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— *An update from Domenick Muoio*

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We now find ourselves nearing springtime, the bite in the air exchanged for the occasional warm breeze and thunderstorm. With the warmer weather, we also feel the building excitement for the upcoming training season for our canine athletes. We also find ourselves in the remaining ripples of the excitement of the Hall of Fame inductions and National Championship. While many of you were celebrating the newest additions to the Hall of Fame, my wife and I also celebrated our newest addition. Our daughter made her appearance on January 27, and both mother and baby are doing well. I still missed everyone and getting to enjoy the wonderful halls of the Bird Dog Museum and the grounds of the famous Ames Plantation this year, but I look forward to catching up with everyone next year!

As the Hall of Fame induction and the start of the National Championship were going on, I was holding my new daughter and thought of a conversation I had while interviewing one of the inductees for our December Hall of Fame announcement articles. I mentioned how I was soon expecting my first child, a daughter, and

how I hoped she would grow up with the same appreciation for hunting dogs, dog training, field trials, and the outdoors that I have. He said, “Well, little girls love puppies, and they love horses.” If that statement is true, it’s not far-fetched to think you may all see her in the gallery at the local Hoffman grounds or even riding in front of the judges one day. However, I certainly don’t want to wish the years away leading up to that day.

As I am writing this article, the running of the National Championship is still going on, so while I am not able to congratulate that dog, handler, and owner by name, I still want to acknowledge them. It takes a special kind of creature to earn the title of National Champion. A dog that can be consistent and possess exquisite skill and athleticism in the field regardless of the conditions it is dealt. That dog possesses such talent and ability that it stands out when performing in a group of some of the most amazing animals in the sport. Congratulations to the winner of the 2024 National Championship; I eagerly await finding out who you are.

— *Domenick Muoio*  
Field Trial & Hunt Test Program Manager

## National Champion



### MILLER'S BLINDSIDER

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

[Photo by Chris Mathan]

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### Stylish Miss Bell

Winner of the Ozark Open Shooting Dog Championship

Tom Curtsinger, Owner & Handler

ON THE COVER

## NORTH COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

*Moss Meadow Seeker Named Champion; Meridith Grade Corky, Runner-Up*

By Brad Peterson | Augusta, Wisconsin | October 2, 2023



North Country Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners (l-r): Kyle Peterson (judge), Ken Moss with Moss Meadow Seeker, Tammy Chaffee with Meridith Grade Corky, Scott Chaffee, and Larry Guild (judge).

As the dawn of 2023 unfolded, the North Country faced unique challenges in organizing field trials due to the unpredictable spring weather that affected all scheduled events. Despite these hurdles, the members of the North Country Bird Dog Club eagerly embarked on the fall's North Country Championship.

For the fourth consecutive year, the North Country Shooting Dog Championship took place in the Grouse and Woodcock-rich Eau Claire County Forest. Although the calendar hinted at fall, the temperatures stubbornly clung to the peak of summer.

The NCBDC and Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association field trial grounds, boasting eight courses covering nearly 13 miles, demand substantial

effort and teamwork for maintenance and preparation. Strong appreciation goes to the NCBDC, CVGDA, Minnesota Grouse Dog Association, and Moose Grouse Dog Club members for their invaluable assistance.

Judging the championship were Kyle Peterson and Larry Guild, both esteemed 'dog guys' known for their dedication. They navigated the demanding task of walking miles per day, paying keen attention to every participating dog. Forty-two dogs were drawn for the Championship.

Purina deserves gratitude for their unwavering support of our trials. Additionally, our sincere thanks go to Eau Claire County, as we recognize our privilege in running our dogs on their

nationally acclaimed grounds. The Eau Claire County team's consistent efforts in providing excellent opportunities for grouse and woodcock make our experience unparalleled, and we acknowledge and appreciate their unparalleled cooperation.

In the end, Moss Meadow Seeker defended the Championship that he had won the year prior.

Augusta, Wis., October 2

Judges: Larry Guild and Kyle Peterson  
NORTH COUNTRY OPEN SHOOTING DOG  
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 19 Pointers, 22  
Setters, and 1 Brittany

Winner-MOSS MEADOW SEEKER, 1676726, setter male,  
by Moss Meadow Rambler-Moss Meadow Maggie. Ken  
Moss, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-MERIDITH GRADE CORKY, 1681353, setter  
male, by Ponderosa Mac-Call Me Maggie. Dennis Keysor,  
owner; Tammy Chaffee, handler.

### Open Derby

Following the Championship, the North Country Derby unfolded with 22 derbies competing in the trial. Thank you to judges Bob Saari and Joe Landowski.

Another North Country Championship and Derby is in the books.

Judges: Joe Landowski and Bob Saari

OPEN DERBY – 9 Pointers and 13 Setters

1st-JEWETT'S CREEK OAKLEY, 1703338, pointer female,  
by Toth's Tornado Reloaded-Grouse Trails Warrior Cat.  
Reegan Sullivan, owner; Jeff Sullivan, handler.

2d-DAUNTLESS ROGUE, 1701391, setter female, by  
Ponderosa Mac-Moss Meadow Lil. Bert Benschopf, owner;  
Jordan Pharris, handler.

3d-SNYDER'S BIG NOSE KATE, 1702168, setter female,  
by Ponderosa Mac-Eldridge's Beauty And Beast. Steve  
Snyder, owner; Tammy Chaffee, handler.

## WISCONSIN COVER DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

*Championship Title Withheld; Setter Ridge Flash Forward Takes First*

By Brad Peterson | Augusta, Wisconsin | October 7, 2023

The annual Wisconsin Cover Dog Championship, proudly hosted by the Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association, unfolded this year under unexpected challenges. Commencing on October 4, the championship faced an unforeseen conclusion, leaving an indelible mark on the event.

A total of 52 dogs were drawn for this

year's championship, held at the renowned Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog grounds, recognized as one of the finest trial venues in the country. Spanning six courses and covering nearly 13 miles, the maintenance of these grounds demands sweat equity and effective teamwork.

Thank you to judges Chad Wheeler (Virginia) and Mike Brown (Michigan).

Continuing gratitude as well to Greg Blair and Purina for their continued championship support.

Special acknowledgment is due to Eau Claire County, granting us the privilege to run our dogs on nationally recognized grounds that consistently offer excellent opportunities for grouse and woodcock. The tireless efforts of the Eau Claire



Setter Ridge Flash Forward,  
First in the Wisconsin Cover Dog Championship



Bad Habits,  
Second in the Wisconsin Cover Dog Championship.



Meridith Grade Corky,  
Third in the Wisconsin Cover Dog Championship.

County team are never taken for granted, and we appreciate their unparalleled cooperation—thank you!

This year's championship faced an unexpected hurdle in the form of a virus. After three-and-a-half days of braces, club officers received news of an ill dog, initially feared to have suffered an injury during the brace. It was later revealed that the dog had contracted the highly contagious *Streptococcus equi* subspecies *zooepidemicus*, with five additional dogs showing symptoms of the disease, causing hemorrhagic (bleeding) pneumonia. In

consultation with the championship judges, CVGDA officers made the decision to revert the championship to a shooting dog stake despite championship-level performances being showcased. Out of an abundance of caution, the remaining braces and the derby stake were canceled.

Fortunately, I am pleased to report that the infected dogs have fully recovered with no apparent long-term effects.

Gratitude is also extended to CVGDA member Dr. Amber Dequaine, whose professionalism, concern, and advice proved invaluable in navigating the

challenging situation and ensuring the safety of the additional field of dogs.

Augusta, Wis., October 7

Judges: Michael J. Brown and R. Chad Wheeler  
WISCONSIN COVER DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 15 Pointers, 16 Setters,  
and 1 Brittany

[Title Withheld]

1st-SETTER RIDGE FLASH FORWARD, 1686454, setter female, by Ponderosa Mac-Call Me Maggie. Brad Peterson, owner; Scott Chaffee, handler.

2d-BAD HABITS, 1696871, pointer female, by JTH Scion-Over The Hill Patty. Ben Mergens, owner and handler.

3d-MERIDITH GRADE CORKY, 1681353, setter male, by Ponderosa Mac-Call Me Maggie. Dennis Keysor, owner; Tammy Chaffee, handler.

## WESTARK FIELD TRIAL CLUB

*Fleetwood and Lone Star Open Shooting Dog Classics*

By Thomas Rice | Booneville, Arkansas | October 9, 2023

The Westark Field Trial Club held its Fleetwood Open Shooting Dog trial that started October 9 on the J. Perry Mikles field trial grounds in Booneville, Arkansas. These courses consist of old cattle pastures that have grown into lush cover with old fence rows and hardwood bottoms on the edges that require a dog to hunt for the birds that call this place home. The cover is mowed in strips to help dogs and horses navigate through the briars and thick grass, but the quail liked to stay in the thick cover, which does not help the handlers' attempt to flush, especially with the wet spring this area had this year the cover was high. The temperatures were high in the mid-80s and low in the 50s, and bird contacts were more abundant than in the last couple of years. Jason Super and Everett Brannan rode in the judges' saddles and were attentive to all dogs and handlers, which was much appreciated by all handlers, owners, and gallery members. Big thanks to Ronnie Miller for hosting



Fleetwood Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (l-r): Shawn Kinkelaar, Eddie Taylor with Lester's Another Shockwave, Jason Super (judge), Rick Thone with Hale's Smooth Touch, Everett Brannan (judge), Tommy Rice Jr., and Tommy Rice III with Grand Prairie Thrill.

this trial; he does a lot of work for the handlers and participates in enjoying this event.

Lester's Another Shockwave took first place. He was handled by Shawn Kinkelaar and is owned by Tom Jackson, Jerry



Fleetwood Open Derby Winners (l-r): Jason Super (judge), Mike Lemons, Tommy Rice with Dark Rebel, Ronnie Miller, Shawn Kinkelaar with Laura Pergolizzi, Everett Brannan, Eddie Taylor, Tierra Hadley with High Enchantress, and Scott Hadley.

Moisson, Lance Schulz, Bjorn Peterson, and Todd Mann. Shockwave ran in the 14th brace and carded his only find within the first five minutes off breakaway. He was tucked away in a thick fence row off to the left of course, where he had pinned a covey. From there, he had a big race where he would not be seen and show up from the front. At the 50-minute mark, Shockwave had a stop to flush on a covey that was in the middle of the mowed strip that he was running down. Shockwave would be gone at pick up, only minutes to be found in front of course, ending what would be the winning brace.

Hale's Smooth Touch produced a smooth ground race, one find, and an unproductive to get second place. She is owned by Dr. Jeff Hale and is handled by Shawn Kinkelaar. Touch ran in the 10th brace, put together an easy, smooth race, and handled nicely, showing that she could run the edges and apply with her handler. Touch carded her only find on a corner of a big swing that produced birds for the gun and showed style and class throughout the flushing attempt. Touch did have an unproductive several minutes after her find where birds had been seen before, but the thin cover may have had the covey slip away before handler's arrival. She finished her hour with moderate range but stayed up front.

Named to third place was Grand Prairie Thrill, owned by Mac Stidham and handled by Tommy Rice. Thrill ran in the first brace of trial, where she had a good forward race and was smooth in her handling. Thrill had an unproductive 10 minutes into the brace where scout called point and flight of birds before handler and judges could see the dog. A lengthy flushing attempt and relocation were tried to get a bird pointed and flushed but did not produce.

After making some casts, point was called for Thrill, and another lengthy flushing attempt did finally produce a covey that had run some distance to escape; all was in order. Thrill finished the hour, going strong to the front.

Following the shooting dog stake, the companion derby started with a field of 16 derbies. Taking first place was Dark Rebel, who was handled by Tommy Rice. Rebel had a moderate race but carded two very nice derby finds where he showed great manners around game. Second place was Laura Pergolizzi, owned by Nicole Lombardi and Doug Swingley and handled by Shawn Kinkelaar. "LP" had a nice race where she showed some good cast and had a nice find on a covey where she showed good manners around game. Third place was High Enchantress, handled by Scott Hadley and owned by Scott and Tierra Hadley. The female pointer had a good race, showing a lot of speed and independence. She was to the front but did not have any bird contacts.

#### Booneville, Ark., October 9

Judges: Everett Brannan and Jason Super

#### FLEETWOOD OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

[One-Hour Heats] – 44 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st-LESTER'S ANOTHER SHOCKWAVE, 1691812, pointer male, by Lester's Shockwave-Miller's Stitch In Time. Prairie To Pines Kennels, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

2d-HALE'S SMOOTH TOUCH, 1693424, pointer female, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Touch's White Radianc. Dr. Jeffrey A. Hale, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

3d-GRAND PRAIRIE THRILL, 1676501, pointer female, by Seekin A Thrill-York's Hollywood. Mac Stidham, owner; Tommy Rice, handler.

#### FLEETWOOD OPEN DERBY – 15 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st-DARK REBEL, 1706203, pointer male, by Just Thrillin-May's Orange Crush. Thomas E. Rice III, owner; Tommy Rice, handler.

2d-LAURA PERGOLIZZI, 1705950, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Buche's Elhew Rebel. Nicole Lombardi & Douglas Swingley, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

3d-HIGH ENCHANTRESS, 1700180, pointer female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Lester's Snow White. Matt Griffith, Ron Stearns & Newley Hutchison, owners; Scott Hadley, handler.

#### The Lone Star Classic

The Lone Star Classic started immediately following the running of the Fleetwood Derby. Rick Thone and Mike Lemons are responsible for putting this trial on, and a good trial was held. Judges were Jim Martin and Greg Poole, and both men rode with attentive attitudes and



Lone Star Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (l-r): Tommy Rice with Panther Creek Rosie, Steve Martin (judge), Shawn Kinkelaar with Lester's Another Shockwave, Rick Thone with Hale's Smooth Touch, and John Van Horn.

treated everyone with fairness. Forty-six shooting dogs were to be run with much cooler temperatures than the previous week. Once again, this trial was run right after the Fleetwood on the J. Perry Mikles grounds near Booneville, Arkansas. Topping the field of 46 was Panther Creek Rosie. "Rose" is owned by Frank Rutland and is handled by Tommy Rice. Rose ran in the third brace of the trial and produced a solid ground race with two finds. Rose's first find came at the 5-minute mark, where she pinned a covey of birds in thick trees. She was buried but kept her high style when birds flushed and shot fired. Rose consistently handled the front and made a good, showy cast. Point was called at the 55-minute mark for both dogs. Both dogs were together and seemed to be locked up on birds. A flushing attempt was made by both handlers, but nothing was produced. Rice and Rose attempted a relocation and were successful at locating the running covey heading to the hardwood bottom; very good work by Rose. Rose was seen charging to the front when time was called.

Second place was Lester's Another Shockwave, who ran in the ninth brace. Having won the first stake, Shockwave did another good job, where he had a good race that was under control and to the front, showing handleability and connection with Shawn Kinkelaar, his handler. Shockwave carded one find at the 50-minute mark in the middle of a big grassy flat. He finished the hour to the front, still hunting hard for game.

Another good showing for third place is Hale's Smooth Touch. Having just placed second in the Fleetwood, Touch put in a great effort in this trial. Touch ran in the sixth brace, and within five minutes, point was called, but the handler saw feathers and caught back up to the front, where the

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pointer made some good casts, continuing through the course. Touch carded her one find halfway through her hour and was stylish throughout flush and shot. She went on to have a good finish and was “smooth” in her connection with the handler.

A big thanks go out to Rick Thone, Ronnie Miller, Mike Lemons, and Jerry Oswalt for helping and organizing these trials and to Brad, who works for the Arkansas Game & Fish, preparing this place for field trials. Great job guys!

**Judges: Jim Martin and Greg Poole**

**LONE STAR OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC**

**[One-Hour Heats] – 42 Pointers and 4 Setters**

1st-PANTHER CREEK ROSIE, 1691574, pointer female, by Panther Creek Merlin-Pineywood's Belle Aire. Frank Rutland, owner; Tommy Rice, handler.

2d- LESTER'S ANOTHER SHOCKWAVE, 1691812, pointer male, by Lester's Shockwave-Miller's Stitch In Time. Prairie To Pines Kennels, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

3d-HALE'S SMOOTH TOUCH, 1693424, pointer female, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Touch's White Radiance. Dr. Jeffrey A. Hale, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

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**REGION 17 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Lawless Georgie Girl Named Champion; H P Cottonmouth, Runner-Up**

**By Andy Neria | Dexter, Kansas | November 3, 2023**

The 2022-23 renewal of the Region 17 All-Age Championship was scheduled to run in Onaga, Kansas, on March 2, 2023, and a lack of entries caused the cancellation of the trial. As we moved into the summer meetings, the prevailing concern was whether there would be enough entries to hold the 2023-24 renewal of the championship. It was decided this year's trial would be held at the Radcliff Ranch in Dexter, Kansas. The Wichita Bird Dog Club, in coordination with the Red Setter Club, would band together to bring the championship back and get it up and going this year.

The date was set for November 4, and as it drew near, there was anticipation as to how many dogs would be drawn. Ultimately, 27 dogs were entered and drawn. The stage was set for a new champion to be crowned.

As many of you already know, there is a ton that goes into putting on a trial, let alone a championship trial. Many thanks are owed, and I will try to mention them here. First and foremost are the landowners. In our case, it's the Radcliff Family of Dexter, Kansas, that so graciously allows us to use this fine ranch to chase these dogs around. The Radcliff Ranch is a large, sprawling piece of Flint Hill country that can really showcase a dog that wants to win. The Radcliff Family has long been a supporter of field trialing in Kansas, and we are indebted for their continued kindness and hospitality. As everyone knows, with no grounds, we have no trials.

Second, we had great judges. That's paramount to getting folks to come to your event. Dr. Stan Wint needs no introduction, as anyone that has turned



Region 17 Amateur All-Age Championship Winners (l-r): Lawless Georgia Girl with Jim Lawless and H P Cottonmouth with Rodney Shoemaker, joined by participants.

a dog loose knows Stan and his ability to crown a champion. Having been a judge at the National Championship, Stan knows his way around a bird dog. Justin Crook of Powerhouse Kennels is a very accomplished shooting dog pro. These two fine individuals were well received.

Last but not least, in any way, are all the volunteers it takes to make a trial run. There were many at the Region 17 this year that helped, and your help is always greatly appreciated.

Before we get to the running, there is a sad note regarding Griff's Big Ransom, a pointer male owned by long-time field trialer Mike Griffin in Oklahoma. Buddy passed away unexpectedly during this trial. Our condolences go out to Mike. All of us know the feeling of losing a good one.

Twenty-seven dogs from all over the

region were drawn. For various reasons, five dogs didn't make it to the line, leaving the judges with 22 dogs to decide from.

**The Running**

Brace No. 1 started at 8:06 in the morning and broke away from camp to the east, directly into the rising sun and up the steep hill under the powerlines. H P Shots Fired (PM/Rodney Shoemaker) and Bromance (PM/Jon Humphrey) were loosed, and both dogs got away clean to the front. Shots Fired never really got on track, and Rodney elected to pick him up early at about the 10-minute mark. Bromance was on the hunt early, and at 10, he was found pointed in the bottom. Birds were produced, and all was in order. After a short absence, he was found pointed again at the 17-minute mark. Birds were produced, and he was carried on. At the 25-minute mark,

he was pointed again north of the road crossing on course 1. Birds were produced, and we continued south of the road into the creek bottom, crossing into the big pasture. We crossed the road, normally at the end of the hour, with 8 minutes left. We continued on course 2, up the long draw, and finished the hour at the end of the draw on the road.

Brace No. 2 brought Bocomo Dutchman (PM/Jay Lewis) and Stylish Bell (PF/Tom Curtsinger) to the line. Both dogs broke away well to the front. Birds would prove to be at a premium in this brace. Dutchman would search the country far and wide for his hour. At 59, in the drawdown from the third hour breakaway, Dutchman was found pointed. It appeared that maybe his long hour would be rewarded. After a long relocation attempt, no birds could be produced, and that's how his hour ended. Bell also hunted the wide-open country in search of birds and would eventually be rewarded with a find at 41. All was in order, and she continued on towards the corrals. Bell finished the hour strong with the single find.

Brace No. 3 featured Worsham's Spitfire (PM/Joe Worsham) and Double Rebel Cowboy (PM/Lynn Oxendine). Both dogs were sent away from the corrals in good order, headed to the front. Cowboy was pointed at the 13-minute mark, but after a good flushing attempt, birds were not produced, and handler elected to move on. At 25, handler was noted off his horse, correcting the Cowboy dog for an apparent infraction. The dog was picked up shortly thereafter, ending his bid. The Spitfire dog would point birds at the 30-minute mark, but it proved to be too much, and the dog was taken up, also ending his bid.

Brace No. 4 was B G K's Luke (PM/Jarrett Bell) and Rodney Shomaker with H P Cottonmouth (PM/Rodney Shoemaker). This brace covered a lot of ground. Both dogs were well-forward as we made the end of the first hour with several minutes remaining. Cottonmouth searched the country well, looking for birds. Out of pocket at times, he showed up to the front when needed. Finally, at 55, he was rewarded with a find at the end of the draw on course 2 by the road. Birds were produced, and with five minutes left, he was loosed and continued well forward to the road crossing that takes us into the bottom on the way to the silo field. Time was called there, and the dog was collected. Luke also ran a nice brace, but birds eluded him in his bid.

Brace No. 5 was Rebelator Sam (PM/Lynn Oxendine) and H P Social Distancing (PM/Rodney Shoemaker). We broke away from the road crossing about halfway through the second hour. Social

Distancing was wide for much of his brace, and managed to distance himself from his handler. The tracker was asked for at 40. Sam went through the country in a pleasing manner for his handler. At 50, Sam was found by his scout pointed in the draw below the third hour breakaway. As handler rode to his dog, a nice, wild covey lifted from all around the dog. Sam stood with nice style and manners for his handler to dismount and shoot. It was quite a find on a nice covey. Sam was taken on after that and finished his hour to the front.

Brace No. 6 was Open Range Adeline (PF/Bob Barker). Bob was alone in this brace as a bye-dog. We broke from the corrals at the start of the third hour, and Adeline was away strong to the front. Too strong and wide at times. This trend continued for the handler, and at 35, he requested the tracker to get his dog back under control, ending his bid. This was the conclusion of Day One of the Championship.

Brace No. 7 brought Sawney (VIZM) for handler Laura Miller and Griff's Express (PM) for handler Mike Griffin. On a side note, it was nice to see Mike back on a horse after an extended layup. We broke away first thing in the morning from camp. Once again, heading east in the first hour, up the steep hill and under the powerlines. Both dogs were away big to the front, with Express being seen intermittently and Sawney not at all. Coming off the big hill, at about 12 minutes in, the Vizsla was returning to his handler with a bird in his mouth. Unfortunately, this wasn't a retrieving stake, so his bid was ended. John was still on the ground and moving strongly to the front. He suffered an NP about 300 yards north of the first road crossing on course 1 at 25. He was gathered at the crossing and pointed in the direction of the creek crossing south of the road. As the judges and gallery arrived at the creek crossing, the dog was spotted standing, and handler informed judges that birds had left already. No shots were fired, and the dog was taken on down the creek. John finished good to the front at the end of the first hour at the road crossing.

Brace No. 8 included H P Dirty Dancing (PF/Rodney Shomaker) and Lawless Georgie Girl (PF/Jim Lawless). Both dogs broke away to the front from the beginning of the second hour down the long draw to the north. Georgie Girl scored a nice find on a well-located wild covey in the draw at 17. The covey was scattered out and the dog had perfect manners for the flush and shot. Handler gathered his dog, and as he was mounting his horse, Georgie headed on, only making it approximately 30 yards before running into the second half of the

covey she had just pointed. She snapped to a tight stop-to-flush with perfect manners. Handler dismounted, shot, and this time took his dog further down the draw to turn her loose. She was away to the front with all in order. At the 27-minute mark, we had both dogs at the road crossing that leads us to the big bottom going north towards the silo field. Upon entering the silo field, Georgie was spotted on point in the tree line that goes north from the gate. A very spry Jim Lawless dismounted and chased his birds up with Georgie standing perfectly with great style and manners. Dirty Dancing was still on the ground, trying her best at this point, but birds eluded her, and she finished the hour with a good race but no bird work. Georgie was turned loose from her second find and continued to search the country far and wide in pursuit of that third find. She finished strong to the front at time—a very good performance from Georgie.

Brace No. 9 was a pair of pointers for handlers Colby Tackett and Tom Curtsinger. Two Seamer (Tackett) and Stylish Hot Chic (Curtsinger) were turned loose at the corrals to start the third hour. Both dogs were away well to the front. This trend would repeat itself for the entire hour as both dogs traded casts in search of birds. Birds seemed to be scarce on course 3 on this day, and neither dog was able to produce any. Both dogs finished strong and were in contact at time.

Brace No. 10 consisted of Warjam's Big Mac Daddy (PM/Jim Corpening) and H P Shockwave (PM/Rodney Shoemaker). We turned loose after lunch from camp, back on course 1, heading up the big hill. Both dogs were away far to the front. Our next contact with both dogs came at the 10-minute mark when Mac was found pointed in the bottom where birds had been found previously. This time, however, there were only feathers to be found, and Mac was taken on without a relocation. While this was taking place, Shockwave had slipped into the creek east of this action and found his own birds. Handler and judge went to check on Shockwave, and the birds lifted upon arrival of handler and judge. Shockwave went with them, ending his bid. When we caught the front, Mac was far to the front, just prior to the road crossing on the first hour. He was gathered up and taken through the crossing and sent south to the creek crossing. He continued making large casts to the front, but eventually, his casts became too large, and after being gone for a spell, handler requested the tracker, ending Mac's bid.

Brace No. 11 brought Bitter Ark (PM/Frank Schoenborn) to the line. Due to scratches, Frank was a bye. We turned



loose at the road at the beginning of the second and headed north down the long draw. Bitter Ark was pointed at 10 in the draw, very close to where Georgie Girl had previously pointed a nice covey. A single bird was produced, and the dog was taken on. Bitter Ark never really opened and ran like he needed to in this all-age event, but nonetheless, he was pleasing to watch, had a nice find for his handler, and finished the hour with a huge cast.

The last brace of the Championship featured Lawless Speck (PF/Jim Lawless) and Bocomo Cherry (PF/Jay Lewis). Both dogs were loosed from the corrals at the start of the third hour and we were off, headed back towards camp. Speck was far-reaching at times in her search, and after a considerable absence where the scout returned empty-handed, the tracker was asked for, ending Speck's bid for the

day. Cherry was steadfast in her search. Birds had proved to be a commodity on course 3, and this brace was no exception. Cherry hunted the country hard but just could not produce a bird. She finished the hour strong to the front but was birdless. That was the end of the Championship, and now the decision was all that was left.

When the dust settled, our judges, Dr. Stan Wint and Justin Crook, named Lawless Georgie Girl, the fine pointer female owned and handled by Jim Lawless as this year's Region 17 All-Age Champion. Runner-up was awarded to H P Cottonmouth for handler Rodney Shoemaker. Both dogs exhibited strong ground races with birdwork that exemplified championship-caliber birdwork needed to win.

This year's event saw 22 dogs from

several states compete for the title of Champion. The weather was good. The company was good. And as always, the food was great. Hopefully, this renewal will jumpstart this Championship after recent cancellations and bring this event back to the level that has enjoyed in previous years. Many thanks go out to all involved who helped to make this trial happen. We're looking forward to the 2024-25 renewal, wherever that may be.

**Dexter, Kan., November 3**

**Judges: Justin Crook and Stan Wint**

**REGION 17 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**[One-Hour Heats] – 26 Pointers and 1 Vizsla**

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

*Runner-Up-H P COTTONMOUTH, 1681616, pointer male, by Wiggins Mister Ronnie-Wiggins Miss Swami. Rodney Shoemaker, owner and handler.*

## SUNFLOWER FIELD TRIAL CLUB

### *Southern Thunder Wins Sunflower Open All-Age Classic*

**By Rachel Russell | Blue Mountain, Mississippi | November 4, 2023**

**W**e enjoy hosting the Sunflower Classic Open All-Age and Derby every year at the beautiful Hell Creek Wildlife Management Area just outside of Blue Mountain, Mississippi.

The All-Age was judged by Morgan Brewer of Union Springs, Alabama, and Elton Bray of Holly Springs, Mississippi. It began on Saturday, November 4, under sunny skies and temps in the 40s, rising to the mid-70s in the afternoon.

#### **The Running**

Coldwater War Cry (PM/Weldon Bennett) and Lester's Front Porch (PM/Gary Lester) turned loose at 8:00 a.m. Front Porch had a UP in the pines across the first road crossing at 15. Another UP followed for War Cry at 39 in the big bottom before the second road crossing at CR 75.

Brody Byrd handled Superstition's Jake (PM), and David Russell handled Haney's Hurricane Seeker (PM). Seeker acquired his first UP at 10 at the end of the long bottom before the first road crossing before the grain bin field. Jake and Seeker had a divided at 28, followed by a UP for Seeker at 41, and he was picked up. Jake finished the hour.

The third brace began back at the clubhouse, with David Russell handling Como Rain (PM) and Weldon Bennett handling Coldwater Odyssey (PM). Rain



Sunflower Open All-Age Classic Winners (l-r): Karen Blackwell holding granddaughter Olivia Russell, Melanie Shenker, Korry Rinehart with Southern Thunder, Tom Shenker, Billy Blackwell with Como Rain, Morgan Brewer (judge), Gary Lester, Melissa Green with Lester's Storm Surge, Ferrell Miller, Elton Bray (judge), and David Russell.

had a find at 23 in the first field across Hell Creek, followed by a back for Odyssey at 35, where he scored his first find. Bennett asked for the tracker at 45. Rain acquired his second and final find just before pick up at 58 before crossing Hell Creek to head back to the clubhouse.

Haney's Silver Dollar (PM/Chris Cagle) and Lester's Storm Surge (PM/Gary Lester) turned loose after the lunch break for the fourth brace. Silver Dollar was picked up at 10 for a breach of manners, and Storm Surge went on to have a find at

53 in the grain bin field before he finished the hour.

Korry Rinehart handled Bonner's Hot Rize (PM), and Chris Cagle handled Haney's Storm Warning (PM) in the fifth brace that turned loose at the road crossing behind the old house. Hot Rize had a UP at 3 behind the old house, and Storm Warning had a productive find at 7 in front of the house on the right before completing the hour.

Rock Acre Yellow Hawk (PM/Brody

Byrd) was braced with Beeler's White Knight (PM/Scott Beeler). Knight had a UP just before crossing Hell Creek, and the afternoon wrapped up without any more birdwork.

The seventh brace turned loose the following morning with Haney's Pure Joy (PF/Chris Cagle) and Como Thunder (PM/David Russell). Joy acquired her first find at the end of the pines just across the first road crossing at 21. Thunder acquired a UP at 25 just before crossing the mile-long bottom, and both dogs went on to finish the hour.

Late Hit (PM/Tom Shenker) and Lester's King Post (PM/Gary Lester) were braced together for the eighth brace. Late hit acquired a UP at 06, with a back from King Post.

Mike Lemons scratched Arkansas Threat due to a horse-related injury, so the bye-dog, Beeler's Texas Jig (PM/Scott Beeler), moved into the ninth and final brace with Southern Thunder (PM/Tom Shenker). Beeler picked Jig up at 20, and Shenker took Southern Thunder on to showcase a big, front-running race with one perfect find at 35 after crossing Hell Creek the second time.

Southern Thunder, handled by Tom Shenker and owned by Chris Campbell, was awarded first place. Second place went to Como Rain, handled by David Russell and owned by Billy Blackwell, and Lester's Storm Surge, handled by Gary Lester and owned by Tommy and Bonnie Hamilton, earned third place.

**Blue Mountain, Miss., November 4**  
**Judges: Morgan Brewer and Elton Bray**  
**SUNFLOWER OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC**  
**[One-Hour Heats] – 19 Pointers**

1st-SOUTHERN THUNDER, 1695471, male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Bryson's Dialing On Line. Chris Campbell, owner; Tom Shenker, handler.  
 2d-COMO RAIN, 1687713, male, by Skyfall-Catch Me Dot. Billy & Rachel Blackwell, Doug Arthur & David Russell owners; David Russell, handler.  
 3d-LESTER'S STORM SURGE, 1681624, male, by Ransom-Beane's Line Dancer. Tommy & Bonnie Hamilton, owners; Gary Lester, handler.



Open Derby Winners (l-r): Chris Cagle Sr., David Russell, Isaiah Todd with Erin's Firehouse Waitress, Ike Todd, Chris Cagle Jr. with Haney's Easy Money, Morgan Brewer (judge), Gary Lester, Melissa Green with Lester's Front Porch, Ferrell Miller, Billy Blackwell, Lowry Strickland (judge), Anniston and Parker Russell, and Jannie Chapman.

**Open Derby**

The Derby stake started after lunch on November 5 under sunny skies and highs in the low 70s.

Haney's Last Call, a pointer male handled by Ike Todd, and Lester's War Cry, a pointer male handled by Gary Lester, had the first hour and finished without any birdwork.

Erin's Firehouse Waitress, a pointer female handled by Ike Todd, was braced with Miss Arkansas, a pointer female handled by Mike Lemons, who had to scratch due to a horse-related injury, so Waitress ran as a bye-dog. Sue acquired two flawless finds and finished the 30 minutes to the front.

The third brace was run by Bandit Hills Robert, a pointer male handled by Ike Todd, and his bracemate, Western's Second Chance, a setter male handled by Scott Beeler. Robert had a find down from the church on CR 825, and both dogs finished the hour.

Brody Byrd handled Superstition Super Duty (PM), and Ike Todd handled Game Star (PF) in the fourth brace. Ike Todd handled Haney's Southern Angel (PF), and Gary Lester handled Lester's Front Porch in the fifth brace.

The fourth and fifth braces did not have any birdwork. Haney's Easy Money, a

pointer male handled by Ike Todd, and Como Raptor, a pointer male handled by David Russell, had a divided find at 10.

Game Heiress, a pointer female handled by Ike Todd, went birdless. Erin's Firehouse Waitress, a pointer female handled by Ike Todd, was awarded first place. Haney's Easy Money, handled by Ike Todd and owned by Chris Cagle, received second place, and Lester's Front Porch, owned and handled by Gary Lester, earned third place!

The winners received bags of Purina dog food along with their winnings, and we want to extend a "thank you" to Greg Blair and Purina for their sponsorship.

**Judges: Morgan Brewer and Lowry Strickland**  
**OPEN DERBY – 12 Pointers and 1 Setter**

1st-ERIN'S FIREHOUSE WAITRESS, 1705989, pointer female, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Little Faye. Gordy Jones, owner; Ike Todd, handler.  
 2d-HANEY'S EASY MONEY, 1702602, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner; Ike Todd, handler.  
 3d-LESTER'S FRONT PORCH, 1705484, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Gary Lester, owner and handler.

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## KENTUCKY LAKE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

### *Haney's Hurricane Seeker Wins Kentucky Lake Open All-Age*

By Jon Lam | Blue Mountain, Mississippi | November 7, 2023

The 2023 running of the Kentucky Lake Field Trial Club's National Qualifying Open All-Age trial began November 7, 2023, at the Hell Creek Wildlife Management Area, located at Blue Mountain, Mississippi. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks staff had the grounds in excellent shape and should be commended for their continued work in making this an outstanding area for field trials in the State of Mississippi. Those of us who enjoy this sport are very thankful for what the staff at Hell Creek does for field trials held on these grounds. A special thanks go to HCWMA employee Jack Griffin for his daily help and monitoring of the activities at the trial. The Club and the participants also want to thank Purina for their continued support and Pro Plan dog feed given to the winners of this trial. Last but not least, the Kentucky Lake Field Trial Club greatly appreciates the support of all who took part in attending and supporting this trial.

The judging responsibilities were done by two active field trialers, Joey McAlexander from Holly Springs, Mississippi, and Jon Lam from Makanda, Illinois.

#### **All-Age Stake**

A total of 16 dogs were drawn for this stake. Haney's Hurricane Seeker, a first-year dog owned and handled by David Russell, came to the forefront in the 6th brace with a ground-burning, two-find performance that upheld the standards for an all-age dog.

The following is a brace-by-brace summary of the action recorded in this trial. Prior to the start of the first brace, the running order was adjusted due to Weldon Bennett's scratching of two dogs, Coldwater War Cry and Coldwater Odyssey, due to his ill health and inability to make the trip to Hell Creek. In his absence, two dogs were moved from their originally drawn positions to facilitate the running. In addition to Bennett's dogs, Lester's War Bird (Lester) was scratched due to a torn pad.

#### **The Running**

Brace 1: Haney's Silver Dollar (Cagel) and Lester's Front Porch (Lester) came to the line and were turned loose at the entry gate to the clubhouse at 8:05 a.m. Weather conditions were partly cloudy, 50 degrees, with a light south wind. Both dogs



Kentucky Lake Open All-Age Winners (front, l-r): Haney's Hurricane Seeker with Scott Beeler, Bonner's Hot Rize with Korry Rinehart, and Como Thunder with David Russell. (Back row): Joey McAlexander (judge), an attendee, Jack Griffin, Ann Forrester, Keith St. John, Jon Lam (judge), little Russells with Mrs. David Russell, and Joy Lester.

rimmed the west end of the field and took to the gap on the east edge. Silver Dollar hit the gap first and went into the bottom along the east edge. Front Porch followed along the same line. At the far end, Silver Dollar disappeared into the gap that went to the Long Bottom. Front Porch made the turn, covered the field, and was caught by Lester and turned toward the Pines. Point was called at 12 by Lester, with no birds produced. Front Porch was brought on hunting through the pines and hitting the edges nicely. Point was called at 30 on the field edge, where he readjusted into the brush. A flushing attempt was made, and no birds were produced. Front Porch was collared. Cagel's dog did not appear, so his tracker was taken.

Brace 2: After a ride back to the clubhouse, Como Thunder (Russell) and Miller's King Poast (Lester) were brought to the line at the intersection of the roads coming to the clubhouse. Conditions were near the same as both dogs were loosed at 9:10 a.m. Both dogs went immediately to the gap and turned on course. Thunder took the left line, and King Poast took the right line, with both handlers pointing out their dogs. Point was called by Russell for Thunder at 6. After a good flushing attempt, Russell elected to relocate. Thunder moved up and hit birds again. Russell flushed, and birds were produced. Thunder was released, and both dogs were back together at 10. Entering the field ahead of the woods gap, Russell called point at 12. The flushing attempt did not

produce birds, and Thunder was taken on. Proceeding through the woods to the bottom, Thunder took the left line as King Poast was across the field on the right line. King Poast made the gap first and took the left line, with Thunder following. Birds lifted well ahead of King Poast at 20, and he mannerly stopped at flight. Thunder backed as King Poast established point. After Lester's shot, both dogs were turned loose and proceeded to the road crossing, with Thunder working the road edge to the north and King Poast working through the thicket to the south. As both dogs approached the gap, birds were seen leaving the area. Both dogs stopped and marked flight at 25, where both handlers shot. Both dogs were led to the Pines and released. King Poast took a right-hand move, and Thunder cut the middle of the Pines. Point was called by Russell at 29, and birds were produced. Thunder was taken on and entered the bean field below the pines, taking a left line. Birds moved ahead of Thunder at 32, and he stopped to watch flight, Russell shot. Proceeding on, Thunder took to the center strip as Lester pointed out King Poast taking the field around the right edge. Both dogs were gathered up and taken through the gap into the long bottom and across the creek into the next field. King Poast took the left line, and Thunder took the right line and on into the next field. King Poast's move took him off course to the left, causing Lester to hold up. Point was called by Russell for Thunder at 45 and again at 55 with birds produced. A distant call of point was

called by scout Rinehart for King Poast at 56. Birds were produced, and both dogs finished their hour.

