



Newsletter

January 2019

2018 NGSPA Inaugural Open All-Age Invitational Championship

NGSPA Dog of the Year and Purina Handler of the Year Points Trial

**January 4 - 6, 2019
Hell Creek WMA, 2901 County Road 833
Blue Mountain, MS**

THE STANDARD WILL BE SET

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL - SEE PAGE 11

UPCOMING NGSPA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FIELD TRIALS

2018 NGSPA SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONALS

November 25, 2018 to December 2, 2018
Smith Farms, Gentry MO
ASDI Judges: Randy Anderson & Riuc Peterson
OSDI Judges: Tom Griffin & Andy Crowell
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OSDI - Keith Richardson
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Email: gspkeith@gmail.com
ASDI - Mike Patrick
Cell Phone: 720-470-1193
Email: cuttinwildkennels@yahoo.com

2019 NGSPA ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL

January 4, 2019 - January 6, 2019
Hell Creek WMA Field Trial Grounds
2091 Countyt road 833
Blue Mountain, MS
Contact Information:
Keith Richardson
Cell Phone: 307-630-9907
Email: gspkeith@gmail.com

2019 SOUTHERN ARIZONA GSPC

January 24 to January 29, 2019
Sonoita, AZ
Stakes Offered: OAA, OGD, ALGD, GOLGD, AGD, OD, and OP
Contact Information:
Clint Matthews
12580 N LaCholla Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85755
Phone: 520-544-9455
Email: cwmatthews@bonitasteel.com

2019 NGSPA QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

January 15-24, 2019
Lake Murray FT Grounds
Ardmore, OK
Stakes Offered: OSD, ASD, AAA, OAA, and Derby
Contact Information:
Will Barbee
Phone: 972-839-3691
Email: wjbarbee@sbcglobal.net

2019 NGSPA REGION 12 CHAMPIONSHIP

Sonoita, AZ
January 28, 2019 to conclusion
Stakes Offered: OSD
OSD Judges: Diane Vater & Chuck Cooper
Contact Information:
Nick Besenick
Phone: 520-455-0139
Email: perroviz@hughes.net

2019 NGSPA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & FUTURITY

March 30, 2019 to conclusion
Grovespring, MO
Stakes Offered: National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, Futurity, National Championship, and Anational Open Shooting Dog Championship
NAC Judges: Bill Monk & ^ Rob Tomczak
Futurity Judges: Eldon Hongo & Andy Daugherty
NC Judges: Eldon Hongo & Andy Daugherty
NOSD Judges: Bonnie Hidalgo & Lisa Pollack
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THE LONE STAR GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB PRESENTS THE

2019 NGSPA QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

Tuesday, January 15 — 24

Lake Murray Field Trial Grounds, Ardmore, OK



— Official Sponsor of the NGSPA Quail Championship —

DUAL SANCTIONED • A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL

Course: Three 1-hour continuous courses on wild and liberated quail. **Drawing:** Each night before the stake is to run on the grounds. All dogs drawn must pay prior to running. **Events:** On Saturday night a banquet will be sponsored by Purina. On Sunday night a Mexican dinner will be hosted by David and Peggy O'Brien.

• **OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)\$185.00 Entry Fee**
Judges: Jerry Langford, Pilot Point, TX, and Jon Small, Pleasant Hill, MO

• **AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)\$185.00 Entry Fee**
Judges: Ronnie Sale, Jonesboro, TX, and Jon Small, Pleasant Hill, MO

Awards: Winner and Runner-Up receive a custom Montana Silversmith buckle • Trophies to Winner & Runner-Up

• **AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)\$185.00 Entry Fee**
Judges: Ronnie Sale, Jonesboro, TX, and Jerry Langford, Pilot Point, TX

Awards: Winner and Runner-Up receive a custom Montana Silversmith buckle • Trophies to Winner & Runner-Up

• **OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)\$185.00 Entry Fee**
Judges: Brandon Blum, Acton, CA, and Jon Small, Pilot Point, TX

Purse: 20% of entry fees, paid 70/30 to Winner & Runner-Up and Trophies

• **OPEN DERBY (30 Minutes)\$100.00 Entry Fee**
Judges: Brandon Blum, Acton, CA, and Tom Milam, Elm Mott, TX

AFTCA approved Tracking Collars allowed. Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

If a placement is not awarded, purses and prizes remain in club.

