stem Winder who went in pursuit, running toward Grit who made a hop before he thought better of it. The brace ended badly for the pair.

Bonner's Hot Rize (Lester) and Shagtime Max (Cagle) started in the

Bull pasture. Jannie Chapman was riding to watch her Hot Rize. He scored a find at the mid-gate at 2, with Max backing beautifully. Birds were put up with all in order. Coming out of Climer's, Hot Rize went right and pointed midway up the hill to the barns. After a lengthy flush and relocation, the work turned out to be unproductive at 21. To catch the front in clubhouse loop, Lester chose to meet them head on. At the time they reached each other, the setter, Max, was on point below the pond dam at 26. He showed high style and good manners throughout. He regained the front just before the descent into Horse corral bottom. Both dogs were out of pocket there and Hot Rize was not seen again under judgment. Max showed near the barns and then once more, on the south ridge of the alley before being lost.

Touch's Fire Away (Anderson) and Cypress Cracker (Daugherty) appeared on Saturday morning. Fire Away was named runner-up and his performance is described on the previous page. Cracker showed that he had a big motor, putting down a powerful race and was out of pocket at times. A divided find by the double gates was scored at 14, with all as it should be. Cracker pointed in the trees at the end of the Island field at 37 but it was unproductive, and he was up.

Miller's Speed Dial (Lester) and Whippoorwill Justified (Huffman) these two National Champions put on a display. Speed Dial scored a find in the back corner of Little Vine loop at 6. Justified had a good find to the front at 7, all in order. Speed Dial had his second find just before Sycamore bottom at 17, he displayed good style and decorum. His third find was around the corner into the top of Sycamore at 20. Justified was absent in Sycamore but as we reached the end, his scout called point for him. Speed Dial had been seen heading in that direction a moment before. When we arrived at 25, Speed Dial was also pointing and both received credit for the find, it was feasible that Justified was not visible to Speed Dial due to the cover. On top of the ridge at the old feeder site, point was called for Speed Dial with Justified backing at 31. Past the barns they went with Lester guiding his charge to the right while Justified, was forward on the left. Behind the blue house site, point was called at 45 by Korry Rinehart for Speed Dial. The pointer stood stylishly on a huge covey. Justified was to the front into the bull pasture at that time. Both dogs were hard forward through the bull pasture. Justified showed forward in horse corral valley as we came out of Climer's, and time was called. Speed Dial showed a few minutes later.

Firefly's Invictus (Vincent) and Westfall's Wheels Up (Daugherty) were headed into the Clubhouse loop. Dennis Hidalgo was mounted to watch Invictus. Wheels scored first at 2, with quail in a feed strip at the top of the hill, a nice job. They were forward around the loop. Point was called for Invictus, with Wheels backing at 14, both dogs were steady. Invictus scored a second find at the end of Sycamore at 30. She showed good style and manners. She made some good moves but not enough. Daugherty picked up at 35, Vincent took the tracker at 37.

Cold Creek Buck (Cochran) and Dakota Nation (Rinehart) ran Saturday afternoon; this was a fast-paced brace. Buck notched a stylish find along the south edge of the double gates field at 15, with some steps at flush. Both dogs ran hard but each had absences that took a toll on their performances. The judges determined at 48, that they weren't challenging the dogs being carried and ordered them up.

Barshoe Forget Me Not (Vincent) ran with Lester's Boss Man (Lester). Point was called for Vincent's dog at 7 but waved off. Birds were in the air and Forget Me Not was picked up. Boss Man was also in the vicinity, but his involvement was not established. Boss had a stylish find at 18 on the right edge of Sycamore bottom with good manners. A find at 29, on the ridge for Boss, had him looking good. Boss pointed in the road at 35 but it was unproductive. Beyond the barns, Boss showed attractively on the right edge but was out of pocket before the bull pasture. He returned from the right, midway through the pasture but dropped out of sight at the pond. He was not seen again until several minutes after time was called, coming from the direction he had last been seen.

Westfall's River Ice (Daugherty) and Touch's Blackout (Anderson) turned loose heading into Clubhouse loop. Blackout disappeared early and his tracker was out by 17. Ice was last seen before the back pond, going forward. His tracker came out at the barns at 24.