Brace 3: Haney's Pure Joy (Cagle) and Whippoorwill Vette (Huffman) were turned loose at the old brick house site at 10:30 a.m. Temperatures were moderating near 55 with a partly cloudy sky. Both dogs took a right-hand swing to the thicket edge. Both dogs stopped along that line in the location of King Poast's previous brace find. Both handlers collared their dogs and took them on. Each dog made the gap into the next field, making good individual moves through the country. Pure Joy took a long edge move and disappeared into the pines at 20. Vette, staying in sight and going through the pines, proceeded on course. Returning at 36, Pure Joy rejoined the front where point was called by Cagle at 50. Vette approached Pure Joy with a little more excitement than Huffman wanted and was collared. After a good flushing attempt, Pure Joy was sent on. Point was called at 55 by Cagle with birds produced. Pure Joy finished her hour.

Brace 4: Beeler's White Knight (Beeler) and Nosam's Sweet Water (Huffman) were released at 1:15 p.m. after lunch. Conditions changed to a partly cloudy sky, 62 degrees, with little to no breeze. Both dogs proceeded well through the country, running and hunting the edges. Approaching the pines, both dogs were seen pointing at 12. No birds were produced, and both dogs were taken on. White Knight was seen digging into numerous birdy areas throughout the early part of the brace. Sweet Water ran the country well, showing in all the right places. Point was called by Beeler at 49 with no birds produced after multiple relocation attempts. White Knight was collared. Point was called by Huffman at 59 with no birds produced.

Brace 5: Lester's Shockwave (Lester) and Bonner's Hot Rize (Rinehart) were turned loose at the road intersection near the clubhouse. Conditions had stabilized and were like the previous brace start. Both dogs were loosed at 2:30 p.m. taking the gap and the left edge. Point was called by Lester at 5 for Shockwave with Hot Rize backing. Birds were produced, and the dogs were taken on. Proceeding to the end of the field and around the bend to the woods, Rinehart called point at 7 with Shockwave backing. No birds were produced, and both dogs were loosed. Immediately as they entered the woods,

both dogs slid to a stop with a divided find at 11. Birds were produced, and both dogs were taken on. Released into the bottom, both dogs took to opposite edges, traveling through the fields. Point was called by scout Beeler for Shockwave at 27. Birds were produced, and Shockwave was taken on. Hot Rize took a wide right swing through the bean fields and was seen at 37, standing with a good forward find. Birds were produced, and Hot Rize was taken on. Shockwave was making a large left-hand move around the bean fields and made a cut up the hill toward the pines, where he was found pointed at 43. Hot Rize made the loop and came in for a back. The flushing attempt produced no birds, and Lester elected to pick Shockwave up. Hot Rize continued through the pines and showed well running the front, responding well to his handler at pick up time.

Brace 6: Haney's Hurricane Seeker (Russell) and Lester's Storm Surge (Lester) were turned loose at the old brick house location at 3:50 p.m. Temps were falling slightly, and clouds were picking up again. Both dogs moved quickly to the front, made the gap, and on into the next field. Judges entered the next field only to see Storm Surge entering the gap into the next field. Arriving at the next field, Storm Surge was on the left-hand edge going to the front. Point was called by Russell for Seeker at 10 on the right-hand line with the dog slightly in the edge cover with a stylish find. Birds were produced, and quickly, Seeker hit the gap crossing Hell Creek. Storm Surge got hung up on his left-hand cast and made the Hell Creek crossing shortly after Seeker. Seeker was seen making a wide and speedy left-hand circle around the field. Storm Surge was put on the right-hand side and traveled the edge well to the front and to the gap into the next field. Point was called by Russell at 13 for Seeker, and Storm Surge was backing. No birds were produced, and both dogs were sent on. Seeker was seen across the next field covering the course with an attractive gate. Lester grabbed Storm Surge and sent him around the right edge of Hell Creek, making the turn into the course gap. The next minutes of the brace were outstanding as both dogs independently covered the course, leaving little unchecked. Entering the third field point was called by Russell for Seeker at 27 with Storm Surge backing. Birds were produced with all in order. Both dogs were loosed. Seeker proceeded through the country, leading the race and responding

well to his handler. Storm Surge showed well, making good independent moves. Both dogs finished well into the course.

**Blue Mountain, Miss., November 7**

**Judges: Jon Lamb and Joey McAlexander**

**OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] – 16 Pointers**

*1st-HANEY'S HURRICANE SEEKER, 1698759, male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. David Russell, owner and handler.*

*2d-BONNER'S HOT RIZE, 1687893, male, by Miller's Speed Dial-Miller's Martha White. Jannie Chapman & Jay Henley, owners; Korry Rinehart, handler.*

*3d-COMO THUNDER, 1687714, male, by Skyfall-Catch Me Dot. B. K. & Rachel Blackwell, owners; David Russell, handler.*

### **Ricky Chism Memorial Derby**

This Memorial Derby stake is run in memory of our friend, co-heart, and fellow field trialer Ricky Chism. It has been sponsored by the Kentucky Lake Club since Ricky's untimely death. Unlike most other all-age derby stakes, it is a full hour, which puts these young fall derby prospects on the ground for a test of endurance. This particular year, the prospects displayed a promising future in the field trial world. Determination for this year's winners was a hard, hairsplitting decision for the judges and was expressed to the handlers at the winners' announcement. A total of 10 dogs were drawn for this stake. Eight of the 10 competitors had bird contacts, mostly with broke manners on each find. All competitors showed good all-age qualities and handling tendencies, which is a great reflection of the work and dedication put in on each dog by each handler.

Lester's Front Porch came to the forefront with an all-around performance for owner/handler Gary Lester. Front Porch ran the front the whole hour with a good stop-to-flush at 1, a back at 38 and 49, and a forward find at 58. Second place went to Bandit's Hill Avenger, owned by Ann Forester (who was present to watch her dog run) and handled by Ike Todd. Avenger had two early finds and an outstanding forward ground performance that only slacked in the last couple of minutes. Third place went to Game Star for owner Dr. Fred Corder, handled by Ike Todd. Star had two finds and a call, "birds," not seen by judges. Star ran the country well with little to no handler direction. Other noted performances came from Haney's Last Call, with one find and good finish, and Edge's Sue, with two finds, a back, and good early groundwork.

It was good to see Gary Lester back

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in the saddle handling dogs after a long summer, suffering many health issues and near-death experiences. I know he appreciated the many thoughts and prayers lifted up on his behalf during his surgeries and recovery. Putting on this trial is just another contribution he makes to the field trial sport. He actively contributes to this sport and should be recognized for continually giving back to what he enjoys. We should continue to remember him as he continues his recovery and reconstruction phase in the coming months.

A special thanks goes out to the help and food provided by Ms. Joy Lester. It was good to see Mr. Ferrell Miller and his daughter Melissa Green throughout the



Ricky Chism Memorial Derby Winners (front, l-r): Lester's Front Porch with Korry Rinehart, Bandit's Hill Avenger with Ann Forester, and Game Star with Ike Todd. (Back row): Joey McAlexander (judge), Joy Lester, Keith St. John, Gary Lester, Scott Beeler, David Russell, and Jon Lam (judge).

trial, riding many braces and watching the dogs perform. Additional help that will

not go unrecognized came from Tammy Crouch and club members Korry Rinehart and Ike Todd. This judge would also like to personally thank Korry Rinehart for providing me with an afternoon ride to complete the judging responsibilities.

**RICKY CHISM MEMORIAL DERBY  
[One-Hour Heats] – 9 Pointers and 1 Setter**

1st-LESTER'S FRONT PORCH, 1705484, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Gary Lester, owner and handler.

2d-BANDIT'S HILL AVENGER, 1702642, pointer male, by Touch's Smooth Rider-Bandit's Hill Daisy. Ann Forester, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

3d-GAME STAR, 1704929, pointer female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Belle. Dr. Fred Corder, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

**NATIONAL AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Alliwood's Eleventh Hour Named Champion; Emert's Sho Me Mo, Runner-Up*

**By Adam DeLude | Covington, Indiana | November 8, 2023**

The 2023 AFTCA National Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship was run November 8-9 at Keith Wright's Redwood Farm, near Covington, Indiana, and drew an entry of 29 dogs.

The Redwood Farm is the perfect place to show a walking shooting dog with rolling hills, edges, feed strips, and plenty of cover that gives the opportunity for dogs to make moves while staying completely in tune with the handler. Most importantly, there was no shortage of birds again as every brace had bird contact, with many having multiple covey finds. The field was filled with tough competition, full of numerous champions and many that will have their day soon enough. The Wrights did it again, knocking their hospitality out of the park and being the best hosts you can find! Thank you to every handler who traveled from all over to make this a great championship.

Champion Alliwood's Eleventh Hour broke away in the 10th brace, crossing the creek, hunting fast and hard. She made her way forward and was found pointed, buried deep in the briars along the railroad tracks, before heading into the prairie with birds seen by the marshal. She continued on hunting the prairie, where she reconnected with her handler at the highway. From there, she made a move up the right side, swapped ends, and pointed again at 25, where all was in order. She continued to make all the right moves. She was next found standing by her scout at 51 minutes under the oak tree before heading up the hill by the pond. She was released from this find, and while running to the top



National Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship Winners (l-r): Mike Jackson, Terry Trzcinski (Purina Consultant), Cathy Lewis, Mr. Penland, Adam DeLude, Dr. Tom Jackson (judge), Jack Glover, Greg Blair with Alliwood's Eleventh Hour, Keith Wright (host), Keri Elfvn, Zach Hilton (judge), J. C. Monroe with Emert's Sho Me Mo, Mike Fox, Kevin Fingerle, David Emert, Kenny Norrinton, Mr. Emert, Geoff Johnson, Bud Walters, and David Cates.

of the hill by the pond, she had a stop to flush on a single where a shot was fired, all in order. She was sent on from here to the front, back into the prairie, where time was called. After a couple of minutes, she was found to the front, along the railroad tracks in the bicolor.

Runner-up Champion Emert's Sho Me Mo was turned loose in the sixth brace in the heat of the first afternoon by his handler. Mo broke away to the front, crossing the creek, and was found pointed at 8, which resulted in a non-productive. His handler sent him on, where he hunted the cover well up along the railroad tracks and crossed into the prairie. Mo was found pointed by his scout at 26 in the prairie.

Mo continued on, navigating the turns up on top of the hill, and headed down, where he crossed the creek again and had his final find at 42, heading towards the cabin. Mo was turned loose from this find, still hunting hard before heading back into the prairie in the heat of the day.

We want to thank the judges who took time out of their busy schedules to come and watch this great field of dogs while giving their utmost attention to each dog over the weekend: Dr. Tom Jackson from Indiana and Mr. Zach Hilton from Illinois.

We'd also like to thank our sponsors for their continued support; Purina and Garmin provided dog food and collars for our champion and runner-up champion.

No field trial is complete without a great team of workers. This year's championship, again, was no exception. I would like to personally thank Keith and Jessica Wright, John and Jill Wright, Mike Jackson, and John Vanada for all their help. Keith rode every single brace and helped each handler navigate the course; John handled dog wagon duties and was always there when we needed him; Jessica, John, and Jill provided top-notch hospitality and made sure meals were ready. There is one guarantee if you ever get the chance to run a trial at Redwood: you will NOT leave hungry! The Redwood team made sure we

were well-fed all weekend with breakfast, lunches, and dinners each day! Our Purina dinner Thursday night was a steak dinner from the Beef House Restaurant in Covington, Indiana.

Covington, Ind., November 8 – One Course  
 Judges: Zach Hilton and Dr. Tom Jackson  
**NATIONAL AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 29 Entries**  
*Winner-ALLIWOOD'S ELEVENTH HOUR, 1695563, pointer male, by Touch's Grey Street-Alliwood's Shady Shay. Adam DeLude, owner and handler.*  
*Runner-Up-EMERT'S SHO ME MO, 1668349, setter male, by Brannigan's Last Straw-Hytest Horizon. David Emert, owner and handler.*

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## NBHA NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

*Emert's Sho Me Motu Named Champion; Hirollins Gone And Doneit, Runner-Up*

By Adam DeLude | Covington, Indiana | November 10, 2023



NBHA National Amateur Championship Winners (l-r): Tim Penn, Bob Bakas (judge), Geoff Johnson, Adam Delude, David Cates, Greg Blair, Klaus Schmidt, David Emert with Emert's Sho Me Motu, John Vanada, Holly Hatfield, Sonny Clark, Keith Wright (host), Jack Glover, Warren Parrott with Hirollins Gone And Doneit, C. J. Campbell, an unidentified participant, J. C. Monroe, Shane Alison, John Hott (judge), and John Wright.

The 2023 NBHA National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship was run November 10-12 at Keith Wright's Redwood Farm, near Covington, Indiana. The Redwood Farm is the perfect place to show a walking-shooting dog, with rolling hills, edges, feed strips, and plenty of cover that gives the opportunity for dogs to make moves while staying completely in tune with the handler. Most importantly, there was no shortage of birds again, as every brace had bird contact, with many having multiple covey finds.

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Champion Emert's Sho Me Motu ran a good walking shooting dog race, always in tune with his handler and always to the front. He displayed the style and intensity the judges were looking for in his finds. He had an NP at 4, a back at 14, and finds at 13, 17, 33, 40, 44, and 54.

Runner-up Champion Hirollins Gone And Doneit also ran a good, attractive walking shooting dog race, always displaying fantastic style and intensity on his birds. He scored finds at 1, 7, 25, 35, and 37, had a back at 44, and an NP at 60. What separated him from the champion was a brief absence where the handler and scout went backward in search of the dog on the ridge by the pond.

### The Running

Brace 1a: Chief's Deception (PM/Penn) had finds at 15, 40, 48, breach of manners at 52. Beaucoup Creek Buck (ESM/Heisner) had a back at 15 and was picked up at 30.

Brace 2a: Good Reason Farkleberry (ESM/Elfvín) had finds at 8, 24, 45, and one unproductive. Emert's Shome Relentless (PM/Cates/Johnson) had finds at 11, 15, STF at 30 and 36, and an unproductive at 60.

Brace 3a: The tracker was pulled at 18 for The Treasure Chest (PM/Monroe/Parrott). Glover's Flintstone (ESM/Glover) had finds at 20, 31, and 38 and suffered an unproductive at 51.

Brace 4a: Sulphur Bend Firestorm (GSPM/Langley) was picked up at 27. Blair's Calvary Mountain (PM/Blair/Delude) had a breach of manners at 25.

Brace 5a: Emert's Sho Me Mo (ESM/Emert) had finds at 15, 37, 55, and 58 and suffered an unproductive at 50. Woodsways Whippin Winter (ESF/Pearson) was picked up at 4.

Brace 6a: The tracker was requested at 13 for Hirollins B K Bushwacker (PM/Parrott/Monroe). Cates Rocket Girl (ESF/

Cates/Johnson) had finds at 20, 24, STF 36, 41, and picked up at 46 for manners.

Brace 7a: Touch's Micro Dot (PF/Klaus/Clark) was picked up for breach of manners. The tracker was pulled at 20 for Raintree Blue Moon (RSM/Lewis/Blair).

Brace 8a: The tracker was pulled for Emert's Grouse Ringer T (ESM/Emert) and Foxy Lady Sadie (RSF/Fox).

Brace 9a: Bundy's Buckeye Molly (LSM/Sellers/Johnson) had a back at 25, a find with a relocation at 44, and suffered an unproductive at 45. Hirollins Gone And Doneit (PM/Parrott/Monroe) has been described.

Brace 10a: Tooth Acres Ron Takahara (ESM/Penland) was picked up at 20. K Del's Eagle Magnum Hotshot (BRITM/DeLong) had a find at 16, STF at 20, NP at 26, a find at 32, and suffered an unproductive at 44, causing him to be picked up.

Brace 11a: Touch's Mac Daddy (PM/Klaus) suffered an unproductive at 24, had finds at 35 and 49, and picked up at 51 after getting too close. Alliwod's Eleventh

Hour (PF/Delude/Blair) had a back at 24, finds at 36 and 47, and finished the hour.

Brace 12a: Tooth Acres Big John (PM/Penland) had a back at 10 and got too close at 31. Sycamore Creek Cody (ESM/Johnson/Cates) suffered an unproductive at 10 and got too close at 16.

Brace 13a: Foxy Abralena (RSF/Fox) got too close at 11. The tracker was pulled at 27 for Alliwod's Never Say Never (PF/Delude/Blair).

Brace 14a: Twiggy (PF/Monroe/Parrott) had a find at 7 and suffered unproductives at 15 and 22, ending her day. Glovers Pepper Shaker (ESF/Glover) was picked up at 20.

Brace 15a: Southern Shadow's Bootlegger (PM/Klaus) got too close at 15. The tracker was pulled at 28 for Chippewa's Dog of War (PM/Johnson/Cates).

Brace 16a: Faith's Maximum Justice (PM/DeLong) got too close at 16. The tracker was pulled at 15 for Tooth Acres Ricky Bobby (PM/Penland).

Brace 17a: Blair's Holy Thunder (PM/

Blair/Delude) suffered an unproductive at 4, had finds at 14 and 17, and picked up for a little too much movement on the find. Dave's Sho Me Motu (ESM/Cates/Johnson) has been described.

Brace 18a: Penrosa Hidncash (ESM/Penn) had a find at 20, unproductive at 30, STF at 32, and picked up for manners at 53. R R's Bluegrass Unbridled (PM/Hatfield) failed to back at 30.

Brace 19a: Magic Maggie Mae (PF/Klaus/Clark) had finds at 6 and 13 and got too close at 27. The tracker was pulled at 20 for Hirollins B K Bulletproof (PM/Parrott/Monroe).

#### Covington, Ind., November 10 – One Course

Judges: Bob Bakas and John Hott

#### NBHA NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 20 Pointers, 13 Setters, 1 Brittany, 3 Irish Setters, and 1 German Shorthair

Winner-EMERT'S SHO ME MOTU, 1687047, setter male, by Emert's Sho Me Mo-Emert's Drivin Miss Daisy. David Emert, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-HIROLLINS GONE AND DONEIT, 1679825, pointer male, by Fastforward's B K Gunner-Littlewing B K Tia. Warren Parrott, owner and handler.

## CONECUH STATION OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

### Panther Creek Rosie Wins 2023 Running

By Allison Stewart | Union Springs, Alabama | November 13, 2023

The Conecuh Station Open Shooting Dog Classic began on Monday, November 20, 2023, at Conecuh Station Plantation in Union Springs, Alabama. With each passing year, the hospitality shown by Becky and Tony Gibson only increases, as does our gratitude for their hosting of multiple trials on their beautiful plantation grounds. Thank you to John Mote and the entire Conecuh Station crew for managing the snappy pines. It is evident that these gentlemen take pride in their work, and it is because of their efforts there are so many opportunities to see the competitors doing what they love.

Thank you to Fay Duncan, George Cole, and Steve Hutto for rising well before the sun to prepare fresh, hot southern breakfasts each morning. Chef Ban Stewart catered delicious lunches. Ban cooked an excellent fish fry that was certainly one of the culinary highlights of the trial.

Thank you to Steve Hutto for driving the bird dog wagon and ensuring all had plenty of snacks and drinks to enjoy between braces. The Club would also like to thank Purina for their donations and support of this classic and the sport of field trials.



Conecuh Station Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (front, l-r): Madilyn Tilley and Harrison Lee with Panther Creek Rosie, Hunter McDuffie with Faithful, Mike Tracy with Waybetter Rebel, Elton Bray (judge), Tony Gibson with Traveler, and Robert Moorer. (Behind, l-r): Hunter Clark (judge), Amelia Stewart, Steve Hutto, and Allison Stewart (reporter).

A most special thank you to the Conecuh Station Field Trial Club Board. Their love and devotion to the sport of field trials, coupled with their individual strengths, make this board a true powerhouse. Thank you, Robert Moorer, Hunter McDuffie, Lisa Littell, Lawton Huggins, Becky and

Tony Gibson, Joe Varner, Ben Chancellor, Jayme and Collin Chittam, Scott Hasson, and Brain Sanderson (emeritus).

Elton Bray of Holly Springs, Mississippi, and Hunter Clark of Ethel, Mississippi, presided over the running of

the 74 bird dogs entered and gave each one a watchful opportunity.

### **The Running**

Brace 1: Dominator's Wild Bill (PM/Jamie Daniels) had a find at 14 and a back at 24 and showed nice groundwork. I'm Spartacus (PM/Doug Ray) marked finds at 24, 36, and 54.

Brace 2: Tallokas New Business (PM/Jason Loper) carded finds at 4 and 37 and an unproductive at 29. CS Four Season's Gunner (PM/Ray) displayed a nice race with a back at 4 and a find at 34.

Brace 3: Walden's Ridge Rain Storm (PF/Ray) had an unproductive at 11. Dominator's Queen Bee (PF/Daniels) requested the tracker at 12.

Brace 4: Cape Point Lucky Strike (PM/Ray) had a find at 26 but was not pleasing to handler and picked up. Triple Nickel Carbon Copy (PM/Tracy) requested the tracker at 19.

Brace 5: Hard Truth (PM/Ray) had a find at 19, an unproductive at 30, and ended his bid at 56. Legacy (PM/Rice) had an unproductive at 30, a find at 43, and picked up at 56.

Brace 6: Showstopper (PF/Rice) picked up at 10. Walden's Ridge Slap Shot (PF/Ray) picked up at 9.

Brace 7: Absolute Dominator (PM/Ray) and Hauser's Rollin Thunder (PM/Tracy) shared a divided find at 8 and requested trackers at 20.

Brace 8: Hatteras Rip Tide (ESM/Ray) requested the tracker at 33. Raag's Rich And Rare (PM/Tracy) suffered an unproductive at 2 and carded a find at 20.

Brace 9: Arnold's Heat Wave (PF/Jeffery Arnold) had an unproductive at 15 and picked up at 24. Tracker was requested at 7 for Absolute Tornado (PM/Ray).

Brace 10: Hatteras Sand Storm (ESM/Ray), picked up at 6. Arnold's True Confidence (PM/Arnold) carded a find at 47.

Brace 11: Trackers were requested at 8 for Arnold's Notorious Front Range (PM/Arnold) and Great River Stallion (ESM/Ray).

Brace 12: Erin's Big Casino (ESM/Tracy) marked birds at 23 and 41. The setter had an unproductive at 48 and displayed a strong finish. Miller's Promotional Upgrade (PM/Ray) was picked up at 30.

Brace 13: Smooth Talking (PM/Ray) carded a find at 19, and the tracker was requested at 34. Miller's Upgraded Design (PM/Tracy) requested the tracker at 25.

Brace 14: A Buccaneer (PM/Ray) had a find at 42. His bracemate was the aforementioned second-place winner, Faithful (PF/Mike Tracy).

Brace 15: Erin's Young Offender (PM/Alan Atkins) pointed birds at 5 and 43. Mr. Atkins thanked the judges at 56. Two Spot Tommy (PM/Ray) requested the tracker at 12.

Brace 16: Miller's Strolling For Gold (PF/Tracy) ended her bid at 40. She was braced with the aforementioned champion, Panther Creek Rosie (PF).

Brace 17: Cheap Thrill (PF/Rice) moved on birds and ended her time at 30. Trumped (PM/Tracy) carded finds at 4 and 31. After his second unproductive at 35, his handler tipped his hat to the judges.

Brace 18: Hauser's Hard Line (PM/Tracy) had a find at 23 where he was backed by his bracemate, Erin's Tough Grit (PM/Rice). Tracy thanked judges at 33, followed by Rice at 46.

Brace 19: Oahe Buck (PM/Rice) carded a find at 29 and ended his bid at 49. Ramey's Elhew Independence (PM/Tracy) requested the tracker at 14.

Brace 20: Miller's High Heat Index (PM/Tracy) thanked judges at 19. Erin's Mason Man (PM/Roger Key) asked for the tracker at 10.

Brace 21: Southpoint's Hog Wild (PM/Tracy) requested the tracker at 20. C S Trump (PM/Steve Hurdle) ended his time at 45.

Brace 22: Check It Out (PM/Martino) and Hightailing Penny (PF/Tracy) held a short brace.

Brace 23: Senah's Rum Chaser (PF/Clay Ferguson) hunted the grounds and finished in front. She was braced with the third-place winner, Waybetter Rebel (PM/Mike Tracy).

Brace 24: Sugarknoll Pay Dirt (PM/Hurdle) picked up at 30 after an unproductive and Calico's Sky's The Limit (PF/McDonald) picked up at 24.

Brace 25: Miller's Southern Gossip (PF/Tracy) and Face To Face (ESM/Martino) shared a divided find at 2.

Brace 26: Max (PM/Reynolds) had a find at 18. Miller's Heat Seeker (PM/Tracy) carded a find at 3 and had a stop to flush at 32.

Brace 27: Smoke Roll (ESM/Hurdle) exhibited strength on the ground and carded notable finds at 19 and 52. Miller's Record Heat (PF/Tracy) had a find at 2, an unproductive at 13, and a nice finish.

Brace 28: Dakota Nation (PM/Ted Roach) had a find at 51, relocated, and produced a nice covey. The pointer was in front at time. Miller's Automatic Upgrade (PM/Tracy) requested the tracker at 14.

Brace 29: Bittersweet War Cry (PM/Tracy) suffered an unproductive at 23 and was harnessed. C S Dirty Harry (PM/Hurdle) was moved from the last brace. He ended his bid at 24.

Brace 30: Late Hit (PM/Tom Shanker) of Easter Plantation maintained a clean, forward race, carding his first find at 20 with all in order. Late Hit held a beautiful stance as a bevy of birds lifted. The handsome pointer caught the scent again at 34, exhibiting firm posture through flush and shot. He suffered an unproductive at 50. Miller's Lock And Loaded (PM/Tracy) picked up at 24.

Brace 31: Miller's Extreme Heat (PF/Tracy) picked up at 24. Hillhavyn's Repeat (PM/Martino) carded a find at 12 and picked up at 30.

Brace 32: Party Starter (PM/Reynolds) requested tracker at 24. Tracker was requested at 32 for Jolene Jolene (PF/Tracy).

Brace 33: Miller's Miss Congeniality (PF/Tracy) was not pleasing to handler and was harnessed at 3. Backcountry Buddy (PM/Martino) suffered an unproductive at 21.

Brace 34: Elhew Mara Jade (PF/Tom Hennes) ended her time at 37. Miller's Little Duce Coup (PF/Tracy) was picked up at 20.

Brace 35: Southern Shadows Rhett (PM/Hurdle) had a find at 7. His bracemate, Cole Fusion (ESM/Hennes), did not honor with a back and was picked up. Mr. Hurdle thanked the judges for their time at 21.

Brace 36: Erin's Ty Breaker (PM/Hurdle) ended his time at 51. Luke's Gospel Truth (PM/Hennes) ended his bid at 45.

Brace 37: Reedy Creek Dial Tone (PM/Tracy) requested the tracker at 23. C S Rester's Speculation (PM/Hurdle) carded a most beautiful covey find at 23.

### **The Winners**

Panther Creek Rosie, pointer female, owned by Frank Ewing Rutland, handled by Tommy Rice of Diamond R Kennels, and scouted by Harrison Lee, earned the first-place position. The lovely liver and white lady carded her first find at 5, all in order. Her second find was marked at 23, holding a beautiful stance through flush and shot as a bevy of birds lifted. Rosie's love for the competition is most evident as hunted with passion and confidence



from the line to the finish. Her hour on the ground was most pleasing to observe.

Faithful, pointer female, owned by Susan and Roger Duerksen, handled by Mike Tracy, and scouted by Casey Tracy of Summerhill Kennels, ran a very strong, clean, and smooth race. She carded her first find at 32. Charting the course in a 10 and 2 motion, she was easy to spot, nose in the air, heart filled with passion for the hunt. She finished her hour carding a second find, all in order through flush and shot, and the same strength she began with.

Waybetter Rebel, pointer male, owned by Carl Bishop, handled by Mike Tracy, and scouted by Casey Tracy of Summerhill Kennels, earned the third-place spot with a notable find. Once handlers crossed the

road beside The Shop and passed The Little Pond, Rebel's handler instinctively felt as though he left him pointed and swung around to confirm this. Mike flushed and shot as a monumental covey lifted around the firm-standing pointer.

**Union Springs, Ala., November 13**  
**Judges: Elton Bray and Hunter Clark**  
**OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats]**  
**- 66 Pointers and 9 Setters**

1st-PANTHER CREEK ROSIE, 1691574, pointer female, by Panther Creek Merlin-Pineywood's Belle Aire. Frank Rutland, owner; Tommy Rice, handler.

2d-FAITHFUL, 1684597, pointer female, by Waybetter Rocky-Steel City Karen. Susan K. & Roger L. Duerksen, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d-WAYBETTER REBEL, 1689139, pointer male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Calico's Country Strong. Allen Linder & Bill & Muriel Primm, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

**Judges: Bo Brewer and Jeff Gibbons**

**OPEN DERBY - 24 Pointers**

1st-PAL'S PRESTIGIOUS PETE, 1702741, male, by Waybetter Jay-Clarendon's Black Eyed Sue. Lou Palazzolo, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

2d-HAUSERS UNHINGED, 1706301, male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Hauser's Cotton Dots. Jean & Debra Hauser, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d-GETAWAY DRIVER, 1705414, male, by Quickmarksman's Ace-Sweet Child O Mine. Missy Lawrence, owner; Michael Martino, handler.

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## CONTINENTAL AMATEUR TRIALS

### Touch's Lone Dominator Wins Amateur All-Age

By Steve Standley | Greenville, Florida | November 17, 2023

The Continental Field Trial Club held its annual amateur stakes on November 17, 2023, over the vast acres of Livingston Place. These historic grounds, formerly known as Dixie Plantation, have never looked better. The cover was blocked and groomed to perfection, the habitat ideal for the many wild bobwhite quail who thrive there.

Continental Field Trial Club President Randy Floyd has worked on this property for over 30 years. Tall Timbers Research, from Tallahassee, Florida, owns Livingston Place and its successful management throughout the plantation belt stands on its own. The field trial community owes a debt of gratitude to Tall Timbers for allowing these trials to continue.

John Michael McCormick is the assistant manager here and is an asset in every way. Ben Melvin joined the team in the recent past and has learned his trade well. Gloria Hagan grew up on Dixie; her heart and eyes are on every part of this place. Thomasville, Georgia resident Til Hankley comes each year to drive the dog wagon. He is always on time and where he needs to be. CFTC board member Dr. Charles (Kent) Cantrell rode every brace, and we appreciate his insights.

The judges were Dr. Tom and Tiffany Bass of Ft. Meyers, Florida. Dr. Bass is a general surgeon with his own practice. Tiffany is a nurse, and she manages the business. Their history is mostly in the AKC Brittany world. They are a formable team, both in competition and in their



Amateur All-Age Winners (l-r): Tiffany and Tom Bass (judges), Randy Floyd, Cecil Rester with Game Surge, Dr. Fred Corder, Woody Watson with James Pond Knightranger, Gary Futch, Kent Cantrell with Touch's Lone Dominator, and Polly and Tim Moore.

judging endeavors. Their decisions were well received. The Club was fortunate to have their expertise in the field.

The top three dogs in the Amateur All-Age stake took advantage of the weather conditions, time of day, and what Livingston Place has to offer. The venue presents a canvas for a field trial dog and handler to make their statement. All three of the place dogs excelled in their effort.

First-place dog Touch's Lone Dominator (Kent Cantrell), and the second-place dog, James Pond Knightranger (Woody Watson), both appeared in the first morning brace. There were plenty of birds as Knightranger connected at 16, with

Dominator scoring at 24. Both classy finds occurred before the first crossing. The pair used the open country in good form as they hunted ahead past Moccasin Creek, through the long fields, and their approach to Pike's Peak. Knightranger stood well in gridded cover on his approach to Acorn Hill. All was stylish. Moments later, the report of Cantrell's gun marked the second successful find for Dominator. Numerous coveys flushed wild as we finished the brace at the top of Acorn Hill.

Game Surge (Dr. Fred Corder) made his presence known in the sixth brace of the day. He was high and tight for his find at 8 near the Cadillac Field. Next, a strong cast was rewarded at 13 with perfect manners

on display. He continued to ply his trade with eye-catching form to be successful again at 51 on Kudzu Hill. He finished strongly.

The Amateur Derby was contested in the afternoon heat with the worst hunting conditions of the trial. Nonetheless three prodigies distinguished themselves in a manner that points to bright futures for these derbies. Miss Arkansas, owned by Mike Lemons, garnered the first-place award with a front-running race and one clean find behind the office. Dr. Fred Corder handled Miss Arkansas. He also handled his Game Nation to second place honors with his performance from Boyd Corner, through the Big Woods, across the sand road, and ahead to finish strongly. Mo's Curtain Call performed in the highest heat of the day as she was released at 2:35. She gained the front, ranged freely, and maintained contact with her handler, Tim Moore. She took advantage of the Long Field in fine form, crossed the main



Amateur Derby Winners (L-r): Randy Floyd, Tiffany and Tom Bass (judges), Til Hankley, Cecil Rester with Miss Arkansas, Kent Cantrell, Woody Watson, Dr. Fred Corder with Game Nation, an unidentified spectator, Gary Futch, Tim Moore with Mo's Curtain Call, Ben Melvin, Polly Moore, and John Michael McCormick.

road, and jumped in the water tank. The remainder of her time was most remarkable as she took in all the forward country on past the chimney to the distant wood line. She ran a deep swinging ark in a rightward bend to finish strongly, earning the third-place award.

All these derby performances were

remarkable and were expertly handled for a thoroughly enjoyable stake.

These grounds are magical, and this writer highly recommends seeing them in person.

**Greenville, Fla., November 17**  
**Judges: Tiffany Bass and Tom Bass**  
**AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]**  
**- 20 Pointers**

1st-TOUCH'S LONE DOMINATOR, 1692275, female, by Miller's Blindsider-Pearl Again. Charles Cantrell, owner and handler.

2d-JAMES POND KNIGHTRANGER, 1701200, male, by Touch's Blue Knight-Rester's Katie Lee. Woody Watson, owner and handler.

3d-GAME SURGE, 1700091, male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Maggie. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

**AMATEUR DERBY - 8 Pointers**

1st-MISS ARKANSAS, 1705667, female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Snow. Mike Lemons, owner; Dr. Fred Corder, handler.

2d-GAME NATION, 1704928, female, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Belle. Dr. Fred Corder, owner and handler.

3d-MO'S CURTAIN CALL, 1705285, female, by Miller's High Heat Index-Osceola's Seminole Wind. Tim Moore, Jim & Theresa Morrell, owners; Tim Moore, handler.

## PENNSYLVANIA AMATEUR GROUSE DOG CLUB

### Fall Trial

By Joe Cammisa | Rochester, Pennsylvania | November 18, 2023

On November 18, the Pennsylvania Amateur Grouse Dog Club held its fall trial at the Beaver Valley Pointer and Setter Club. Thank you to Beaver Valley and its officers for their generosity as a last-minute venue and date change due to a scheduling conflict that didn't allow the trial to run in Marienville, Pennsylvania, as originally scheduled. Thank you to Norm Meeder for the use of his ATV and to Mark and Dave Hughes for providing their side-by-side and for stepping in at the last moment to judge the Amateur Shooting Dog stake. Thank you to Al Fazenbaker and Eric Munden for judging the Amateur Puppy stake. The judges' decisions were all met with applause.

The day kicked off with the Amateur Puppy stake. Rob Matson's English setter female, Anna Lake Kali, came out on top with a strong finish and fancy hard hunting race. In second place was Backcountry Mickey, a white and orange pointer male owned by Chris Catanzarite and handled by Tyler Bowser. Mickey hunted hard, investigating all likely bird areas.

The always hotly contested Amateur Shooting Dog began at the conclusion of the Puppy. Justin Mason's Backwoods Wild Fire Blaze brought home first after laying down an impressive race with six finds. Finishing in second was Wildland



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (front, l-r): Justin Mason with Backwoods Wild Fire Blaze, Krysta Munden with Wildland Wild Man, and Eric Munden with Wildland Warrior. (Standing, l-r): Dave Hughes (judge) and Mark Hughes (judge).

Wild Man, owned and handled by Krysta Munden. Wild Man (Wayne) worked well with this handler with a hard-hunting fancy race, scoring three finds. In third was



Amateur Puppy Winners (front, l-r): Rob Matson with Anna Lake Kali and Tyler Bowser with Backcountry Mickey. (Standing, l-r): Al Fazenbaker (judge) and Eric Munden (judge).

Wildland Warrior, owned and handled by Eric Munden. Warrior ("Lola") hunted with a moderate range, scoring two finds.

Thank you to everyone who came out to participate and support the trial. We look forward to seeing you all in the spring!

**Rochester, Pa., November 18 - One Course**

**Judges: Dave Hughes and Mark Hughes**

**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG - 10 Pointers, 3 Setters, 1 Brittany, and 2 Irish Setters**

1st-BACKWOODS WILD FIRE BLAZE, 1691395, pointer male, by Erin's Wild Justice-Hollywood Hot'N'Tot. Justin Mason, owner and handler.

2d-WILDLAND WILD MAN, 1695981, pointer male, by Double Deuce Zeke-Beaver Meadow Rose. Krysta Munden, owner and handler.

3d-WILDLAND WARRIOR, 1676947, pointer female, by Erin's War Creek-Suemac's Coventry. Eric Munden, owner and handler.

**Judges: Al Fazenbaker and Eric Munden**

**AMATEUR PUPPY - 3 Pointers and 1 Setter**

1st-ANNA LAKE KALI, 1706129, setter female, by Ponderosa Mac-Winterset Black Betty. Rob Matson, owner and handler.

2d-BACKCOUNTRY MICKEY, 1705242, pointer male, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight. Chris Catanzarite, owner; Tyler Bowser, handler.

## NGSPA SHOOTING DOG INVATIONALS

*The Most Prestigious Events In The GSP Field Trial World*

By Keith Richardson & Chad Inderman | Gentry, Missouri | November 27, 2023

The 2023 editions were the 11th Open Shooting Dog Invitational and the 8th Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational for the National German Shorthaired Pointer Association. This year, the weather was a bit chilly at times, but it was much better than some previous years for the two events.

Only the top 12 point-earning dogs are invited to the Invitational each year for the Open Shooting Dog and the Amateur Shooting Dog events. The format of the trial is like no other trial run and requires three days of running, an hour each day, to win. On day one, the dogs are drawn randomly. On the second day, the dogs are braced so the dogs running in the morning of day one run in the afternoon of day two. The objective is that no dog has the same brace mate or runs on the same course. On the third day, the judges call back their top dogs to run again for an hour. The trial is designed to test the bird ability, biddability, range, and endurance of the best of our breed. After the third day of running, a champion is named.