Entry form including DNA# and FDSB# required before drawing for all broke dog stakes.

Official Wrangler Ziggy — Please call for Reservation: (831) 818-5932.



**PANTERRA
CONSTRUCTION**

Advance entries to: WILL BARBEE, 8863 Larchwood Dr., Dallas, TX 75238

Phone: (972) 839-3691 • Email: wjbarbee@sbcglobal.net

Advanced entries in writing must be received by January 10!

The NGSPA Quail Association, Lone Star German Shorthaired Pointer Club, officers and/or landowners are not responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any participant, animal or equipment.

2018 NGSPA DOG OF THE YEAR STANDINGS

Trials Included: National, OSD & ASD Invitational, Quail, Chukar, Sharptail, Prairie Chicken, Hungarian, Pheasant, Savannah River, Great Plains, Great Lakes, Hawkeye, Ohio, Texas and Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 16 and 17

Information provided by Mike Aldrich
Email: ngspa.mike@gmail.com

ALL-AGE

1.	Rio's Rising Renegade	1475	10.	Dezasterous Jax The Ripper	438
	Owner: Ray & Tami Larrondo			Owner: Matt Smith	
	Handler: Ray Larrondo			Handler: Dan DiMambro	
2.	Texas Tuff	1172	10.	PW Penny For Your Thoughts	438
	Owner: Kirk & Terry Bomer			Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson	
	Handler: Keith Gullede			Handler: Richie Robertson	
3.	Rumel's Augie Doggie	800	11.	PJ Wildfire's Little Lexi	428
	Owner: Checklick-Turano			Owner: Dr Kirk & Larry Loftin	
	Handler: Dan DiMambro			Handler: Larry Loftin	
4.	Lambourn's Slick Shot	794	12.	Uodibar's Sidewinder	396
	Owner: Robin Lambourn			Owner: Hayley & David Killam	
	Handlers: Josh Neiman			Handler: Eldon Hongo	
5.	Llano's Game On Dude	676	13.	Outbak's Lelt It Ride	388
	Owner: Chad & Joe Inderman			Owner: Linnea hadlock	
	Handler: Josh Neiman			Handler: Rich Barber	
5.	PW BDK's Dot On The Horizon	676	14.	Riverside's No Sleep Til Brook Lyn	380
	Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson			Owner: Chuck Lane	
	Handler: Richie Robertson			Handler: Rich Barber	
6.	Kimber Tactical	628	15.	RH Missy Little Miss Maverick	364
	Owner: John Kadavy			Owner: David Cangle	
	Handler: Josh Neiman			Handler: Chris Goegan	
7.	MSR's Storms End	612	16.	PW Extraordinaire	344
	Owner: James & Sara Messer			Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson	
	Handler: james Messer			Handler: Keith Richardson	
8.	Hi-N's Bodacious	610	17.	Snowy River Cuttin Country	264
	Owner: Hank Lewis			Owner/Handler: Chase Verdoorn	
	Handler: Dan DiMambro		18.	Hello Lucy	244
9.	PW Race To The Front	582		Owner/Handler: Wayne Horner	
	Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson		19.	MSR Quail Commando's Bunker Buster	232
	Handler: Richie Robertson			Owner: John Glover	
				Handler: Chris Goegan	