Lester's Shockwave (Lester) and Whippoorwill Vette (Huffman) were the first brace on Sunday morning. Vette showed far forward early on, Shockwave appeared shortly after that. They were running strong when they hit the double gate field. Shockwave pointed in the southwest corner of the double gate field at 13. Vette had an error there and was picked up after taking a back. Shockwave scored his next find at 18, in the corner before the ditch. A third find was carded for him at 21; afterward Lester was asked by the judge to "blow the whistle". Shockwave made a good move down the right edge in Davis where he had a fourth find at 26. He pointed on Apple Tree hill at 50 but it was not productive. Shockwave finished forward.

Bonner's Bulletproof (Anderson) and Lowrider Frank (Vincent) were paired together. Bulletproof's Championship performance is described in "The Winners" section on page 32. Frank pointed game at 7, near the crest of the hill, he was attractive and steady. Frank made some big moves and was predominantly forward. He was absent after entering Sycamore bottom, but was found across the road, on point at 24. Frank had probably been there for a good while, but he had his birds well located and his appearance was pleasing. While healing to catch the front, he whirled to point a covey near the pond; his manners were superb. He was forward at the twin barns and beyond. Frank hung up

slightly in the southwest part of the bull pasture but came on to finish the hour at the front.

Justifier (Vincent) and Dream Chaser (Daugherty) broke away on the hill before the clubhouse gate and were quickly up the next hill. Justifier was absent at the back corner; Dream Chaser was forward. Justifier was discovered on point on the private ground to the west of the loop. He had a large, wild covey pointed perfectly and was mannerly throughout. His entourage caught the front at the twin barns. Dream Chaser checked back once too many and his handler opted to take him up. Justifier crossed the road and went through the crossing to the right. When he returned to the course, he was picked up at 30.

Sadie Firefly (Vincent) ran as a bye on course one on Sunday afternoon. She made some nice moves but would check back in too often and was picked up early.

Judges: Dan DiMambro and Kirk Loftin  
MISSOURI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]  
30 Pointers and 1 Setter

*Winner—BONNER'S BULLETPROOF, 1683585, pointer male, by Miller's Speed Dial—Miller's Martha White. Dr. Chris Cornman, owner; Randy Anderson, handler.*

*Runner-Up—TOUCH'S FIRE AWAY, 1679602, pointer male, by House's Ring of Fire—Touch's Maswood Anne. Greg & Carmen Adams, owners; Randy Anderson, handler.*

## KANSAS RED SETTER CLUB

By Don Beauchamp | Dexter, Kansas | March 17, 2022

The Kansas Red Setter Club hosted the Kansas Derby and Puppy Classics again this year at the Radcliff Ranch at Dexter, Kan., with the help of the Wichita Bird Dog Club. Paula Radcliff and her late husband Kent have graciously allowed us to hold our trials on their grounds for the past 46 years.

This year's event commenced on Friday, March 18, 2022, and concluded on Sunday, March 20. Fifty-one dogs with owners and handlers from six states participated. Thank you all for your entries. I need to thank all the judges and workers who helped with all the necessary work. Greg Gibson of Goddard, Kan., judged the All-Age with Scott Hadley of Alma, Colo. Greg also judged the Derby Classic with Eddie Berendzen of Higbee, Mo. The Shooting Dog was judged by Dr. Richard Steckley of Wichita, Kan., and Dr. Stan Wint of Gardner, Kan. The final stake, the Puppy Classic, was judged by Rhonda Shepherd of Savonburg, Kan., and Chuck Maxson of Clearwater, Kan. Thanks to all seven judges for the time in the saddle, their expertise and well received decisions.

Additional help from the Wichita bird Dog Club members enabled us to hold this event, thanks to members Frank Schoenborn who planted quail each morning, Greg Gibson who marshaled in addition to judging, Bob Lais, who marshaled and helped with the gates and Chuck Maxson for judging. Also, Tom Norton from Durango, Colo., helped me with the gates and dog wagon. And thanks to Linda Beauchamp for preparing all the lunches and an evening banquet meal. Also, a big thank you to Nutri Source for their continued support with dog food and the Ad.