Since our first Invitational, we have run at the Smith Farms in Gentry, Missouri. The grounds consist of three one-hour courses covering rolling cropland and dense stands of woods, which make for some beautiful lines for the dogs to run. The courses challenge the character and tenacity of even the best of bird dogs. We seeded the courses with over 1,000 quail for the six days of running, and every dog had multiple finds throughout the championship.

We are more grateful than words can express to Larry Smith and his lovely wife, Linda, for allowing us to run the Invitationals on their property. Larry campaigns English pointers, and he allows other championships to be run on his grounds, but no other GSP trials are allowed to use this land.

A huge thank you goes out to all our sponsors who helped make this trial what it is. Greg Blair and Purina were incredibly supportive, paying half of both Ross Young Oil paintings and dog food for the champion and auction. Also, huge thanks to SportDOG and Jim Morehouse for their many years of support by donating product. We are extremely grateful for the support of Garmin and Patrick Bowman for their contributions of product. We consider the very talented wildlife artist Ross Young to be a sponsor because he charges us less for



NGSPA Open Shooting Dog Invitational Championship (first row, l-r): Jessica Hann, Hank Lewis, Kirk Loftin, Chad Inderman, Josh Nieman, Cheryl Graves, Joe Orndorff, Gale Graves, Cindy Orndorff, Sherri Tangsrud, Jadie Rayfield, John Hicks, and Keith Richardson. (Second row, l-r): Carly Dynkiewicz, James Dynkiewicz, Becky Dynkiewicz, April DiMambro, Andy Dynkiewicz, David Quijano, Rich Robertson Jr., and Chase Verdoorn.

his fine work.

There are a lot of people to thank for making this trial one of the hallmark events in the NGSPA. A huge thanks goes to Keith and Bobbi Richardson for all their generosity and support, not just for the Invitationals but for everything they do for our sport. Their executive assistant, Brittny Haberkorn, is a huge help behind the scenes. Triple J is the wrangler, and he always brings some high-quality horses for the judges and people to ride. A big thank you to Joe Frauendienst, property manager for the Richardsons, who got up in the early morning hours every day to plant birds again this year. He did an excellent job with many multi-bird finds in spots that showcased the work of a good bird dog. Jon Small again donated his time to handle dog wagon duties. Thanks to all that spent time with marshal duties: Tommy Smith, Steve Auxier, Rich Robertson, and Dan DiMambro. Donna Gladstone and her niece Wendy cooked breakfast and lunch for us each day. Linda Smith cleaned rooms for the judges. Chad Inderman stepped up to handle the running of the Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational when Keith Richardson had to leave after the Open. Becky Dynkiewicz and Dan DiMambro did excellent jobs with the administrative duties. Charmayne Hughes prepared wonderful dinners and hosted us in a private room at Hughes Bar X in Albany, Missouri. The gentlemen wear coats and ties, while the ladies wear nice dresses or suit pants for the nightly festivities. We enjoy appetizers, an open bar, and some of the finest wines from Keith Richardson's wine cellar. For the third year, Malloy Gamebirds provided

the best flying and strongest birds we have seen at any NGSPA Championship.

### NGSPA 11th Open Shooting Dog Invitational

#### The Top 12 Dogs

- Perfections Huckleberry ("Huck"), defending champion, is owned and handled by Jon Hann.
- Hi N's Curtain Call ("Charlie"), with 1,252 points, is owned and handled by Hank Lewis.
- Hi N's Allison Miranda ("Allie"), with 1,214 points, is owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin and handled by Kirk Loftin.
- Llano's Game On Greta ("Greta"), with 1,212 points, is owned by Chad and Natalie Inderman and handled by Josh Nieman.
- All N's Johnny B Good ("Johnny"), with 1,127 points, is owned by Gale and Cheryl Graves and handled by Joe Orndorff.
- Uodibar's Robbi Jo ("Robbi"), with 1,016 points, is owned by Sherri Tangsrud and handled by Kirk Loftin.
- Slaterock's Mountain Heart ("Rommel"), with 924 points, is owned by James and Andy Dynkiewicz and handled by Dan DiMambro.
- Quijano's W D Forty Rusty ("Rusty"), with 770 points, is owned by David Quijano and handled by Josh Nieman.
- Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee ("Dee"), with 764 points, is owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin and handled by Kirk Loftin.
- P W Indian Brook Heads Up ("Enzi"), with 626 points, is owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson and handled by Rich Robertson Jr.
- P J Wildfire's Little Lexi ("Lexi"), with

602 points, is owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin and handled by Kirk Loftin.

• P W Evolution's Recreation ("Spike"), with 516 points, is owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson and handled by Rich Robertson Jr.

### **The Judges**

The 2023 Open Shooting Dog Invitational was honored to have two very experienced and knowledgeable men in the judges' saddles. John Hicks and Jadie Rayfield have both been very active and successful in the pointer/setter field trial world as participants, judges, and involved in putting on trials. They are both very focused on the job at hand, but at the same time, they enjoy a bit of spontaneous humor and are fun to be around. It is the first time these two men adjudicated our breed, and they clearly showed they are looking for the same kind of dog we enjoy seeing placed as Invitational Champion.

The judges expressed amazement at how broke our dogs were. Over the three days, there were over 100 points producing birds with no breaches of manners on game and many dogs handling five or more flushes during their run. In nearly 50 years of running and judging dogs they had never seen such a group of broke dogs. They were also complimentary of the sportsmanship exhibited by the handlers and participants and the organization of the event.

### **The Running**

#### **— Champion Llano's Game On Greta**

Llano's Game On Greta had 15 finds in three days, and each was handled with perfect manners and classy style. Greta ended her three days of performance with a memorable finish, demonstrating outstanding stamina and heart. Some of us knew she was running with an injured foot, but it never affected her performance. She was a fun dog to watch because she exuded the pleasure of the hunt, and her gait was snappy and fast with flowing speed as she covered the ground. Greta was very responsive to her handler and required very little handling, always showing to the front. Greta made some "monster casts," and one was particularly memorable as it was capped with a limb find. The judges were particularly impressed because she consistently had "two-step" finds where the birds were so well pinpointed that the handler only needed to take a few steps into the cover to flush the birds.

### **Other Memorable Performances**

Perfections Huckleberry had an excellent rapport with his handler, who rarely needed to give him direction because he naturally coursed to the front. With 15 minutes left in the hour, Huck made a giant move that eventually took him over three hills and

into the thickest part of the course, where he was lost to sight. After a 7-minute ride and to the relief of everyone, he was found staunchly standing on point, presenting one of the most exciting limb finds of the stake. As one judge said, it was a "dinger," which he had to explain to this Yankee reporter was a real "bell ringer." Huck had two days of solid performance, where he finished as strongly as he began, thus demonstrating his power and stamina. He was called back on day three and had a strong 45 minutes before he disappeared (on point, as it turned out) and failed to be returned to judgment.

P W Evolution's Recreation had the strongest first day of any of the dogs. The judges described his performance as "textbook" perfect. He ran with undiminished power and consistently showed to the front. His handler was able to ride and sing to Spike from the "money hole," explained by the judges as that 10 to 2 slot a reasonable distance from the judges, and show his dog making impressive moves; he had six finds on the first day, and three of them were limb finds discovered by the scout. Day two was not so pretty. His handler had been bucked off at the start of a scouting job just before his run. He climbed back on and stuck it out with a couple of broken ribs. It was obvious that his handling performance was affected, as was that of Spike.

P J Wildfire's Little Lexi had a good two days. She never tired and always held the front. Her bird work was pristine with excellent style. Her main downfall was that her run was a bit erratic and not as flowing as the top two dogs.

Slaterock's Mountain Heart impressed the judges. He was a big running, powerful dog who was also a great bird dog. He found a lot of birds every time he was on the ground and handled them with exceptional style, never making a mistake. He was impressive throughout his runs, which were unfortunately cut short on day two when he took a wrong turn and was lost from judgment at about 30.

P W Indian Brook Heads Up was off to a great start with a spectacular day one. She was fast, flowing, and powerful as she took every edge to its completion, never breaking off or checking back. She had seven finds with perfect style and manners. Enzi needed little direction and allowed handler to remain in the "money hole" while she did her job. On the second day, she was lost on the cast-off. The scout found her standing on course 3 and returned her to judgment, but 30 minutes had lapsed.

In the second brace of day one, Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee had finds at 7, 14, 22, 32, 41, and 59 minutes. Dee put her style on display for everyone to see, showing her

range and looking for birds in all the right places. In the last brace of day two, Dee couldn't give a repeat performance of day one. A couple of non-productive points and a little less responsiveness hurt her chances.

Gentry, Mo., November 27

Judges: John Hicks and Jadie Rayfield  
NGSPA NATIONAL OPEN INVITATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats On Two  
Consecutive Days; Third Day Callback One-Hour  
Heats] – 26 German Shorthairs

Winner-LLANO'S GAME ON GRETA, 1679141, female, by  
Llano's Game On Dude-H K Angie's Slick Image. Chad &  
Natalie Inderman, owners; Josh Nieman, handler.

### **Thoughts on the 2023 NGSPA Open Shooting Dog Invitational**

**By Jon Hann**

Our Invitational for us, like so many others, was filled with hope and joy and great moments and heartbreak and exhilaration. The excitement of moving in—the rustling hum of camp, of horses being settled and fed, blanketed at night, generators running their low buzz and keeping the trailers just warm enough, dogs staked out to be fed and watered, watching with grand attention that they might be turned loose. The excitement of waiting for the first draw—the dinners are spectacular and yet homey and heartfelt, perfectly crusted quail and pheasant, desserts that are the envy of all, and spinach dip that is unrivaled. Each meal created with a beautiful touch of class that Keith and Bobbi Richardson work so hard to keep at this event. Seeing old faces but folks are all dressed up and hardly recognizable from their dog running clothes. Dresses and heels replace boots and chaps. Jeans and ties replace spurs and whistles. Waking up in the early morning with the cold air—so cold it makes you stop to take a breath and ice crystals glistening across the millet and the corn stocks, the windmill Standing vigil over the Smith farm. A beacon to all who have run these grounds before us. It is surreal.

You can feel the history of the land beneath your feet—the champions of many breeds echoing through the draws. For us, it is the shorthairs that capture our hearts. It is fast-paced—slipping on icy draws and galloping through the cornfield with steam rising around us off the coats of our horses like geysers waiting to erupt. The camaraderie here is second to none. Each person helping the dogs get through the challenging courses, scouts pushing their horses to the limit of their endurance. Handlers jumping in and turning dogs while others hold horses at each find. The ever-present flushing of the coveys, the sense of desperation from the handlers trying to find the birds and the catching of the front in a flurry of hooves. And

again, warm dinners at the Hughes Bar X with ever-present Calen knowing each of us personally and tending to our dinner and drinks with such compassion and kindness. It is Ross Young oil paintings filling the space by the buffet, telling of last year's winners and Keith with his nightly blessings of meals to keep us all safe the next day. It's sore feet and tired dogs – handlers on the brink of exhaustion. It's mist rising off the ponds, and birds flushing with the frantic beat of their wings. It's the welcoming smile of Linda and Larry Smith, who so willingly share these cherished grounds with each of us. And Joe, who rises in the middle of the night to plant birds, and Tommy and Steve and Larry, who dedicatedly marshal you through these grounds with every twist and turn, staying on course with steadfast determination. It is a dream come true.

We are each honored to find our place among this beautiful land. These dogs bring so much life to us, so much joy, they make this possible. Huck, I thank you for the journey, for making these moments possible for Jon and me, for pushing on through tendon injuries, and for putting your heart out there with every run. You are the champion of our hearts. Godspeed to each of you and your beautiful companions.

Huge congratulations to Greta, Josh, Chad, and Natalie. What a fierce little dog she is, fighting through an injury and pushing till the end.

Till the next time. God Bless.

### **NGSPA 8th Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational**

#### ***The Top 12 Dogs***

•Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee ("Dee"), defending champion, is owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin and handled by Kirk Loftin.

•B M B's Madison Avenue ("Madison"), with 2,151 points, is owned by Brandon and Jennifer Blum and handled by Brandon Blum.

•Hi N's Allison Miranda ("Allie"), with 1,712 points, is owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin and handled by Kirk Loftin.

•Uodibar's Robbi Jo ("Robbi"), with 1,016 points, is owned by Sherri Tangsrud and handled by Kirk Loftin.

•Twin Creeks Running Rocky ("Rocky"), with 978 points, is owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin and handled by Kirk Loftin.

•In Country's Hurricane Jane ("Jane"), with 824 points, is owned by Robert Reynolds DVM and handled by Chris Young.

•Hi N's Curtain Call ("Charlie"), with 808 points, is owned and handled by Hank Lewis.

•High Standing Cuttin Edge ("Woody"), with 698 points, is owned by Anthony and



NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Championship Winner (l-r): Dan DiMambro, Rich Robertson Jr., Brandon Blum, Steve Auxier with B M B's Madison Ave, and Sheldon Rogers.

Dayna Rusciano and handled by Anthony Rusciano.

•Uodibar's Lover Boy ("Blue"), with 680 points, is owned by Sherri Tangsrud and handled by Kirk Loftin.

•Chisholm Creeks Cuttin Loose ("Lucy"), with 610 points, is owned and handled by Mark Wasserman.

•Llano's Game On Greta ("Greta"), with 508 points, is owned by Chad and Natalie Inderman and handled by Chad Inderman.

•Snowy Rivers So Far So ("Sophie"), with 460 points, is owned and handled by Mike Kindler.

#### ***The Judges***

Our judges for the 2023 NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational were Sheldon Rogers and Richard Robertson Jr. Sheldon lives in Saskatchewan and has judged many important trials in the pointer/setter game, as well as having judged the NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational in 2016 and the Open Shooting Dog Invitational in 2017. As an amateur, he has trained and competed his own dogs. Richard Robertson Jr. has trained and competed bird dogs professionally since he was 22 years old and has judged many field trials of all types over his many years in the sport. Both men are highly respected and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to this very special NGSPA event.

#### ***The Running***

##### ***— Champion B M B's Madison Avenue***

On day one, Madison was in the first brace after lunch on course 1. Madison and her bracemate broke away together to the right. Madison's owner/handler, Brandon Blum, was able to quickly gather her up, and Madison went forward, where she stayed to the front for the rest of the brace. Madison was found standing at 24 minutes by a big tree on the fence line where course 1 makes a left turn to drop down into the bottom country. Madison had run a long edge to get to this location and was rewarded with birds. Madison went on to have more finds at 42, 49, and 59. The judges noted that Madison stayed to the front with no hard riding from her handler

and was always mannerly on her birds.

On day two, Madison was in the second brace of the morning on course 2. The dogs were cast off by the gate along the county road at the beginning of course 2. Madison was standing at 5 minutes along a tree line. After a long flushing attempt around the trees, a single quail flew from a patch of grass between the trees and the dog. After the first find, Madison had some work to catch the front, and she was up to the task. She quickly caught back up and regained the front, where she was rewarded with another find at 12 minutes. Madison had her third and final find of the brace at 30 minutes on the dam of "Dead Tree Pond." As Madison's handler was preparing to flush, Madison's bracemate came over the hill and ran directly between Madison and her birds. Madison ignored the commotion and remained staunchly committed to her game, where birds were ultimately produced. Madison finished the remainder of the hour with a good forward race.

On day three, Madison had four more finds with birds at 7, 10, 44, and 50. Madison also carded her only two unproductives of the stake, but the bobble wasn't enough for the other dogs to catch her. The judges always pay attention to a dog's endurance on the last day of this grueling three-day performance, and Madison was found to show no letdown in speed, power, or endurance during the entire three days. Madison was named the 2023 NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Champion based on her consistent performance over all three hours.

#### ***Other Dogs Worthy of Mention***

Other notable dogs were Llano's Game On Greta, Snowy Rivers So Far So, and Uodibar's Robbi Jo, who were all called back for day three. Greta, Sophie, and Robbi all showed strong class and talent over the first two days and earned their invitation to this event. But, for various reasons, they were not able to show the consistent three-day performance that earned Madison the championship.

**Judges: Rich Robertson, Jr. and Sheldon Rogers**

**NGSPA AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**[One-Hour Heats On Two Consecutive Days; Third Day**

**Callback One-Hour Heats] - 28 German Shorthairs**

*Winner-B M B'S MADISON AVE, 1670283, German Shorthair female, by Trueblu's B D K Ace Inthe Hole-Time To Pay The Piper. Brandon & Jennifer Blum, owners; Brandon Blum, handler.*

## BAMA QUAIL CLUB

### Erin's Mason Man Wins Jane & Billy Kitchens Amateur Shooting Dog Classic

By William Goodwin | Tuskegee, Alabama | November 30, 2023

Mr. Gary Fuller has allowed us to conduct this trial on his property for a number of years. His contribution to our club and the field trial sport is greatly appreciated. Nestlé Purina PetCare again sponsored us. Their cooperation and the support from their representative, Mr. Greg Blair, is appreciated.

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

Judges for the Amateur Derby were Tom Hennes and Bucky Street. All of the placed entries had good birdwork and solid ground application. First place was awarded to Southern Sweets Lane, owned by Lance Servais and Brian Peterson; second place was Southern Shadows T-Bird, owned by Lance Servais and Brian Peterson; and third place went to Rentz's Catch A Buzz, owned by Joe and Tricia Rentz.

The Amateur Shooting Dog had 28 entries for judges Tom Hennes and Bucky Steet to evaluate. First place was awarded to Erin's Mason Man owned and handled by Roger Key. Mason Man ran a wide, forward-shooting dog race with flawless birdwork. Second place went to Southern Shadows T Rex. Owned by Lance Servais and handled by Brian Peterson, Rex is no stranger to the podium. He ran his usual strong ground race with solid birdwork. Third place was Pineywood's Legacy handled by Darren Hendley. Will was strong throughout his brace and also had solid birdwork. Our judges were attentive to each participant and consistent with their placements. BAMA Quail members are very appreciative of their efforts.

Thank you to our participants for once again supporting the BAMA Quail Club. We are already making plans for our 25th year, so mark your calendars for the first weekend in December 2024. Thank you

again from the BAMA Quail group to participants, judges, and sponsors.

Tuskegee, Ala., November 30

Judges: Tom Hennes and Bucky Street

AMATEUR DERBY – 12 Pointers

1st-SOUTHERN SWEETS LANE, 1705876, female, by Southern Shadows T Rex-Southern Ritz Lane. Lance Servais & Brian Peterson, owners; Brian Peterson, handler.

2d-SOUTHERN SHADOWS T-BIRD, 1705877, male, by Southern Shadows T Rex-Southern Ritz Lane. Lance Servais, owner; Brian Peterson, handler.

3d-RENTZ'S CATCH A BUZZ, 1704837, male, by Oahe Buck-Hill's Georgia Brown. Joe & Tricia Rentz, owners; Joe Rentz, handler.

JANE & BILLY KITCHENS AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC [One-Hour Heats] – 24 Pointers and 4 Setters

1st-ERIN'S MASON MAN, 1701057, pointer male, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Pearl. Roger Key, owner and handler.

2d-SOUTHERN SHADOWS T REX, 1682853, pointer male, by Skyfall-Miller's White Wall. Lance Servais, owner; Brian Peterson, handler.

3d-PINEYWOOD'S LEGACY, 1689944, pointer male, by Panther Creek Merlin-Pineywood's Belle Aire. Darron C. Hendley, owner and handler.

### ROBERT "BOB" GOVE

Robert "Bob" Gove (79) passed away suddenly on December 2, 2023, after struggling for many years with Alzheimer's disease.

Bob spent his youth involved in Boy Scouts, canoeing, family camping trips to Voyageurs National Park and the Quetico Provincial Park, go-cart racing, falconry, and adopting every wild critter he could capture. Bob's early years were spent in Herman, Minnesota, and later grew up in Wayzata, Minnesota. He pursued a passion for biking and cross-country skiing, which he competed in competitively. He also served in the Army Reserves.

Bob's love of the outdoors led to him becoming an avid hunter of upland game birds, and he subsequently fell in love with his first Irish Setter. In 1996, he made the mistake of going to a horseback field trial. He ran while everyone else rode. His third-place ribbon got him hooked on his biggest passion—horseback field trials. He devoted constant hours to the sport, training, campaigning, and breeding Red Setters. He won nearly 20 National Red Setter Championships, several regional



championships, and numerous Dog of the Year awards. He had two of his dogs inducted into the Field Trial Hall of Fame. He worked tirelessly to promote the sport, serving simultaneously as president of the National Red Setter Club and the Northwest Field Association. He filled every role with these organizations as needed for 50 years.

Bob's degree was in Biology, and he began his career at Hennepin County Park Reserve District (Three Rivers Park Districts), where he served for 28 years. He started as the Public Information Officer, which was perfect for utilizing his skills in photography. He moved up in the organization to Naturalist, Director,

and ultimately Director of Public Safety. He instigated the mounted patrol program and was instrumental in getting field trials on the park grounds.

In 1982, he met his beloved wife Katherine. Together, they formed an inseparable team, enjoying the same passion for the outdoors. Hunting, fishing, field trialing, farming, and traveling filled their days. Their favorite trip included an African safari, but other highlights included Alaska, Australia, the Amazon rainforest, the Caribbean, and the National Parks. Both shared a love for historical sites and made many trips to the Mayan ruins in Mexico and Central America.

Bob's love of the outdoors and nature was always the driving force in his life, from his career to his hobbies. He is preceded in death by his mother, Constance (Bradley) Gove, father Robert Gove, brothers Michael, David, and Willard, and many of his beloved dog family, including Fling, Lefty, Buns, Shorty, Bella, and Binny. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Gove (nee Hartnett), and many loving extended family members.

# OZARK & ARKANSAS OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Stylish Miss Bell Named Ozark Champion; Lester's Another Shockwave Wins Arkansas*

By Steve Messick | Conway, Arkansas | November 30, 2023



Arkansas Open Shooting Dog Winner: Lester's Another Shockwave with Shawn Kinkelaar, Roger Martin, and Jon Davis (judge).



Ozark Open Shooting Dog Runner-up: Wynona's Nickleback Sugar with Brian Gingrich and Allen Vincent, Eddy Taylor, Rick Thone, and Jon Davis (judge) looking on.



Arkansas Derby Classic Winners (l-r): Shawn Kinkelaar, Virgil Moore with Erin's Ikon, Jon Davis (judge), Brian Gingrich, Allen Vincent with Wynona's Fireaway Rooster, and Harold Gearhart looking on.

Where do the years go? It seems like yesterday we just started. The years have passed, but in my eyes, the goals are the same: look for winning performances worthy of attaching their names to some of the oldest championships in the field trial world. When we started the Arkansas, game and fish had the reputation of farming for wildlife, and they are successful! The names of Luther Thomas, Fred Smith, Dwayne Thomas, and Roger Martin made quail, rabbit, and deer flourish. They made their plan, and did they perform it. Now, those hard workers have gone on to a better world or retirement. Sure wish we had them back!

First on the card was the Ozark Open Shooting Dog Championship. Sixty-one dogs came to the line, and a little bitch made you watch! Tom Curtsinger showed off with his pride and joy Stylish Miss Bell. Bell ran the first hour course with desire and smarts; she was found three times, all to the front. She wasted no steps, and her manners on her game were perfection! Allen Vincent came to win and did a very worthy job with Wynona's Nickleback Sugar, who had two well-spaced finds on the second hour; her manners with perfection. She attacked her hour with gusto. One of her owners, Mr. Bruce Sooter, was on hand; the other, Mr. Brad Tolson, I'm sure got a phone call bragging! Mr. Jim Martin was kind enough to help call the winners. His time is appreciated.

Conway, Ark., November 30

Judges: Steve Messick and Jim Martin

## OZARK OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 46 Pointers and 5 Setters

Winner-STYLISH MISS BELL, 1691586, pointer female, by Valiant-Haney's North Star. Tom Curtsinger, owner and handler.

Runner-Up-WYNONA'S NICKLEBACK SUGAR, 1690017, setter female, by T's Nickleback-Carpenter's Don't Ya. Bruce Sooter & Brad Tolson, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.

## Arkansas Derby Classic

Next up, the Arkansas Derby Classic. Shawn Kinkelaar claimed top honors with Erin's Ikon, a strong, front-running, handsome setter. He carded a nice bevy find with much seasoned manners. He's owned by Jerrold and Kristen Moisson of the cold state of Wisconsin. Allen Vincent claimed another runner-up spot with Wynona's Fireaway Rooster. He, too, had a bevy find with good derby manners. He's owned by Mr. Brian Williams. Amazingly, you always see winners of these top juvenile states go on to win championships in the future.

Judges: Jon Davis and Steve Messick

## ARKANSAS DERBY CLASSIC – 15 Pointers and 3 Setters

Winner-ERIN'S IKON, 1703948, setter male, by Erin's Wild Atlantic Way-Wildcat Creek Athena. Jerrold & Kristen Moisson, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

Runner-Up-WYNONA'S FIREAWAY ROOSTER, 1701045, pointer male, by Touch's Fire Away-Wynona's Valiant Rosietta. Brian Williams, owner; Allen Vincent, handler.

## Arkansas Open Shooting Dog Championship

The Arkansas Open Shooting Dog Championship completes the trio. Lester's Another Shockwave did an outstanding job; he's fast and goes far. He's a pleasure to watch, and Shawn Kinkelaar was the pilot of this good performer. Shockwave was credited with two finds. He's by what seems to be a corporation of five—Tom Jackson, Jerry Morrison, Lance Schulz, Bjorn Peterson, and Todd Manns. I wonder how the pecking order filters out? They all should be proud, and all should have been there.

Well, he did it again; yes, Allen Vincent came away with another runner-up! This time with Mayfield Storm Charger. He had a single find and a perfect relocation

on a feeding covey to get the nod. He's owned by Scott Mason and Jake Davis of Mayfield, Kentucky. Mr. Jon Davis rode to watch the derby winners and the championship. Jon's a pleasure to be with; his help is much appreciated.

Now, it's my pleasure to thank all the handlers and owners who support these trials and others across the country. This group, I can say without hesitation, are my friends. I know I can count on them, and they can count on me. Two individuals that I have not had the pleasure of ever meeting but seems I've known forever: Mr. Greg Blair of Purina and Mr. Jim Morehouse of SportDOG. These two always make me feel so supportive. Thanks for all they do!

Thanks to my friend Mr. Roger Martin for his help putting on these events. We go way back and he joins me in saying the good ole days are where it's at! Till next time!

Judges: Jon Davis and Steve Messick

## ARKANSAS OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 37 Pointers and 4 Setters

Winner-LESTER'S ANOTHER SHOCKWAVE, 1691812, pointer male, by Lester's Shockwave-Miller's Stitch In Time. Prairie To Pines Kennels, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.

Runner-Up-MAYFIELD STORM CHARGER, 1701588, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-R W Susie Q. Scott Mason & Jake Davis, owners; Allen Vincent, handler.

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## NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

*Game Heir Named Champion; Rebel Survivor, Runner-Up*

By Piper Huffman | Grand Junction, Tennessee | December 5, 2023



National Amateur All-Age Invitational Championship Winners (front, l-r): Mike Lemons with Game Heir and Gary McKibben with Rebel Survivor. (Behind): Rick Carlisle, Piper Huffman, Jim Pendergest, Dr. Fred Corder, Scott Griffin, Maria Bassham, Derek Bonner, Chris Weatherly, and David Williams.

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The National Amateur All-Age Invitational Championship was held at Ames Plantation on December 5, 2023. Derek Bonner and Scott Griffin judged this prestigious Championship. Maria Bassham reported the event. Thank you to each of you for your time and efforts. Purina and Garmin International sponsored the event. This Championship would not be possible without them. A Purina dinner was held Monday evening at the Bird Dog Museum. Gayle Haynes prepared a delicious dinner.

All handlers were given a bag of Purina dog food and a Purina hat. The winners received Purina dog food and Garmin collars.

Grand Junction, Tenn., December 5

Judges: Derek Bonner and Scott Griffin

**NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 12 Pointers**

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

Runner-Up-REBEL SURVIVOR, 1680246, pointer male, by Rebel Pride-In Swami's Shadow. David Williams, owner and handler.

## ASSOCIATED FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF FLORIDA

*Super Bowl Trial*

By Petie Brown | Punta Gorda, Florida | December 9, 2023

The Super Bowl trial kicked off with Robert Franks flying in from Arkansas to fry up a huge batch of catfish with enough leftovers for lunch the next day. Robert has been spoiling us with this treat for years, much to our delight. A smaller number of entries was well received since we weren't riding in at dark thirty on Sunday evening.

A sad passing to note was the sudden death of Roger Shelswell, who would spend half the year in Canada avoiding the Florida heat and half the year in Florida not missing the bitter cold. Roger was at our Char-Lee trial judging for us, telling us how glad he was to be here, which does give us some comfort; he was in one of his happy places with people who connected over the sport we love. It says something about one's character and mindset: on the way to the hospital, Roger called to cancel a judging assignment!

The weather was good, with pleasant temperatures until the dew burned off (too



Beth Brown, winning owner and handler.

soon), and a plentiful number of birds were seen. The waterholes still held water, but for the most part, we used what we carried and even put it on the horses when needed. We pushed it hard on Saturday, running the All-Age in the morning, and back out at 1:30 with the Derby and first brace of the

Shooting Dog. Katie McEwen was a huge help in running water back up to the scouts and handlers, and Debbie McEwen was a big help in keeping Robert on track and not sticking the truck.

Saturday evening festivities with all the trimmings had the usual celebratory vibe, culminating with a fire at the Brown's camp after announcing the All-Age and Derby winners.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FFWC) is commended for having the grounds so presentable, including spreading fresh compost on the feed plots. Sure enough, the recently plowed feed plots were attracting bugs, which in turn brought in the birds.

The judges' decisions were well received, and we thank them for their time in the saddle and camaraderie around the fire. Thanks to Purina for their sponsorship of Pro Plan to the winners.

Saturday morning's first place set





Open All-Age Winners (front, l-r): John Hicks (judge), Beth Brown with Myakka Time Shifter, Petie Brown with Myakka Lucy Diamond, and Justin Muzynski with Holopaw's Cracker. (Behind): Kayleigh Muzynski, Paul Daniel (judge), and Carol Muzynski.



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (front, l-r): Beth Brown with Myakka Freddie Freeloder, Justin Muzynski with Manatee Sam, John Hicks (judge), and Darrell Wells with Wells Rebel Yell. (Behind): Petie Brown, Kayleigh Muzynski, Guppy, and Carol Muzynski.



Open Derby Winners (front, l-r): Beth Brown with Myakka Revolution, John Hicks (judge), and Greg Poole with Sterlingworth Nick. (Behind): Petie Brown, Justin Muzynski, and Paul Daniel (judge).

the pace, if you can call it that. Myakka Time Shifter laid down a huge forward all-age, was found standing like a statue at 50 minutes, and all was in order and was brought to the front as time was called. Second place went to Myakka Lucy Diamond, owned and handled by Petie Brown, and third place went to Holopaw's Cracker with "Buddy" laying down a snappy all-age run, listening to Justin Muzynski.

Saturday afternoon's Derby set off at 1:30 p.m., and we ran the first brace of the Shooting Dog, finishing with the last of the daylight. It's always a challenge getting in before dark to set up the evening's festivities. First place was awarded to Myakka Revolution for her all-age run and producing a covey of birds. Second and third place went to Greg Poole's setter, Sterlingworth Nick, and Vince Feltner's pointer Checkmates Country Sunshine, respectively, who also proved themselves to be hunters, as well as stylish performers.

Sunday morning started pleasantly enough, but we knew the temperature was going to climb and that scent conditions would change as soon as the dew dried. Like the day before, birds were prevalent enough, but not all the bird work was stellar, and stamina was in demand. Coming through with an exciting first place was Myakka Freddie Freeloder, owned and handled by Beth Brown. Freddie had his first intense find in the second brace of the morning, all in good order, and his second find shortly thereafter as the scout and judge, Paul Daniel, were catching up

to the front. The other judge, John Hicks, inadvertently flushed for the handler, with all in good order, and off we went for the third find at what is usually the one-hour corner; however, we were burning up the course that morning. The scout found Fred standing on the edge of a feed plot blocked from view by tall Myrtle bushes, making it difficult for the handler and judge to find him. He was on point for a while, and thankfully, the birds weren't spooked. Like the two finds before, all was in order, and Fred looked magnificent as the covey rose up in a few rises. Within 10 minutes, Freddie was on point again in a feed plot; only this time, all that was produced was a tweety bird. Between the Shooting Dog course and where the all-age course continues is a water hole known as "the Cross," in memory of an unfortunate dog vs. gator encounter long ago. After Freddie's unproductive, he was guided to the waterhole for a much-needed cooling off with his bracemate, Wells Rebel Gold, handled by Darrell Wells, joining him. Curiously, Fred wasn't drinking and had his nose in the air. Beth asked him what he was doing, and he slowly rose and started to carefully creep out on the far side of the small water hole, with Gold quickly detecting what he was about. She followed, skirted out on the other side of the waterhole, and backed. A judge was called over to witness the water break turned fourth productive find for Freddie. The scout flushed wide, producing birds in the slew grass with Fred in full composure of the moment, more composure than the scout or handler had at that point.

Thankfully, pickup was called shortly thereafter, with Fred putting on a strong finish.

Second place was a nice performance by Manatee Sam, who produced birds for his handler Justin Muzynski, and Darrell Wells took third with his flashy pointer, Wells Rebel Yell, having a find while running as a bye-dog in the heat of the day.

#### Punta Gorda, Fla., December 9

Judges: John Hicks and Paul Daniel

#### OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] — 6 Pointers

1st—MYAKKA TIME SHIFTER, 1670324, male, by Guard Rail-Myakka T Marie. Beth Brown, owner and handler.

2d—MYAKKA LUCY DIAMOND, 1665013, female, by Elhew G Force-Myakka Hey Jude. Petie Brown, owner and handler.

3d—HOLOPAW'S CRACKER, 1690236, male, by Holopaw's Axel-Hot Dignity Dot. Justin Muzynski, owner and handler.

#### AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]

— 7 Pointers

1st—MYAKKA FREDDIE FREELOADER, 1654682, male, by Funseeker's Rebel Tex-Nacho Myakka Miley. Beth Brown, owner and handler.

2d—MANATEE SAM, 1690412, male, by Holopaw's Axel-Hot Dignity Dot. Justin Muzynski, owner and handler.

3d—WELLS REBEL YELL, 1689947, male, by Dominator's Rebel Heir-Wells Southern Charm. Darrell Wells, owner and handler.

#### OPEN DERBY — 5 Pointers and 2 Setters

1st—MYAKKA REVOLUTION, 1702677, pointer female, by Myakka Freddie Freeloder-Myakka Rebel. Beth Brown, owner and handler.

2d—STERLINGWORTH NICK, 1704488, setter male, by Grouse Hill Bullet Proof-Hunter Run's Maggie Mae. Greg Poole, owner and handler.

3d—CHECKMATES COUNTRY SUNSHINE, 1702591, pointer female by Nacho's Texas Rebel - Nacho's Drama Ma Ma. Vince Feltner, owner and handler.

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# NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

*Miller's Heat Wave Named Champion; Miller's Upgraded Version, Runner-Up*

By Cayla Key | Leslie, Georgia | December 15, 2023



National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Championship Winners (l-r): Clayton Cook, Loretta Cook, Tracy Swearingen, Jack Miller with Miller's Heat Wave, Neil Walker, Fran Miller with Miller's Upgraded Version, an unidentified participant, Christy Swearingen, Luke Eisenhart, Deb Hofer, Piper Huffman, and Ralph Gillota.

The Amateur Field Trials Clubs of America held its 42nd running of the National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Championship December 15-17 at the beautiful Round Pond and Pretty Pond Plantation in Leslie, Georgia. The top 12 dogs with the most Invitational points earned were accepted to compete. Miller's Heat Wave, owned and handled by Jack and Fran Miller, was declared the true champion. Miller's Upgraded Version, owned and handled by Jack and Fran Miller, claimed the runner-up title. A crowd gathered Thursday evening for a dinner put on by last year's winner, Jack and Fran Miller—a special thank you to them both. We would also like to thank Neil Walker and his family for allowing the AFTCA to run this prestigious event on their plantation.

The judicial saddles were ridden by two well-known, very successful dog trainers, Tracy Swearingen and Luke Eisenhart. This great duo judiciously watched all the contenders during the two-and-a-half days of competition. Their time and effort were greatly appreciated. It was an honor to have such accomplished and knowledgeable bird dog men for judges. Also, we would like to thank Piper Huffman for riding and reporting this trial.

The Round Pond and Pretty Pond Plantation was in mint condition, with plenty of Bobwhite quail throughout the entire plantation. Tracy Swearingen does an amazing job managing and tending to all aspects of the plantation along with his

sweet wife, Christy. The AFTCA is very fortunate to have Purina as its sponsor, along with Bruce Fox Plaques and Garmin. All their support and all they do for the AFTCA are greatly appreciated. Dog food was awarded to each handler as well as the winners. Bruce Fox plaques were presented to the eventual winners. Heartfelt gratitude to Greg Blair and the Purina team for all they do for this sport we love.

Tracy Swearingen and Neil Walker did an excellent job getting the grounds ready for this trial. Many thanks go to Brian Sanchez and Jamie Daniels for marshaling every brace and Al Swearingen for driving the bird buggy. Christy Swearingen and Debbie Hofer helped prepare lunch and dinner daily. We would also like to thank the Walkers for allowing us to keep this wonderful trial on their beautiful grounds.

### The Champion and Runner-up

Miller's Heat Wave, owned and handled by Jack and Fran Miller, topped the field, finishing the last day of the callbacks in dramatic fashion, earning the championship title. Her performance kept you high in the saddle as she impressed with each step, displaying strength, high style, and lots of class. Her performance was solid, with plenty of reach as she hunted diligently and pointed birds with perfect style and manners on each find. The final day separated her as the deserving champion from the two-and-a-half days of the competition. On day one, she had an early find at 6, followed by one other find.

She showed perfect manners and displayed high class. On day two, she had two finds. In the callback, she chalked up one find while performing with purpose from start to finish with reach. She displayed a strong, consistent race and was solid all three days of the competition. The bar had been set at the end of her last performance, and a true Invitational champion was on top.

Miller's Upgraded Version, owned and handled by Jack and Fran Miller, was all heart throughout the competition with a solid drive hunting each step. He was all class with an overall nice performance throughout his three-day bid. On his birdwork, all three days of competition, he stood beautiful with impeccable manners on all of them. On day one, he ran a beautiful race while chalking up one find. On day two, he chalked up three finds and two backs. Each step he took displayed high class. He had a strong forward race. Callback, he chalked up one perfect find finishing nicely. He impressed with a forward race, claiming the Invitational runner-up title. His performance was consistent on all three days.

Day one was a beautiful sunny day with perfect temperatures. Lawless Georgie Girl, owned and handled by Jim Lawless, chalked up three finds. She put forth a forward pattern with nice style. Queen B, owned and handled by Lane Hodges, chalked up three finds. She displayed high class while having her running shoes on. Cocklebur Breaking Bad, owned and handled by Bubba Spencer, had two finds and backed his bracemate. He displayed excellent manners while having a good forward race. One Day La Bandita, owned and handled by Lane Hodges, chalked up two finds. He also suffered one unproductive. He displayed perfect manners while displaying class.