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

1.	Riden High Rudy Owner: Ray Nelson Handler: Dan DiMambro	2752	14.	Greyrock's Mile Marker Owner: Tom Tubergen Handler: Rich Barber	508
2.	Murphy's Babe Owner: Heath Kooima Handler: Josh Neiman	2111	15.	Cuttin Wild's Space Cowgirl Owner: Mike Patrick Handler: Josh Nieman\	492
3.	JB Wagoner's Lightning Owner: Lee Wagoner Handler: Dan DiMambro	1580	16.	PW Flirt's She's A Keeper Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson Handler: Richie Robertson	470
4.	Hi-N's Hasty Matilda Owner: Hank Lewis Handler: Dan DiMambro	1431	17.	Hidden Valley Indian Scout Owner: Schmidt-Loyko Handler: Dan DiMambro	420
5.	Rumel's Augie Doggie Owner: Checklick-Turano Handler: Dan DiMambro	1128	18.	Dunfur's Emma Frost Owner: Clint Matthews Handler: Dan Hoke	414
6.	KC Moen's Royal Diamond Owner/Handler: Gary Moen	1014	19.	Dezasterous Jax The Ripper Owner: Matt Smith Handler: Dan DiMambro	412
7.	MSR's Lord of the Dragonstone Owner: James & Sara Messer Handler: James Messer	998	20.	Llano's Snowbird Owner: Chad & Joe Inderman Handler: Josh Neiman	364
8.	BDK's All that Jazz Owner: Kirk & Terry Bomer Handler: Keith Gullede	972	21.	Snowy River Cuttin Country Owner/Handler: Chase Verdoorn	304
9.	Chicoree Jake's Bonnie Owner: Fred Ryan Handler: Dan DiMambro	928	21.	Hi-N's Bodacious Owner: Hank Lewis Handler: Dan DiMambro	304
10.	Prairie Wind's Mya's Contender Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson Handler: Ronnie Sale	810	22.	MSR's Storm's End Owner: James & Sara Messer Handler: James Messer	296
11.	Joke's On You Owner: Steve Erickson Handler: Chris Goegan	690	22.	PJ Wildfire's Little Lexi Owner: Dr Kirk & Larry Loftin Handler: Larry Loftin	296
12.	HK's Trilogy Owner: Hayley & David Killam Handler: Eldon Hongo	646	22.	Fly'n F's Rocco Round The World Owner: Charles Gonzales Handler: Chris Goegan	296
13.	Rio's Rising Renegade Owner: Ray & Tami Larrondo Handler: Ray Larrondo	604	23.	Riverside Farms No Sleep Til Brook Lyn Owner: Chuck Lane Handler: Rich Barber	288

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24.	DeLuna's Quail Point Sling Blade Owner: Rodney moon Handler: Mike Mullineaux	280	10.	Hi-Tailyn's Talented Texas Owner/Handler: Keith Bryant	660
24.	BDK's Prairie Wind Annie Oakley Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson Handler: Keith Gulledge	280	11.	Foxglove's Spending A Buck Owner/Handler: Brian Hill	658
25.	Outbak's Rough Cut Owner: Adam & Sara Burch Handler: Rich Barber	272	12.	Lambourn's Slick Shot Owner/Handler: Robin Lambourn	654
26.	PW Extraordinaire Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson Handler: Keith Richardson	268	13.	Llano's Hot Tamale Owner: Chad & Joe Inderman Handler: Inderman/Patrick	578
27.	Rock Solid Palin Owner/Handler: Todd Yamamoto	252	14.	Riden High Rudy Owner: Ray Nelson Handler: Terry Zygalinski	532
			15.	Twin Creek's Running Ruger Owner: Dr Kirk & Larry Loftin Handler: Larry Loftin	468

AMATEUR

1.	Hi-N's Hasty Matilda Owner/Handler: Hank Lewis	2479	16.	BMB's Samsquanch Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum Handler: Brandon Blum	430
2.	Snowy River Full Strut Owner: Mark Verdoorn Handler: Chase Verdoorn	1726	17.	In Country's Cummins Diesel Owner/Handler: Chris Young	412
3.	Texas She's Got Legs Owner: Kirk & Terry Bomer Handler: Terry Bomer	1377	18.	PW Mya's Contender Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson Handler: Keith Richardson	404
4.	Llano's Snowbird Owner: Chad & Joe Inderman Handler: Inderman/Patrick	880	18.	MSR's Lord of the Dragonstone Owner: James & Sara Messer Handler: James Messer	404
5.	PJ Wildfire's Little Lexi Owner: Dr Kirk & Larry Loftin Handler: Larry Loftin	864	19.	Chicoree's Sparkle In Her Eye Owner/Handler: Fred Ryan	396
6.	Tulli's Shot to the Heart Owner/Handler: Joe Amatulli	840	19.	JB Wagoner's Lightning Owner/Handler: Lee Wagoner	396
7.	Aunt Troji's Dirty Nike Owner: Larry Metter Handler: Brandon Blum	782	20.	Hi-N's Bodacious Owner/Handler: Hank Lewis	284
8.	BMB's Madison Avenue Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum Handler: Brandon Blum	760	21.	Windjammer's Gem Owner/Handler: Terry Zygalinski	276
9.	Snowy River White Out Owner/Handler: Chase Verdoor	674	22.	Murphy's Babe Owner: Heath Kooima Handler: Mike Patrick	268