We started with the All-Age stake on Friday morning with a temperature of 28 degrees, sleet, slight snow and rain until mid morning. From this time on, the weather was clear with sunshine, but lots of wind. Amazingly, most braces in this trial had bird contact. Open



*Open All-Age Winners: Open Range Adeline with Bob Barker and second place Millstar's Lion Rampant with Laura Miller. Second row (left to right): Greg Gibson (judge), Scott Hadley (judge), and Don Beauchamp.*

Range Adeline, a pointer female owned and handled by Bob Barker of Inola, Okla., won first place with a nice race and one find. Second place was Millstar's Lion Rampant, a Vizsla male owned and handled by Laura Miller of Maxwell, Ia., who had one find and one stop to flush on wild coveys. Third place was withheld.

The Open Derby Classic started Friday afternoon. Warjam's Big Mac Daddy, a pointer male owned and handled by Jim Corpening of



Open Shooting Dog Winner: Traveler's High Point with Greg Gibson. First row (left to right): Frank Schoenborn, Chuck Maxson, Don Beauchamp, Bob Lais, Greg Sand. Second row (left to right): Judge Dr. Richard Steckley, his helper Scott, Paul Ott, judge Dr. Stan Wint, and Rhonda Shepherd and Andy Neria with their children.

Topeka, Kan., nailed down first place. "Mac" had a nice race and a broke find. Dr. Pat McInteer of Falls City, Neb., handled his pointer male Nemaha Tap Water with a nice performance to win second place. Third place went to Tom Curtsinger of Collinsville, Okla. His pointer male Stylish Glory Bound was braced with the winner which made it a fun brace to watch.

The Open Shooting Dog ran on Saturday and Sunday with clear skies and temperatures of 65 degrees on Saturday and a high of 79 degrees on Sunday. The wind was fairly strong but the scenting conditions were great. The winner, running in the last brace Sunday afternoon, was Traveler's High Point, a setter female owned and handled by Greg Sand of Hill City, Kan. "AC" ran on course number one and had four finds and a nice race. Wow! Nice way to finish a stake. The second and third placements went to the two dogs braced together right after lunch in the third brace on Saturday. Hadley's Honky Tonk Song a pointer female owned by Tierra and Scott Hadley of Alma, Colo., and handled by Scott, won second place. "Mia" had a good race with a find at 25 by a creek and a second find at 33 on the woods edge. Bracemate Flint Ridge Oakley, a pointer female owned by Paul and Rae Ott of Wichita, Kan., and handled by Paul, had a nice find at 25 along a creek just before crossing the bridge on course one to nail down third place. Most of the braces in the Shooting Dog Stake had bird contact.

The Open Puppy Classic followed the Shooting Dog stake on Sunday afternoon and was won by Flint Ridge Buster, a pointer male owned by Paul Ott of Wichita, Kan., and handled by Andy Neria of Savonburg, Kan. "Buster" had a big race, was fast and handled good. Second and third placements were withheld because the dogs' performances did not satisfy the judges' expectations.

Thanks to all for their participation and hope to see you all next year at Dexter.



Open Puppy Winner: Flint Ridge Buster with Paul Ott. Second row: Don Beauchamp, Chuck Maxson (judge), and Andy Neria and Rhonda Shepherd (judge) with their children.

Dexter, Kan., March 17

Judges: Greg Gibson and Scott Hadley

OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] – 5 Pointers, 1 Setter and 1 Vizsla

1st—OPEN RANGE ADELIN, 1681864, pointer female, by Whippoorwill Justified—Reed's Winter Spirit. Bob Barker, owner and handler.

2d—MILLSTAR'S LION RAMPART, 1675351, Vizsla male, by Lundy's Red Bull—C K Millstar's Wee Dram. Laura Miller, owner and handler.

Judges: Ed Berendzen and Greg Gibson  
OPEN DERBY CLASSIC – 10 Pointers and 2 Vizslas

1st—WARJAM'S BIG MAC DADDY, 1692715, pointer male, by Boumeester's Duramax–Oday Nation. James W. Corpening, owner and handler.

2d—NEMAHA TAP WATER, 1696256, pointer male, by Coldwater Spectre–Coldwater June. Dr. Pat McInteer, owner and handler.

3d—STYLISH GLORY BOUND, 1694195, pointer male, by Valiant–She's A Knockout. Tom Curtsinger and handler.

Judges: Dr. Richard Steckley and Dr. Stan Wint  
OPEN SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]  
15 Pointers, 7 Setters and 2 Vizslas

1st—TRAVELER'S HIGH POINT, 1658349, setter female, by Hytest Talquin–Traveler's Prairie Souix. Greg Sand, owner and handler.