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

Leslie, Ga., December 15

Judges: Luke Eisenhart and Tracy Swearingen  
NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG  
INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]  
- 12 Pointers

Winner-MILLER'S HEAT WAVE, 1675842, pointer female, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Fran & Jack Miller, owners; Fran Miller, handler.  
Runner-Up-MILLER'S UPGRADED VERSION, 1674987, pointer male, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Fran & Jack Miller, owners; Fran Miller, handler.

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

*Storm's End Named Champion; Cape Hickory Bucky, Runner-Up*

By Paul Gadd | Hoffman, North Carolina | December 15, 2023

The premier grounds at Hoffman, North Carolina, was the venue for the Region 3 Championship. Twenty-four entries were tested for this amateur championship event. The grounds were in good condition, with adequate birds for a quality trial, strong flyers, and numerous birds in the covey. Weather conditions were ideal, overall cold in the teens early in the morning and rising to the low 50s by afternoon.

Judges for the renewal were in capable hands, with two well-known professional trainers, Mike Hester from North Carolina and Matt Basilone coming from New Jersey. Both judges were attentive to each entry, and their expectations for all-age standards were adhered to. Their rendering decision was well received. Hopefully, each will join us again in a future running.

Thanks, and appreciation for the service of the dog wagon driver. Greg Robinson was in charge, always being where and when needed. Greg also provided warm coffee and treats for our break, as he has done throughout the season. Additional appreciation to Purina for their continued support and gifts of dog food.

A social Friday night was held at the clubhouse. The dinner was provided by Matt Pendergest, the young Kentucky sportsman, in honor of his championship placement for last year's winning with Storm's End—an enjoyable time for this festive evening.

The champion for this competitive event was again won by Storm's End for owner/handler Matt Pendergest. This charge was turned loosened on a cold



Region 3 Amateur All-Age Championship Winners (front, l-r): Storm's End with Jim Pendergest and Cape Hickory Bucky with Paul Gadd. (Standing, l-r): Matt Pendergest, Megan Henry, Matt Basilone (judge), Mike Hester (judge), and Greg Robinson.

Saturday morning on course 1. Storm's End ran big, handled well, stayed in touch, and worked for her handler. Matt gathered up Storm at the mile-long field, watered, and turned loose at 20; he let her go, and go she did with extreme range and hunt, showing all-age ability and desire. At the bottom of the hill below the clubhouse, Storm was pointed in the hedgerow with a find, all being in order. Again, loosened and finished strong to the front—a delightful hour of running.

The runner-up was highly challenged by Cape Hickory Bucky for owner/handler Paul Gadd. Bucky ran Friday morning on course 2. He, too, showed tremendous range while hunting, always to the front with little scouting for his hour of running. He was rewarded with a dug-up find

after making the far turn and nearing the soldier's camp. His find was good, all in order, and his finish was strong, being the same throughout the hour. Again, a quality showing setting high standards for a demanding quality trial.

Deserving placement, good judging, availability of birds, and ideal weather all coupled for a good, enjoyable Hoffman trial.

Hoffman, N. C., December 15

Judges: Matt Basilone and Mike Hester

REGION 3 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] – 23 Pointers and 2 Setters

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

Runner-Up-CAPE HICKORY BUCKY, 1671550, pointer male, by Walnut Tree Fred-Home Boy's Girl. Paul Gadd, owner and handler.

## PENINSULA BIRD HUNTERS CLUB

*Fall Trial Held At Cutawhiskie Farm*

By Steve Moore | Ahoskie, North Carolina | December 16, 2023

The Peninsula Bird Hunters Club held their field trial at Dr. Morgan's Cutawhiskie Farm in Ahoskie, North Carolina, on Saturday, December 16. We would like to thank the following for their participation in making this another successful trial: Purina for providing sponsorship and valuable coupons for their quality dog food to all placements, Dr. Morgan and Barbel Fetkoter for the

grounds, judges Pete Del Collo and John Outlaw, dog wagon drivers William and Matthew Flanders, bird planters Butch Haywood, Arnold Ripley, and Matthew Flanders, and lunch by Lee Flanders and David Huffine.

The field trials were originally scheduled for Sunday, but with bad weather all week and the forecast calling for more

bad weather on Sunday, they were able to move the trials to Saturday. This turned out to be a great move, as Sunday would have been a washout and disappointing for everyone involved. Although it was wet in some areas and frosty in others, Saturday was by far the best day of the week for field trialing. It was a cool morning with temperatures in the low 30s. The sunshine warmed the day, and the temperature was



Amateur Puppy Winners (front, l-r): Ashby Morgan with Pinekone Taylor Made, David Huffine with Sweet Grass Slick, and Steve Moore with Wayside Jade. (Standing): Barbel Fetkoter, Lee Flanders, Frank Barns, John Outlaw (judge), and Pete Del Collo (judge).

in the low 50s by afternoon.

Eight puppies were registered to complete; as it turned out, it was a full field of setters. Around 7:30, the puppy braces were set to go, and the judges let the handlers know they could turn them loose. The course started with a nice long breakaway. There was a field on the left and brushy edges that followed a beautiful pond on the right. This gave the judges a good first look at the puppies' speed and cast. After the breakaway, they entered the piney woods with saw grasses and more brush cover with trails cut through the cover for the handlers, judges, and the convoy of spectators, both by horseback and side-by-side UTVs. The course circled the property, maintaining mature standing timber to the far right of the trail.

The judges agreed the puppies did well for their age and somewhat tough conditions, each showing their own style and personality. They certainly displayed traits that could make them nice derby dogs in the coming fall.

After the puppy braces were completed, we transitioned to the Shooting Dog trial. There were 16 competitors—eight setters and eight pointers. These dogs turned it up a notch and showed some really good groundwork, style, and handling.

In the first brace, Lee Flanders' dog Jack looked really nice on the ground, handled well, had two finds, and ran a strong forward brace. Frankie Barnes' Dot had



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (front, l-r): David Huffine with Sweet Grass Slim, Lee Flanders with Chippokes Cracker Jack, and Ashby Morgan with Mohawk Mill Big Stuff. (Standing): Barbel Fetkoter, Pete Del Collo (judge), John Outlaw (judge), William Flanders, Mathew Flanders, and Steve Moore.

one find, but the bird had buried up and was hard to find and flush. The time spent on that bird may have kept them from moving on to find more birds. She held a pretty point for a long time before Frankie was able to find and flush that bird. In the second brace, David Huffine's dog Slim had three finds, handled well, and showed a lot of style.

After completing 4 of the 8 Shooting Dog braces, we stopped for lunch, served under a large, covered pavilion. Lee Flanders made some awesome deep-fried fish fillets, hush puppies, and various sides. David Huffine also brought fresh oysters for the participants and guests to enjoy. There were also plenty of desserts to enjoy. Thank you to all who helped prepare the food; it was absolutely delicious.

After filling our plates, Barbel Fetkoter provided an update to the group regarding the progress of the grounds at Cutawhiskie. Recognizing there were newcomers to the farm, Barbel explained the history of how Dr. Morgan's plans for the grounds began and shared her plans to expand the grounds and keep their vision alive for the future of field trialing. She has a nice bird program underway with several coveys of Northern Bobwhite quail already taking hold. She has also cleared a large portion of the back part of the property to increase bird habitat and to make room for more birds and field trials. Barbel has done a wonderful job maintaining Dr. Morgan's dream for Cutawhiskie Farm, and her efforts have

not gone unnoticed. Thank you, Barbel, for continuing the vision and hosting this event. The Virginia Amateur Field Trial Association is especially grateful for the generosity of Dr. Morgan's field trial grounds and the opportunity to support the Peninsula Bird Hunters Club's event.

After lunch, the puppy placements were announced, and awards were given. Judge Pete Del Collo said that Taylor ran a mature forward brace and handled well for a 7-month-old puppy. It was a joy to watch these puppies cover the course in such tough conditions.

Ahoskie, N. C., December 16

Judges: Pete Del Collo and John Outlaw

AMATEUR PUPPY – 8 Entries

1st-PINEKONE TAYLOR MADE, unreg., setter male, by Chippokes Cracker Jack-Mohawk Mill Charmer. Pinekone Kennels, owner; Ashby Morgan, handler.

2d-SWEET GRASS SLICK, 1706149, setter male, by Shagtime Max-Shagtime Zee. David Huffine, owner and handler.

3d-WAYSIDE JADE, 1706544, setter female, by Blue Ridge Chance-She's A Jewel. Steve Moore, owner and handler.

### Amateur Shooting Dog

After the lunch break, it was back to the field to start the last four braces of Shooting Dog. In the 6th brace, Ashby Morgan's setter Charmer had two finds and was pointing a nice big covey at the time of pick-up, all in order.

In brace 8, Ashby's Big Stuff had two finds, ran a forward brace, and showed a lot of style. The judges said that Charmer was in the running until Big Stuff bumped her out. The judges selected the top dogs from the first two braces as top performers for the day.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 8 Pointers and 8 Setters

1st-SWEET GRASS SLIM, 1685332, setter male, by Sterlingworth Jack-Sandland Miracle Maggie. David Huffine, 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 BIG STUFF, 1691821, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-Hirollins Fantasy Girl. Gary Winall, owner; Ashby Morgan, handler.

## COCK-N-FIRE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Miller's Record Heat Wins 2023 Running of the Swamp Fox Classic

By Roger McPherson | Hoffman, North Carolina | December 27, 2023

On December 27, 2023, top shooting dogs east of the Mississippi assembled at the renowned Robert J. Gordon Field Trial area, Hoffman, North Carolina. There is no better place in the

east to show a single-minded, classy shooting dog in quest of the southern Bobwhite quail. In recent years, December in the south's weather has made this trial brutal for dogs, horses, and handlers.

The weather has often changed during the Swamp Fox from unusually cold to remarkably warm, with a cold rain the custom. In late 2023, however, the weather was morning lows in the high 30s to low

40s, with the high temperatures in the 50s—more typical for this time of the year in the southeast. The mild weather resulted in many owners riding to see their dogs perform and others: Dr. Debbie Ozner, Dr. Tom Jackson, Jerry and Kristen Moisson, Smoot Carter, Ed and Megan McCoy, and George Hickox. I apologize if I missed recognizing anyone. The expectation of seeing talented dogs traveling on far hilltops in search of game and excellent food, together with good fellowship, always makes the Swamp Fox Classic the place to be in late December. The Swamp Fox Classic is skillfully managed by the Cock-N-Fire Field Trial Club.

This year, 53 entries in the Shooting Dog and 23 in the Derby vied for Swamp Fox honors. The Robert J. Gordon Field Trial area is under the management of the NC Wildlife Department; their work maintaining the grounds is gratefully appreciated by all. The grounds were in top shape with abundant cover for generous numbers of Bobwhite quail.

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

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

This year's judges are very familiar with the Robert J. Gordon Field Trial Grounds in Hoffman, having handled and manned the judging duties at numerous trials over the years. Whitley Stephenson is a successful amateur handler and breeder from Smithfield, North Carolina. William Smith is a frequently sought-after judge of shooting dogs and all-age dogs residing in Nashville, Tennessee. Both gave their complete, undivided attention to each dog that came to the line and were ready to lend a hand to all participants. Their decisions were well received by handlers and the gallery.

### **Swamp Fox Shooting Dog Winners**

The 2023 winner came to the line in the 19th brace on Friday afternoon, December



Swamp Fox Open Shooting Dog Classic Winners (front, l-r): Miller's Record Heat with Casey Tracy, Silver W Jill Z with Dr. Debbie Ozner (owner), and Faithful with Mike Tracy. (Second row): Wendy Harmen, Shawn Kinkelaar, and Larry Harmen. (Standing behind Coach Johnson): Bob Youngs, Roger McPherson, Whitley Stephenson (judge), Greg Robinson (dog wagon driver), William Smith (judge) and his bride.

29, handled capably by Pennsylvania professional Mike Tracy. Miller's Record Heat ("Annie"), a white and orange pointer female, is no stranger to the winners' circle (recently placing second in the Dixie Classic). She is owned by Allen Linder of Livingston, Tennessee. She began her hour with resolve—attacking the cover in quest of the elusive Bobwhite quail. At the 9-minute mark, handler hailed point. Mike dismounted quickly, putting a covey to flight. Annie maintaining her composure, game well-located with great style throughout. Her handler quickly sent her on in search of quail. Mike, sensing something special, urged Annie on as she was spied far to the front, hunting for productive cover. Mike's urging paid off as Annie made a showy cast in the New Loop. To the front, a call of point could be heard. Again, Annie had a large covey of Bobwhite pinned; handler quickly put them to flight, as Annie remained high and tight with breath-taking style. Releasing his dog, again Mike pressed his dog to continue her effort to hunt the reachable cover where a covey of quail might be located. Annie finished as she began, attacking available cover, strong to the front, an excellent forward ground effort rewarded with multiple finds.

Second place in the Shooting Dog Classic came from the 25th brace on Saturday, Silver W Jill Z, owned by Dr. Debbie Ozner of Ochlocknee, Georgia. Jill is a white, orange, and ticked pointer female ably handled by Illinois professional Shawn Kinkelaar. Jill's strong ground effort was rewarded with a find after relocation. Finding her on point, Shawn dismounted, flushing extensively for his charge. His flush attempt did not produce birds, and he then asked Jill to relocate. Her relocation proved fruitful

with Shawn putting a nice covey to flight with Jill maintaining manners throughout. Released by her handler, Jill continued her pursuit of game with far-reaching casts, showing just enough to keep the attention of the judges. Jill finished her hour as she began, a strong forward ground effort.

From the 6th brace earning third was Faithful, an orange and white pointer female owned by Susan and Roger Duerksen of Hardeeville, South Carolina. Our third-place dog was handled capably by Mike Tracy. Tuesday afternoon temperatures were in the high 50s. Faithful began her hour energetically searching to the front pursuing Bobwhite. At 19 minutes into her hour, she was found pointing, indicating birds were around. Mike dismounted and soon flushed a large covey of quail, with Faithful standing steadfastly. Again, at 35, a cry of point was heard, Faithful confidently signaling that birds were nearby. Handler soon flushed another covey of Bobwhite. During this find, Faithful displayed much better style. She was credited with a solid forward ground race, always showing to the front. She finished her hour with a big forward effort hunting available cover.

### **Others**

December 27, our first day, began with misty rain. Eighteen minutes into the first brace, Mike Tracy called point, finding Miller's High Heat Index signifying the presence of quail. Mike dismounted his horse quickly, putting birds to air. Releasing his dog, High Heat continued hunting with a snappy way of going, finishing his hour with no other contact.

In the second brace, Tug O'War was paired with Erin's Big Casino. Big Casino was found pointing at 3 minutes into

this brace with Tug O'War backing. Big Casino's handler (Mike Tracy) flushed but was unable to put any birds to flight. Tug O'War also had an unproductive 14 minutes into his hour. At 26 minutes into his hour, Tug O'War was again found standing. This time, his handler, Shawn Kinkelaar, was able to quickly flush a covey. Tug O'War finished his hour to the front but was lateral as time was called.

In brace 4, Upfront's McQuade had multiple finds. His first find was on a covey at 20 minutes, Shawn quickly putting a covey to flight. At 40 minutes, McQuade was found in the woods on point. Shawn again put a nice size covey to flight. At 45 minutes, point was called again by Kinkelaar. This find was also in the woods, handler quickly putting another group of Bobwhite airborne. McQuade had a very good forward-ground effort, just not as consistent as the winners.

Brace 5 found Waybetter Rebel (Mike Tracy) recording two nice finds. Rebel was nice to watch, having a smooth but snappy way of going. Rebel finished his hour the same way he had started. His ground effort was somewhat side-to-side at times, while the winners were consistently more forward.

Brace 6 featuring Faithful ended the first day with each brace of dogs having the likelihood of finding their quarry.

On December 28, temperatures were in the mid-40s during the morning running. Brace 8 brought Hauser's Rollin Thunder (Mike Tracy) to the line. This pointer male scored a nice find at 30 minutes into his hour. His ground race was shorter than the winners, and he quartered some. He finished to the front, going strong.

Brace 10 produced another contender, Hauser's Hard Line (Tracy). This male pointer had three well-spaced finds during the hour. During handler's flushing

attempt, Hard Line lost composure. At 47 minutes, he was again found pointed, but Mike could not produce birds after an extensive effort. His overbid to contend was not as strong as the winners.

Friday, December 29, found the weather still holding to historically mild temperatures. In brace 15, Miller's Special Cinderella (Tracy) produced two finds of Bobwhite coveys. Her first find was not as crisp and solid, but she redeemed herself with a second location of a covey. As time was called, Cinderella was found on point. This, her second find, was high and tight, birds well located. Mike quickly put the birds to flight as Cinderella maintained her composure.

Hoffman, N. C., December 27

**Judges: Whitley Stevenson and William Smith**  
**SWAMP FOX OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC**  
**[One-Hour Heats] – 49 Pointers and 4 Setters**

*1st-MILLER'S RECORD HEAT, 1685700, pointer female, by Just Irresistible-Miller's Bring The Heat. Allen R. Linder, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.*

*2d-SILVER W JILL Z, 1682062, pointer female, by Ransom-Double Wild. Dr. Debbie Ozner, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.*

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

**Swamp Fox Open Derby Winners**

Our judges, William and Whitley, have extensive experience judging the potential of young bird dogs. Many believe that judging the potential of youngsters is the hardest assignment one can volunteer to do (looking into a crystal ball to determine what kind of shooting dog this will be). The Swamp Fox judges gave each entrant their undivided attention and offered help to participants when required.

As the derby began, the temperatures were in the 40s; by afternoon, the weather was changing, with temperatures increasing to the 60s.

The blue ribbon was awarded to Mo's Curtain Call, a pointer female owned by J. Morrell and T. Moore of Fort Gaines, Georgia. She was handled by Pennsylvania pro Mike Tracy. Appearing in brace 11, Mo's Curtain Call displayed a good shooting dog ground race, easy handling, and always to the front attacking the cover. Her effort was rewarded with three covey finds exhibiting advanced derby manners. Mo's Curtain Call finished her half-hour aggressively hunting the cover with no letdown.

Awarded second place was Upfront's Bart, a pointer male handled capably by Illinois professional Shawn Kinkelaar. In brace 4, Bart exhibited a pleasing ground race with a find on a covey at 22 minutes, displaying advanced derby manners. He also had a good shooting dog ground race, handling easily, finishing his bid hunting the cover vigorously.

From brace 7 came our third-place dog, Morgans Cash Bail ("Cash"), a pointer male guided by Virginia pro Phil Stevenson. He had a wider ground race than the other two, attacking the cover in search of his quarry. Requiring more effort to handle, he was rewarded with a find on a covey, demonstrating advanced derby manners. Cash, much like the other two, finished going away still in pursuit of game.

**SWAMP FOX OPEN DERBY – 22 Pointers and 1 Setter**

*1st-MO'S CURTAIN CALL, 1705285, pointer female, by Miller's High Heat Index-Osceola's Seminole Wind. Tim Moore & Jim & Theresa Morrell, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.*

*2d-UNFRONT'S BART, 1705553, pointer male, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Upfront's Southern Star. Lance & Marcie Schulz, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler.*

*3d-MORGANS CASH BAIL, 1705409, pointer male, by Morgan's Yellow Ledbetter-Morgan's Happy Rider. Phil Morgan, owner and handler.*

## ASSOCIATED FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF FLORIDA

### *Everglades Trial*

By Petie Brown | Punta Gorda, Florida | December 29, 2023

Judges were easy to come by and in abundance for once, with Alex Mauck, from Ontario, Oregon, returning after a 38-year absence. Alex judged the Open Shooting Dog stake, enabling him to enter dogs in other stakes. Jim Michaletz, most recently from Montana, and his wife, Sherry, joined us along with Chris Wheat and his wife, Christina, from Stockholm, Sweden. Chris grew up in Gainesville

and Clearwater, Florida, field trialing around the country with his parents, the late Dr. Bill and Carol Wheat. Also in attendance at the start of the trial, ready to jump into the judicial saddle, was Bill Bhame, currently from Bend, Oregon. Unfortunately, Bill had a family issue arise and left his judicial duties to Chris Wheat and Daniel Linehan.

The Everglades trial is a three-day trial,

with the extra day allowing for an hour all-age and an hour shooting dog, along with a 30-minute derby and a 20-minute puppy stake. We took out three braces in the morning and another three in the afternoon, with the trial chairs in every brace through the first day and a half. The temperature was comfortable, with no need to carry water as 4 inches befell Christmas day. The summer burn grass was high,

but with the water on the ground, it was easier to find the dogs with the rooster tails coming up behind them.

We have two rotating trophies awarded to the winners of the All-Age stake and the Shooting Dog stake. The Robert Brown plaque is awarded to the winner of the Shooting Dog stake. Rob was one of the founders of the AFTCF, and his daughters do their best to maintain his traditions of hospitality and sportsmanship for the club. Jim and Barbara Goza donated the B. J. Memorial in memory of Jim's champion, Bullett's Tradition.

Being New Year's, the social side of the trial always gets a lot of attention. On Friday night, we enjoyed the usual bring-your-own meat cookout, but there was more than enough to share with Justin grilling up a variety of sausages for starters and Petie's "bean dip," a recipe she devised from Deb McEwen. Saturday night's meal, sponsored by Purina, was catered by Laura (who kindly mucks stalls for us, too), with the main courses being pork tenderloin and salmon, along with many side dishes and desserts. As tradition would have it, tales of tails were told as we gathered around the Browns campfire. When the trial ended Sunday afternoon, it was just in time to take pictures before dark thirty, dine, and resume our celebratory festivities around the campfire, including Jenga, with only the hardiest staying the course until midnight.

In addition to the annual meal Purina generously provides, they also supply dog food for the winners. Thank you, Purina, for your much-appreciated support.

As stated, the grounds went from dry to wet in a day, but that didn't seem to bother the birds found in the slew grass, in the water, among the palmetto roots, and at the base of pine trees. In early December, we were concerned with our ability to carry enough water for the dogs and overheating with the scouts racing back to the trucks to exchange an empty jug for a full one. Now, the concern was not to stick the dog truck. Fortunately, the courses were marked sufficiently from the feed plots, and there was an abundance of water to keep the dogs cool.

### The Winners

Birds were plentiful enough for the Open Shooting Dog stake; however, some of the best performers from the past were either AWOL, crashed, or ran too big. Thankfully, we had the entries needed for the Purina points stake, which turned out to be another first for Beth Brown, owner and handler of all top three placements. First place was awarded to Myakka Freddie Freeloader; second was Funseeker's Texas



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (front, l-r): Sherry and Jim Michaletz (judge), Beth Brown with Myakka Freddie Freeloader, Deb McEwen with Funseeker's Texas Preacher, Petie Brown with Myakka Maxed Out, Christina and Chris Wheat (judge). (Behind): Alex Mauck (judge).

Preacher, bequeathed to Beth by the late club secretary and reporter, Don Wood; and third was Myakka Maxed Out.

Two braces of puppies finished off Saturday morning on a fun note with the promise of more fun in the future. Deb McEwen raised the spring litter with a lot of freedom, and it showed. Third place went to the Muzynskis heavily marked male, Rail's Lucky 7. Second place went to Beth Brown's Myakka Annie, who also had a nice snappy run. First place went to Myakka Debutante, aka Little Debbie (named for McEwen), who snapped on point before sticking her nose into the covey. The look on her face when the covey blew out of the palmettos was ecstatic!

The All-Age stake saw some bird action, but as per usual with wild birds, they can be spooky, as was the case where the dog is winding, or on the wrong side of the wind and the birds leave. Fortunately, this did not happen to Alex Mauck's setter, Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee, who showed her ability to hunt the country and point with style, earning her first place. Second place was Katie Lyon's Wiggins Pree Dawn Reward, handled by Tom Hennes, and third place went to Silverline Destroyer Gold, owned by the late Jim Goza and handled by Paul Daniel.

The Derby finished off the Everglades trial with some strong performances. First place went to Checkmates Country



Open Puppy Winners (l-r): Alex Mauck, Petie Brown with Myakka Debutante, Beth Brown with Myakka Annie, Guppy with Rail's Lucky 7, and a spectator.

Sunshine, another McEwen pointer owned and handled by Vince Feltner. Myakka Revolution ("Dani"), owned and handled by Beth Brown, took second, and her littermate, owned by Ken and Justin Muzynski, took third. Holopaw's Leroy Brown, aka "Noodle," handled beautifully for Justin and managed to outshine his brother, Big Bad John.

#### Punta Gorda, Fla., December 29

Judges: Jim Michaletz and Alex Mauck

#### AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats]

— 15 Pointers and 1 Brittany

1st-MYAKKA FREDDIE FREELOADER, 1654682, pointer male, Funseeker's Rebel Tex-Nacho Myakka Miley. Beth Brown, owner and handler.

2d-FUNSEEKER'S TEXAS PREACHER, 1667330, pointer male, Funseeker's Rebel Tex-Nacho Myakka Miley. Beth Brown & The late Don Wood, owner; Beth Brown, handler.

3d-MYAKKA MAXED OUT, 1670323, pointer male, Elhew G Force-Myakka Hey Jude. Beth Brown, owner and handler.

Judges: Chris Wheat and Daniel Linehan

#### OPEN PUPPY - 4 Pointers

1st-MYAKKA DEBUTANTE, 1706240, pointer female, Myakka Time Shifter-Nacho's Drama Ma Ma. Petie Brown, owner and handler.

2d-MYAKKA ANNIE, unreg., pointer female, Myakka Time Shifter-Nacho's Drama Ma Ma. Beth Brown, owner and handler.

3d-RAIL'S LUCKY 7, 1705825, pointer male, Myakka Time Shifter-Nacho's Drama Mama. Kenneth & Justin Muzynski, owners; Justin Muzynski, handler.

Judges: Jim Michaletz and Chris Wheat

#### OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] - 7 Pointers

and 2 Setters

1st-MAUCK'S WYEAST OWYHEE DALLEE, 1687695, setter female, T's Gunslinger-Hidden Jasmine. Alex Mauck, owner and handler.

2d-WIGGINS PREE DAWN REWARD, 1690453, pointer female, Wiggins War Trace-Wiggins Elhew C. Katie Lyons, owner; Tom Hennes, handler.

3d-SILVERLINE DESTROYER GOLD, 1690963, pointer female, Holopaw's Axel-Hot Dignity Dot. The late Jim Goza, owner; Paul Daniel, handler.



Open All-Age Winners (front, l-r): Alex Mauck with Mauck's Wyeast Owyhee Dallee, Tom Hennes with Wiggins Pree Dawn Reward, and Paul Daniel with Silverline Destroyer Gold. (Behind): Christina and Chris Wheat (judge), Katrin Roosens, Laura Dykstra, Katie McEwen, Guppy, and Jim Michaletz (judge).

Judges: Jim Michaletz and Chris Wheat  
**OPEN DERBY - 5 Pointers, 1 German Shorthair,  
 and 5 Setters**

1st-CHECKMATES COUNTRY SUNSHINE, 1702591,  
 pointer female, Nacho's Texas Rebel-Nacho's Drama Ma  
 Ma. Vince Feltner, owner and handler.

2d-MYAKKA REVOLUTION, 1702677, pointer female,  
 Myakka Freddie Freeloader-Myakka Rebel. Beth Brown,  
 owner and handler.

3d-HOLOPAW'S LEROY BROWN, 1703929, pointer male,  
 Myakka Freddie Freeloader-Myakka Rebel. Kenneth &  
 Justin Muzynski, owners; Justin Muzynski, handler.



Open Derby Winners (front, l-r): Chris Wheat (judge), Daniel Linehan, Vince Feltner with Checkmates Country Sunshine, Beth Brown with Myakka Revolution, Justin Muzynski with Holopaw's Leroy Brown, and Jim Michaletz (judge). (Behind): Christina Wheat, Katrin Roosens, Laura Dykstra, and Guppy (judge).

## AMES AMATEUR — JOE G. WALKER MEMORIAL FIELD TRIAL CLUB

*Haney's Silver Dollar Wins All-Age*

By Kent Walker | Grand Junction, Tennessee | January 1, 2024

The origin of the Ames Amateur Field Trial Club dates back to 1977. This year marked the 47th running of the trial created by Joe Walker and a few other local bird dog enthusiasts. Joe was the last living charter member of the club until his passing in June of 2022. For his years of dedication and commitment to the preservation and success of the club and upon his death, it was decided to amend the name of the club to the Ames Amateur – Joe G. Walker Memorial Field Trial Club in his honor.

From its early days, the thought was to provide amateur field trialers the opportunity to run their dogs on the same grounds as the National Champion. With the cooperation of Ames Plantation managers Jimmy Bryan, Jim Anderson, and Rick Carlisle, the dream became reality. Today, the Ames Amateur – Joe G. Walker Memorial continues to be one of the premier amateur all-age events in the country. Each year, contestants from far and wide travel to run their dogs on the famed Ames Plantation. It is this legacy that I am committed to preserving.

This year, the trial began on New Year's Day. Weather conditions for the trial were consistent with morning temperatures in the low 20s to low 40s in the afternoon with mostly overcast skies. Thirty-six all-age dogs and 20 derbies were drawn for the running.



Cacklebur Ranger Danger, First in the Amateur Derby.

Besting the field in the All-Age was Haney's Silver Dollar for owner Chris Cagle. Running in the last brace of the first day, Dollar recorded three well-spaced and mannerly finds to go with a forward and searching ground race. Taking second place honors was Haney's Hurricane Seeker. This talented youngster, owned and handled by David Russell, had one quality find in his hour to go with his always impressive ground performance. Earlier this season, David qualified this dog for the National Championship. Garnering third place was a consistent performer and three-time winner of this stake, Misty Morn Masked Man for Joey McAlexander of nearby Holly Springs, Mississippi. "Tonto" ran the first brace of the stake,

recording two well-handled finds compiled with a good forward race.

Judging this year's events were field trial veterans Ross Leonard and Joe Rentz. My thanks to both of these Georgia boys for their time and dedication in the saddle sorting through all the contestants. Their decisions were all well received.

In the companion Derby stake, Cacklebur Ranger Danger put down an exceptional 30 minutes. Ranger had one find divided with his bracemate to go with a big forward, well-handled ground performance for owners Bubba, Amy, and Colt Spencer. The dog was handled by Bubba and scouted by Amy. Ranger's bracemate, Southern Shadow's T-Bird, took second place honors with the divided find and a good forward race for owner Lance Servais of Cecil, Alabama. Another Servais/Peterson entry took third with Southern Shadows Kingpin. Kingpin was placed on ground race. Lance and Brian have had great success with their young dogs this year, and congratulations to all.

As with any trial, it takes a team to put it on. This club has an outstanding supporting cast! Ken Blackman drove the dog wagon, provided snacks, and collected entries—a yeoman's task well done. Mrs. Vera Courtney was roadside for safety and, of course, taking those fabulous pictures everyone remembers.

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Sherry Walker jumped in and handled the daily lunches, providing delicious soups and sandwiches. As always, my partner from the Ames Plantation, Chris Weatherly, was there to tirelessly marshal every brace of every stake. Lastly, and certainly not least, my hat's off to Sportsman's Pride Dog Food, who provide dog food for the winners. Their commitment to this trial and others throughout the Midsouth Field Trial Association and Region 6 is much appreciated.

The dedication and commitment from all these people and the Ames Plantation

makes for a smooth running and that's what makes a successful trial.

**Grand Junction, Tenn., January 1  
Judges: Ross Leonard and Joe Rentz  
AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats]  
– 30 Pointers and 6 Setters**

*1st-HANEY'S SILVER DOLLAR, 1698758, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. Chris Cagle, owner and handler.*

*2d-HANEY'S HURRICANE SEEKER, 1698759, pointer male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. David Russell, owner and handler.*

*3d-MISTY MORN MASKED MAN, 1667341, pointer male, by Miller's Dialing In-Mac's Inspiration. Joey McAlexander, owner and handler.*

**AMATEUR DERBY – 18 Pointers and 2 Setters**

*1st-COCKLEBUR RANGER DANGER, 1702765, pointer male, by Game Heir-Cocklebur Regent Runaway. Bubba, Amy & Colt Spencer, owners; Bubba Spencer, handler.*

*2d-SOUTHERN SHADOWS T-BIRD, 1705877, pointer male, by Southern Shadows T Rex-Southern Ritz Lane. Lance Servais, owner and handler.*

*3d-SOUTHERN SHADOW KINGPIN, 1705878, pointer male, by Southern Shadows T Rex-Southern Ritz Lane. Lance Servais, owner and handler.*

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## UNITED STATES QUAIL SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY

### *Backcountry Champagnesupernova Wins 60th Running*

By Margaret C. Drew | Hoffman, North Carolina | January 1, 2024

**C**elebrating 60 years of running the United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity at the renowned H. Robert Field Trial Grounds in the Sandhills Game Lands in Hoffman, North Carolina, was a well-attended and successful event. The futurity is a birth-nominated bird dog event, which grew from a bird dog hunter who wants to compete at an earlier age than the traditional shooting dog classes. These hunters, along with the N. C. Wildlife and its' commissioners, founded the Futurity in 1964. Standards and Guidelines were established outlining desirable qualities for a futurity winner. In essence, the derby should show a desire to find birds and handle the same with intensity in all types of conditions. A derby should show intelligence to hunt independently while showing style and a pleasing appearance, whether running or on point. These guidelines were spelled out in detail and are still upheld today.

As the grounds at Hoffman continued to develop and become famous for their flow of courses, bird habitat, and proximity to restaurants, lodging, and shopping, so too did many types of field trials at Hoffman. Some folks prefer to call it the H. Robert Gordon field trial grounds in Ellerbe, North Carolina. Today, the grounds are some of the best in the United States. There are six courses, each approximately 6 miles in length. These courses are maintained by the state and are comprised of piney woods, open fields with feed plots, and water available via brooks and manmade water holes. Since 1981, the North Carolina Field Trial Association has worked with the state to adopt an early fall bid release program. These birds are fed regularly with a tractor disbursing seed. The six courses recently



United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity Winners (l-r): Rob McGuire, Chris Catanzarite with Backcountry Champagnesupernova, Mark Hughes, Steve Browder, Mike Tracy, Casey Tracy with Hausers Unhinged, Bob Young, Doug Ray, John Adsit, Jett Ferebee with Hatteras Storm Watch, Judith Hamilton, John Stogitis, Jim Emerson, Gary Winall, Ellen Winall holding Mohawk Mill King Pen, Earl Drew, and Ginny Emerson.

gained mileage markers for EMS use if needed and to help handlers know where they are during a run.

For the fall of 2023 and into January of 2024, the birds have been plentiful at Hoffman. This does not mean that every day or every brace will have multiple coveys; however, it is good to remember that when folks go hunting, they are not always finding game either. The weather is a big factor! For the 2024 U. S. Quail Futurity, 34 coveys of quail were seen; some were pointed and flushed, others ridden up by horses. The big thing is "The birds were there!" On the first day, we had 13 coveys; on Tuesday, only six; and on Wednesday, we had 15 (eight of those coveys in one hour).

The bird program for the 2023-2024 season has been adjusted with the help

of many experienced birdkeepers. On the Hoffman grounds, the feeding and releasing of the quail has been planned and assisted by several experienced people. As noted by Sam Giddens, "Folks who trial here year after year are commenting on this being one the best years for birds." The coveys flush high and wild. The numbered count per covey was six and often more. The birds at this futurity were fat and healthy; therefore, despite the futurity, following two very large trials, one with 82 entries and the other with 76 entries, still finding ample birds was a tremendous improvement over the prior year. The Futurity drew 44 dogs around 2 years old, all running 30 minutes in the first series, and then those called back by the judges to further evaluate their bird sense, style on the ground, as well as running

endurance were asked to run for an hour. Four placements were made. The judges called back 14 dogs and stated that they had a hard time cutting it back to even that good-sized number. The 2024 entries were of top-shelf caliber. Entries in the Quail Futurity came from 19 different handlers. Of these entries, nine were amateurs handling their own dogs, and the remaining were professional handlers. There were 33 litters nominated for this 60th event.

The Futurity has an active committee, with jobs undertaken by different folks during the trial. Vice Chairman G. B. Hatcher announced all braces for the duration of the trial. John and Gretchen Adsit winter in North Carolina from Vermont and have become the head kitchen managers for the futurity and many other events at Hoffman. Greg Robinson is the wagon driver. Roger McPherson was on hand daily to serve as a marshal. Chairman Gary Miller was on hand Monday and Wednesday, albeit under the weather after a horse accident on Monday afternoon. Your reporter is the Futurity secretary and tries to keep everything in order. Committee member Earl Drew fills many roles throughout the year and picks up the slack during the trial. This year, he also was under the weather due to a fall the week before. Only two members, both from out of town, were unable to attend.

During the evening handlers' dinner, hosted by Madison McDonald and Allen Linder, owners of the 59th Quail Futurity winner, Miller's Little Duce Coupe, and assisted by Purina, a large crowd of 48 gathered. A painting of last year's winner was graciously accepted by Madison. The painting was completed by celebrated wildlife artist Leah Brigham, Somerville, Tennessee. For those not familiar with her work, visit her website. You will be pleased.

The Futurity is, as always, thankful for the support of Purina. Their hats, clothing for judges, banners surrounding the Hoffman clubhouse both in and out, and Pro Plan Sport feed to share are gratefully appreciated. Thanks, Greg Blair and Purina, for your continued generous support.

When announcements are made, each winner is advised that DNA is required to have their win count. The Futurity is a Purina Points top dog trial, which also requires proof of DNA. The winner will receive a painting presented at next January's 61st Futurity. Congratulations to all!

Sam Giddens addressed the group before supper Tuesday evening to highlight the excellent improvement in the quail count to this January date. Several changes



(L-r): Jack Miller, Fran Miller, Madison McDonald holding a painting of Miller's Little Duce Coupe, winner of the 59th Futurity, and Mike Tracy standing in for his dad, George Tracy, who was the handler.

have been tried this fall and appear to be working. Thank you to the bird committee. This is the best year in a long time. Also recognized were several past and present members of the Futurity committee and NCFTA who have been ill or who had passed during the past year. A prayer for their recovery or peace in heaven was offered.

Judges this year were Rob McGuire, past officer of the NCFTA, and professional Steve Browder. The two gave every dog their attention and gave your reporter good feedback for the report that follows. Purina also thanked them with all-weather warm jackets.

First place went to Backcountry Champagnesupernova, a pointer female owned, trained, and handled by Chris Catanzarite from Scenery Hill, Pennsylvania. Supernova is a good-sized female, mostly white, from a litter bred by Mike Martino. Chris breeds many litters himself; however, this dog was whelped while Chris was recovering from a stroke. You might say Supernova and Chris progressed fantastically. In the first series, her brace ran about 45 minutes before sunset. She hopped out front and tried to point at 16, although she continued on, and handler waved off his call of point. However, by 19, she had cast well forward and was found to the side by scout. All tall, solid, and mannerly handled. Her white body was easy to follow as she toured the countryside with strong and merry casts. Nearing 28 minutes, we watched a distant white spot staunch up. Another nice covey handled with mature manners. As time was called, we were all pleased that we still had daylight and two dogs. Supernova ran in the first brace of the day in the second series. This brace will long be remembered by all who rode to watch and all who heard the retelling of the hour. This callback brace ended up being the first and second place dogs, with a total of eight coveys being pointed during that hour. The morning air was brisk; the sides of the path sparkled with morning dew, some of which was frozen.