23.	Cuttin Wild's Space Cowgirl Owner/Handler: Mike Patrick	264
23.	Snowy River Cuttin Country Owner/Handler: Chase Verdoorn	264
24.	Chicoree Jake's Bonnie Owner/Handler: Fred Ryan	252
24.	Texas Jazzed Up Blues Owner: Kirk & Terry Bomer Handler: Terry Bomer	252
25.	Hi-Point's Double Down Owner: Joe & Cindy Orndorff Handler: Joe Orndorff	248
25.	Greyrock's Mile Marker Owner/Handler: Tom Tubergen	248
25.	Tulli's Faraway Giddyup Owner/Handler: Joe Amatulli	248

2019 NGSPA National Championships Preview # 3

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 2019, to give you a heads up on changes that were made at the BOT meeting in June and to encourage all of you to let us know if you have ideas to make the Nationals better.

WHERE: Sportsman Association Field Trial Grounds near Grovespring, Missouri.

Driving Directions: From Interstate Highway I-44 at Lebanon, MO turn South on Missouri Highway 5 and follow it approximately 17 miles. Watch for a silhouette of a pointing dog on the right and turn right (West) on Meadow Lark Lane. Follow it for approximately 1 ½ miles to the Sportsman Association Clubhouse on the right. Check in at the Clubhouse for parking assistance. There is limited parking behind the clubhouse and the new parking area is approximately ¼ mile past the clubhouse on the right.

Grounds Improvements at Grovespring: Don Arnold, the coordinator for the improvements, advises the new horse corrals are complete and in use, the water and electric have been run to the new parking pads and will be useable as soon as the well (which is complete) connections are done, the concrete for the new dog kennels has been poured and the kennels will be installed soon. They are ready to start spreading gravel as soon as they get a break in the rain. Everything seems on track for improvements to be complete prior to our arrival at the end of March.

WHEN: The 2019 National Championships will start at 8:00 AM, Saturday, March 30, 2019 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, March 29, 2019. The Championships will take approximately 12 to 14 days total running time – Amateur 3-5 days, Futurity 2-3 days, National Championship 2-3 days, and the Shooting Dog 4-6 days.

RUNNING ORDER: The running order will remain unchanged – Amateur Shooting Dog, National Futurity, National Championship and Shooting Dog.

JUDGES:

2019 National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship:

Bill Monk, Wellsburg, WV
Rob Tomczak, Elk Mound, WI

2019 National Championship and 2019 Futurity:

Eldon Hongo, Cheyenne, WY
Andy Daugherty, Grovespring, MO

2019 National Open Shooting Dog Championship:

Bonnie Hidalgo, Brighton, CO
Lisa Pollock, Medford, NJ

2019 ENTRY FEES:

National Amateur Championship - \$200.00
National Championship - \$225.00
NGSPA Futurity - \$175.00
National Shooting Dog Championship - \$225.00

QUALIFICATION STANDARDS FOR A DOG TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RUN 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, for entry in the National Championship, National Amateur Championship, and National Open Shooting Dog Championship:

1. (a) A win (Champion or RU Champion) in an NGSPA or American Field Championship of an hour in length or more.
2. (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 Championships (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.

2019 Entry Deadline: Online entries will be available beginning about January 1, 2019 and will close Monday, March 11, 2019. All Nationals entries for any dog that, at any time prior to March 6, 2019 has qualified to enter any National event, must be received by the NGSPA Field Trial Secretary by March 11, 2019. Dogs that first qualify on or after March 6, 2019 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!"