2d—HADLEY'S HONKY TONK SONG, 1680664, pointer female, by Dunn's Honky Tonk Bob–Cline's Really Amazin. Scott Hadley, owner and handler.

3d—FLINT RIDGE OAKLEY, 1688386, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt–Babe of Flint Ridge. Paul & Rae Ott, owners; Paul Ott, handler.

Judges: Chuck Maxson and Rhonda Shepherd  
OPEN PUPPY CLASSIC – 8 Pointers

1st—FLINT RIDGE BUSTER, unreg., pointer male, by Touch's Diamante–Rebellita. Paul Ott, owner; Andy Neria, handler.

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## NBHA MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

### Indian Creek Courageous Cat named Champion

By Kevin Western | Williamsburg, Missouri | March 18, 2022

The NBHA Midwest Regional Championship and companion stakes were held at the Whetstone Creek Conservation Area near Williamsburg, Mo., on March 18-20. This year we had a smaller than normal entry due to some scheduling conflicts, but the field was made up of many champions and the competition was fierce. Following the conclusion of this Championship, companion Open Derby, Open Puppy, and Amateur Shooting Dog stakes were held.

As with any successful event it takes a dedicated team to carry out the task of achieving a quality run trial. In addition to the fine judges, Tim Penn, Kevin Western, and Randy Zimmer rounded out the hard-working team for this year's event.

We can't say enough for the opportunity to host a trial and run dogs on the grounds at the Whetstone Creek Conservation Area. New area manager Ben Dikeman and his team of dedicated workers had the grounds looking great. They continue to improve the area for quail habitat, thus making for some excellent grounds to run dogs on. Those in attendance would agree that these grounds will allow a dog to naturally hunt the cover and show the good qualities that judges are looking for in their winners. We are very thankful to the Missouri Department of Conservation and Whetstone Creek CA for this opportunity.

The National Bird Hunters Association is blessed to have such generous sponsors. Purina Pro Plan provides dog food to the winners as well as samples and hats to all the trial participants. Garmin provided a new tracking collar to the winner of the Championship. Gun Dog Supply provided gift certificates for this event. We could not have a successful trial without the support of these great sponsors. Their participation and sponsorship of the NBHA is much appreciated.

Judges for this year's event were Dan Draffin of Bunceton, Mo., and Wayne Nierman of Sedalia, Mo. These experienced field trial veterans have successfully campaigned dogs in the Midwest for years. Rain made the going tough for this trial and I can't emphasize enough about how these men worked to get the job done. Their knowledge and dedication to the task was not without notice. Both gentlemen's knowledge and credentials serve them well as their decision was well received.

This year's Champion was Indian Creek Courageous Cat, owned by Edward W. Marron, Jr. Cat is one of the more stylish dogs that

a person will have the pleasure to witness. She ran in the fourth brace and logged four class finds to go with a strong forward race. Runner-up champion went to Erin's Deja Vu. Deja Vu is owned by Joseph Link and ran an equally strong race with three well-spaced finds. Both dogs were capably handled by Gary Malzone and scouted by Jillian Stuhr. Several other dogs went through and put down good performances but did not meet the standard that these two dogs set for the trial.

Jack Glover's nice young derby, Glover's Flintstone, took home the first place honors with a strong three-find performance showing good manners for a young derby. Zach Erne capably handled Chippewa's Dog of War to the second place spot with five well-spaced finds. Zach, and his "foot scout" brother Andy, were great to have around and have some nice young dogs. We will be seeing more of them in the future. Third place went to Klaus Schmidt's very nice derby Touch's Mac Daddy. Klaus has some nice dogs that always come to compete

Jack Glover took home first place puppy with his super snappy young dog Glover's Liza Menelli. She is going to be one to recon with in the future. Dr. Bill Wright ran a hard charging Gordon Setter, Milomix Blaze, to the second place spot. It was good to see Dr. Wright again. Third place went to Steve Burrus and his fancy pup Dark Rum Jasmine. This young dog has racked up a lot of wins this year and seemed poised to take the next step.