The 18 horses quickly steamed up behind the forward dogs as if shot from a cannon. Backcountry Champagnesupernova had point called at 1 minute and 50 seconds. As handler dismounted, a good-sized covey burst skyward as a shot echoed in the morning air. By 7 minutes, she was stopped again for an even bigger covey. At 19, she and her bracemate were standing: A divided find or a point and a back, I am not sure. Regardless, both were there and looked awesome. There was a repeat of this flawless bird locating and standing for flush at 31. The pace of these two was fast and powerfully executed to all the right bird haunts. At 35, Supernova scored again. At 55, an unfortunate nonproductive was shared with bracemate beyond the bunker fields just before the road crossing near the water hole. The handlers quickly gathered up their charges, gave them water, and whistled them forward. Both dogs answered with another 5 minutes of snappy forward casts.

The second-place dog was Hausers Unhinged, a pointer male bred and owned by Sean and Deb Hauser, although handled by Mike Tracy. Hauser's Unhinged ran in the eighth brace of the first series, the second brace after lunch at the end of course one. A gallery of 24-plus riders accompanied this brace. He and his bracemate did not disappoint the gallery, reaching far to the front, first one then the other crossing in front or checking with handler just enough to establish an admirable team relationship. Below the clubhouse is a beaver dam; both dogs were there long before the gallery, stopping for a drink and one for a quick dip before bounding up the hillside, one on the right and one on the left. Hausers Unhinged had one find. In the callback hour, Hausers Unhinged complimented the winner. Unhinged had a well-pinned covey near the water hole early. Everything appropriate to wing and shot. At 14, a second find was scored, this time a definite back by Supernova. By 19, the pair were seen scouring the wide and long field of warm-season grasses. What transpired was a divided find, although some thought a find with a back. The truth is: both dogs were there, a large covey lifted, and the dogs looked tremendous. At 28, the course dips down toward the brook, with heavy cover on both sides of the horse path. Unhinged scored a large covey to the right. As mentioned above, the pair shared a nonproductive at 55 but finished with plenty of energy and desire still surging through their finely tuned, athletic little bodies.

The third and fourth placements came from brace 3 of the callback hour series. Third was Hatteras Storm Watch, a setter

male owned by Jett Ferebee with Doug Ray. Jett was present to watch his dog with pride. Fourth was Mohawk Mill King Pen, a pointer male bred, owned, and handled by Gary Winall. The callback hour had an early nonproductive for Storm Watch, although a consistent forward race in constant hunting mode. He scored a good tall and proud location at 24 as the group passed behind the barn and headed toward the beautiful open back area, so delightful to see maintained at Hoffman. The liver and white King Pen was forward and often seen swinging to the next possible bird spot with a positive stride in his gait. He scored a big covey at 38. Both dogs were well to the front as time was called, which sent handlers and scouts to round them up. It was good to see Gary Winall back in the saddle, handling his dogs after neck and knee repairs these past two years.

In the first series, Hatteras Storm Watch, bred by Doug Hinton, ran in brace 17 just before the barn crossing on course 5. He showed the judges a strong forward race, which required very little scouting as he covered all the spots birds should have been. Mohawk Mill King Pen, bred by Ellen and Gary Winall, ran in brace 20 of the first series. Once again, no birdwork, but a front running, vigorously fast, and intelligent ground race earned him a callback.

### **Thirty-Minute First Series**

Brace 1 opened the 60th running of the United States Quail Futurity at 8:09, following a welcome and prayer. I'm The Lone Ranger, a pointer male bred by Warren Parrott, owned by Sam and Nida Giddens, with Sam handling, was braced with Erin's Bad Company, a pointer male bred by Sean Derrig, is owned and handled by Kevin Stuart. Opening mornings at Hoffman seem to be exciting this year. The pair were off, Bad Company straight out to the longer field ahead, while Lone Ranger on the left went searching immediately in the wooded area before checking in. The pair shared a divided find at 16, buried deep in the high grasses adjacent to the plum brush before the water hole. Scout called point for the first one, then two dogs. All in order, the dogs were taken on. Lone Ranger's first 10 minutes were not as pronounced as his finishing time, although he and his bracemate were seen across the dip and crossing the far hillside at 27. By 28, the dogs were stopped, and a divided find was taken on a good-sized covey. Bad Company had a consistently forward-rolling race.

Brace 2 was away at 8:47 with Brian Ralph's Ralph's Hillbilly, a pointer male bred by Judith Hamilton and handled by local trainer Calvin Curnutte. Owner

Brian was visiting from Pennsylvania to take in the performance. Bracemate was a dog bred by Ross Callaway, Caladen's Sterling Ridge, a pointer male owned by Frank Scarpinato. Frank is a "newbie" to field trials. He had attended a few field trials as a child with grandparents and is looking to get involved. Frank was down from Pennsylvania to watch his dog and gain a little field trial experience. Matt Basilone had recently gained the dog. The two are getting acquainted. Ralph's Hillbilly ranged out and checked with handler frequently, with point called at 22. He was a little happy at flush and shot. A second call of point was heard with one minute to go. Despite a well-executed flushing attempt, no birds were produced as time elapsed. Sterling Ridge was rapidly to the front, then required some scouting assistance. He sailed to the left, crossed in front, and then, when he reached the dirt road crossing, he headed toward the clubhouse. Scout and handler soon had him rounded up.

Brace 3 called pointer female Upfront's Teeter, bred and owned by Lance Schulz with Shawn Kinkelaar. Backcountry Snake Eyes, a pointer female bred by Mike Martino, although owned and handled by Chris Catanzarite, was the bracemate. Upfront's Teeter was fast and independent. She required a lot of scouting and, at times, could not find the course. Snake Eyes had a lengthy unproductive at 25; however, a quail did lift from the area. Her overall race was a good hunting pace with classy motion.

Brace 4 called upon Upfront's Bart, pointer male, another entry bred and owned by Lance Schulz with Shawn Kinkelaar to serve as bracemate for Mike Tracy's, pointer female, Mo's Curtain Call, owned by Jim and Theresa Morrell and Tim Moore. This pair raced excitedly away at 10 a.m. Bart's dark head was easy to follow. At 6 stopped; however, a nonproductive was recorded. Bart finished his 30 minutes always forward, although frequently choosing the easy route. For a derby, his race was promising for a productive future. Mo's Curtain Call hunted with bracemate where all could see for about 13 minutes; however, by 21, Mo had made a wide sideways cast through the woods. When neither scout nor dog returned, a GPS was taken to safeguard Mo's return.

Brace 5 was Miller's Upgraded Dot Com, a pointer female bred by Jack and Fran Miller, owned by Fran Miller and Madison McDonald, with Madison scouting as Fran handled. Bracemate was Mohawk Mill Miss You, a pointer female owned by Bill McFadden with John

Stolgitis. Dot Com had a reaching hunting range, which was rewarded with a covey at 4, followed by a second find at 15. The pair were snappy moving, with constant hunting casts covering every inch of the course. Mohawk Mill Miss You rolled forward, her several body spots easy to watch. Nice brace.

Brace 6 called Shawn Kinkelaar to the line with Upfront's Ghost, a pointer male, another of Lance Schulz's dogs. Bracemate was Sweet Sorrow, a pointer female owned and bred by Larry King with Pat Casey handling. These two were happy moving, covering much ground in a short period of time. They were mostly forward. The two were off to hunt some more after a brief swim in the brook at 23. At 28, Ghost indicated game; however, no birds were flown.

Brace 7 ran as a bye-dog after Dave Huffine's Sweet Grass Spike, an English setter male bred by Doug Hinton and littermate to the third-place winner, had to cancel. Chasin Coveys Lost Sorrow, an English setter male bred by Paul Cook and owned by scout Hunter Prevatte, was cheerfully moved forward as in a formal training race with Calvin Curnutte. He is a heavily marked black and white setter and was on course 1 opposite the clubhouse. He was down the right side and seen making his way through the lower bird area before marching up the hill and crossing the road into the right loop field. Scout and handler scoured the area before he returned at 15 to scoot down the cut, cross the brook, and march with style and purpose to the front. He had a second 6-minute absence, although finishing well to the front without birdwork.

Brace 8 found Hausers Unhinged with Mike Tracy and is covered with the winners. Bracemate Miss Lucille, a pointer female bred by Warren Parrott, is owned by Gary Miller, who, due to a horse accident on the opening day, was unable to handle. Trainer Rob "Lefty" Henry ran Miss Lucille. She showed interest at 18 but did not register a point. Her race was good and forward.

Brace 9 had Lou Palazzolo mounted to watch his pointer male, Pal's Prestigious Pete, with Mike Tracy. Judith Hamilton's pointer male, Higby Arcade Fire, was with John Stolgitis. Judith has been breeding and promoting field dogs for several years, and it was good to have her present and riding to enjoy two dogs from her litter run in this 60th Futurity. Pal marched power forward and was seen briefly before a GPS was requested at 24. Arcade Fire ran with an extremely active high tail. She scored a find at 28 after her nonproductive at 14. Her moderate range and drive increased

during her time on the ground.

Brace 10 had both owners present as well, with Jett Ferebee watching his English setter male, Hatteras High Tide, under Doug Ray's watch with pointer male Mohawk Mill Patriot, bred, owned, and handled by the Gary and Ellen Winall team. High Tide began a little inconsistently; however, as time progressed, he began to line out. He stood proudly at 15 with no birds produced where there should have been. Mohawk Mill Patriot put down a classy race, including a back with head and tail high at 15.

Brace 11 was off at 3:58, this time Shawn Kinkelaar bringing Upfront's Charlie, a pointer female bred and owned by Lance Schulz, as bracemate for pointer female Mohawk Mill Miss Ellie with John Stolgitis. Charlie's large white body boldly toured the cover with a respectable performance; however, no birds were located during this half hour. Miss Ellie ran a good-ranging, gleeful, constant hunting race. Her gait almost a double-time step matched by bracemate.

The last brace of the opening day called upon Pat Casey with pointer female Ubetcha Trixie, bred and owned by R. Spillman. Backcountry Champagnesupernova, a pointer female with Chris Catanzarite, is covered with the winners. As sunset was an hour away, the brace was quickly out of the wagon and whistled away. Trixie, with Casey, had a nice dark head, allowing her to be seen as she blazed forward, not retracing any steps; however, no birds were located.

On Tuesday morning, the weather was welcoming as Millers Enhanced Upgrade, pointer female, another Jack and Fran Miller bred derby, owned by David Steele, with Doug Ray, was met on the line by pointer male Browns Contender, from Paul Cook's litter with Calvin Curnutte. Owner Rev Andrew Brown was expected to attend but was among the missing. Upgrade proceeded to hunt with power and purpose, although drifted a little laterally at times. Contender was directionally challenged and did not complete his half-hour under consideration.

Brace 14 paired Laura Pergolizzi, a pointer female owned by Nicole Lombardi, and Douglas Swingley with Shawn Kinkelaar, with pointer male Chasehill Snoop Dog, as a strongly favored Stolgitis team entry. "LP" paced herself from beginning to end, a show of poetry in motion. Snoop Dog hit the cover every inch of the course, always showing to the front. No birds in this early brace on this second day.

Brace 15 had Jack Daniel's If U Please,

a pointer male owned by Theresa Morrell under the guidance of Mike Tracy with Mohawk Mill Hombre, a pointer male with Ellen and Gary Winall. The 30 minutes got off to an impressive quick start with dogs having handlers in tow. With dogs still motoring out front, Derby Road was covered by a vehicle to assure animal safety. These two males had a busy, moderate-ranging race; however, no bird contact.

Brace 16 was shared by two dogs recalled for the second series. Hatteras Storm Watch with Doug Ray and bracemate Mac's Slim Jim, bred, owned, and handled by Tim McClurg. Tim is another Pennsylvania and North Carolina bird dog split resident. Hatteras Storm Watch is covered with the winners. In the first series, Mac's Slim Jim earned a callback with a strong forward 30 minutes as he navigated the course with very little scouting required.

Brace 17 again called upon the Winalls to be on the line, this time with pointer female Mohawk Mill Finale. Bracemate was pointer male Glenmere's Cruiser, bred, owned, and handled by Jeff Haggis from Canada. Although Mohawk Mill Finale was in high gear with an appealing rolling forward race, the judges reported that Glenmere's Cruiser probably had the biggest race of the 44 dogs entered. His speed and range were commendable as well, and to still be available for pickup at 30 shows his intelligence.

Brace 18 seemed to be another family affair. Both dogs, Miller's Upgraded Patent and Millers Authentic Version, are littermates and were bred by Fran and Jack Miller. Upgraded Patent is shared ownership between Bob Canada and Harold Ray, with Doug Ray handling. Authentic Version is owned by Allen Linder; however, granddaughter Madison McDonald was present to assist Fran Miller in the running. Although I missed it, I have been told there was one find during this brace by Authentic Version.

Brace 19 found Erin's Ikon, owned by Jerrold Moisson, who was present to observe his handler, Shawn Kinkelaar, guide this classy setter. Ikon was forward with a spirited bounce, thrilling all setter lovers and those who favor pointers as well. He never ended his search for quail. High Drive Drinkaby, pointer female, also one of Allen Linder's dogs, this entry with Mike Tracy. Erin's Ikon never altered his cadence from beginning to end. High Drive reached side to side in a forward pattern, requiring a little scouting while maintaining an animated gait.

Brace 20 called Mohawk Mill King Pen with Gary and Ellen Winall as bracemate

for Sweet's Easy Money with Mike Hester. This pair deserved the callbacks they received as their races were strong, with purposefully made casts into expected bird areas. With each dog stretching the edges, disappearing for minutes, and returning to the front, exactly what a handler would hope for, making the brace a handler's pleasure. The only thing lacking was a piece of birdwork.

Brace 21 found John Stolgitis with pointer female Mohawk Mill Double E, part owner Ellen Winall scouting. Bracemate was Brown's Dolly, a pointer female with Calvin Curnutte. The bar had been set high by preceding braces, and although these two sped away and made an intense bid to join the callback group, their names were not called. On other days, both of these, with their intelligent searching patterns, would have been called back.

The final brace was 22 with pointer female Glenmere's Silver Roo, owned and handled by Jeff Haggis, and a littermate to callback dog Mac's Slim Jim. The bracemate was Millers Dusty Version, a pointer female owned by committee member Mike Husenits and handled by Mark Hughes. Applying themselves well, the pair covered both edges in a forward sweep of the heavy ground cover. They were each rewarded with a find.

### **Callback Hour Series**

A record number of 12 dogs were called back. The judges stated there were so many top-quality dogs that a short list was impossible. Fourteen dogs were called back. Of these 14 dogs, three were littermates from Miller's Special Edition x Miller's Upgraded Version, two were from Wildcat Creek Athena x Erin's Wild Atlantic Way, and the rest were from assorted litters. All entries and their litter information are listed at the end of this report. Remember, litter registrations for the 61st and 62nd Futurities are now underway; contact Secretary Margaret Drew by phone: (910) 206-0079 or email: margaretdrew39@gmail.com

Brace 1 of the callbacks was Hausers Unhinged with Mike Tracy and Backcountry Champagnesupernova; their brace is covered with the winners.

Brace 2 was Erin's Ikon, a setter male with Shawn Kinkelaar, and Mac's Slim Jim, a pointer male with Tim McClurg. Erin's Ikon had a very strong ground race, seen on the horizon navigating with a pleasing, consistent pace. He made game, hesitated, but caused handler to call off point a couple of times, leaving his hour with no birdwork. Mac's Slim Jim was always to the front, excepting near the old cornfield before mounting the push to

make the road crossing before the barn. In this area, he had cast way to the right, into the woods, and then down along the seed crop on the edge of the field. He did not want to leave the area, which led to handler and scout bringing him to the road crossing through the woods. Both dogs were collared across the road and finished going away. No birdwork scored this brace.

Brace 3 was made up of the third and fourth-place winners. Hatteras Storm Watch with Doug Ray and Mohawk Mill King Pen with Gary Winall is covered with the winners.

Brace 4 had a big gallery to watch Sweet's Easy Money, a pointer male owned by Jonathan Elrod with Mike Hester. Jonathan had planned to attend as he is getting involved with field trials and knew this was a good chance to get experience; however, he was unable to make it to Hoffman. Easy Money is a big dog who made good double-step buoyant casts in a moderate tour of the course. He was left to finish his hour as a bye-dog after his bracemate was lost before the 15-minute mark. Handler and dog had a mutual understanding of how their hunting pace should go and maintained it for the full hour. Bracemate Mohawk Mill Miss Ellie, a pointer female with John Stolgitis, was just a blur of a body beyond the lower thick area in front of the clubhouse. By the time the hunting party reached the top of the crossing at 15, Miss Ellie was not seen. After a quick scouring of the field and upper corner of the field, Stolgitis took the GPS and located her on the left side over the steep hill. Of course, still on point.

Brace 5 was put down just before the sign, indicating the start of heat 2—Millers Authentic Version with Fran Miller and Erin's Bad Company with Kevin Stuart. Starting a litter slowly, we could see Authentic Version seriously in search of birds, with handler heavy on the whistle to encourage an extension of the search area. After not finding birds close at hand, Authentic Version stretched out, improving her range while showing good tail and head action in her forward motion. She had a 12-minute absence and one other brief "missing in action" spell. She had a solid find with everything in order at 54 and a larger covey rise with everything in order at 59. Erin's Bad Company with Kevin Stuart is a solid-built and very muscular male pointer. He was wide and forward, often in close proximity with bracemate. The scouts for both dogs were called upon several times during this hour, especially in the field near the old candy cane tree and traveling across the sand road (Field Trial Road, I believe) toward turkey coop. Handlers and scouts called loudly and rode

briskly to ensure both dogs came forward. Stuart took his GPS before the hour was up. Miller continued at a more casual pace once we were headed toward the soldier's camp.

Brace 6 had two female pointers, Shawn Kinkelaar with Laura Pergolizzi and Fran Miller with Miller's Upgraded Dot Com. "LP" paced herself to a continuous forward and strikingly speedy march through the cover. Her power stroke lick took her through every possible bird cover on the course; however, she was unable to pin a covey for handler to flush. Dot Com started the hour with a thrilling promise: A solid indication that she maintained during a lengthy flushing attempt by handler and a hasty relocation attempt by herself. Judges recorded a nonproductive. The gallery could watch both of these two, well to the front, searching the cover, crossing the brooks, and then marching up toward McGee's Castle before separating and marching briskly down opposite sides of the long field. Her last 15 minutes were a little closer when she went into a less-ranging hunting mode.

Brace 7 concluded as Sam and Nida Giddens, with their pointer male, I'm The Lone Ranger, came to join bracemate Miller's Upgraded Patent, a pointer male with Doug Ray. Patent is co-owned by Doug's dad, Harold, and Dr. Bob Canada, who was present to observe the event. After a lengthy time in the box, these two went sailing out of sight with just an hour and a half of daylight left. Their high gear kept everyone sitting high in their seats, hopeful not to miss any of the expected action. The dogs were faithful in their appropriate attack of the objectives and cover; however, a nonproductive was recorded for I'm The Lone Ranger. Upgraded Patent had a find at 20 in high grass on the right approaching the brook. Their races were moderate hunting ranges most of the hour after their bird contacts.

### **The Breeding in Running Order**

I'M THE LONE RANGER, *pointer male*, by Mohawk Mill Trail Warrior-B K Deighton's Jewel. Warren Parrott, breeder; Sam Giddens, owner and handler. With

ERIN'S BAD COMPANY, *pointer male*, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Bella Braveheart. Sean Derrig, breeder; Kevin Stuart, owner and handler.

RALPHY'S HILLBILLY, *pointer male*, by Panola Bacon-Higby Bon Hiver. Judith Hamilton, breeder; Brian Ralph, owner; Calvin Curnutte, handler. With

CALADEN'S STERLING RIDGE, *pointer male*, by Caladen's Clark Kent-Caladen's Beastmode. Ross Callaway, breeder; Frank Scarpinato, owner; Matt Basilone, handler.

UPFRONT'S TEETER, *pointer female*, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Upfront's Southern Star. Lance Schulz, breeder and owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler. With

BACKCOUNTRY SNAKE EYES, *pointer female*, by Dragonfly-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight. Mike Martino, breeder; Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

UPFRONT'S BART, *pointer male*, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Upfront's Southern Star. Lance Schulz, breeder and owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler. With

MO'S CURTAIN CALL, *pointer female*, by Miller's High Heat Index-Osceola's Seminole Wind. Casey Hollander, breeder; Tim Moore & Jim & Theresa Morrell, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

MILLER'S UPGRADED DOT COM, *pointer female*, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Jack & Fran Miller, breeders; Fran Miller & Madison McDonald, owners; Fran Miller, handler. With

MOHAWK MILL MISS YOU, *pointer female*, by Mohawk Mill Big Stuff-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary Winall, breeder; Bill McFadden, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

UPFRONT'S GHOST, *pointer male*, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Upfront's Southern Star. Lance Schulz, breeder and owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler. With

SWEET SORROW, *pointer female*, by Mohawk Mill Knight Hawk-Full Effect. Gary Winall, breeder; L. J. & Casey King, owners; Pat Casey, handler

CHASIN COVEYS LOST SORROW, *setter male*, by Woodville's Yukon Cornelius-Kasida. Paul Cook, breeder; Hunter Prevatte, owner; Calvin Curnutte, handler. With

SWEET GRASS SPIKE, *setter male*, by Black Top-Jo Veeta. Doug Hinton, breeder; David Huffine, owner and handler. [Scratched]

HAUSERS UNHINGED, *pointer male*, by Lester's Storm Surge-Hauser's Cotton Dots. Sean & Debra Hauser, breeders; Jean & Deb Hauser, owners; Mike Tracy, handler. With

MISS LUCILLE, *pointer female*, by Quickmarksman's Excalibur-Hirollins Fancy Lady. Warren Parrott, breeder; Gary Miller, owner and handler. [substitute handler Lefty Henry]

PAL'S PRESTIGIOUS PETE, *pointer male*, by Waybetter Jay-Clarendon's Black Eyed Sue. George Kerr, breeder; Lou Palazzolo, owner; Mike Tracy, handler. With

HIGBY ARCADE FIRE, *pointer male*, by Panola Bacon-Higby Bon Hiver. Judith Hamilton, breeder and owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

HATTERAS HIGH TIDE, *setter male*, by Black Top-Jo Veeta. Doug Hinton, breeder; Jett Ferebee, owner; Doug Ray, handler. With

MOHAWK MILL PATRIOT, *pointer male*, by Indian Creek Spur-Hirollins Fantasy Girl. Gary S. Winall, breeder, owner and handler.

UPFRONT'S CHARLIE, *pointer female*, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Upfront's Southern Star. Lance Schulz, breeder and owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler. With

MOHAWK MILL MISS ELLIE, *pointer female*, by Indian Creek Spur-Hirollins Fantasy Girl. Gary S. Winall, breeder; Erin Stolgitis, owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

UBETCHA TRIXIE, *pointer female*, by Great River Yellowstone-Misty Blue. Robert Spillman, breeder and owner; Pat Casey, handler. With

BACKCOUNTRY CHAMPAGNESUPERNOVA, *pointer female*, by Dragonfly-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight. Mike Martino, breeder; Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

MILLERS ENHANCED UPGRADE, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Jack & Fran Miller, breeders; David Steele, owner; Doug Ray, handler. With

BROWNS CONTENDER, pointer male, by Haney's Silver Dollar-Wiggins C Trace. Donald Wiggins, breeder; Andrew Brown, owner; Calvin Curnutte, handler.

LAURA PERGOLIZZI, pointer female, by Chelsea's Thunder Bolt-Buche's Elhew Rebel. Francis Buche, breeder; Nicole Lombardi & Douglas Swingley, owners; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler. With

CHASEHILL SNOOP DOG, pointer male, by Panola Bacon-Chasehill Little Izzy. Erin Stolgitis, breeder and owner; John Stolgitis, handler.

JACK DANIEL'S IF U PLEASE, pointer male, by Miller's High Heat Index-Osceola's Seminole Wind. Casey Hollander, breeder; Jim & Theresa Morrell, owners; Mike Tracy, handler. With

MOHAWK MILL HOMBRE, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Big Stuff-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary S. Winall, breeder, owner and handler.

HATTERAS STORM WATCH, setter male, by Black Top-Jo Veeta. Doug Hinton, breeder; Jett Ferebee, owner; Doug Ray, handler. With

MAC'S SLIM JIM, pointer male, by Mac's Silver Chief-Mac's Silver Shadow. Tim McClurg, breeder, owner and handler.

MOHAWK MILL FINALE, pointer female, by Mohawk Mill Big Stuff-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary S. Winall, breeder, owner and handler. With

GLENMERE'S CRUISER, pointer male, by Miller's Speed Dial-Wicked Quick. Sandy MacLean, breeder; Jeff Haggis, owner and handler.

MILLER'S UPGRADED PATENT, pointer male, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Jack & Fran Miller, breeders; Bob Canada & Harold Ray, owners; Doug Ray, handler. With MILLERS AUTHENTIC VERSION, pointer male, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Jack & Fran Miller, breeders; Allen Linder, owner; Fran Miller, handler.

ERIN'S IKON, setter male, by Erin's Wild Atlantic Way-Wildcat Creek Athena. Tim Madren, breeder; Jerrold Moisson, owner; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler. With

HIGH DRIVE DRINKABY, pointer female, by Miller's High Heat Index x Osceola's Seminole Wind. Casey Hollander, breeder; Allen Linder & Madison McDonald, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

MOHAWK MILL KING PEN, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Big Stuff-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary S. Winall, breeder, owner and handler. With

SWEET'S EASY MONEY, pointer male, by Quickmarksman's Ace-Sweet Child O Mine. J. B. Robeson, breeder; Jonathan Elrod, owner; Mike Hester, handler.

MOHAWK MILL DOUBLE E, pointer female, by Mohawk Mill Big Stuff-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary S. Winall, breeder; Erin Stolgitis & Ellen Winall, owners; Gary S. Winall, handler. With

BROWN'S DOLLY, pointer female, by Class Act Stud-Class Act Elhew Penny. G. D. Keck, breeder; Andrew Brown, owner; Calvin Curnutte, handler.

GLENMERE'S SILVER ROO, pointer female, by Mac's Silver Chief-Mac's Silver Shadow. Tim McClurg, breeder; Jeff & Mat Haggis, owners; Jeff Haggis, handler. With

MILLERS DUSTY VERSION, pointer female, by Miller's Upgraded Version-Miller's Special Edition. Jack & Fran Miller, breeders; Mike Husenits, owner; Mark Hughes, handler.



Judges Rob McGuire and Steve Browder.

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1st-BACKCOUNTRY CHAMPAGNESUPERNOVA, 1701699, pointer female, by Dragonfly-Apple Annie's Sweet Delight. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

2d-HAUSERS UNHINGED, 1706301, pointer male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Hauser's Cotton Dots. Jean & Deb Hauser, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

3d-HATTERAS STORM WATCH, 1703797, setter male, by Black Top-Jo Veeta. Jett Ferebee, owner; Doug Ray, handler.

4th-MOHAWK MILL KING PEN, 1703198, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Big Stuff-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Gary & Ellen Winall, owners; Gary Winall, handler.

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## NGSPA OPEN ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

### B M B's Free Ride Wins Sixth Running

By Keith Richardson | Blue Mountain, Mississippi | January 4, 2024

The sixth NGSPA Open All-Age Invitational was held on January 4-6, 2024, at Hell Creek WMA, Blue Mountain, Mississippi. These grounds are considered by many wide-traveling field trialers to be the best all-age grounds in the country. The MS Department of Wildlife, Fish, and Parks has been kind enough to slot us into this time slot, which has proven to be very good over the years as far as weather is concerned. We are the only NGSPA event to be held here.

Hell Creek WMA is owned by the state of Mississippi and managed by their Department of Wildlife, Fish and Parks, led by Lynn Posey, Executive Director, and under the management of Nathan Blount, Regional Biologist. Nathan has been great to work with over the past six years. He helped us secure our time slot the first year and every year since. For most of our trialers who have never run here, these grounds were opened in 1999 and include dog kennels, a horse barn with 38 stalls,

outside paddocks, a spacious clubhouse with cooking facilities, and a hard-pack lot with some electrical hook-ups. Good grounds are essential to a good field trial, and these grounds are exceptional. They are large enough to accommodate three hour-long courses, with plenty of challenges to test our bird dogs. They are multi-use grounds, and we field trialers share them with hunters and others who love the outdoors and appreciate God's creation. We value the commitment to multi-use recreation found in the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fish, and Parks and are deeply grateful to them.

Although he retired in 2020, Jack Griffin remains the "face of the Hell Creek WMA." Recognizing the need to stay on top of the grounds, Nathan Blount has retained him to keep the grounds in top shape, which benefits the quail, deer, and turkey that call these grounds home, as well as the field trialers who hold Hell Creek in the highest regard. Jack shows up at every

event and is a big help in many ways, from opening gates to ensuring the facilities are in top shape. His work is extremely evident in the condition of the grounds, which keeps the forest from encroaching onto the grass bottoms and reducing game habitat. Thanks also to Jeremy Taylor and the Hell Creek Field Trial Club, who work to keep the area clean and in good condition during the year.

The grounds are varied and challenging, with a number of long bottoms, some piney woods, and smaller tree-lined fields. Despite heavy rain before we arrived, Hell Creek dropped to a safe level so we could use all three courses. There is plenty of dense cover to hold quail. The grounds demand a powerful all-age dog that stays to the front, carries a line to the end, and seeks timely guidance from its handler. Absences of 10 minutes or more are common. The courses flow nicely but penalize dogs that get behind, won't carry a line, are seen too often, or won't respond

to their handler.

We were blessed to have Korry Rinehart and Nick Thompson advise us on how to utilize the grounds best to produce three courses, and then they used their knowledge to plant quail in strategic places. All three courses provided challenges and opportunities to show and evaluate an all-age dog.

We were honored to have two outstanding judges: Joey McAlexander from nearby Holly Springs, Mississippi, and Keith Bryant from Denver, Colorado. Joey has won the National Amateur Invitational and has placed in many all-age championships. He is a third-generation dog man, and his father and grandfather have judged the Nationals at Ames. Keith has been running competitive German Shorthaired Pointers for many years and has won the Open Shooting Dog Invitational and other prestigious events. Both men are intimately familiar with the all-age dog and enjoy watching them perform. All participants agreed they did an outstanding job evaluating each dog in our event and selecting the All-Age Invitational Champion.

A talented crew came together to put on this quality event. Christy Harris and Tireca (ReRe) Turner teamed up to provide three wonderful meals each day this year. Both have prior experience cooking for this event, and many have said that our meals here are the best. Joe Frauendienst oversaw tons of details both in preparation for the event and throughout it, including dog wagon duties and many other preparation details. Fred Ryan pitched in to help with the administration responsibilities, and we all enjoyed the performance of our new auctioneer, Brandon Blum. We could not have put the event on without the oversight, attention to detail, and hard work of Bobbi Richardson and our Executive Assistant, Brittny Haberkorn.

The grounds tend to be confusing for new handlers, and it was a tremendous help to have Korry Rinehart serve as lead marshal with assistance from Hunter.

Our incredible sponsors made this trial possible. Greg Blair and Purina support all three of our NGSPA Invitationals, which showcase the excellence of their product that is currently being fed to all dogs competing in this challenging endurance event. They provided important financial assistance, including 12 bags of product for the champion handler and 12 bags to auction, and helped with a Ross Young original oil painting of the champion gifted to the owner. Garmin provided the champion's owner an Alpha 10 tracking device, and SportDOG gave us a tracker, the Tek 1.5. Ross Young donated much



NGSPA Open All-Age Invitational Winner (l-r): Alan Davison, Brandon Blum, Joey McAlexander, Josh Nieman with B M B's Free Ride, Keith Bryant, and Keith Richardson.

of his time because he is not charging full value for his truly fabulous works of art. The winning handler also earned a \$5,000 purse.

All attendees received an exceptional package of gifts, including a warm and attractive Eddie Bauer vest with dog and owner's names and logo, a beautiful multi-use handmade knife, a dog vest with a logo by Ruff Wear, and other items.

The Guidelines and Philosophy are essentially the same as the NGSPA Shooting Dog Invitationals. We ask the judges to pay close attention to our NGSPA All-Age Standard. The 12 top-winning all-age dogs from the past year are invited. There are three continuous days of running. The first two are hour stakes, and the third day is a 90-minute callback, which tests the endurance and stamina of the top dogs like no other trial in the GSP world.

The judges maintained a consistent pace, stayed on course, and expected the handler to "show them their dog," explaining that it was the handler's job to show his dog, not the judge's job to follow him around. Handlers were free to leave the "path" and do what they needed to show their dog to the judges. They wanted handlers to quickly gain the front after birdwork. They were both very experienced, and their depth of knowledge and "bird-dog sense" was apparent in their evaluations.

The judges had one dog that couldn't be beaten if it had an exceptional run in the callback. They decided to call back four dogs, with their number one dog in the first brace and holding the second brace in reserve. As things turned out, they decided to run all four dogs.

#### **General Comments by the Judges**

The judges said this was truly a premier all-age event. The grounds are different

from any other NGSPA grounds and present difficult challenges to dogs and handlers, accounting for a fair number of dogs that were gone for a substantial amount of time. The ground was firm the first two days, when we usually have quite a bit of mud. On the third day, after a front dumped a lot of rain overnight, the ground was a bit muddy but not too bad. There was plenty of moisture at dog height, and the dogs were unaffected by the wetness and cold. During the trial, it seemed that the dogs were all in excellent physical condition, and it was noted that no dog appeared to be struggling with fatigue at any point in all three days.

#### **The Running of the Dogs**

##### ***The Champion***

B M B's Free Ride (Lewey) is owned by Brandon Blum and Jennifer Blum, handled by Brandon Blum, and scouted by Josh Nieman. Lewey had two finds early in the brace and one NP at 47, plus an impressive back at time. He was absent a bit in the middle of his run but had a strong run overall on day one.

On day two, Lewey had finds at 2, 6, 16, 20, and 26, with an NP at 9. He had a flat spot in the middle but had a good ground race overall.

On day three there was a 90-minute callback, and Lewey had finds at 3, 13, and 45 with an NP at 23. His second find was difficult due to a prolonged flushing attempt. He started slow but built during the 90 minutes. He made three huge all-age moves and finished strong. The judges noted that Lewey is 10 years old and showed no sign of slowing down during the three days.

Overall, Lewey's birdwork was flawless. His head and tail were high and staunch,

with no movement on the flush. His intensity was remarkable, and he pointed his birds a long way off. He had two difficult finds with long flushes. During the three days, he tended to get stronger during the brace with big finishes. He was biddable and required only a little scouting. He was always to the front and exhibited all the qualities of a true all-age champion.

#### **Other Callback Dogs**

- Uodibar's Robbi Jo (Robbi) owned by Sherri Tangsrud, handled by Kirk Loftin, and scouted by Sherri Tangsrud. On day one, Robbi had three finds early and ended the hour with a huge move, ending in a limb find at 50. She handled pretty well and was stronger as the hour went on. Her range was all-age, and she exhibited plenty of power and speed.

Robbi had a find at 27 at the end of a huge move and finds at 40 and 44 with a back at 11 on day two. Her finish was not as strong as day one.

Robbi was in brace 1 with the champion for their 90-minute run on day three. She had a back at 45 but no finds and a lot of absences. She ran big, was a bit rogue, and required some aggressive scouting. She was stylish on her birdwork but not as strong as Lewey.

Looking at all three days, Robbi had plenty of power and range and was mostly to the front. The judges said that if she had done on the callback what she did on the first two days, she might have been named champion.

- P W Bert's Joke On Us (Bart) is owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson, handled by Rich Robertson Jr., and scouted by Nick Thompson. On day one, the judges said that this run of Bart's was the best run of the entire trial. His first find at 3 required an extensive flushing attempt, and the first bird flushed right over his head, and the other took flight at his feet, during which he was impressively staunch with nice style. His second find at 45 was impressive. He made a huge, exciting move along a

long edge where he disappeared in the distance. The handler rode to where he was last seen and eventually found him standing. Bart made powerful, fast monster moves throughout the brace and didn't need much handling or scouting. He was the clear number one dog on day one.

Bart had a find early on and became a bit rogue after that, where he was brought from behind a couple of times. His range and power during the entire 60 minutes on day two were the epitome of an all-age dog.

Bart ran in the second brace during the callback on day three. He took a wrong turn around the first corner after being cast off, and the handler could not call him around. He was not seen again.

- Chicoree's Glitz and Gold (Glitz), owned by Dr. Fred Ryan, handled by Dan DiMambro, and scouted by Stegan Smith. Glitz had finds at 6, 13, and 50, where she handled nicely during a very difficult relocation on day one. She had a nice run but experienced a few flat spots. Glitz had excellent birdwork with classic style.

Glitz was much stronger on day two, with finds at 2, 6 (at the end of a huge move), 9, and 26, with an NP at 40. She seemed like a different dog this day as she made some nice all-age moves, exhibiting more power and motivation. Glitz handled very kindly, and her birdwork was pristine.

Overall, Glitz did a good job, but day one hurt her.

#### **The Rest of the Dogs**

- B M B's Freeloader (Hewey) is owned by Brandon and Jennifer Blum and handled by Brandon. On day one Hewey had one find and disappeared soon after that. He was scratched by the handler on day two.

- Chicoree's Riden High Trixie (Trixie) is owned by Dr. Fred Ryan and handled by Dan DiMambro. On day one Trixie had two finds but came from behind once. She had two finds but came from behind twice on day two.

- Hi N's Allison Miranda (Allie), owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin, handled by Kirk Loftin. Allie had two finds and one back on day one. She was lost early in the brace on day two.

- Tulli's Faraway Giddyup (Fairgo) is owned and handled by Joe Amatulli. On day one, Fairgo had three finds at 19, 29, and 59. He pointed with intensity and high head and tail. Fairgo started slow but finished strong. The judges liked his first-day performance and rated him No. 3. Fairgo had a find at 20 and an NP at 12, then he checked out, on day two.

- B D K's Twelfth Man (Aggie) is owned and handled by David O'Brian. Aggie checked out at the cast-off and checked back in at 58 on day one. Aggie was gone for the hour on day two.

- High Standing Cuttin Edge (Woody) is owned by Anthony and Dayna Rusciano and handled by Dan DiMambro. Woody was not seen on day one. On day two, Woody was gone until 45, then showed up and had two finds at 48 and 54, displaying very nice style.

- AO Tripps To Win (Tripp) is owned by Alan O. Davison and handled by Josh Nieman. Tripp had a back at 18 and a divided find at 25 on day one. He was gone thereafter. On day two, Tripp had a find at 11 and was not seen again.

- Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee (Dee) is owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin and handled by Kirk Loftin. Dee had a divided find at 28 and finds at 39 and 44. She did not have enough punch for the judges. Dee was beautiful on point on day one. Dee showed up for the first time at 30 and had a find at 40 with a strong finish on day two.