Advertising and Dog Wagon/Social Hour Entry Deadline: The deadline for National Championship Catalog advertising and Dog Wagon/Social Hour sponsorships is March 1, 2019. Requests for additional information should be submitted to the National Championship Social Committee – Art Armbrust (toot444@aol.com), Ray Larrondo (basquohunter@aol.com) or Mike Patrick (cuttinwildkennels@yahoo.com).

TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Tradition dictates that one BOT duty is to help organize and run the National Championships and in addition select Trustees are task with specific responsibilities. For the 2019 Nationals, the following individuals volunteered for the listed responsibilities.

A Committee of NGSPA Trustees - Chad Inderman, Mark Verdoorn, Dan DiMambro and Dean Crabbs - were appointed to act as the "2019 NGSPA National Championships Committee".

Lori Rezzardi has again volunteered to be the Field Trial Secretary.

NGSPA Secretary Natalie Inderman agreed to act as the Social Committee, Chair Woman with a committee composed of Trustees, Art Armbrust, Ray Larrondo and Mike Patrick.

Trustee Chris Streitenberger agreed to be Official Scribe.

Stake Manager Duties were assigned as follows: Amateur Shooting Dog –Dan DiMambro, National Futurity– James Messer, National Championship – Art Armbrust and Jody Orndorff, Open Shooting Dog – Chris Streitenberger.

SUGGESTIONS: The BOT takes the running of the National Championships very seriously and is doing every thing 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: We will be sending out at least 1 more 2019 NGSPA National Championship Previews. New information will be displayed in red when appearing for the first time. All reviews will be published on the NGSPA Website (ngspa.org), in the GSP Chronicle and in the NGSPA Newsletter.

On Behalf of the NGSPA Board of Trustees,
By the 2019 NGSPA National Championships Committee
Chad Inderman, Mark Verdoorn, Dan DiMambro and Dean Crabbs

The National German Shorthaired Pointer Association, Inc.

63rd NGSPA Futurity - Running Spring 2021 • Litter Enrollment Form

Nominations will be accepted for German Short-haired Pointer bitches bred between November 1, 2018 and October 31, 2019

Nomination Procedure:

1. Fill out the litter enrollment form within six months of whelping.
2. Individual nomination fee of \$25.00 due before puppy is one year old.
3. Entry fee is due the night of the drawing [to be advertised].

NGSPA Futurity Manager
Mike Patrick
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Operators of the American Field sanctioned National Championship, National Shooting Dog, National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship and the national Futurity for German Shorthaired Pointers.

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Date of Breeding
Bitches Name
Bitches Registration #
Stud Dog's Name
Stud Dogs Registration #
Breeder's Name
Breeder's Address

Within Six (6) months of whelping date, please complete this form and forward with enrollment fee of \$25.00. You will then receive the registration certificates to be presented to the Puppy Owners:

Date of Whelping _____

Males _____ # Females _____

"The oldest and most prestigious breeder's stake serving and promoting German Shorthaired Pointers"

2019 NGSPA Inaugural Open All-Age Invitational

TWO LANDMARK DECISIONS SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER

By Keith Richardson

At their June 2018 meeting the Board of Trustees of the NGSPA made two decisions that will have a profound and positive impact on the future of the German Shorthaired Pointer. They voted unanimously to move their National Championships from Booneville, Arkansas to Grovespring, MO. They also decided to establish an Open All-Age Invitational with one dramatic change: the Call Back is a 90 minute stake.

National Championship Move

For 30 years, the NGSPA has been holding their National Championships at Booneville, Arkansas, in February/March. For the past five or six years they have had serious problems with flood waters backing up onto the courses and reducing available grounds. This year was a huge disappointment as flooding reduced three to one. A search for new grounds was conducted and the clear winner was Grovespring, MO. They are excited about this new venue and will be holding their 2019 National Championships there in the first part of April 2019.

Open All-Age Invitational

As with the other Invitationals, the top 12 invited dogs will run one-hour stakes two days in a row with a call back on the third day. In a move to substantially raise the "performance" bar, the call-back will be a 90 minute stake. This will be the first 90 minute endurance stake in the entire GSP world, and coming after two days of running will truly test the dogs.

This trial will be held at the Hell Creek Field Trial grounds in Mississippi. It will be the only NGSPA trial held on these challenging All-Age grounds. The launch date of this prestigious event will be January 4-6, 2019.