The Amateur Shooting Dog saw father and son compete with each other. Emer's Sho Me Mo beat out his son, Dave's Sho Me Motu. Both dogs are very strong on the ground and have amazing style. Mo is owned by Dave Emer and Motu is owned by David Cates. David capably handled both dogs in this stake. These two are extremely fun to watch and are always capable of winning any trial. Dr. Bill Wright was back in the winners' circle with a third place finish with his stylish and beautiful setter female, Milomix Paddy.

Again, we would like to thank all our sponsors, the judges, helpers, and all our participants. It is the work and participation of all that helps make up a great event. The participation and dedication by the good folks that come to these trials make the future look great for the National Bird Hunters.



(From left to right): Tim Penn, Zach Erne, Klaus Schmidt, Randy Zimmer, Jill Stuhr with Indian Creek Courageous Cat, Jack Glover, Gary Malzone with Erin's Deja Vu, Kevin Western, judge Wayne Nierman, David Cates, Dan Draffin (judge), Craig Hiatt, and Steve Burrus.

Williamsburg, Mo., March 18 – One Course

Judges: Dan Draffin and Wayne Nierman

NBHA MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]  
8 Pointers and 4 Setters

Winner—INDIAN CREEK COURAGEOUS CAT, 1670105, pointer female, by South Bound Stretch–Indian Creek Sugar. Edward Marron, Jr., owner; Gary Malzone, handler.

Runner-Up—ERIN'S DEJA VU, 1679292, setter female, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock–T T's Southern Miss. Joseph Link, owner; Gary Malzone, handler.

NBHA OPEN DERBY – 6 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st—GLOVERS FLINTSTONE, 1691597, pointer male, by Islander–Kodiak Island Bird Dog. Jack Glover, owner and handler.

2d—CHIPPEWA'S DOG OF WAR, 1691401, pointer male, by Miller's Speed Dial–Bonner's Snow Angel. Geoff Johnson, owner; Zach Erne, handler.

3d—TOUCH'S MAC DADDY, 1688945, pointer male, by Touch's Dynamite–Emmalita. Klaus Schmidt, owner and handler.

NBHA OPEN PUPPY – 3 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—GLOVER'S LIZA MENELLI, 1695569, pointer female, by Hirollins Gone and Doneit–Crimson River Emerald. Jack Glover, owner and handler.

2d—MILOMIX BLAZE, 1696952, Gordon Setter male, by Milomix Chukar–Milomix Rocky. Dr. William Wright, owner and handler.

3d—DARK RUM JASMINE, 1695411, pointer female, by Rawhide's Aces High–Dark Rum Erin's Matty. Steven Burrus, owner and handler.

NBHA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 2 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st—EMERT'S SHOW ME MO, 1668349, setter male, by Brannigan's Last Straw–Hytest Horizon. David Emert, owner; David Cates, handler.

2d—DAVE'S SHOW ME MOTU, 1687047, setter male, by Emert's Show Me Mo–Emert's Drivin Miss Daisy. David Cates, owner and handler.

3d—MILOMIX PADDY, 1671254, setter female, by Erin's Hidden Shamrock–Milomix Sunny. Dr. William B. Wright, owner and handler.



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# NGSPA REGION 4 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ionia Recreation Area, Ionia, MI  
Monday, May 9 — Friday, May 13



**OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP .....ENTRY FEE: \$160.00**

**Purse:** \$500 to Winner; \$250 to Runner-Up (16-dog minimum for payout)

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**Judges:** Mike Jackson and Frank Vicari

**Stake Manager:** Marc McKinley

**OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP .....ENTRY FEE: \$160.00**

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Leather Plaques to Winner and Runner-Up

**Judges:** Mike Jackson and Frank Vicari

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**DERBY—Time permitting .....ENTRY FEE: \$ 95.00**

**Purse:** \$150 to Winner; \$100 to Runner-Up; \$85 to third (12-dog minimum for payout)

Leather Plaques to placements

**Judges:** Rhonda Houkous and Jimmy Wallace

**Stake Manager:** Lee Wagoner

**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP .....ENTRY FEE: \$150.00**

**Prizes:** \$500 Visa gift card to Winner; \$250 Visa gift card to Runner-Up

Leather Plaques to Winner and Runner-Up

**Judges:** Rhonda Houkous and Jimmy Wallace

**Stake Manager:** Dan DiMambro

**Drawings:** *Open Shooting Dog*—Sunday evening, May 8, at the Ionia clubhouse.

All other stakes will be drawn the night before each is to begin.