#### **Blue Mountain, Miss., January 4**

**Judges: Keith Bryant and Joey McAlexander  
NGSPA OPEN ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL  
[One-Hour Heats on Two Consecutive Days;  
Ninety-Minute Finals] – 28 German Shorthairs**

*Winner-B M B'S FREE RIDE, 1660979, male, by Kimber Tactical-Time To Pay The Piper. Brandon & Jennifer Blum, owners; Brandon Blum, handler.*

## **HOBART AMES MEMORIAL FIELD TRIAL CLUB**

***Whippoorwill Vette and Owner Dale Bush Win Open All-Age***

**By Jim Atchison | Grand Junction, Tennessee | January 8, 2024**

The 71st renewal of the Hobart Ames Memorial Classic was sponsored by the Ames Amateur Field Trial Association and run on the National Championship courses of Ames Plantation January 8–11. The Classic drew 31 all-age entries and 10 derbies.

First place in the all-age competition was won by Whippoorwill Vette, owned by Dale Bush from College Station, Texas, and handled by Larry Huffman from Michigan City, Mississippi. First place in the Open Derby Classic was won by Quail Woods Pine, owned by Dr. Greg Adams from

Norfolk, Virginia, and handled by Randy Anderson from Vinita, Oklahoma.

The second-place winner of the Open All-Age was Touch's Fire Away (the sire of the first-place winner of the Derby stake,) also owned by Dr. Greg and Carmen



Adams and handled by Randy Anderson. Haney's Hurricane Seeker, owned and handled by David Russell from Como, Mississippi, won third. The second-place Derby winner was Game Nation, owned by Dr. Fred Corder from Corinth, Mississippi, and handled by Ike Todd from Dancyville, Tennessee. Ike Todd also handled the third-place Derby winner, Erin's Firehouse Waitress, owned by Gordon Jones from Draper, Utah.

Judges for both the All-Age and Derby competitions were Greg Bain from Pound Creek, Alabama, and Joe Hughes from Moulton, Alabama. Both judges, successful field trailers who have run dogs on Ames Plantation many times, handled their judicial assignments professionally and attentively, with their placements well received and their services much appreciated.

The weather was generally normal for January in western Tennessee. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday started with the ground slightly frozen and the day becoming pleasant. Tuesday was a violently windy day with early periods of light mist, but which ended with thunder and lightning that coincided with the end of the second afternoon brace and shut down the running until Wednesday. The wind on Tuesday gusted in the 35-mile-per-hour range part of that day but did not reach the 50 to 60 mph predicted in some of the earlier weather forecasts.

The organizational meeting and drawing were held in the Plantation Office at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, with Matt Backus, the Assistant Center Director of Ames, very smoothly conducting his first drawing. Assisting were Pat Bryan, spinning the squirrel cage, and Kay Carlisle recording. Others attending were Dr. Rick Carlisle, Secretary-Treasurer of the host club; Charlie Frank Bryan; Ryan Braddock, one of the field marshals; and Jim Atchison, reporter.

Appreciation and thanks were expressed repeatedly to the Trustees of the Ames Foundation for permitting the running of the Classic on the National Championship Courses, to Purina for their long-time and continuing sponsorship, and to Mid-South Farmers Co-op (a new and much-appreciated sponsor.) The Foundation Trustees are Mr. Oliver A. Spaulding, Mr. Robert H. Frey, and Ms. Augusta K. Haydock. The Nestlé Purina company is represented by Area Manager Mr. Greg Blair. Mr. Maylon Price is the local manager of the Somerville Farmers Co-op facility.

Others who were recognized and thanked were the Bank of Fayette County, the family of the late Dr. Frank McKnight, the



Hobart Ames Memorial Derby Stake Winners (front, 1-r): Bridget Ledington with Quail Woods Pine, Isaiah Todd with Game Nation, and Ike Todd with Erin's Firehouse Waitress. (Back, 1-r): Ryan Braddock, Charlie Frank Bryan, Randy Anderson, Pat Bryan, Matt Backus, Joe Hughes (judge), Chris Weatherly, Greg Bain (judge), and Dr. Rick Carlisle.

host club for sponsoring the Wayne Tate Memorial Dinner on Tuesday evening, and the First Baptist Church of Somerville for providing sausage/biscuits for the gallery at the end of the first brace each morning.

In addition to the judges, those who rode every brace and worked diligently through the stakes were marshals Dr. Carlisle, Matt Backus, Ryan Braddock, and Chris Weatherly; Braddock, Weatherly, and other Plantation staff who cared for horses, Joe Thompson, who managed the dog wagon and road security, Aubrey Green who helped with security and represented First Baptist of Somerville providing the breakfast treats, and Vera Courtney who provided hundreds of photographs throughout the four days.

Dr. and Mrs. Carlisle, who have provided over four decades of leadership and hospitality on Ames Plantation, made sure the judges and reporter and his wife were well fed and entertained throughout their time on Ames, with the crowning event being a gourmet dinner prepared by Mrs. Kay Carlisle and served in their home on Wednesday night. Also, Mrs. Kay prepared wonderful lunches each day that were served at the Rhea Reception Center and provided by the host club. Ashley Bateman staffed the kitchen during each of those lunch gatherings.

### The Winners

#### *Open All-Age Classic*

Whippoowill Vette produced an outstanding performance that earned first place as he produced game four times in brace 5, which was run over the second hour afternoon course. He first had birds in a feed plot at 22, followed by additional finds at 35, 40, and 53. He exhibited excellent style each time he stood for the flush and shot and possessed the same style as he ran smoothly throughout the hour and appeared to always be where he needed to be. Also notably impressive was that he performed all of the above pretty much on his own. Larry Huffman, in typical "Larry

Huffman style," rode in front of the judges and trusted Whippoowill Vette to do the task for which he was trained, with minimal instruction and also minimal scouting.

Touch's Fire Away won second place, with three finds, under the whistle of Randy Anderson. Although drawn to compete in the second brace, the placement was achieved primarily on the first hour morning course. The situation was that one dog in the first brace was picked up for an error, and the other dog failed to make the 90-degree turn that was necessary early in the first brace, thus never crossing the Buford Ellington Road. So, the second hour of the contest was run mostly on the first hour course. Fire Away had his first find at 6 near the south end of the Morgan field, followed by his second find at 35 and third find at 38. He then finished the hour by hunting a significant amount of time circling the Mary Scott loop. He ran a strong and stylish race for Anderson and did not require excessive handling or scouting.

Haney's Hurricane Seeker ran a good race for his amateur owner and produced two finds with one unproductive stand during his seventh brace effort. He had a find at 7 before crossing the Buford Ellington Road early Tuesday morning and the second find at 11 on the west side of the Morgan field. The unproductive came at 22 while moving toward the first Turner Road crossing. Hurricane Seeker, now 3 years old, was an outstanding derby and promises to continue his winning ways as an all-age contender.

#### *Other All-Age Entries*

Bonner's Hot Rize was the top dog in the first brace. His owner, Jannie Chapman, was in the gallery while Korry Rinehart handled. Como Rain, owned by Doug Arthur, Billy Blackwell, and Rachel and David Russell, was the second dog and was handled by David Russell. Hot Rize pointed at 2, and Rinehart flushed. Como Rain made an error and was put into his harness. But later, Hot Rize failed to negotiate the

90-degree turn toward Ellington Road and was out of contention.

Southern Nation, owned by John and Susan Ivester and handled by Lefty Henry, was paired with the second-place winner in the second brace. He found no birds and was picked up before the end of the hour.

Southern Thunder, owned by Chris Campbell and handled by Tom Shenker, was paired in the third brace with Miller's Speed Dial, owned by Mick Marietta and handled by Randy Anderson. These third brace dogs hunted the second hour course, with Speed Dial having one find, which came at 19 on the west side of the Morgan field, while Southern Nation finished the hour but found no birds.

The fourth brace entries, using the third hour course, were No Strings Attached, owned by Dennis Buford and handled by Randy Anderson, and World Class Instigator, owned by Mick Marietta and handled by Matt Cochran. No Strings Attached was picked up by Anderson at 20 near the National Championship Road, while World Class Instigator finished the hour but had no birds.

Painted Owyhee Toad, owned by Bridget and Jim Ledington and handled by Bridget, was braced with the winner in the fifth brace. He ran well and had finds at 33 and 47. Additionally, he backed his bracemate at 35 and 40 and finished the hour under judgment.

Ascension, owned by Pat, Julie, and Ted Roach and handled by Korry Rinehart, was braced with Touch's Cocaine Blues, owned by Matt Griffith and handled by Randy Anderson. Ascension had an unproductive at 32 as both dogs continued to the last minutes of the hour, at which time a large bolt of nearby lightning and thunder ended the running for the day. Rain followed later during the afternoon and night, but running resumed on schedule the following morning.

On Tuesday morning, I'm Gallant, handled for Randy Anderson for owner Jay McKenzie, was the second dog drawn to compete in the seventh brace and ran with the third-place winner. He finished the hour and backed the unproductive of his bracemate at 22. When time was out, Anderson got his tracker and soon returned to the National Championship Road with I'm Gallant.

Late Hit, owned by Chris Campbell and handled by Tom Shenker, and Haney's Storm Warning, owned and handled by Chris Cagle, were loosed for brace 8. Shenker picked up Late Hit at 24, and Cagle asked for his tracker at the same time, resulting in the next brace starting at Kyle's barn on the National Championship



Whippoorwill Vette, First in the Open All-Age.

Road.

Randy Anderson had Lester's Stem Winder, owned by Don Hensley, braced with Game Surge, owned and handled by Dr. Fred Corder, in the ninth brace. Anderson asked for his tracker at 15, while Game Surge ran a strong forward race for the entire hour but found no birds.

After lunch, Chris Cagle, the owner and handler of Haney's Silver Dollar, and Randy Anderson handling Bonner's Bulletproof, owned by Dr. Chris Cornman, loosed their contenders. Cagle asked for his tracker at 41 and Anderson elected to pick up, as the wind was gusting violently throughout most of the afternoon.

Superstition's Jake, owned by Ric Peterson and handled by Brody Byrd, and Como Thunder, owned by Doug Arthur, Billy Blackwell, and David and Rachel Russell, went next. Byrd asked for his tracker at 26. Thunder had birds at 29, which David Russell flushed easily. No more birds were found during the brace.

Brace 12, the last of the second afternoon, also ended early. Dr. Corder had Game Heir, and Randy Anderson had Slick Water Frac, owned by Raymond Marlow. Game Heir had birds at 11 but became lost, and Dr. Corder asked for his tracker at 37. Slick Water Frac backed Game Heir at 11



Hobart Ames Memorial Open All-Age Winner (front): Bridget Ledington with Touch's Fire Away. (Back, l-r): Ryan Braddock, Greg Bain (judge), Joe Hughes (judge), Matt Backus, Randy Anderson, Ike Todd, Pat Bryan, Charlie Frank Bryan, Dr. Fred Corder, Chris Weatherly, Kaden Braddock, and Dr. Rick Carlisle.

but moved a few steps after the flush and was picked up.

Valiant Sunrise, owned by Adam Sprunger and handled by Randy Anderson, and Big N Wild, owned by Phil Witter and handled by Matt Cochran, were loosed on Wednesday morning at 7:45 for brace 13. Big N Wild had an unproductive at 52, but no birds were found by either dog during the brace.

Miller's Wide Out, handled by Randy Anderson for owner Don Stroble, and Nosam's Sweet Water, owned by Jeff Busby and handled by Larry Huffman, went together in brace 14. Wide Out pointed at 14 with Sweet Water backing. After the flush and shot, Huffman realized his dog had an injured pad on a front foot and picked him up. Wide Out continued but became lost, and his handler asked for his tracker at 27.

Brace 15 started at Kyle's barn with Rock Acre Yellow Hawk and Lester's Storm Chaser competing. Yellow Hawk, owned by Ric Peterson and handled by Brody Byrd, found birds at 5 and continued, finding no more game. Storm Chaser, owned by John Ivester and handled by Lefty Henry, hunted throughout the hour but found no birds.

The last dog to compete in the all-age competition was Misty Morn Masked Man, owned and handled by Joey McAlexander, the president of the sponsoring club of these Classics. Masked Man had birds along the side of Ames Road in the first 20 seconds after being released. He then had an unproductive at 32 and was picked up prior to the end of the hour.

#### Grand Junction, Tenn., January 8

Judges: Greg Bain and Joe Hughes

#### OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] - 31 Pointers

1st-WHIPPOORWILL VETTE, 1682323, male, by Whippoorwill Justified-S/J Kentucky Sue. Dale Bush, owner and handler.

2d-TOUCH'S FIRE AWAY, 1679602, male, by House's Ring of Fire-Touch's Maswood Anne. Dr. Greg & Carmen Adams, owner; Randy Anderson, handler.

3d-HANEY'S HURRICANE SEEKER, 1698759, male, by Ransom-Haney's North Star. David Russell, owner and handler.

#### Open Derby Winners

Quail Woods Pine and Game Nation, respectively, the first and second-place winners of the derby competition, were braced together in the first derby brace. As mentioned, Quail Woods Pine is owned by Dr. Greg Adams and handled by Randy Anderson. Game Nation is owned by Dr. Fred Corder and was handled by Ike Todd. Each derby had one find and one unproductive during the brace, which was run mid-afternoon on Wednesday. Game Nation first had an unproductive at 28 almost immediately after coming up into

the west end of the Jack Harris field. After the unproductive, he hunted for a couple more minutes, advancing toward the Harris cabin, and pointed again. The birds flew, and everything was in order. At about the same time, Quail Woods Pine was pointed at the east end of the large field, near the Harris cemetery, and Anderson flushed, with all in good order. Both dogs handled well and continued to hunt until Quail Woods Pine then had his unproductive at

44. Both derbies were impressive, holding excellent promise to mature as good all-age competitors.

The third-place winner was Erin's Firehouse Waitress, also handled by Ike Todd for her owner, Gordon Jones from Draper, Utah. Waitress earned her placement in the third brace, which was the first brace ran on Thursday morning. She scored one nice find at 23, where Todd flushed birds in the Turner House field

while his nephew and scout, Isaiah Todd, watched.

**OPEN DERBY – 10 Pointers**

1st-QUAIL WOODS PINE, 1701043, male, by Touch's Fire Away-Wynona's Valiant Rosietta. Dr. Gregory Adams, owner; Randy Anderson, handler.

2d-GAME NATION, 1704928, male, by Lester's Storm Surge-Game Belle. Dr. Fred Corder, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

3d-ERIN'S FIREHOUSE WAITRESS, 1705989, female, by Erin's Redrum-Erin's Little Faye. Gordon Jones, owner; Ike Todd, handler.

**LANCASTER COUNTY FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION**

**Chippokes Cracker Jack Wins Amateur Shooting Dog**

**By Jimmy Crandall | Lancaster, Virginia | January 11, 2024**

The Lancaster County Field Trial Association's fall trial was held Saturday, January 13, at Beane Farm in Lancaster, Virginia. This marks the 55th year of the LCFTA's existence. The Club began holding U. S. Complete Shooting Dog Association-sanctioned trials in the 1990s. We sincerely thank Nestlé Purina for being the official sponsor of the USCSDA. We also thank everyone who pitched in to make this trial happen.

Arnold Ripley and Jameson Crandall judged the Amateur Puppy. They awarded Taylor Made, a male setter owned by Ashby Morgan, first place. Taylor Made ran a mature forward race with fancy animation. Second place went to Luke, a male pointer owned by Kathy Shorter, who hunted objectives and ran well.

The Amateur Shooting Dog judges, Doug Mays and Arnold Ripley, gave every entry their full attention. Chippokes Cracker Jack captured first place. Jack is a male setter who carried a strong forward race and scored four stylish finds. Second place went to Chippokes Fancy Lady, a female pointer. "Molly" also scored four finds during her 30 minutes, which ended with a strong finish. Both Jack and Molly



Amateur Puppy Winners (l-r): Jameson Crandall (judge), Ashby Morgan with Taylor Made, Kathy Shorter with Luke, Steve Moore with Wayside Jade, and Arnold Ripley (judge).



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners (l-r): Lee Flanders with Chippokes Cracker Jack, Johnny Lewis with Chippokes Fancy Lady, and Jimmy Crandall with Jake the Joker. (Kneeling): Arnold Ripley (judge).

are owned and handled by Lee Flanders. Pointer male Jake The Joker earned third place. Jake is owned by Mitchell Forrester and Jimmy Crandall and handled by Jimmy Crandall. He had three finds and an enthusiastic front-running application to the course.

Lancaster, Va., January 13

Judges: James Crandall and Arnold Ripley  
**AMATEUR PUPPY – 1 Pointer and 3 Setters**

1st-TAYLOR MADE, unreg., setter male, by Chippokes Cracker Jack-Mohawk Mill Charmer. Pinekone Kennels, owner; Ashby Morgan, handler.

2d-LUKE, unreg., pointer male, breeding not given. Kathy Shorter, owner and handler.

Judges: Doug Mays and Arnold Ripley  
**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG – 11 Pointers and 6 Setters**

1st-CHIPPOKES CRACKER JACK, 1691321, setter male, by Skyview New Edition-Grid Iron's Sorrell's Penny. Lee Flanders, owner and handler.

2d-CHIPPOKES FANCY LADY, 1689564, pointer female, by Stoney Run's Buddy-Hirollins Fancy Lady. Lee Flanders, owner and handler.

3d-JAKE THE JOKER, 1693052, pointer male, by Mohawk Mill Legacy's Pride-Mohawk Mill Dolly. Mitch Forrester & Jim Crandall, owners; Jimmy Crandall, handler.

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**REGION 16 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Backcountry Bruiser Named Champion; Backcountry Pure Gold, Runner-Up**

**By Darron Hendley | Union Springs, Alabama | January 11, 2024**

Conecuh Station Plantation in Union Springs, Alabama, hosted the 2024 Region 16 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. Known as the field trial capital of the world, Union Springs certainly lived up to its reputation during this trial. Handlers from Pennsylvania,

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Region 16 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners (front, l-r): Katie Belle Varner with Backcountry Bruiser and Chris Catanzarite with Backcountry Pure Gold. (Behind): Joe Varner, Brian Peterson, Lance Servais, Ban Stewart, Mike Moses (judge), Darron Hendley, Tony Gibson, Ben Chancellor, and Lawton Huggins.

put on a first-class event. Plentiful stables are available for horses. Full hookup campsites are on site. A huge fieldhouse with plenty of dining space and a stocked commercial kitchen provides a comfortable place for gatherings. Their hard-working staff is on hand throughout the trial to handle any needs that pop up. It is truly a blessing to be welcomed into this heaven on earth!

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had ample opportunities to show his stuff.

You can't have a great field trial without great judges. The championship was privileged and honored to have two well-respected bird dog men of the highest caliber adjudicate this contest. Mike Moses of Lake City, Florida, and Gary McKibben from Hernando, Mississippi, made the long trip to make the call.

George Cole and Faye Duncan were in the kitchen every day before daylight, preparing a delicious hot breakfast for everyone to enjoy. Ban and Allison Stewart served up some delicious lunches and a Saturday night wild game buffet that was superb. The venison tasted like filet mignon! Local musician Bill Brabham played guitar and sang everyone's favorites Saturday night. Steve Hutto was Johnny-on-the-spot with the dog wagon throughout the trial. "Hutto" always has a smile on his face and a funny story on his tongue. Brian Peterson and Lance Servais served as head marshals. A very special thank you goes out to Lawton Huggins for unselfishly stepping up when we needed help. Thank you, Lawton! The weather cooperated to the most extent. We got a brief rain one afternoon, but it did not cause any delay.

Claiming the Championship was Backcountry Bruiser, a 7-year-old male,

white and orange English pointer. Bruiser was sired by the very well-known 14x Champion Erin's War Creek. Bruiser hunted intensely, in the front his entire hour. What impressed this writer most was that Bruiser never took the easy route and ran down a road. He was always in the cover hunting. He also seemed to adjust his range according to the terrain and thickness of the cover. He would reach far to the front in open country and then shorten up slightly in heavy cover, always responding to his handler. He scored five perfectly executed picturesque finds along the way and finished big, going just as strong as he had started. Excellent breeding, expert training, exceptional handling, and advantageous conditions all converged to produce a championship performance.

Backcountry Pure Gold was named runner-up champion. Although Gold only had one find, it was a doozy. It came halfway through her brace. Standing on a big covey, she was polished and solid as a rock. Her unrelenting front running pattern in the cone set her apart from several other dogs that also finished with bird work. Gold is not quite 3 years old yet, so she likely has a very bright future ahead of her!

Both the champion and runner-up champion are owned and handled by Chris Catanzarite of Scenery Hill, Pennsylvania. Interestingly, both dogs were whelped by Catanzarite's female, Backcountry Tornado. That has to make Chris very proud. What an accomplishment!

Other notable performances were rendered by Rester's Powered Up (Cecil Rester), Southern Shadows Wave (Lance Servais), Pineywoods Showstopper (Darron Hendley), and Electronic Warfare (Bucky Street). A big thank you goes out to all those who participated and helped out in this prestigious event!

Union Springs, Ala., January 11  
Judges: Gary McKibben and Mike Moses  
**REGION 16 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG  
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] – 35 Pointers  
and 3 Setters**

Winner-BACKCOUNTRY BRUISER, 1672645, pointer male, by Erin's War Creek-Backcountry Tornado. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.  
Runner-Up-BACKCOUNTRY PURE GOLD, 1694791, pointer female, by Springflow's Backcountry P-Backcountry Tornado. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

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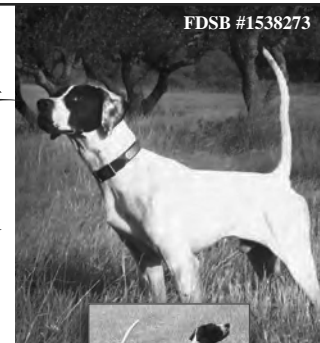
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**MARCH 9-10, 2024 • STARTS 7:00 A.M.**

**ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST, MARIENVILLE, PA**

Drawing: Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m., at home of Eric Munden.

\*AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) .....\$50.00

AMATEUR PUPPY (30 Min.) .....\$30.00

\*EDNA MORGAN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.) .....\$40.00

*Rosettes, Tom Vassen Trophy to Winner • \*Multiple Course*

H. Y. COOPER MEMORIAL

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Liberated Birds...\$40.00

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: ERIC MUNDEN • Phone: (724) 961-1969

61 Church St., Philipsburg, PA 16866



Club and landowners not responsible for accident or injury.

**GEORGIA-FLORIDA INVITATIONAL FIELD TRIAL CLUB**

*Blank Ammo & Solid Barrel Guns Only!*



**March 8-10, 2024 • Starts 8:00 a.m.**

**Osceola Plantation, Thomasville, GA**

**Open Shooting Dog (45 Min.) • Open Derby (30 Min.)**

Drawing: Monday, March 4, 5:00 p.m.

Judges: Eddie Sholar, Leesburg, GA, and Greg Shepherd, Leesburg, GA

— *All horses must have current Coggins test* —

Phone entries to: AMY FULLER • (850) 508-8909

Please call or text your entries in before 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 4.

[www.gafhandlertrial.com](http://www.gafhandlertrial.com)

Entries accepted with the understanding that the Georgia-Florida Invitational Field Trial Club and its officers, directors, members, and the landowners are not in any way responsible and shall not be held liable for any accidents or occurrences involving any individual, their property, or animals while attending or participating in the trial.



**MID-SOUTH BIRD HUNTERS CLUB**

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

**MARCH 9, 2024 • ORCHARDVILLE, IL**

Grounds: Located 5.7 miles off Rt. 161 at Orchardville, on CR 250 E, 1.2 miles west on CR 250 N. Follow signs. GPS: County Road 1250 N, Keenes, IL 62851. Lunch will be served on the grounds. **Drawing:** Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the chairman.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Plaques .....\$50.00

AMATEUR DERBY—Plaques.....\$50.00

JOHN ELLIS MEMORIAL AMATEUR GUN DOG—Plaques...\$50.00

AMATEUR PUPPY—Plaques .....\$30.00

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: BRAD HARGIS • (618) 292-1798

Club and landowners are not responsible for accidents.



**CENTRAL PRAIRIE FIELD TRIAL CLUB**

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

**MARCH 10, 2024 • ORCHARDVILLE, IL**

Grounds: Located 5.7 miles off Rt. 161 at Orchardville, on CR 250 E, 1.2 miles west on CR 250 N. Follow signs. GPS: County Road 1250 N, Keenes, IL 62851. Lunch will be served on the grounds.

**Drawing:** Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the chairman.

BUTCH SPELBRING MEMORIAL

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Plaques .....\$50.00

AMATEUR DERBY—Plaques.....\$50.00

AMATEUR GUN DOG—Plaques .....\$50.00

AMATEUR PUPPY—Plaques .....\$30.00

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: RICK STANFORD • (618) 838-6762

Club and landowners are not responsible for accidents.





# CONECUH STATION FIELD TRIAL CLUB

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

Thursday, March 14, 2024, 8:00 a.m. until completion  
Union Springs, AL



## ALABAMA FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION & DIXIE TRACE FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION POINTS TRIAL

Directions to Grounds: Take Hwy. 29 South from Union Springs, AL. Travel approximately 8 miles. Turn right on South Gate Rd., just past Mile Marker 136. Look for Conecuh Station field trial sign. Drawing: Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 p.m., at the Union Springs Country Club. Accommodations: Master Rack Lodge (334) 474-3600. Ask for field trial rates. Barn, lots, and camper set-ups available at field trial site with handlers and owners having priority. Breakfast and lunch provided.

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

Judges: Jamie Daniels and Squire Lee

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

Entries accepted with the understanding that the Conecuh Station Field Trial Club, its officers and landowners, are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents or injuries involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs or equipment. Abuse of Judges and Club Officials will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in immediate disqualification.



## BEAVER VALLEY POINTER & SETTER CLUB

Member USCSA, AFTCA & PWSA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

MARCH 16-17, 2024 • STARTS 7:00 A.M.

Grounds: At the club grounds on Bonzo Rd., Rochester, PA. Drawing: Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the trial chairman. Phone: (412) 671-1043.

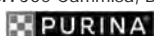
— A PWSA & USCSA Points Trial —

(Sat.) OPEN WALKING PUPPY—50%, 50-30-20.....\$25.00  
OPEN WALKING DERBY—50%, 50-30-20.....\$40.00  
OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG—50%, 50-30-20.....\$50.00  
(Sun.) AMATEUR WALKING PUPPY—Rosettes.....\$25.00  
AMATEUR WALKING DERBY—Rosettes.....\$30.00  
AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG—Rosettes.....\$35.00

Judges: Open—Tim Swonger and Rich Jarosinski;

Amateur—Les Bressler, Norm Meeder, Alex Meeder, and Bob Smith.

Reporter: Joe Cammisa, Butler, PA



Entries to: NORM MEEDER, Chairman

Phone: (412) 671-1043 • 145 Elmbrook Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Landowners and club officials are not responsible in any way for accidents, losses, or damages of any kind.



## HIGHLAND FIELD TRIAL CLUB

— On behalf of the Association of Michigan Field Trial Clubs —

Member AMFTC, AFTCA & USCSA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Ron Sposita, President • Mark Beniak, Vice-President

March 16-17, 2024 • Starts 8:00 a.m.

Michigan Walking/Horseback Points Series

Grounds: Highland Recreation Area, Silo course, Highland, MI. Liberated quail and native game. Entries Close: Tuesday, March 12. Drawing: Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the secretary. Running order will be posted on the Coverdog page. Saturday luncheon on grounds.

OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20 less fees.....\$35.00  
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20 less fees.....\$55.00  
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20 less fees.....\$50.00  
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.).....\$45.00  
\*AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.).....\$40.00  
\*OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Horseback; 40%, 50-30-20 less fees.....\$55.00  
\*Time permitting • Starting time at club's discretion



Judges: To be announced



Rosettes in all stakes • Founders' Rotating Trophy

Entries to: TOM VANECEK, Secretary/Treasurer • Text [no calls]: (989) 295-3022

An entry is accepted as a waiver of any claim for injury, loss or damage from the Highland Field Trial Club, HFTGA, State of Michigan, AMFTC and USCSA.



## Association of South Carolina FTC presents the MID-CAROLINA FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member SBHA, AFTCA & ASCFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

MARCH 14-17, 2024 • CAMDEN, SC • STARTS 8:00 A.M.

Horseback Stakes • SBHA Points Trial

Grounds: Club grounds, Camden, SC, located off of Field Trial Road and Greenfield Drive. One course: released quail. Negative Coggins papers in hand for all horses. Pre-Drawing: Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Mid-Carolina clubhouse. Friday night dinner.

OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Entries permitting.....\$30.00  
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Purse: 50%, 50-30-20.....\$50.00  
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Purse: 50%, 50-30-20.....\$55.00  
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.).....\$45.00  
AMATEUR PUPPY (30 Min.).....\$40.00  
AMATEUR PUPPY (20 Min.)—Time permitting.....\$20.00

Judges: Open Stakes—Jadie Rayfield, Charleston, SC, and Drew Bastian, Charleston, SC;  
Amateur Stakes—Tony Bingham, Boiling Springs, NC, and Calvin Curmutte, Jackson Springs, NC.

Field Trial Chairman: Ken Fleming

Entries to: ROGER McPHERSON • (843) 623-2186 [Home] • (814) 657-0712 [Cell]

-or- KEN FLEMING • (803) 377-7937 • Night of the drawing call: (814) 657-0712

The Mid-Carolina FTC, its officers and members are not liable or responsible for any loss, damage or injury to participants or their property.



## BIG SKY FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

MARCH 16-17, 2024

GREAT FALLS, MT

Grounds: Ulm Bench, above Ulm Pishkin, 15 miles west of Great Falls, MT. Starting time at the chairman's discretion. Pre-Drawing: Thursday, March 14, 7:00 p.m., at the De Jonge residence, Manhattan, MT. Multiple courses on native Sharptail grouse, Hungarian partridge, and pheasant. Motels: Holiday Inn Express—(406) 453-4000; Crystal Inn—(406) 727-7788; Motel 6—(406) 453-1602. Dinner: To be announced.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.).....\$45.00  
OPEN ALL-AGE (30 Min.).....\$45.00  
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—All-Age Standards.....\$40.00  
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.).....\$45.00  
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Shooting Dog Standards.....\$40.00

All entries must include dog's FDSB registered name and number.

— AFTCA win certificates to all placements in all stakes —

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: BEN DE JONGE

Phone: (406) 580-7568 • Email: bendejonge09@gmail.com

The Big Sky Field Trial Club, its officers, members, landowners are not liable or responsible for any injuries, losses, or damage to persons or property incurred at the trial. Montana Law, responsibility in any Equine accidents rests solely with the rider. A person is not liable for damages sustained by another as a result of risks inherent in equine activities when those risks are or should be reasonably obvious, expected, or necessary to persons engaged in equine activities. Montana Code Anno., § 27-1-725 (1993).



## GRAND VALLEY BIRD DOG CLUB

— On behalf of the Association of Michigan Field Trial Clubs, Inc. —

Member AFTCA, USCSA & AMFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

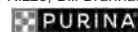
MARCH 23\*–24, 2024 • IONIA, MI • STARTS 7:30 A.M.

Walking/Horseback Trial • USCSA & AMFTC Points Trial

Entries Close: Wednesday, March 20, 8:00 p.m. Drawing: Thursday, March 21, 8:00 a.m., at the home of Connie Cipponeri, 28254 Martindale, New Hudson, MI. Please provide your AFTCA number with entry. \*If entries warrant, Qualifiers may start Friday, March 22.

OPEN PUPPY.....\$35.00  
OPEN DERBY.....\$45.00  
OPEN SHOOTING DOG.....\$50.00  
WALKING SHOOTING DOG QUALIFIER.....\$40.00  
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG.....\$40.00  
AMATEUR DERBY.....\$40.00  
USCSA AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG.....\$40.00  
USCSA OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG.....\$50.00  
USCSA OPEN WALKING DERBY.....\$45.00  
USCSA OPEN WALKING PUPPY.....\$35.00  
Open Stakes: 50% of entry fees split 50-30-20; \$10.00 per entry deducted from prize money

Judges: Rich Hollister, Blake Rizzo, Bill Branham, and others to be announced



Phone entries to: CONNIE CIPPONERI—(248) 437-5927; (248) 789-0758 (Jim's cell)

Email: litigationsspecialist@comcast.net

Jim Cipponeri, President / Chmn. • Connie Cipponeri, Secy. / Treas.

Clubs and participants do not have exclusive use of the area, any conflicts or problems that may arise should be reported to the field trial committee.

# NORTH COUNTRY BIRD DOG CLUB

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

MARCH 22-24, 2024 • STARTS 7:30 A.M.



— A PURINA COVERDOG POINTS TRIAL —

Grounds: Eau Claire County Forest, northeast of Augusta, WI.

Drawing: Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.

\*OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—40%, 50-30-20..... \$50.00

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—40%, 50-30-20..... \$30.00

\*Multiple courses on grouse and woodcock.

Judges: Brett Sittlow, Mark Fouts, and others to be announced

Trial Chairman: Rod Lein—(715) 723-8939

Entries to: HELENA LARKIN • Phone: (936) 852-2080

Email: AKCdiv@huntsecretary.com



## TWELVE O'CLOCK FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member NBHA & AFTCA  
Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

March 23-24, 2024 • Ottawa Field Trial Grounds—East

Grounds: Located on the east side of Hwy. 67, approx. 5 miles south of Dousman, WI, or 5 miles north of Eagle, WI. Drawing: Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m., at the residence of John and Deb Dlobik, Eagle, WI. Entries limited to the first 32 dogs entered, regardless of stake, due to available daylight hours.

(Sat.) OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course)..... \$50.00

OPEN DERBY (30 Min. or Course)..... \$50.00

(Sun.) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course)..... \$50.00

OPEN DERBY (30 Min. or Course)..... \$50.00

\*AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course)..... \$50.00

\*Judgment ceases at flush; Run at club's discretion

Judges: To be announced



Entries to: DEB DLOBIK • Phone: (262) 490-6876

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## BLACK MOSHANNON FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



— A PURINA COVER DOG POINTS TRIAL —

MARCH 27-30, 2024 • PHILIPSBURG, PA

Grounds: Black Moshannon State Forest, Philipsburg, PA 16866. Meet at the boat launch every morning. Stakes run on native grouse and woodcock. Drawing: Sunday, March 24, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the trial chairman. Entries close at the time of drawing.

\*OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—Multiple courses..... \$70.00

\*\*AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Multiple courses..... \$40.00

\*OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Multiple courses..... \$40.00

\*OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Single course..... \$30.00

\*Purse: 50% payout divided 50-30-20

\*\*To follow Open Shooting Dog but will not start before Friday morning

Judges: OSD—Bert Benschhof and Jeff Keller; OD—Bruce Mueller and Kevin Lahoda; OP—Eric Locher and Matt Null; ASD—Deb Nihart and one to be announced. Reporters: Deb Nihart and Christy Helms

Entries to: JEFF KELLER, Field Trial Chairman • Sandy Ridge, PA

Phone: (814) 321-1339 • Email: j.keller56@comcast.net

[All entries must be confirmed]



## CHICKAHOMINY FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

Member AFTCA, USCSA, AVAFTC & VAUSCSA

MARCH 23-24, 2024 • JARRATT, VA

Featuring The Dave Pomfret Memorial Amateur Shooting Dog Stake

Grounds: Hunt's Game Preserve, 5142 Hunt Rd., Jarratt, VA. Horseback scouting, handicap handling, and retrieval collars within U.S. Complete, FDSB and UKC rules permitted. 4-wheeler use on course is limited to handicap handling. Lunch served daily. A gallery wagon will follow all walking braces. Drawing: Thursday, March 21, 8:00 P.M., at the home of Mert and Judy Jones, Mechanicsville, VA; Phone at drawing: (804) 512-7567.

(Saturday) U.S. COMPLETE SHOOTING DOG STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:

AMATEUR PUPPY..... \$30.00

AMATEUR DERBY..... \$45.00

DAVE POMFRET AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG..... \$50.00

Judges: ASD—Jeff Smith and Terry McCormick; AP & AD—Club Members.

(Sunday) ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA CLUBS HORSEBACK STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:

AMATEUR PUPPY—At club's discretion..... \$30.00

AMATEUR DERBY..... \$45.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG..... \$50.00

Judges: ASD—Jim Jones and Ashby Morgan; AP & AD—Club Members.

PURINA PURINA  
Danny Gooch, Bird Planter  
Sharon Townley, Field Trial Chairperson

Entries to: MERT JONES—(804) 512-7567; (804) 512-9637 -or- JUDY JONES—(804) 512-9637

Alternate Phone: (804) 769-9292 • Email: fewpointers@gmail.com

Note: Voicemail and email entries must be confirmed.

The Chickahominy Field Trial Association, its officers and members, the participants, and the property owners and their employees are not and cannot be held liable for any accident causing injury, death or damage to any person, animal, or equipment during attendance at this field trial.

## UTAH FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

March 23, 2024

Anderson Ranch, Howell, UT

Drawing: Thursday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.,  
at the home of Rich Burgi, President.

STAKES TO BE RUN:

OPEN SHOOTING DOG • OPEN DERBY

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: RICH BURGI, President

9238 Maison Dr., Sandy, UT 84093

Text or Phone: (801) 556-9777



## MINNESOTA GROUSE DOG ASSOCIATION

Member AFTCA & MFFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

MARCH 28-30, 2024 • STARTS 8:00 A.M. SHARP!



— A PURINA POINTS TRIAL —

Grounds: Rum River State Forest, 11 miles west of Mora, MN. Contact trial chairman for map pin or directions. Handlers walk in all stakes. Multiple course on wild birds! Drawing: Monday, March 25, 8:00 p.m., by Hunt Secretary and certified Tuesday, March 26, 9:00 a.m. by Club President Chris Bye, 538 Birch St., River Falls, WI.

— All MGDAs trials run to AFTCA Guidelines —

OPEN SHOOTING DOG (One Hour)—50% divided 50-30-20 & Rosettes..... \$60.00

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Rosettes..... \$60.00

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—50% divided 50-30-20 & Rosettes..... \$60.00

OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Time permitting; Rosettes..... \$30.00

Judges: OSD—Neil Anderson and Scott Anderson; ASD—Jordan Pharris and Lindsey Saetre;

OD—Ed Graddy and Greg Johnson; OP—Brett Edstrom and one to be announced.

Trial Chairmen: Kyle Peterson—(612) 328-2345 and Eric Saetre—(907) 382-9319.

Enter at: www.huntsecretary.com

Email entries to: HELENA LARKIN • Email: AKCdiv@huntsecretary.com

Phone: (936) 852-2080



# CHIPPEWA VALLEY GROUSE DOG ASSOCIATION

APRIL 4-7, 2024 • STARTS 7:30 A.M.

*Don Didcoct Memorial Classic*



— A PURINA COVERDOG POINTS TRIAL —

Grounds: Eau Claire County Forest, northeast of Augusta, WI. Directions: From Stanley, WI, go south on County H approx. 14 miles to Channey Rd. and go west approx. 2 miles to Eau Claire River. Drawing: Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Roger King.

(Apr. 4 or 5) OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—Continuous Courses .....\$60.00  
(Apr. 6) DON DIDCOCT MEMORIAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour)—Continuous Courses .....\$85.00

(Apr. 7) OPEN DERBY .....\$55.00

Judges: OSD—Lindsey Saetre and Brett Sittlow; ASD—Jordan Pharris and Brett Edstrom; OD—Bill Frahm and Sig Degitz.

