

2018
National German Shorthaired Pointer Association
National Championships
Preview # 2

Greetings from The NGSPA Board of Trustees (BOT):

The purpose of this preview is to give all of you a quick look at how things are shaping up for the National Championships in 2018 and to encourage all of you to let us know if you have ideas to make the Nationals better.

WHEN: The 2018 NGSPA National Championships will start at 8:00 AM, Saturday, February 24, 2018 with the National Amateur Championship, followed by the NGSPA Futurity, the National Championship, and will conclude with the National Shooting Dog Championship. Drawing for the Amateur Championship will take place at approximately 6:00 PM on Friday, February 23, 2018. The Championships will take approximately 12 to 14 days total running time – Amateur 3-4 days, Futurity 2 days, National Championship 2 days, and the Shooting Dog 4-5 days.

WHERE: As usual, the National Championships will be held on the Blue Mountain Conservation area just outside Booneville, Arkansas.

JUDGES: National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship:

Jim Michalitz, Decatur, AR**

Chuck Cooper, Burgettstown, PA

National Championship and 2018 Futurity:

Mike Jackson, Battleground, IN

John Russell, Bowling Green, KY

National Open Shooting Dog Championship:

Harold Woodward, Vilonia, AR

Greg Sand, Hill City, KS

** **Note:** This a judging change – Dr. Pat McInterer had to withdraw and was replaced by Jim Michalitz

2018 ENTRY FEES:

National Amateur Championship - \$200.00 (includes a \$25.00 Grounds Fee).

National Championship - \$225.00 (includes a \$25.00 Grounds Fee).

NGSPA Futurity - \$175.00 (includes a \$25.00 Grounds Fee).

National Shooting Dog Championship - \$225.00 (includes a \$25.00 Grounds Fee).

2018 ENTRY DEADLINE: Online entries will be available beginning January 1, 2018 and will close Monday, February 5, 2018. All Nationals entries for any dog that, at any time prior to February 1, 2018 has qualified to enter any National event, must be received by the NGSPA Field Trial Secretary by February 5, 2018. Dogs that first qualify on or after February 1, 2018 may be entered at any time before the drawing is held, but information for the dog may not be published in the National events catalog. 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, dog will not be drawn!"

QUALIFICATION STANDARDS TO COMPETE IN THE NGSPA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: *Qualifications for the National Championship, National Amateur Championship, and National Open Shooting Dog Championship*

- (A) Qualification for Life. The following qualify a dog for life:
 - (a) A win (Champion or RU Champion) in an NGSPA or American Field Championship of an hour in length or more.
 - (b) A win (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) in a broke dog stake in any NGSPA or American Field sanctioned trial.
- (B) The current year's NGSPA National Futurity winner qualifies for the next year's Championship (one year only).
- (C) The dog must be amateur handled and amateur owned in the National Amateur Championship.

NATIONAL FUTURITY

- (A) Dogs eligible for the NGSPA National Futurity must be properly nominated by the breeder and the owner.
- (B) The dog must be registered in the American Field Dog Stud Book.

2. DNA POLICY: The NGSPA Trustees first adopted this policy on June 3, 2012. It was first updated effective January, 1, 2014. This update took effect July 1, 2016

POLICY: All dogs entered in any NGSPA Championship must be registered as a German Shorthaired Pointer in the American Field Dog Stud Book (“FDSB”). All dogs must also have or be eligible to have an FDSB DNA number issued. If a dog wins and no FDSB DNA number has issued for the dog, the owner or agent must submit DNA to the FDSB for testing within 30 days. The host club may withhold any prize, trophy, purse money, or other award until an FDSB registration and FDSB DNA number have been provided for that dog to the host club.

Note: This requirement does **NOT** apply to Derby stakes.

TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Tradition dictates that all NGSPA Trustees are obligated to help organize and run the National Championships. In addition, select Trustees are task with specific responsibilities. For the 2018 Nationals, the following individual Trustees volunteered for the listed responsibilities:

Joe Amatulli and Kirk Bomer will be assisting me, as Field Trial Chairman, taking on specific duties as they arise.

Lori Rezzardi is the National Championship Field Trial Secretary and all around go to person at the trial.

John Lunseth will be organizing and proofing the catalog and Andy Gerdes will print it (cost free).

Mark Verdoorn and Art Armbrust will be recruiting dog wagon and happy hour sponsors.

Chris Streitenberger is the official “Scribe” for the Nationals and will be arranging for the excellent steaks to be served at the Purina Sponsored Dinner.

Stake Manager Duties were assigned as follows: Amateur Shooting Dog – Chris Streitenberger, Futurity – James Messer and Franko Harvey Franko (Harvey is not currently on the BOT but continues to volunteer – his help is appreciated!), All Age – Art Armbrust and Joe Amatulli, Open Shooting Dog – Dan Dimambro and Mike Aldrich

CATALOG ADVERTISING

Please note that the deadline for ads in the Nationals Catalog is January 30, 2018. John Lunseth is coordinating the catalog again for 2018. The catalog, in addition to being a great source of

information, is an important revenue source to support the National Championships. Please give serious consideration to buying an ad. It's a great way to brag about your dog or advertise your business!

FUND RAISING: In 2018, we will again be having "Stud Dog" and "Pro Trainer" auctions to support the Nationals. Details will be forthcoming soon.

SUGGESTIONS: The BOT takes the running of the National Championships very seriously and is doing everything they can to make the Championships a success, but, in the end, the Championships belong to the participants. If you have suggestions, we welcome them.

UPCOMING PREVIEWS:

I will be sending out one (possibly 2) more 2018 NGSPA National Championship Preview. If you didn't receive this one directly and want to receive them in the future, let me know and I will add you to the mailing list. Conversely, if you don't want to receive them, tell me at drcrabbs@gmail.com

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