Entry fees must be paid before dog enters the starting line of each stake!

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— Check #5 to make sure the event you attend is listed as a “Qualifying Trial” —

1. All entries must have at least two first place wins in Qualifying Trials as specified in this notice to initially qualify, except for 4 trials which are deemed “One Time Qualifiers”. Those “One Time Qualifier” trials are: 1.) Continental All-Age Championship; 2.) Georgia Derby Championship; 3.) Missouri Open Championship; and 4.) Quail Championship Invitational. **The second place winner in qualifying trials with a minimum of 80 entries, will count as a win towards qualifying status as well.** Dogs which were eligible for the 2022 or earlier National Championships must have a placement (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) since February 12, 2022, to compete in the 2023 National Championship. All entries made with the understanding that **all participants must either be at the drawing and/or have a representative at the drawing to represent that dog's interest in the 2023 National Championship, and all participants must use a solid barrel gun when flushing during the competition.**

2. The 2022 winner will be eligible for the 2023 National Championship, but must re-qualify for subsequent years.

3. All entries qualified as of December 31, 2022, must be submitted in writing with full particulars, accompanied by the nominating fee, DNA Certificate and **must be in the Ames office by February 1, 2023.** Dogs qualifying after the December 31, 2022 deadline must have their entries in before the drawing, February 13, 2023. There is no provision for a dog that is qualified by the December 31, 2022 deadline to “re-qualify” for the 2023 National between January 1, 2023, and February 13, 2023.

4. All entries must be registered in the **American Field/UKC Field Dog Stud Book** and all wins entered in the permanent files of **American Field/UKC**. Entries may be made only in the name of the owner(s) of record in the **American Field/UKC Field Dog Stud Book** and a copy of the **Registration Certificate** must be submitted with all entries, as well as an approved and accepted **DNA Certificate** on file with **American Field/UKC** and a photocopy of the same **DNA Certificate** and **Registration Certificate** must be submitted with the official nomination form. **Starting fees must be paid before the dog competes.**

5. The following trials, when conducted on a minimum of three individual 1-hour courses for a minimum scheduled period of 1-hour per brace in either first or second series, are designated as Qualifying Trials for the 2023 National Championship:

- Alabama Open All-Age Championship
- Alberta Classic
- All-America Derby Championship
- All-America Prairie Championship
- All-America Quail Championship
- American Derby Invitational Championship
- American Quail Classic Open All-Age
- Benton County (MS) Open All-Age
- Bill Andrews Open All-Age (Central Carolina FTC)
- Black Belt (AL) Open All-Age Classic
- Broomhill Open All-Age Classic
- Buck-Tuck Open All-Age Classic
- Cajun Classic
- California Bird Dog Championship
- California Chukar Championship
- California Open Championship
- California Pheasant Championship
- California Quail Championship
- Cascade Open All-Age Championship
- Cecil Proctor Open All-Age
- Continental Derby Championship
- Continental Open All-Age Championship\*
- D.E. Hawthorne Open All-Age Border Classic
- Dixie Open All-Age
- Florida Open All-Age Championship
- Georgia Derby Championship\*
- Georgia Quail Championship
- Heartland Open All-Age
- Hell Creek (MS) Open All-Age
- Hobart Ames Memorial Open All-Age Classic
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- Kansas Prairie Open All-Age Classic
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- Lynn Taylor Open All-Age (Carroll County FTC [TN])
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- Masters Open Quail Championship
- Mid-America Open All-Age Championship
- Mississippi Open All-Age Championship
- Missouri Open All-Age
- Missouri Open Championship\*
- National Chukar All-Age Championship
- National Derby Championship
- National Free-For-All Championship
- National Pheasant Championship
- North Carolina FTA Open All-Age
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- North Dakota Open All-Age Classic
- Northwest Chukar Open All-Age Championship
- Oklahoma Open Championship
- Pacific Coast Derby Championship
- Pacific Coast Open Championship
- Pelican State Open All-Age
- Prairie Open All-Age
- Quail Championship Invitational\*
- Region 8 Preston Trimble Memorial Open All-Age Championship
- Rend Lake Open All-Age
- Robin Gates Quail Classic (formerly Bluegrass Quail Classic)
- Southeastern Quail Championship
- Southern Field Trial Championship
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- Southland Open All-Age Championship
- Southwestern Championship (Central Arkansas FTA)
- Stillwater Open All-Age
- Sunflower (KS) Open All-Age Classic
- Sunshine (FL) FTC Open All-Age Classic
- Tar Heel Open Championship
- United States Chicken Championship (Northern States)
- United States Open Championship
- West Tennessee Open All-Age
- Western Open All-Age Championship
- Win Ingersoll Memorial Inola Open All-Age