Entries to: ROGER KING, 228450 Lanner Rd., Wausau, WI 54401  
Phone: (715) 581-9638 • Email: Ribriverking@gmail.com



# VANCOUVER ISLAND POINTING DOG CLUB

Member CKC & AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

April 6-7, 2024 • Parksville, BC

Drawing: Tuesday, March 26.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG ..... \$70.00  
OPEN DERBY ..... \$70.00  
OPEN SHOOTING DOG ..... \$70.00  
OPEN PUPPY ..... \$65.00

Judges: Howard Coneybeare, Armstrong, BC; Jayne Coneybeare, Armstrong, BC; Vici Johnstone, Qualicum Beach, BC; Russell Moore, Victoria, BC; Phil Stanton, Chemainus, BC; Joanne Archibald, Edmonton, AB; and Kim Williamson, Didsbury, AB.

Entries to: **KELSEY LEAH • Phone: (250) 713-2203**  
2000 Main Rd., Nanaimo, BC V9X1T6, Canada  
Email: eventsecretary.vipdc@gmail.com



# TWELVE O'CLOCK FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member NBHA & AFTCA

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

April 27-28, 2024 • Burlington, WI

Grounds: Dale Creek Gundogs, N 6810 County Road DD, Burlington, WI 53105. County Road DD runs north off Hwy. 11. The kennel is north of Honey Lake and south of Honey Creek (on Hwy. D). Drawing: Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. Please have amateur number available when you enter. Entries limited to the first 32 dogs entered, regardless of stake, due to available daylight hours.

(Sat.) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course) ..... \$50.00  
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min. or Course) ..... \$50.00  
(Sun.) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min. or Course) ..... \$50.00  
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min. or Course) ..... \$50.00

Judges: To be announced



Entries to: TOM WAITE • Phone: (262) 514-4747 • Leave message

Club and landowner are not responsible for accidents, loss or damages incurred to any person, dog, horse or equipment.

# Greenfields Field Trial Club presents the VIRGINIA CLASSICS

Member AVFCA & AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

April 4-7, 2024 • Scottsville, VA • Starts 8:00 A.M.



AN AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL, AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL,  
U.S. AMATEUR ALL-AGE DERBY INVITATIONAL, PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD  
& PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD POINTS TRIAL

Grounds: Greenfields Farm, Scottsville, VA (GPS: 9300 Greenfields Farm, Scottsville, VA 24590). Continuous course on liberated, pre-released and native quail. Drawing: Tuesday, April 2, 5:00 p.m., at the home of Tommy Stargell. Complimentary lunches daily. Handlers' Supper provided by Grayson Francis honoring Rock Ridge's Second Chance on Friday, and Fran and Jack Miller, honoring Miller's Heat Wave on Saturday.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Time and entries permitting ..... \$ 60.00  
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.) ..... \$ 60.00  
AMATEUR ALL-AGE CLASSIC (1 Hour) ..... \$120.00  
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour) ..... \$120.00

Judges: 30-Min. ASD & AD—Club Members; AA-A—Sharon Townley and Phil Rutter; ASD—Steve Mills and Tommy Stargell.

Entries by registered name to: TOMMY STARGELL, Scottsville, VA  
Cell: (434) 960-2651 • Home: (434) 286-3853 • Email: tastargell@gmail.com  
Emails and texts will be acknowledged • Do not email entries on day of drawing

Entries are accepted with the understanding that the clubs and its members are not liable for personal loss or injury to persons, animals or equipment.



# BRITISH COLUMBIA ALL BREED POINTER CLUB

Member CKC & AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

April 20-21, 2024 • Jura Stock Ranch, Princeton, BC

Grounds located on Summerland Princeton Highway.

Drawing: Tuesday, April 9.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG ..... \$70.00  
OPEN DERBY ..... \$70.00  
OPEN SHOOTING DOG ..... \$70.00  
OPEN PUPPY ..... \$65.00

Judges: Howard Coneybeare, Armstrong, BC; Jayne Coneybeare, Armstrong, BC Vici Johnstone, Qualicum Beach, BC; Russell Moore, Victoria, BC; Phil Stanton, Chemainus, BC; Paul Neumann, Vernon, BC; and Shirley Nilsson, Penticton, BC.

Entries to: **KELSEY LEAH • Phone: (250) 713-2203**  
2000 Main Rd., Nanaimo, BC V9X1T6, Canada  
Email: bcallbreedpointerclub@gmail.com



# MARITIME BIRD DOG CLUB

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

May 18-19, 2024 • Spring Trial • Starts 8:00 a.m.

1256 NB Hwy. 107, Cross Creek, NB

Drawing: Wednesday, May 15, 8:00 p.m. (local time), at the home of Donald Henderson, Oromocto, NB. Entries close at drawing. This will be a liberated quail trial on a single course. Accommodations: Ramada by Wyndham, 480 Riverside Dr., Fredericton, NB—(506) 300-3447. Lunches will be available on-site. Saturday barbecue on-site after the running.

(Sat.) OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.)—Rosettes ..... Entry Fee \$30.00 [CDN]  
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Rosettes ..... Entry Fee \$55.00 [CDN]  
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Rosettes ..... Entry Fee \$55.00 [CDN]  
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Rosettes ..... Entry Fee \$55.00 [CDN]  
(Sun.) \*AMATEUR GUN DOG (20 Min.)—Rosettes ..... Entry Fee \$40.00 [CDN]  
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Rosettes ..... Entry Fee \$55.00 [CDN]  
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Rosettes ..... Entry Fee \$55.00 [CDN]

\*Judgment ceases at flush; entries taken until start time

Judges: To be announced

Phone, text or email entries to: DONALD HENDERSON  
Phone: (506) 476-7751 • Email: donrobhen@live.com

Entries accepted for all stakes with the understanding the Maritime Bird Dog Club, its officers and landowners are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents to anyone attending the trials, their guests, dogs or equipment.



Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



**March 1-3, 2024 • Starts 8:00 A.M. (CT)**  
(Depending on entries)

**A PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD,  
AFTCA INVITATIONAL, REGION 6  
& SOUTHERN CIRCUIT POINTS TRIAL**

**Grounds:** Percy Priest WMA Field Trial Grounds, 346 Old Jones Mill Rd., La Vergne, TN 37086. Lunch will be provided. Electric hook-ups \$15.00 per night. **Drawing:** Tuesday, February 27, 6:00 p.m. (CT), at the home of Ross Leonard.

**\*AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour) .....\$90.00**  
**\*AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.) .....\$50.00**

*\*Gift Cards and Purina Pro Plan*

**Judges:** Mary Sue Schalk, Princeton, KY,  
and Shane Duckworth, Fredericktown, MO

**Entries to: ROSS LEONARD**  
**P.O. Box 72, Chatsworth, GA 30705**  
**Phone: (706) 847-9125**  
**Email: nickajackfarm@gmail.com**

The Cumberland Field Trial Club is not responsible for any injury to participants/animals or damage during these events.

# SOUTHERN PINES CELEBRATION

Hosted by Southern Pines Celebration Field Trial Club



— Sponsored by Purina —

**March 7-11, 2024 • Starts 8:00 a.m.**  
**Sandhills Wildlife Area, Hoffman, NC**

**A PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD  
& AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL**

**Drawing:** Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Johnny Atkinson; Phone: (843) 430-2492. **Accommodations:** Located in Rockingham only (12 minutes from grounds). Ask about field trial rate. Electrical hook-ups available on a first come, first served basis for \$10 per night.

**OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) ..... \$ 50.00**  
**RAY JOYE AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) .....\$115.00**  
**\*AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour) .....\$100.00**

*\*Time permitting*

**Judges:** Larry Cox, Randleman, NC,  
and Todd Williams, Jackson Springs, NC

**Directors:** Grayson Francis, Johnny Atkinson,  
Til Hankley, Dwight Smith

— Thank you to Richmond County for your support —

**Entries to: JOHNNY ATKINSON—(843) 430-2492**  
**-or- GRAYSON FRANCIS—(434) 610-8601**

The Southern Pines Celebration Field Trial Club and the NCFTCA accept no responsibility or liability for any accident or loss on grounds or during participation in trial. Each and every participant must have their native state hunting license.

# CLARKSVILLE POINTER & SETTER CLUB

Member AFTCA, Region 6 & Mid-South AFTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

**March 6-8, 2024 • Myrtle, MS**

*This trial is being run in conjunction with the U. S. Amateur  
All-Age Derby Invitational East Region Super Qualifier*



PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD POINTS

PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS

NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL-AGE & SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL POINTS  
REGION 6 & MID-SOUTH AFTA DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS



**Grounds:** Hell Creek WMA, 4120 County Rd. 825, Myrtle, MS 38650. **Drawing:** Friday, March 1, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Lisa Little, club secretary.

**AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) ..... \$75.00**  
**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)..... \$75.00**

**Judges:** Mark Haynes, Brownsville, TN,  
and Greg Tapp, Somerville, TN

**Entries to: LISA C. LITTLE, Club Secretary**  
**1301 Ross Dr., Woodlawn, TN 37191 • Phone: (931) 980-0452**  
**Email: doubletroublestables@yahoo.com**



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# 2024 EAST REGION SUPER QUALIFIER

(In conjunction with Clarksville Pointer & Setter Club trial)



**Starts Saturday, March 9, 2024\***

**Hell Creek WMA, Blue Mountain, MS**

*\*Or following the conclusion of the Clarksville Pointer & Setter Club trial*

**Drawing:** Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m. (EST), at home of chairman.  
Social hour and dinner Saturday evening at clubhouse.

**UNITED STATES AMATEUR DERBY INVITATIONAL**  
45-Min. Heats • Entry Fee: \$125.00 (includes all fees)  
— Dogs judged on Derby standards —

Bonus Points: 1st—25 points; 2nd—15 points; 3rd—10 points  
plus standard 3, 2, 1 x starters.

*Purina Pro Plan to winners • B&B Tack Trophy Saddle to winner  
B&B Tack Saddlebags to winners*

*White Custom Harnesses to winners by Kevin White*

**Judges:** Quintin Wiseman, Hogansville, GA,  
and Jonathan Burch, Holly Springs, MS

**Entries to: QUINTIN WISEMAN • Phone: (678) 464-1998**  
**5453 Hwy. 100, Hogansville, GA 30230**



## HORSEBACK WINNERS' CLASSIC

Member AFTCA & FTCl • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

March 15-17, 2024 • Starts 8:00 a.m. each day  
Jim Edgar Wildlife Area, Chandlerville, IL

Open to all Pointing Breeds

— Bonus Points Trial for FTCl Dog of the Year Award —

Drawing: Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. (CST), at home of the secretary.

Lodging: Riverbank Lodge, Petersburg, IL—(217) 632-0202.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20 .....	\$55.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20 .....	\$50.00
*AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Prizes.....	\$55.00
*AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Prizes .....	\$50.00

\*A Blue Ribbon Award Points Stake

\*\*JUNIOR HANDLERS' STAKE (20 Min.)—Prizes

\*\*Entry fee sponsored by club. No dog required; Club can provide.  
Walking or Horseback.

Judges: Mark Johnson, Sean P. Derrig, Dennis Sneed, and Brian Sheehan



Entries to: SEAN PATRICK DERRIG, Secretary  
1843 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL 60613

Phone: (773) 447-6131 • Email: Spderrig@gmail.com

*Piasa Pointer & Setter Club, its officers and members are not responsible for any injuries, losses or accidents involving anyone attending or participating in the trial and for horses, dogs, vehicles and equipment.*

## McMINNVILLE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Member AFTCA, Southern Circuit & TFTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



MARCH 22-24, 2024 • STARTS 7:30 A.M. (CST)

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

REGION 6 POINTS • SOUTHERN CIRCUIT POINTS FOR SADDLE • INVITATIONAL POINTS



Grounds: Percy Priest Wildlife Management Area, LaVergne, TN. From Nashville, take I-24 East to Waldron Rd. (Exit 64) and turn right. Go to Hwy. 41, turning right through LaVergne. Turn left on Fergus Rd., right on Jones Mill Rd. and follow signs. Lunches will be served. Drawing: Monday, March 18, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Pam Morrison. Phone: (931) 668-9319. Motel Accommodations: Econo Lodge, LaVergne, TN (on I-24)—(800) 228-5150 or (615) 793-3600.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....	\$ 85.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.).....	\$ 60.00
OPEN SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour)—50%, 50-30-20 .....	\$135.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Time permitting; 50%, 50-30-20 .....	\$ 85.00

Judges: Michael Kennedy, Opelika, AL, and Ross Leonard, Chatsworth, GA

Mail or phone entries to:

PAM MORRISON, 251 Ponderosa Dr., McMinnville, TN 37110

Phone: (931) 668-9319 • Email: bpjmorrison@benlomand.net  
Club and management not responsible for accidents or injuries.

## CEDAR VALLEY CLASSIC



Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Monday, March 25, 2024 • Starts 8:00 A.M.

Hoffman Field Trial Grounds, Hoffman, NC

Horseback Stakes hosted by Derby Field Trial Club

Early Drawing: Saturday, March 23, 8:00 P.M. (EST).



A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD,  
PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD  
& PURINA TOP DERBY AWARD POINTS TRIAL

\*OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (1 Hour) .... \$200.00

\*RAY B. JEFFERS OPEN DERBY  
CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Time permitting ..... \$100.00  
\*50%, 50-30-20

Judges: OSD—Lavon King, Rockmart, GA, and one to be announced; OD—Paul Gadd, Newton, NC, and Larry Cox, Randleman, NC.

Entries to: CALVIN CURNUTTE

Phone: (910) 995-7902

4911 Hoffman Rd., Jackson Springs, NC 27281



## COCKADE BIRD DOG CLUB

Member Club of AFTCA & AVFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Starts Thursday, March 28\*, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Cutawhiskie Farm, Ahsokie, NC

(\*Unless entries warrant a later start)



A PURINA AMATEUR ALL-AGE AWARD, AMATEUR ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL,  
DERBY INVITATIONAL AND VIRGINIA DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL

Directions to Grounds: From Ahsokie, take W561 to St. John's (stay to left), continue on 561 for 1 1/2 miles, turn right onto Lewter Lane, and go through gates. Signs posted. Or follow GPS to Lewter Lane, Aulander, NC. One course with repeat starts. Wild and liberated quail. Early Drawing: Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Ellen Clements Winall. Lodging: Southern Star (252) 395-6412 or Chief Motel (252) 332-2138. RV hook-ups available (\$10.00) per night.

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) .....	\$40.00
AMATEUR ALL-AGE (One Hour) .....	\$90.00
AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.).....	\$40.00
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Horseback.....	\$45.00

Judges: Sharon Townley, Ashby Morgan, and Gene Hogge

Stakes Manager: Ellen Clements Winall

Entries to: ELLEN CLEMENTS WINALL

4163 Old River Trail, Powhatan, VA 23139

Phone: (804) 836-6590 • E-mail: elncoppertop@hotmail.com

[All entries MUST receive confirmation and all entries must be by registered names]

*No live ammunition or alcohol permitted during the trial. All horses must have a negative Coggins test within the last 12 months. Entries accepted with the understanding that the club, their officers and directors and landowner are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs or equipment.*

# OIL CAPITAL FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

Member AFTCA, OFTCA & On Behalf of Region 8 • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

## OKLAHOMA FIELD TRIAL CLUBS ASSOCIATION POINTS TRIAL

APRIL 5-7, 2024 • STARTS 8:00 A.M.

INOLA, OKLAHOMA



AMATEUR ALL-AGE (1 Hour) .....Entry Fee: \$75.00  
 AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—All-Age Standards.....Entry Fee: \$50.00  
 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (1 Hour).....Entry Fee: \$75.00

*National Amateur Invitational Points Stake*

AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Shooting Dog Standards .....Entry Fee: \$50.00  
 Prizes to winners in all stakes • The running of stakes will be at the club's discretion.

Judges: To be announced

Field Trial Reporter: Bob Barker • Stakes Manager: Barry Moore

Grounds: McFarlin-Ingersoll Ranch, 7 miles south of Claremore, OK, on Hwy. 88. Lunches available. Excellent kennel facilities for 100 dogs. All horses must have current Coggins Test (less than 12 months). Drawing: Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., at the home of the stakes manager. Running order will be posted on Facebook in Oil Capital Field Trial Association Group. A registered name and registration number is required upon entry. Lodging: Will Rogers Motel, Claremore, OK. Phone: (918) 341-4410; (800) 644-9455. Ask for special field trial rate.

Entries to: BARRY MOORE • Call or Text: (918) 850-8585

Bob Barker, *President* | Jon Humphrey, *Vice-President*  
 Barry Moore, *Secretary* | Steve Burris, *Treasurer*

Field Trial Committee: Barry Moore, Bob Barker, Steve Burris, Mike Griffin,  
 Jon Humphrey, Lynn Oxendine, Brian Williams, Jesse Lambert, Bruce Sooter

Neither the Oil Capital Field Trial Association, the Officers, the Directors, or the Landowners are liable for any accidents or injuries occurring during this field trial. All participants and observers do so at their own risk.

# RUFFED GROUSE FIELD TRIAL CLUB

— On behalf of the Association of Michigan Field Trial Clubs, Inc. —

APRIL 12-14, 2024 SPRING TRIAL

— A PURINA POINTS TRIAL —

Grounds: Gladwin Field Trial Grounds, Meredith, MI. Trial gallery will be leaving Alibi Hall each morning. Lunches will be available. Retrieval collars allowed in accordance with AFTCA and UKC guidelines. Entries Close: Sunday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. Drawing: Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. (EST), at the home of Craig Merlington. Hotel Accommodations & Restaurants: Located in Gladwin, Prudenville or Houghton Lake, MI.

JACK SECOR MEMORIAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) ..... \$50.00

To start Saturday, April 13, 8:00 a.m. • May start Friday, April 12, if entries warrant

Purse: 40% of entry fees, less fees, split 50-30-20

Rotating Trophy to Winner • Multiple Courses

Judges: To be announced

JOHN R. STUART DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.) ..... \$50.00

To start Sunday, April 14, 8:00 a.m.

May start no sooner than noon, Saturday, if entries warrant

Purse: 40% of entry fees, less fees, split 50-30-20

Rotating Trophy to Winner • Multiple Courses

Judges: To be announced

RUTH STUART OPEN PUPPY CLASSIC (25 Min.) ..... \$40.00

To start Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m.

Purse: 40% of entry fees, less fees, split 50-30-20

Rotating Trophy to Winner • Single Course

Judges: To be announced

Entries to: CRAIG MERLINGTON

20705 Blue Fox Way, Howard City, MI 49329

Phone: (616) 862-2296 • Email: northkentwell@gmail.com

\*Must receive email confirmation for valid entry



# SETTER CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

*Celebrating our 100th Year — 1924-2024*

Member AFTCA, ANEFTC & USCSDA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

April 6-7, 2024 • Starts 7:00 a.m. (ET)

Frances Crane Wildlife Management Area, Rt. 151, Falmouth, MA

Directions: Intersection of Cloverfield Way and Rt. 151, Falmouth, MA. Take the exit onto Rt. 151 toward Mashpee off of Rt. 28 South. Take a right onto Rt. 151 towards Mashpee. Take a left towards Cloverfield Way 1.2 miles after turning right onto Rt. 151. The entrance of the trial grounds will be at the beginning of Cloverfield Way. Field trial signs will be visible from road. Drawing: Wednesday, April 3, 8:00 p.m., at the home of the chairman. Drawing will be live via Facebook Live on the SCNE Facebook page. Entries close at time of drawing. No email cancellations will be accepted.

(Sat., 7:00 A.M.) \*OPEN PUPPY—Medals ..... \$35.00  
 \*FLORENCE HARWARTH OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Medals ..... \$55.00  
 OPEN RESTRICTED SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)—Medals & Certificates ..... \$50.00  
 \*PHIL FOGG OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Medals..... \$70.00  
 (Sun., 7:00 A.M.) AMATEUR PUPPY—Medals ..... \$35.00  
 AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.)—Medals ..... \$50.00  
 FRANKIE MCLAUGHLIN AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Medals ..... \$50.00  
 (Sun., 8:00 A.M.) \*\*TOM FOLEY & ED FLANAGAN MEMORIAL

AMATEUR GUN DOG CLASSIC—Medals ..... \$40.00

\*Purse: 40%, 50-30-20 less grounds fees • \*\*Separate Course; Judgement ceases at flush

Judges: OP—Tony Leone, Wallham, MA, and Bailey Arkley, Jay, VT; OD & AD—Jim Levesque, Danville, NH, and John DiPerrio, Barre, MA; ORSD & OSD—Bill Bonnetti, Marstons Mills, MA, and Kris Nordby, Danielson, CT; AP—Tony Leone, Wallham, MA, and Brian Foley, Billerica, MA; ASD—Jamie Nee, Buzzards Bay, MA, and Eric Rizza, Georgetown, MA; AGD—Bob Arkley, Jay, VT, and Bailey Arkley, Jay, VT. Reporter: Thom Richardson, Whitefield, NH.

Entries to: NICK HAMEL, Chairman, 355 North Wilmot Rd., Wilmot, NH 03287

Phone: (603) 723-6228 • Email: berlinsabres6@gmail.com

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U. S. COMPLETE SHOOTING DOG ASSOCIATION



# CAPE FEAR FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

presents the

# USCSDA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



**Starts March 1, 2024 • Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, Hoffman, NC**

**Entry Fee: \$200.00 • Purse: 50% (less bird, dog wagon, and grounds fees) divided 60-40**

— *Starting at the conclusion of Championship, time permitting* —

**PAUL WALKER OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (45 minutes)**

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

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

**Judges:** John Outlaw, Pikeville, NC, and Bob Youngs, Ellerbe, NC

**Drawing:** Sunday, February 25, 6:00 p.m., at 120 Coquina Dr., Wilmington, NC.

A handlers' dinner will be provided on Friday night by Fred Rose, owner of last year's champion, Smoke Rise Jake.

**Entries to: DAVID HUFFINE, Trial Chairman**

**120 Coquina Drive, Wilmington, NC 28411**

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

— **Accepted email and text entries require confirmation** —

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



# NBHA CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Hosted by Westark Field Trial Club**

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

**March 7-10, 2024 • Booneville, AR**

**Grounds:** From intersection Hwy. 10 and Hwy. 23 in Booneville, AR, go 3 blocks south, turn left on Hwy. 217, go 7.3 miles. Turn left between graveyard and church house, go 1/4 mile to clubhouse. **Drawing:** Monday, March 4.

<b>OPEN SHOOTING DOG</b> .....	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>OPEN DERBY</b> .....	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>OPEN PUPPY</b> .....	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (30 MIN.)</b> .....	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—Judgment ceases at flush</b> .....	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>AMATEUR DERBY</b> .....	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>AMATEUR PUPPY</b> .....	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

**Judges:** Ray Roberts, Grove, OK, and Dickie Sorrell, Hubbard, TX

**Entries to: GLENN CUMBIE • Phone: (479) 461-5509**



# 44<sup>th</sup> MISSOURI OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



**Starting Monday, March 4, 2024**

**Hosted by the Missouri Shooting Dog Association**

— THIS TRIAL QUALIFIES FOR PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AND PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARDS —

## MISSOURI OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)

**Entry Fee \$215.00 + \$30 Grounds fee • Purse: 50% divided 70-30 (less Grounds fee and ad cost)**

**Qualification:** An Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby placement recognized by UKC / AMERICAN FIELD.

**Judges:** Frank Vicari, Hampshire, IL, and Mike Vicari, Hampshire, IL

**Marshals:** Tony King, Jerry Hailey, Adam DeLude and Jason Kemna

**Grounds:** Sportsmen's Club of S.W. Missouri, Grovespring, MO. 2,600 acres, including a clubhouse, 36 horse stalls, outside pens, and 50 kennels. Bunks in clubhouse and other facilities are on a first come, first served basis. Six braces run per day. **Directions:** From I-44 and Hwy. 5 at Lebanon, MO, take Hwy. 5 south approx. 20 miles to Meadowlark Lane (a bird dog silhouette points the way); turn right, and follow road 1½ miles to grounds. **Drawing:** Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Tony King. **Accommodations:** Hampton Inn—(417) 533-3100 and Super 8 Motel—(417) 588-2574. Ask for trial rates.

**Entries to: TONY KING—(573) 239-1665 -or- ADAM DeLUDE—(920) 579-0344**

No harassment of the judges will be tolerated! Entries accepted with the understanding that the club, its officers, and landowner are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs, or equipment.

# 36<sup>th</sup> MIDWESTERN STATES SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY



Sponsored By  
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following the conclusion of Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship

**Hosted by the Midwest Shooting Dog Futurity Field Trial Club**

— THIS IS A \*BONUS\* POINTS TRIAL FOR THE PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG DERBY OF THE YEAR AWARD —

## 36<sup>th</sup> MIDWESTERN STATES SHOOTING DOG FUTURITY

**Entry Fee \$140.00 + \$30 Grounds fee • Prizes to Breeders and Owners**

**Purse: 50% split 40, 30, 20, 10 to four places (less Grounds fee and ad cost)**

**Qualification:** Derby dogs from Litters whelped on/after January 1, 2022, and nominated in the 36th Midwestern States Shooting Dog Futurity Program. The Futurity has 30-Minute Qualifying Heats and 1-Hour Callbacks to win. Derbies will be judged on Shooting Dog Standards and Callback dogs at the discretion of the judges.

**Judges:** Frank Vicari, Hampshire, IL, and Mike Vicari, Hampshire, IL

**Marshals:** Tony King, Jerry Hailey, Adam DeLude and Jason Kemna

**Grounds:** Sportsmen's Club of S.W. Missouri, Grovespring, MO. 2,600 acres, including a clubhouse, 36 horse stalls, outside pens, and 50 kennels. Bunks in clubhouse and other facilities are on a first come, first served basis. Six braces run per day. **Directions:** From I-44 and Hwy. 5 at Lebanon, MO, take Hwy. 5 south approx. 20 miles to Meadowlark Lane (a bird dog silhouette points the way); turn right, and follow road 1½ miles to grounds. **Drawing:** Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Tony King (or following the drawing of the Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship). **Accommodations:** Hampton Inn—(417) 533-3100 and Super 8 Motel—(417) 588-2574. Ask for trial rates.

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**98th Running of the**  
**ALL-AMERICA DERBY**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR & ALL-AGE DOG OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS TRIAL**  
**ONE-HOUR BRACES • A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**



**Pyramid State Recreation Area (Captain Unit) near Pinckneyville, IL**  
**Friday, March 8, 2024 to Conclusion • Starts 8:00 A.M.**

**Entry Fee:** \$320.00 (includes \$20 NFTCA fee and \$25 grounds/bird fee)

**Purse:** 60% divided 70-30, if runner-up is named

**Judges:** Dave Capstick, Wentzville, MO, and Greg Blair Menomonee Falls, WI

**Drawing:** Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 p.m. Entries close at 5:00 p.m. (CST).

**Lodging:** Oxbow B & B, Pinckneyville, IL—(618) 790-4369 or Fairgrounds Inn, Du Quoin, IL—(618) 542-5000.

**Qualification:** A placement in a recognized Open Derby stake.

**Entries to: NATHAN PHILLIPS, 1550 S. 1300 E., Oakland City, IN 47660**

**Cell: (812) 499-0418 • Email: Lawlesskennels@yahoo.com**

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The Hoosier Field Trial Club proudly presents the  
**98th Running of the**  
**ALL-AMERICA QUAIL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR & ALL-AGE DOG OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS TRIAL**  
**ONE-HOUR BRACES • A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**



**Pyramid State Recreation Area (Captain Unit) near Pinckneyville, IL**  
**— Following the All-America Derby Championship —**

**Entry Fee:** \$370.00 (includes \$20 NFTCA fee and \$30 grounds/bird fee)

**Purse:** 60% divided 70-30, if runner-up is named

**Judges:** Dave Capstick, Wentzville, MO, and Greg Blair Menomonee Falls, WI

**Reporter:** Jim Atchison, Caruthersville, MO

**Drawing:** Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 p.m. Entries close at 5:00 p.m. (CST).

**Lodging:** Oxbow B & B, Pinckneyville, IL—(618) 790-4369 or Fairgrounds Inn, Du Quoin, IL—(618) 542-5000.

**Qualification:** A placement in a recognized Open Derby or Open All-Age stake.

**Entries to: NATHAN PHILLIPS, 1550 S. 1300 E., Oakland City, IN 47660**

**Cell: (812) 499-0418 • Email: Lawlesskennels@yahoo.com**

*Come and join us for of this sport's premier events! We hope to see you there and good luck to all participants.  
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# REND LAKE OPEN

— A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STAKE & PURINA POINTS STAKE —

Sponsored by Rend Lake Field Trial Club

Member AFTCA, FTCI & OVFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Solid Barrel Guns Only!

Starting immediately after the All-America Quail Championship  
Pyramid State Park, Captain Unit • Near Cutler, IL



**Grounds:** Captain Unit of the Pyramid State Park, near Cutler, IL. **Drawing:** Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m., at the home of President Alan Benson, 4114 Lost Prairie Rd., Cutler, IL 62238; Phone: (618) 527-4174.

**HARVEY McCOWEN MEMORIAL OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)—60% of purse divided 50-30-20 .....\$300.00\***  
*\*\$25 bird fee and \$20 NFTCA fee NOT included in entry fee listed*

**OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) To be run if time allows—60% of purse divided 50-30-20 .....\$150.00\***  
*\*\$25 bird fee NOT included in entry fee listed*

**AMERICAN DERBY INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & PURINA DERBY AWARD POINTS STAKE**

**Judges:** Mary Sue Schalk, Princeton, KY, and Alan Benson, Cutler, IL

**Phone or text entries to: ALAN BENSON—(618) 527-4174**

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**Double Deuce Zeke**  
Doug McMillen, Owner



**Little Miss Margaret**  
Tim Cavanaugh, Owner



**Lightning Flash Remington**  
Brian Dix, Owner



**Chippokes Cracker Jack**  
Lee Flanders, Owner



**Blue Ribbon's Harper Bella**  
Marty Festa, Owner



**Warrior's Mean Louie**  
Dennis Kivikko, Owner

**U.S. COMPLETE SHOOTING DOG ASSOCIATION**

## AMATEUR INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

U.S. COMPLETE SHOOTING DOG ASSOCIATION



March 8-10, 2024 • Starts 8:00 A.M. each day

Petersburg Tract of

Norman G. Wilder Wildlife Area, Felton, DE

Drawing: Thursday, March 7, 6:00 p.m., at the clubhouse.

Judges: Chad Wheeler, Riner, VA, and Bart Hastings, Seaford, DE • Chairman: Thor Kain, Carbondale, PA

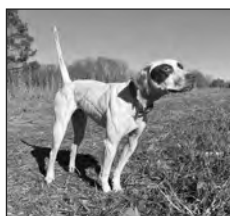
Inquiries to: JAMESON CRANDALL, Secretary • Phone: (804) 577-3788 • Email: jameson.crandall@gmail.com



**Ledge Hill Chippewa**  
Jimmy Levesque, Owner



**Twiggy**  
Cliff Monroe, Owner



**Jake The Joker**  
Mitchell Forrester  
& Jimmy Crandall, Owners



**Super Storm**  
Thor Kain, Owner



**Chippokes Fancy Lady**  
Lee Flanders, Owner



**Double Deuce Oscar**  
Doug McMillen, Owner

# LARRY SMITH HEARTLAND OPEN ALL-AGE & OPEN DERBY

**Starts Wednesday, March 13, 2024 • SmithFarms, Gentry, MO**  
**Hosted by Pony Express Field Trial Club**



— NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STAKE —

— PURINA TOP FIELD TRIAL BIRD DOG & PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL —

**OPEN DERBY (45 Min.)—60% of entry fees divided 50-30-20 ..... Entry Fee: \$175.00**

**PURINA TOP DERBY DOG OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL**

**Judges:** Jerry Alden, Masonville, IA, and Tommy Smith, Fort Dodge, IA

**LARRY SMITH HEARTLAND OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$325.00 (plus \$20 NFTCA fee)**

**Purse:** 60% of entry fees (less \$20/dog NFTCA fee) divided 50-30-20.

**Judges:** Sean Hauser, Whigham, GA, and Sheldon Rogers, Asquith, SK

**Entries Close:** Monday, March 11, 7:00 p.m. **Dinner/Drawing:** Sponsor provided Social Hour 5:00 p.m.; Dinner 6:00 p.m.; Drawing 7:00 p.m., on grounds evening prior to start of stake(s). **Grounds:** SmithFarms (GPS: 5002 State Hwy. O, Gentry, MO 64453). *From Gentry—Follow signs 1.2 miles west on State Hwy. O. Meals provided for attendees. Hay provided.* Corrals available on grounds. Additional corrals available 1/2 mile west on State Hwy. O. Polaris Ranger (enclosed cab) provided for owners, sponsors, visitors, and spectators not wishing to ride horses to view the running. **Lodging:** Countryside Inn, Albany, MO—(660) 726-5633; Countryside Inn, Grant City, MO—(660) 564-2586.

**Club Members:** Linda Smith, Steve Auxier, Eddie Berendzen, Howard Burbach, Colton Carpenter, Dr. Gary Cowell, Terry Doolittle, Jessica Hahn, Jon Hahn, Sean Hauser, Tony King, Sheldon Rogers, Thomas Smith, Tommy Smith, and Kirk Swanson.

**Phone or Text Entries (by 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 11) to: STEVE AUXIER—(402) 730-2711**

An entry is accepted as a waiver of any claim or demand for any loss or damage incurred from the sponsoring club or landowners; their employees, agents, and officers. AFTCA approved firearms and blank ammo only! No harassment of the judges or officials will be tolerated!

## REGION 17 (AFTCA) AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & LARRY SMITH MEMORIAL DERBY CLASSIC

**Hosted by Holler Point Field Trial Club**

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

**Begins March 14\*, 2024 to Conclusion • Starts 8:00 A.M. each day**

**Holler Point Farm, Abilene, KS**

*\*If entries are sufficient • AFTCA & KFTCA Points Trial*



**Directions to Grounds:** Near Abilene, KS, exit I-70 at Abilene; Go south on Hwy. 15 for 20.6 miles. Entrance to farm is between 400 and 300 Ave., off Hwy. 15. Look for signs on west side of the road. Trial to be run on 3 one-hour continuous courses on native quail, prairie chickens and pheasants, with substitution of pre-released coveys. **Meals:** Lunch to be served daily; *Friday night—Supper hot off the grill; Saturday night Banquet—Seafood Boil out on the prairie (shrimp, crab legs, and all the other good stuff!)* **Drawing:** Monday, March 11, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Secretary Diane Shoemaker. **Lodging:** America's Best Value—(785) 263-2050; Super 8 Motel—(785) 263-4545; Budget Lodge—(785) 263-3600. There will be great food and plenty of birds; we hope everyone can make it!

**STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:**

**REGION 17 AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)..... Entry Fee: \$150.00**

*Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award & National Amateur Points;*

*Champion to receive a saddle by The Saddle Guy; Runner-up to receive halter bridle and reins.*

**LARRY SMITH MEMORIAL OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.) ..... Entry Fee: \$ 65.00**

*Prizes to 1st, 2nd & 3rd*

**Judges:** *Championship—Howard Burbach, Pleasant Hill, MO, and Mark Livingston, Central City, IA;*

*Classic—Justin Crook, Jasper, MO, and Colby Tackett, Alva, OK.*

**Trial Chairman:** Rodney Shoemaker—(816) 558-2427

**All entries to: DIANE SHOEMAKER • (816) 309-4773**

Entries accepted and attendance of this event are with the understanding that AFTCA, Region 17, KFTCA, their officers, directors, members, sponsors and the landowner(s) are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accidents or occurrences involving anyone attending the trial, their animals, or equipment.

John Atkinson, President

Grayson Francis, Vice-President

John Ivester, Secretary

# NORTH CAROLINA FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION OPEN DERBY & OPEN ALL-AGE

## MARCH 15-18, 2024 • HOFFMAN, NC



**Grounds:** To be run on the Sandhills Wildlife Management Area. Continuous courses. Trailer hook-ups are available at \$10 per day. Please make reservations with entry.

**Note—Pre-Drawing:** Monday, March 11, 6:00 p.m., at the chairman’s office.

**OPEN ALL-AGE (One Hour)..... Entry Fee \$300.00\***

*\*Includes all fees*

**Purse:** 50% of entry fees (less \$20 per entry) divided 50-30-20

**All-Age is a Qualifying Stake for the National Championship, Purina Points Trial and a Purina Handler of the Year Points Stake**

**OPEN DERBY (30 Minutes).....Entry Fee \$125.00**

**Purse:** 50% of entry fees divided 50-30-20

**Derby is a Purina Top Derby Award and Invitational Points Stake**

**Judges:** OA-A—Tony Bingham, Shelby, NC, and George Kimbrell, Ft. Mill, SC;

OD—Gary Miller, Jackson Springs, NC, and Steve Mills, Moyadan, NC.

**Marshals:** John Atkinson, Grayson Francis, Sammy Giddens, Lefty Henry, and Dennis Snyder

**Entries to: JOHN IVESTER, Stake Manager • (704) 641-1570**

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and NCFTA accept no responsibility or liability for any accident or loss on grounds or field trial areas during participation in trial. All residents must have game lands permit.

Kansas Field Trial Clubs Association presents the

# 2024 JAYHAWK OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP & DERBY CLASSIC

**Hosted by: Flint Hills Field Trial Club**

*Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!*



**Starts March 19, 2024, or 24 hours after the Midwest Shooting Dog Championship  
Bill Westfall Ranch, Elk City, KS**

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

**DERBY CLASSIC (45 Min.)—50%, 50-30-20 ..... \$115.00 + \$20.00 grounds fee**

**JAYHAWK OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—50%, 70-30..... \$240.00 + \$25.00 grounds fee**

**Qualification:** A placement in a recognized Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby stake.

**Judges:** Charles Aspenson, Chisago City, MN, and Bart Hastings, Seaford, DE

**Directions to Grounds:** From Independence, KS, go west on 160 for 18 miles to Road 1300, then north 3/4 mile to Road 5800. Then west one mile. From Longton, KS, go east on 160 to Blackjack Rd., then east one mile. **Drawing:** Thursday, March 14, 7:00 p.m., on the grounds. **Lodging:** The Knights Inn, Independence, KS—(620) 331-7300.

**Entries to: RANDY WILSON—Phone: (417) 293-2463 -or- GARVIN COLLINS—Phone: (816) 898-8641**

**— There will be absolutely no tolerance for harassment of judges or club officials —**

The Association and its members and the landowners are not responsible for accidents. Participation in the trial, as either a spectator, handler, owner, scout, or any other capacity constitutes a waiver and release of the association, its members and the landowners from any and all liabilities for accidents or other losses.



# NBHA MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Starting March 22\*, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Whetstone Wildlife Management Area, near Williamsburg, MO

(\*May start March 21 if entries warrant)

Hosted by: Missouri State Bird Hunters Association

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

**Directions to Grounds:** From I-70, take exit 161 and travel north on Missouri Route D (County Rd. 177), 1/2 mile to Williamsburg, MO. At intersection in Williamsburg, turn left on old U.S. Hwy. 40 (Route D) and travel 1/2 mile to County Rd. 1003. Turn right onto County Rd. 1003 and travel approximately two miles north to County Rd. 1003 to grounds.