\*One-Time Qualifier

Entries in open events must not be restricted due to time limitations. All Qualifying Trials **MUST** include the names of the judges in their initial advertisement. **REPLACEMENT OF ANNOUNCED JUDGES MUST BE EXPLAINED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, NFTCA, INC.** Failure to comply with this requirement will **IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFY** the event as a Qualifying Stake for the National Championship. It is **recommended** that all Qualifying Stakes have a minimum of 20 entries, except for the trials located in the extreme Western U.S. (the western north/south border of Colorado & New Mexi

6. Qualifying Trials will be reviewed annually in February for eligibility.

7. **Qualifying Trials as designated above that are NOT conducted, for whatever reason, during the time February 12, 2022 to February 13, 2023, must send written notification to the Secretary, NFTCA, to retain “Qualifying Status”.** A copy of the **FORM FOR ESSENTIAL DATA** recognizing the official winners and judges submitted to the **American Field/UKC** must also be submitted to the Secretary, NFTCA.

8. **Clubs sponsoring Qualifying Trials as designated above and desire to RELOCATE their running grounds OR experience a substantial change in officers and directors must formally petition the NFTCA for continuation of their qualification status prior to actual relocation or running of their event.** Forms to expedite this process are available from the secretary, NFTCA.

9. Clubs which are not included in the above and approved list of Qualifying Trials and desire to conduct a qualifying event for the 2024 National Championship may request an Application Form from the Secretary, NFTCA, Inc., P.O. Box 389, Grand Junction, TN 38039 or call (901) 878-1067. The NFTCA will receive applications until February 1, 2023, and will announce changes, if any, in the Qualifying Trials and/or standards prior to March 31, 2023.

10. **“Qualifying Certificates” must be purchased before a Qualifying Trial conducts**

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**their event for the 2023 National Championship. Cost for the 2023 “Qualifying Certificate” is \$200.00** and may be purchased from the Secretary, NFTCA, Inc., P.O. Box 389, Grand Junction, TN 38039. **Clubs not purchasing “Qualifying Certificates” may be dropped from the list of qualifying events for the 2024 National Championship.**

11. To facilitate an increase in the Purse of the National Championship and to fund the many activities that makes **THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** the premier bird dog event in North America, all Clubs hosting National Championship qualifying events will be required to collect a “Participation Fee” of \$20/dog starting in the 2013/2014 Field Trial Year (beginning August, 2013 and forward). This “Participation Fee” is “over and above” each Club’s “normal” entry fee and is not to be included in the club’s purse. Each club will then forward a check to the Secretary of the NFTCA. Example: a 40-dog stake x \$20/dog = \$800 sent to the Secretary, NFTCA. **Clubs NOT submitting their surcharge funds will immediately be disqualified.**

12. Any dog qualified for the 2023 National Championship as a result of placements only in Derby competition may, at the discretion of the owner(s) and with proper notification to the Secretary, NFTCA, can compete in either the 2023 or 2024 National Championships. All Standards for the year elected for competition are applicable.

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### NGSPA of Ohio Championships

April 25 / Dresden, OH  
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### Mid-States Walking Shooting Dog Championship

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### California Quail Championship

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### NGSPA Hawkeye Shooting Dog Championships

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### Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee

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### Mortlach Field Trial Club

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## RECOGNIZED FIELD TRIALS

### National Brittany Open Grouse Championship Association

April 30 / Meredith, MI  
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### Region 1 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship

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### Lake States Field Trial Club

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May 9 / Ionia, MI  
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### English Setter Club of America

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### Associated Field Trial Clubs of Connecticut

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May 26 / Lake Ariel, PA  
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### USCSDA Mid-Atlantic Championship

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April 30 / Exeter, RI  
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### Beaver Valley Pointer & Setter Club

April 30 / Rochester, PA  
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