**Qualifications:** Dogs must have an Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby placement recognized by UKC/American Field.

**Drawing:** Sunday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Kevin Western—(660) 341-3522 **Lodging:** Located in Kingdom City, MO.

### STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—Purse: 30% (minus dog tax) divided 70-30.....	\$160.00
OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) .....	\$ 80.00
OPEN PUPPY (20 Min.).....	\$ 50.00

Judges: Tim Penn, Edina, MO, and Aaron McAfee, Clinton, IL

Entries to: KEVIN WESTERN—(660) 341-3522 -or- JACK GLOVER—(573) 515-0520

The NBHA, Missouri State BHA, and the Missouri Dept. of Conservation are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for accidents involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs or equipment.



## SOUTH COUNTY FIELD TRIAL CLUB PRESENTS THE

Member AFTCA, USCSDA & ANEFTC • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

# NEW ENGLAND AMATEUR WOODCOCK CLASSIC



Proudly sponsored by Purina

March 22\*-24, 2024 (\*If entries warrant) • Arcadia Wildlife Management Area, Exeter, RI • Multiple Course

— A GRAND NATIONAL INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL —

Judges: Russell Ogilvie and Steve Forrest

Entry Fee: \$75.00 (U. S. Funds) • Guaranteed Purse: \$1,000 split 50-30-20

Prizes: Plaques and Purina certificates to winners

Entries Close & Drawing: Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 p.m., at the home of John and Jill Stolgitis.

Entries to: JILL STOLGITIS • Phone: (401) 377-1005 or (401) 954-5498 • Email: [jstolgitis@aol.com](mailto:jstolgitis@aol.com)

Starting at the conclusion of the New England Amateur Woodcock Classic, but not before Monday, March 25

# SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND WOODCOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

— A PURINA COVERDOG POINTS & GRAND NATIONAL INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL —

Entry Fee: \$125.00 • One-Hour Multiple Course • Purse: \$1,000 (32 dogs or more, \$1,500) split 70-30

Judges: Kris Nordby and Doug Dix

JOEL COLLIER DERBY CLASSIC—Single course on liberated birds; Purse: 50% split 60-40; USCSDA Points ...\$50.00

COVERDOG PUPPY CLASSIC—Separate course; Purse split 50-30-20 .....\$50.00

Judges: *Derby Classic*—Lanny Dellinger and Karen Unsworth; *Puppy Classic*—To be announced.

Entries Close: Friday, March 22, 6:00 p.m. Drawing: Saturday, March 23, 6:00 p.m., at Chasehill Kennels.

For information and entries, contact:

JILL STOLGITIS—Phone: (401) 377-1005 -or- JOHN STOLGITIS—Phone: (401) 954-5798

Email: [jstolgitis@aol.com](mailto:jstolgitis@aol.com) • All entries will be confirmed

Any harassment of club officials or judges will not be tolerated and constitute forfeiture of entries. Club and members not responsible for injury or losses.

Announcing the Thirty-First Annual Running of the  
**AMERICAN DERBY INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Sponsored by the Field Trial Sportsmen's Association of Southwest Missouri

*Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!*

— A QUALIFYING STAKE FOR THE 2025 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP —

To be run beginning the day following the conclusion of the Missouri Open Championship.

The Missouri Open All-Age Derby and Championship begin on March 18, 2024.



Entry Fee: \$400.00  
(plus \$20 NFTCA fee)

Guaranteed Purse:  
\$6,000 divided 70-30  
to Winner and Runner-up



2023 Winner  
CH. HANEY'S ALL IN  
Chris Cagle, Owner | Ike Todd, Handler



Judges:

Joe Don House, Clinton, KY  
Mike Matney, Big Sandy, TN

Reporter:

Bonnie Hidalgo, Brighton, CO

**Drawing:** Friday, March 22, or night prior to the start of the Invitational, 8:00 p.m., at Sportsmen's Association Clubhouse. Entry fee to be paid before running of the owner's dog.

**Qualification:** The top twelve Derbies based on a point system that encompasses four Open Derby Championships and qualifying trials throughout North America. Owners of Derbies qualified based on points will be invited by approximately March 11. No dog below #20 in the final point standings will be called to run. Late qualifiers should coordinate points with Kipp Linard—(314) 755-2225. Contact Secretary concerning questions.

Entries to: KIPP LINARD—Cell: (314) 755-2225 • All entries must be confirmed 48 hours prior to the drawing

**Trial Format:** All braces to run a one-hour qualifier on the first day. One and one-half hour heats will be run on the second day, and the number of dogs called back to run on the second day is entirely at the discretion of the judges. Any dogs may be called back before the final decision. Judges' decision will be based on the overall performance of a dog. Invitations accepted with the understanding that the Sportsmen's Club of Southwest Missouri and its officers are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any accident involving anyone attending the trial, their horses, dogs, or equipment. Bitches in season will not be permitted to participate.

Tony King  
President

Ric Peterson  
1st Vice-President

Larron Copeland  
2nd Vice-President

Jim Pendergest  
3rd Vice-President

# NATIONAL AMATEUR CHUKAR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Sponsored by Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America

— Hosted by Pacific Coast Championship Field Trial Club —

*Only manufactured barrel blank guns with blank ammo to be used.*



Saturday, March 23, 2024 • Starting 8:00 a.m.

Imperial River Cattle Ranch, Maupin, OR

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$150.00

Judges: Dan Hoke, Cheney, WA, and Derrick Olsen, Harper, OR • Reporter: Amanda Schaaf

Entries Close: Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 p.m. (CST). Drawing: Thursday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. (CST), at the office of the secretary. You must have your AFTCA membership number and win certificate number when entering.

— Purina Pro Plan® to Champion and Runner-Up —

GARMIN products to the Winner and Runner-Up.

BowTee sculpted game bird plaques to Winner and Runner-Up.

Contact: PIPER HUFFMAN—(662) 471-1700

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

# NBHA NORTHERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Hosted by: Twelve O'Clock Field Trial Club

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



March 27, 2024 (depending on entries)

NOTE: This is Easter weekend. We will plan to have the Championship completed by mid-day Saturday.



**Grounds:** Yellowstone Lake Wildlife Area, 8873 County Rd. G, Argyle, WI 53504 (Coordinates: 42.751448, -89.992225). Located 10 miles west of Argyle, WI, and 13 miles northeast of Darlington, WI. NO electricity on grounds. Lunch will be provided. **Drawing:** Sunday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. **Hotel:** Darlington Inn—(608) 776-8830.

**OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—Purse, Plaques, and Sponsor Gifts.....\$165.00**

**Qualification:** An American Field recognized placement in a Shooting Dog or Derby stake.

**OPEN DERBY (30 Minutes)—Purse, Plaques, and Sponsor Gifts .....\$ 65.00**

**Judges:** Jeff Wallace, Knoxville, IA, and Bob Bakas, Winfield, IL

**Entries to: GREG BLAIR, Chairman • Phone: (262) 939-2775 • Email: glblair5@gmail.com**

Entries must include handler, phone number and dog's registered name. Grounds, dog and association fees deducted prior to all payouts.

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

# EGYPTIAN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by: Little Egypt Field Trial Club

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

April 1, 2024 to Conclusion • Starts 8:00 a.m. each day

Pyramid State Park (Captain Unit), Pinckneyville, IL

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



WIND RIDGE SUGAR PLUM  
— 2023 Champion —



**Entries Close:** Saturday, March 30, 6:00 p.m. (CST). **Drawing:** Saturday, March 30, 8:00 p.m. (CST).

**Lodging:** Oxbow B & B, Pinckneyville, IL—(618) 790-4369 or Fairgrounds Inn, Du Quoin, IL—(618) 542-5000.

### STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

**GAIL NEAL OPEN DERBY (30 Minutes)..... Entry Fee \$ 90.00 (includes \$15 grounds & bird fees)**

**Purse:** 50% of entry fees less grounds fees divided 50-30-20; Plaques to owners

**EGYPTIAN OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)... Entry Fee \$250.00 (includes \$40 grounds & bird fees)**

Continuous Course • **Purse:** 60% of entry fees less grounds fees divided 70-30 if runner-up is named; Plaques to winners.

**Qualification:** A recognized placement in an Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake.

**Judges:** Keith St. John, South Fulton, TN, and Mark Haynes, Brownsville, TN

**Entries to: JIM LAWLESS, Field Trial Chairman, 8760 County Line Rd., Sparta, IL 62286 • Phone: (618) 317-7811**

# ONTARIO GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

SPONSORED BY THE VENANGO GROUSE TRIAL CLUB

April 2\*, 2024 to Conclusion

Black Moshannon State Forest, Philipsburg, PA

One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$150.00\*\* • A Purina Points Trial

(\*May start April 1, depending on entries | \*\*All funds in U.S. Dollars)



- To be run on native grouse and woodcock on continuous courses •

Purse: \$2,000 divided 80-20, if runner-up is named.

Judges: Dr. Tim Perschke, Butler, PA, and Mike Brown, Linden, MI • Reporter: Dave Fletcher, Morrice, MI

Eligibility: Dog(s) must have a placement in an Open Derby or Open All-Age stake.

(Sat., Apr. 6) VENANGO DERBY (30 Min.)—Multiple course; Purse: 50%, 50-30-20; A Purina Points Trial .....\$65.00

VENANGO PUPPY CLASSIC—Purse: 50%, 50-30-20 .....\$50.00

Judges: Derby—Nick Lasica, Elizabeth, PA, and Rob Matson, Brookville, PA; Puppy—To be announced.

Drawing(s): Saturday, March 30, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the secretary.

Championship & Derby entries to:

JOE CAMMISA, 110 Pinewood Ln., Butler, PA 16001 • Phone: (724) 859-3908

— Make checks for entries payable to Venango Grouse Trial Club —

Dogs are entered at the risk of their owners. The club assumes no responsibility for loss or injury to animals or people resulting from any cause.

# INDIANA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Western Pointer Club

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



Starts after completion of Egyptian Open Shooting Dog Championship, but not before April 6

Pyramid State Park (Captain Unit), Pinckneyville, IL • Starts 8:00 A.M. each day

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

Entries Close: Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. (CST). Drawing: Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m., at clubhouse on grounds.

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING:

INDIANA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—Continuous Course ..... Entry Fee: \$230.00

Entry fee includes \$40 grounds and birds fee

Purse: 60% of entry fees less grounds fees divided 70-30, if Runner-Up is named

Qualification: A recognized placement in an Open Derby or Open Shooting Dog stake.

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.)—Time permitting ..... Entry Fee: \$ 90.00

Entry fee includes \$15 grounds and birds fee

Purse: 50% of entry fees less grounds fees divided 50-30-20

Judges: Adam DeLude, Campbellsport, WI, and Robert Bakas, Winfield, IL

— Generously sponsored by Purina and SportDOG —

Entries to: JOHN HOTT, Hoopeston, IL • Phone: (217) 304-2412

—or— ROBERT CANADA, New Palestine, IN • Phone: (317) 431-2486





# MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Southern Field Trial Club and Purina invite you to two great trials!*



## 41<sup>ST</sup> MASTERS OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP



**Beginning March 1 at 8:00 A.M.**



— Absolutely NO alcohol allowed on grounds —

*Camping in campground only!*

**A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD, PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD  
& DIXIE TRACE FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION POINTS TRIAL**

**A QUALIFYING TRIAL FOR THE NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Qualification:** Placement in a UKC/American Field recognized 30-minute or longer Open Shooting Dog or Derby stake. In the event more than 60 dogs are entered at the time of the drawing, the stake will revert to a 30-minute qualifying series with the judges selecting up to 12 dogs to run in a one-hour callback.

**One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$400.00 plus \$30.00 facility fee • Purse: 60% divided 70-30**

**Headquarters:** Potter Community Center. From Albany, take Hwy. 91 south to Hardup Rd. (caution light), turn left on Hardup Rd., go to stop sign and turn right, look for Potter Center sign.

**Judges:** Harold Johnson and Jason Williams • **Reporter:** Steve Standley

**Entries Close:** Monday, February 26, 12:00 noon.

**Drawing:** Monday, February 26, 2:00 p.m., at Nutrien Ag Solutions, 100 Industrial Ct., Colquitt, GA.

**Entries to: POLLY MOORE • Phone: (229) 873-2436 • Email: moorepolly16@gmail.com**

**Headquarters Hotel:** Merry Acres, Albany, GA—(229) 435-7721

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## 55<sup>TH</sup> MASTERS OPEN QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Starts the day following the conclusion of the Southeastern All-Age  
and Masters Open Shooting Dog Championship,  
but not before March 4 at 8:00 a.m.**

— A PURINA POINTS & PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL —

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER • DIXIE TRACE FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION POINTS TRIAL**

**Qualification:** Placement in a UKC/American Field recognized Open All-Age or Open Derby stake.

**One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$400.00 plus \$20.00 NFTCA tax and \$30.00 facility fee • Purse: 60% divided 70-30**

**Judges:** Steve Hurdle and Gary McKibben • **Reporter:** Andrew Campbell

**Grounds:** Nonami Plantation and Blue Springs Plantation, Albany, GA

**Drawing:** Thursday, February 29, 12:00 noon, at the office of  
Woody Watson, 601 N. Slappey Dr., Albany, GA. Anyone can attend.

**Entries to: WOODY WATSON — Phone: (229) 886-0422 • (229) 903-1217**

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**Announces the 30th Annual Running of the  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & DERBY CLASSIC  
AND THE 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RUNNING OF THE NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP  
March 11, 2024 to Conclusion      Open to Vizslas Only!      Breakaway 8:00 a.m.  
Sportsmen’s Association Grounds, Parks Creek Road, Grovespring, MO**

Course is a three-hour continuous course. Approved retrieval collars permitted, but not supplied. Bitches in season are allowed to run provided they have been declared to the chair or secretary prior to the drawing, and the owner or handler arranges for separate transport to and from the course.

**Grounds:** Grovespring is approximately 45 miles east of Springfield, MO, or approximately 3 hours southwest of St. Louis.

**Motel:** Available in Lebanon or Marshfield, MO. **Camping & Facilities:** Camping, dog pens, and horse stalls are available on the grounds as well as electric hookups. All on a first-come, first-served basis. **Wrangler:** NO wrangler this year.

**NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: \$200.00**

Winner will receive a Garmin Collar, Gift Certificate to DOGS Unlimited, Traveling Trophy, Engraved Plaque and Purina Pro Plan.

Runner-Up will receive Engraved Plaque, Gift Certificate to DOGS Unlimited and Purina Pro Plan.

Six (6) braces run per day with two in reserve.

**Judges:** Jack Alexander, Vienna, OH, and Burton Wice, Creve Coeur, MO • **Stake Manager:** Jarrett Bell • Include AFTCA Handler Number

**DERBY CLASSIC (30 Minutes)—Follows Amateur • Entry Fee: \$100.00**

Derby Classic Cash Purse of \$500 plus the balance of the nominated entries – 70% to the winner and 30% to the runner-up. Cash Purse will be paid to the owner of the dog. A nomination fee of \$50 is payable prior to the closing of the entries in order to be eligible for cash purse. If the winning dog has not been nominated and the runner-up has been nominated, the runner-up will receive 50% of the purse and the remaining 50% will go to next year’s purse. If neither dog has been nominated, the entire purse shall roll over to the following year. Derby Classic winner will receive Engraved Plaque, Traveling Trophy, Engraved Leather Saddlebags, Gift Certificate to Garmin, and Purina Pro Plan. Runner-up will receive Engraved Plaque, Engraved Leather Scabbard, and Purina Pro Plan. Second runner-up will receive Engraved Plaque and Purina Pro Plan.

**Judges:** Bonnie Hidalgo, Brighton, CO, and Dennis Hidalgo, Brighton, CO • **Stake Manager:** Mike Northwood

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—Follows Derby • Entry Fee: \$225.00**

Winner will receive a \$1,000 Cash Purse, portrait painting of the champion, Garmin Collar, Traveling Trophy, Engraved Plaque and Purina Pro Plan. Runner-up will receive a \$300 Cash Purse, an Engraved Plaque and Purina Pro Plan.

Six (6) braces run per day with two in reserve.

**Judges:** Bonnie Hidalgo, Brighton, CO, and Dennis Hidalgo, Brighton, CO • **Stake Manager:** Justin Hess

**Send advance entries to:**

**JUSTIN HESS, 2527 Littlefield Dr., Exira, IA 50076**

**Phone: (712) 304-5543 • Email: JustinCHess@gmail.com**

**Entries Close:** Sunday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., at the Sportsmen’s Assn. clubhouse, Grovespring, MO.

Drawing follows at 7:00 P.M. at the Sportsmen’s Assn. clubhouse.

**Completed entries and payment due on or before drawing. No exceptions!**

*The National Vizsla Association, Club Members, Club Officers, AFTCA, and Sportsmen’s Association will not be responsible for any loss, accident, injury, or damage of any kind.*

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# MISSOURI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

*Presented and Hosted by Missouri State Field Trial Association*

## MISSOURI OPEN ALL-AGE AND OPEN DERBY

*Field Trial Sportsmen's Association of Southwest Missouri*



**Starting Monday, March 18, 2024**

**Sportsmen's Association, Inc. Field Trial Grounds  
Grovespring, MO**

**— A PURINA POINTS AND PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS PROGRAM —**

**Pre-Drawing for all stakes:** Saturday, March 16, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Andy and Sharleen Daugherty. **Headquarters:** Super 8 Motel, Lebanon, MO—(417) 588-2574. Ask for field trial rates.

**MISSOURI OPEN ALL-AGE (1 Hour)—60% divided 50-30-20**

**Entry Fee: \$275.00 (includes Grounds & NFTCA Fees)**

**QUALIFYING STAKE FOR THE 2025 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**DON FOX MEMORIAL DERBY (30 Minutes)—60% divided 50-30-20**

**Entry Fee: \$100.00 (includes Grounds Fee)**

**MISSOURI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)—60% of entry fees**

*If Runner-Up declared, purse divided 75-25 plus Globe Democrat Trophy*

**Entry Fee: \$350.00 (includes Grounds & NFTCA Fees)**

**AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER FOR THE 2025 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Qualification for Championship:** Open Derby, Open All-Age or Championship win.

**Judges:** *Open All-Age*—Mark Verdoorn, Kansas City, MO, and Jarrett Bell, Troy, MO;

*Open Derby*—Dave Capstick, Jonesburg, MO, and Kipp Linard, Foristell, MO;

*Open Championship*—Keith Wright, Covington, IN, and Mike Jackson, Battle Ground, IN.

**Reporter:** Bonnie Hidalgo

No cook will be at the clubhouse. Horse corrals and stalls for handlers—first come, first served.

**Mail entries/monies to and for information, call: SHARLEEN DAUGHERTY  
10321 Parks Creek Rd., Grovespring, MO 65662 • Phone: (417) 462-3695**

*Entries are accepted with the understanding that neither club officers nor landowners are responsible for any accident or injury to people involved with or attending the trial.*

# THE NATIONAL GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS ITS 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & FUTURITY

*Open to German Shorthaired Pointers Only!*

**Beginning Saturday, March 30, 2024 and running to conclusion  
Sportsmen's Association Field Trial Grounds, near Grovespring, MO**

*Championship Committee: Anthony Rusciano, Chairman; Mark Wasserman, Co-Chairman;  
Robin Lambourn, Dan DiMambro, Mark Verdoorn, Art Armbrust, and Lori Rezzardi*



## **48<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

**One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$275.00**

**Judges:** Adrian Jackson, Highlands Ranch, CO, and Mick Cheshire, Highlands Ranch, CO

**Stake Managers:** Dan DiMambro and Art Armbrust

**Prizes:** Specially engraved saddle to the champion; Trophies to champion and runner-up champion.

## **4<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP (ALL-AGE)**

**One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$275.00**

**Judges:** Helmut Schoen, Blairstown, NJ, and Kevin Joyce, East Northport, NY

**Stake Managers:** Robin Lambourn and Chad Inderman

**Prizes:** Specially crafted bronzes to the champion and runner-up champion.

## **65<sup>TH</sup> NGSPA NATIONAL FUTURITY**

**30-Minute Heats • Entry Fee: \$250.00**

**Judges:** Helmut Schoen, Blairstown, NJ, and Kevin Joyce, East Northport, NY

**Stake Managers:** James Messer and Harvey Franco

**Prizes:** Trophies to all placed dogs and cash awards based on nomination fees.

**Futurity Qualification:** Must have completed the Nomination Procedure and be *FDSB* registered.

## **71<sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$300.00**

**Judges:** Rodney Shoemaker, Grain Valley, MO, and Stan Wint, Gardner, KS

**Stake Managers:** Ray Larrondo and Anthony Rusciano

**Prizes:** Specially crafted bronzes and \$1,500 purse divided \$1,000 to the champion and \$500 to the runner-up champion, if named.

## **54<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

**One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$300.00**

**Judges:** Dan Voss, River Falls, WI, and Bruce Mueller, River Falls, WI

**Stake Managers:** Josh Nieman and Mark Wasserman

**Prizes:** Specially crafted bronzes and \$1,500 purse divided \$1,000 to the champion and \$500 to the runner-up champion, if named.

**Qualifications for National Amateur Shooting Dog, National Amateur All-Age, National and National Shooting Dog Championships:**

Listed on the NGSPA website at [ngspa.org/events/nationals/](http://ngspa.org/events/nationals/) • Dogs must be *FDSB* & DNA registered, or DNA registration pending.

**NGSPA policy for the Amateur and Open Championships stakes will be: "A qualified dog may be entered in only one National Amateur Championship stake, and only one National Open Championship stake. The class of the stake (All-Age vs. Shooting Dog) may be changed between the Amateur and the Open Championships." NGSPA policy states that entry fees shall be paid for all dogs drawn and payment must be received before the dog competes.**

**— NOTE ENTRY DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 —**

Phone entries will not be accepted. Entries must be on an entry form and include all information, including the *FDSB* registration and DNA numbers, date and trial of qualification. If information on where and when the dog qualified is not on the entry form, the dog will not be drawn!

Drawing for the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship will take place at approximately 6:00 P.M., Friday, March 29, on the grounds.

Drawings for all other stakes will be held on the grounds no later than the night before the stake begins.

There is no training or roading allowed on the grounds for a two-week period before the trial begins.

This trial is run under the minimum requirements of the *FDSB* and NGSPA rules and regulations.

A current negative Coggins Test and Health Certificate for horses are required by Missouri law. This is being enforced by the appropriate State personnel.

**Purina Awards & Amateur Dinner:** Sunday, March 31 • **Delegates' & Annual Meetings:** Will be listed on the NGSPA website

**Send Championship and Futurity Entries to:**

**LORI REZZARDI, Field Trial Secretary, 7798 Green Rd., Iuka, IL 62849**

**Phone/Text: (618) 604-1204 • Email: [LRezzardi@gmail.com](mailto:LRezzardi@gmail.com)**

**Online entries available at: [www.ngspa.org](http://www.ngspa.org) (Fill out form and submit)**

*— This event is sponsored by Purina with additional support from SportDOG, Garmin, and Dogs Unlimited —*

# CASCADE OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 • Starts 8:00 a.m.

Prairie Wind Ranch, 8719 Little Willow Rd., Payette, ID

Hosted by Cascade Field Trial Club

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$275.00\* • 50% of entries split 70-30, Awards & Plaques

**A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER • NATIONAL AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS TRIAL**

**A PURINA TOP FIELD TRIAL BIRD DOG AWARD & PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

\*\$20 National Fee and \$30 grounds fee to be added to entry fee

Judges: Rich Burgi, Sandy, UT, and Matt Houston, Kennewick, WA

— Preceding the Championship, April 2, 8:00 a.m. —

OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) .....\$ 50.00 OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) .....\$ 50.00 OPEN ALL-AGE (30 Min.) .....\$ 50.00

Judges: To be announced

Entries Close: Sunday, March 31, 6:00 p.m. Drawings: *Qualifiers*—Monday, April 1, 6:00 p.m.; *Championship*—Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m., at the clubhouse. Any dogs qualified on April 2 will be allowed to enter. Must provide AFTCA number to enter. Alfalfa available on grounds at market price. Lodging available (must make reservations). RV/Trailer hook-ups available for \$10/day (make reservations). Horse grounds fee (per horse, per day)—\$3.50.

Entries to: ALEX MAUCK, President, 4980 Hyline Rd., Ontario, OR 97914

Phone: (503) 320-2847 • Email: alex.mauck@gmail.com

*Immediately following the Cascade Open All-Age Championship*

## CAN/AM OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

Hosted by Setter Springs Field Trial Club

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only! .410 shotguns with blanks preferred.



One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$175.00 [U.S.] • Purse: 40% of entries divided 50-30-20

— Purina Dog Food, SportDOG e-collars and Trophies to winners —

**QUALIFYING STAKE FOR THE NATIONAL SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

Judges: Lori Steinsouer, Halfway, OR, and Jim Ledington, Homedale, ID

*Run on wild Huns, Pheasants, Quail, and released Chukars on a continuous course.*

Entries close: Sunday, March 31, 6:00 p.m. Drawing: Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m., at the clubhouse.

Entries to: ALEX MAUCK, 4980 Hyline Rd., Ontario, OR 97914

Phone: (503) 320-2847 • Email: alex.mauck@gmail.com

*Following the Can/Am Open Shooting Dog Classic, but not before Saturday, April 6, 2024, 8:00 a.m.*

## REGION 10 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by Cascade Field Trial Club

Member AFTCA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!



One-Hour Heats • Entry Fee: \$175.00 • Trophies to Champion and Runner-up

*Run on wild Huns, Pheasants, Quail, and released Chukars on a continuous course.*

Entries Close: Sunday, March 31, 6:00 p.m. Drawing: Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m., at the clubhouse. Any dogs qualified on April 2 will be allowed to enter. Must provide AFTCA number to enter. Entry fees due at drawing (Venmo, check, or cash). Lodging available by reservation. Meals at a nominal cost. Camping (RV/Trailer) available on grounds \$10/day. Horse pen or stake-out (per horse, per day)—\$3.50.

Judges: Ray Larrondo, Caldwell, ID, and Tammy Larrondo, Caldwell, ID

Entries to: ALEX MAUCK, President, 4980 Hyline Rd., Ontario, OR 97914

Phone: (503) 320-2847 • Email: alex.mauck@gmail.com

*All participants, directly or indirectly, will hold harmless the Cascade Field Trial Club, its members and officers, and the landowners. Any participation is 100% at your own risk.*

# INDIANTOWN GAP BIRD DOG CLUB, INC.

Member AFTCA & EPFTA • Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

Spring Trial begins Monday, April 8, 2024 • Starts 8:00 A.M.



**Miller's Lock And Loaded**  
2023 Keystone Open Shooting Dog Champion  
William & Muriel Primm, Owners • George Tracy, Handler

**Grounds:** Property of Keystone Bird Dog Trust, Petersburg, PA. **Directions:** From Rt. 22, 6 miles west of Huntingdon, take Rt. 305E (right) to Petersburg. One mile north of Petersburg, turn left toward Camp Blue Diamond, go 1/2 mile, cross bridge and immediately turn right to trial grounds. (GPS address: 6728 Bethel Rd., Alexandria, PA). **Drawing:** Sunday, April 7, 6:00 p.m., at the clubhouse.

## STAKES & ORDER OF RUNNING:

(Mon., Apr. 8) INDIANTOWN GAP KEYSTONE

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC (One-Hour continuous course) .....\$175.00

— A NATIONAL OPEN SHOOTING DOG QUALIFIER —

Purse: 50%, 50-30-20 • Prizes: Purina dog food to winners

KEYSTONE YANKEE OPEN DERBY CLASSIC.....\$ 65.00

— A PURINA TOP DERBY AWARD POINTS TRIAL —

Purse: 50%, 50-30-20 • Prizes: Purina dog food to winners

Judges: OSD & OD Classics—Jim Wallace and Jeff Currier

(Not before Fri., Apr. 12) REGION 2 SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP .....\$125.00

— A PURINA TOP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG AWARD POINTS, AMATEUR INVITATIONAL POINTS & EPFTA POINTS TRIAL —

Prizes: Purina dog food and Lion Country Supply gift cards to winners

Judges: Jim Wallace and Luke Eisenhart

*Region 2 will sponsor a steak dinner Saturday evening, April 13, followed by a Region 2 meeting.*

(Mon., Apr. 15) KEYSTONE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP.....\$195.00

— A PURINA TOP SHOOTING DOG AWARD & HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD POINTS TRIAL • NATIONAL QUALIFIER —

Purse: 50%, 70-30

Judges: Luke Eisenhart and Dayna Rusciano

(Fri., Apr. 19) INDIANTOWN GAP AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC .....\$100.00

— AN EPFTA POINTS TRIAL —

Judges: Jeanette Tracy and Jeff Currier

**Entries to: GREG STRAUSBAUGH, Field Trial Chairman • Phone: (570) 510-2692 • Newport, PA**

*Entries are accepted with the understanding that the Indiantown Gap Bird Dog Club and the Keystone Bird Dog Trust, their officers, members, landowners, and their agents are not in any way responsible and cannot be held liable for any damages to persons, horses, dogs, or equipment incurred while participating or attending the trial.*

# NATIONAL RED SETTER FIELD TRIAL CLUB

*presents its National Shooting Dog Championships  
& 52<sup>nd</sup> Running of the Red Setter National Futurity*

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**April 14-17, 2024 • Starts 8:00 A.M. (CST) daily  
Pyramid State Park, Pinckneyville, IL**

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**Entries close:** Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 p.m. (CST). Open to all *FDSB* registered Irish Setters. **Drawing:** Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 p.m. **Lodging:** Motels, hotels and B&B available in Du Quoin and Pinckneyville, IL. **Barn:** Located on grounds. Negative Coggins test for horses as well as health certificate on all horses entering state. Solid barrel firearms only. **Fees:** Grounds and Association fees collected prior to payout. **Purina Dinner:** To be held Tuesday night.

— **Starting 8:00 a.m., Sunday** —

**OPEN WALKING DERBY (30 Min.) • Entry Fee: \$45.00**

Awards to place holders • **Judges:** To be announced

**OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.) • Entry Fee: \$50.00**

Awards to place holders • **Judges:** To be announced

**OPEN WALKING PUPPY (20 Min. or course) • Entry Fee: \$35.00**

Awards to place holders • **Judges:** To be announced

**NRSFTC OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: \$125.00**

**Purse:** \$500 divided 70-30

**Judges:** Jon Lam, Makanda, IL, and Lee Long, Berkey, OH

**Qualification:** An Open All-Age, Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby placement in a recognized stake.  
Judged on shooting dog standards.

**OPEN PUPPY (20 Min. or course) • Entry Fee: \$35.00**

Awards to place holders • **Judges:** To be announced

**NRSFTC 52<sup>nd</sup> FUTURITY • Entry Fee: \$50.00**

**Purse:** \$1000 divided 60-40 between owners and breeders of 4 placements.

**Judges:** Jon Lam, Makanda, IL, and Lee Long, Berkey, OH

Dogs must have been nominated and all forfeits paid by the running.

**NRSFTC AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: \$100.00**

Awards to Champion and Runner-Up

**Judges:** Jon Lam, Makanda, IL, and Lee Long, Berkey, OH

**Qualification:** An Amateur All-Age, Shooting Dog or Derby placement by an amateur handler in a recognized stake.  
Judged on shooting dog standards.

**Reporter:** Bonnie Hidalgo

**Entries to: ED LIERMANN—Cell: (414) 625-0715**

**Email entries to: redsetterentries@gmail.com**

**Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America**

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**Recognized Field Trials**

**Buck-Tuck Field Trial Club**

March 1 / Berea, KY  
Contact: Terry Boatright  
Phone: (859) 582-8566

**Cumberland Field Trial Club**

March 1 / LaVergne, TN  
Contact: Ross Leonard  
Phone: (706) 847-9125  
Email: [nickajackfarm@gmail.com](mailto:nickajackfarm@gmail.com)

**Masters Open Shooting Dog Championship**

March 1 / Albany, GA  
Contact: Polly Moore  
Phone: (229) 873-2436  
Email: [moorepolly16@gmail.com](mailto:moorepolly16@gmail.com)

**Southeastern Quail Championship**

March 1 / Dawson, GA  
Contact: Lamar Childers  
Phone: (404) 790-2944

**Delaware Valley Bird Dog Club**

March 2 / Bernville, PA  
Contact: James Humes Jr.  
Phone: (484) 550-2957  
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**Pacific Coast Championship Field Trial Club**

March 2 / Maupin, OR  
Contact: Todd Schaaf  
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**Carolina Celebration**

March 4 / Allendale, SC  
Contact: Billy Kerr  
Phone: (843) 473-5464  
Email: [Billy.Kerr@coxinc.com](mailto:Billy.Kerr@coxinc.com)

**Masters Open Quail Championship**

March 4 / Albany, GA  
Contact: Woody Watson  
Phone: (229) 886-0422 or (229) 903-1217

**Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship**

March 4 / Grovespring, MO  
Contact: Tony King  
Phone: (573) 239-1665

**National Amateur Shooting Dog Championships**

March 4 / Grand Junction, TN  
Contact: Piper Huffman  
Phone: (662) 471-7000

**Midwestern States Shooting Dog Futurity**

March 5 / Grovespring, MO  
Contact: Tony King  
Phone: (573) 239-1665

**Clarksville Pointer & Setter Club**

March 6 / Myrtle, MS  
Contact: Lisa Little  
Phone: (931) 980-0452  
Email: [doubletroublestables@yahoo.com](mailto:doubletroublestables@yahoo.com)

**Region 3 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship**

March 7 / Ridgeland, SC  
Contact: R. L. Duerksen  
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**Southern Pines Celebration**

March 7 / Hoffman, NC  
Contact: Johnny Atkinson  
Phone: (843) 430-2492

**Willie "Bird" Owens Derby Classic**

March 7 / Union Springs, AL  
Contact: Robert Moorer  
Phone: (334) 558-7080  
Email: [Robertm7080@gmail.com](mailto:Robertm7080@gmail.com)

**All-America Derby Championship**

March 8 / Pinckneyville, IL  
Contact: Nathan Phillips  
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**Georgia-Florida Invitational Field Trial Club**

March 8 / Thomasville, GA  
Contact: Amy Fuller  
Phone: (850) 508-8909

**All-America Quail Championship**

March 9 / Pinckneyville, IL  
Contact: Nathan Phillips  
Phone: (812) 499-0418  
Email: [Lawlesskennels@yahoo.com](mailto:Lawlesskennels@yahoo.com)

**Concuh Station Amateur Shooting Dog Classic**

March 9 / Union Springs, AL  
Contact: Robert Moorer  
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**Mid-State Bird Dog Club**

March 9 / Chandlerville, IL  
Contact: Jeff Wagoner  
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**Recognized Field Trials**

**United States Amateur Derby Invitational**  
 March 9 / Blue Springs, MS  
 Contact: Quintin Wiseman  
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**NVA National Championships & Derby Classic**  
 March 11 / Grovespring, MO  
 Contact: Justin Hess  
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**Rend Lake Open**  
 March 11 / Cutler, IL  
 Contact: Alan Benson  
 Phone: (618) 527-4174

**Midwest Open Shooting Dog Championship**  
 March 12 / Elk City, KS  
 Contact: David Taylor  
 Phone: (712) 310-7882

**Larry Smith Heartland Open All-Age & Memorial Open Derby**  
 March 13 / Gentry, MO  
 Contact: Steve Auxier  
 Phone: (402) 730-2711

**Conecuh Station Field Trial Club**  
 March 14 / Union Springs, AL  
 Contact: Lisa Littell  
 Phone: (334) 649-0076

**Region 17 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship**  
 March 14 / Abilene, KS  
 Contact: Diane Shoemaker  
 Phone: (816) 309-4773

**FTCI Horseback Winners' Classic**  
 March 15 / Chandlerville, IL  
 Contact: Sean Patrick Derrig  
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**North Carolina Field Trial Association, Inc.**  
 March 15 / Hoffman, NC  
 Contact: John Ivester  
 Phone: (704) 641-1570

**Beaver Valley Pointer & Setter Club**  
 March 16 / Rochester, PA  
 Contact: Norm Meeder  
 Phone: (412) 671-1043

**Big Sky Field Trial Club**  
 March 16 / Great Falls, MT  
 Contact: Ben De Jonge  
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**Missouri Open Championship**  
 March 18 / Grovespring, MO  
 Contact: Sharleen Daugherty  
 Phone: (417) 462-3695

**Jayhawk Open Shooting Dog Championship & Derby Classic**  
 March 19 / Elk City, KS  
 Contact: Randy Wilson  
 Phone: (417) 293-2463

**National Amateur Pheasant Championship**  
 March 20 / Gentry, MO  
 Contact: Piper Huffman  
 Phone: (662) 471-1700

**Clarksville Bird Dog Club**  
 March 21 / Huntingdon, TN  
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**Kansas Open Derby & Open Puppy Classics**  
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**McMinnville Field Trial Club**  
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**New England Amateur Woodcock Classic**  
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**North Country Bird Dog Club**  
 March 22 / Augusta, WI  
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**American Derby Invitational Championship**  
 March 23 / Grovespring, MO  
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**Black Ash Wild Bird Dog Club**  
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**National Amateur Chukar All-Age Championship**  
 March 23 / Maupin, OR  
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**Utah Field Trial Association**  
 March 23 / Howell, UT  
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**Chickahominy Field Trial Association**  
 March 24 / Jarrett, VA  
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**Kanto Pointing Dog Club**  
 March 24 / Kanna River, Japan  
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**Southern New England Woodcock Championship**  
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**Pacific Coast Championships**  
 March 25 / Maupin, OR  
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**Black Moshannon Field Trial Club**  
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**Cockade Bird Dog Club**  
 March 28 / Ahoskie, NC  
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**Minnesota Grouse Dog Association**  
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**NGSPA National Championships & Futurity**  
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**Egyptian Open Shooting Dog Championship**  
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**Ontario Grouse Championship**  
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**CAN/AM Open Shooting Dog Classic**  
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**Chippewa Valley Grouse Dog Association**  
 April 4 / Augusta, WI  
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**The Virginia Classics**  
 April 4 / Scottsville, VA  
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**Oil Capital Field Trial Association**  
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**Region 2 (AFTCA) Amateur All-Age Championship**  
 April 5 / Lacey Township, NJ  
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 April 6 / Pinckneyville, IL  
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**Vancouver Island Pointing Dog Club**  
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**Indiantown Gap Keystone Open Shooting Dog & Keystone Yankee Open Derby Classics**  
 April 8 / Petersburg, PA  
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**Pennsylvania Grouse Trial Club**  
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**Region 2 (AFTCA) Amateur Shooting Dog Championship**  
 April 12 / Petersburg, PA  
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**Region 19 (AFTCA) Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship**  
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**Ruffed Grouse Field Trial Club**  
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**Keystone Open Shooting Dog Championship**

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**Moose River Gun Dog Club**

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**Mid-South Bird Hunters Club**

March 9 / Orchardville, IL  
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**Central Prairie Field Trial Club**

March 10 / Orchardville, IL  
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**NBHA National Free-For-All Championship**

March 15 / Cheyenne, OK  
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**NBHA Midwest Regional Championship**

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**NBHA Northern Regional Championship**

March 27 / Argyle, WI  
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April 27 / Burlington, WI  
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