Taken together these two decisions by the NGSPA Board of Trustees are expected to raise the standards of performance for the entire GSP breed. Indeed the future is bright for those who compete and hunt this remarkable breed.

QUALIFIERS FOR INAUGURAL OPEN ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL

1. Rio's Rising Renegade
Owner: Ray & Tami Larrondo
Handler: Ray Larrondo
2. Texas Tuff
Owner: Kirk & Terry Bomer
Handler: Keith Gullede
3. Blue River's Cruzin Carlos
Owner: Tom & Ann Peterson
Handler: Josh Neiman
4. MSR's QC's Bunker Buster
Owner: Harvey Franco
Handler: Chris Goegan
5. Lambourn's Slick Shot
Owner: Robin Lambourn
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Handler: James Messer
9. RH's Little Miss Maverick
Owner: John Gangle
Handler: Chris Goegan
10. Snowy River's Cuttin Country
Owner/Handler: Chase Verdoorn
11. PW Extraordinaire
Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson
Handler: Richie Robertson
12. PW Bert's Joke On Us
Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson
Handler: Richie Robertson

NGSPA ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL

GUIDELINES AND PHILOSOPHY

JULY 1, 2018

GUIDING PRINCIPLES/PHILOSOPHY

Beginning in 2016 the NGSPA began holding two Invitationals: the Open Shooting Dog Invitational (OSDI) which was first held in 2012, and the Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational (ASDI) first held in 2016. Both events provide a unique qualifying standard for the GSP Shooting Dog. In June, 2018, the NGSPA Board approved the establishment of an All-Age Invitational with a format along the same lines as the Shooting Dog Invitationals except for the Call Back which would be a 90 minute stake instead of 60 minutes.

By limiting the entry to the twelve highest ranking performers from the previous 12 month's major trials, and by increasing the call back to 90 minutes, it is expected that the NGSPA All-Age Invitational will become the "de facto" all-star event for the All-Age GSP. The Invitational is not intended to identify a champion performer, but to establish the "best of the best" from a field of champions.

To fulfil this purpose, the All-Age Invitational features a unique format intended to provide a fair and rigorous test for the dogs. By requiring three and a half hours of performance over three days of competition, the Invitational format eliminates, to the extent possible, the "luck of the draw", and requires consistency of effort rather than a single flash of brilliance. Further, the All-Age Invitational is the premier endurance test offered by the NGSPA, and it is intended to exemplify the endurance of the All-Age dog at its best. Our format is modeled after the American Field Open Quail Championship Invitational which was first held in 1941, and the AFTCA Invitational.

STANDARDS FOR THE ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL

The Invitational Champion must demonstrate the requisite qualities of the All-Age class at a high level. The following standards lean heavily on the "Guidelines to Field Trial Procedure and Judicial Practice", published by the AFTCA. The All-Age invitational Champion should:

- Hunt boldly and independently throughout the brace as exemplified by this time-tested quote by Jim Avent: The All-Age dog "is a dedicated hunter of upland game birds which runs off-but not quite."
- Display a free spirit that fills up all the available country (plus a little) in a bold and sometimes reckless manner, yet ultimately acknowledges the control exerted by his handler and courses to the front in such a pattern as to maintain periodic, suitable contact with the handler.
- Possess a superior nose, allowing him to hunt from objective to objective at a very fast pace, and locate game at speed.
- Exhibit strength, courage, and an unquenchable desire to find game regardless of cover or conditions, not simply choosing the easy path but hunting through habitat likely to hold game.
- Exhibit style, speed and stamina in action.
- Handle game correctly. Locate and point birds quickly and accurately, honor point if the occasion arises, and be steady to wing and shot.
- Demonstrate extreme character and finish around game, exhibiting style, intensity, and polish.
- Stamina is a watchword, and the All-Age dog should finish the allotted time with range, speed, and the ability to find game undiminished.
- Range is the ultimate requirement of an All-Age dog and should be the first priority of judicial evaluation.

These standards when applied should examine the total performance of the dog with All-Age range being kept foremost in mind.

The Invitational seeks to identify the epitome of the All-Age dog class, an individual with strength, courage, intelligence, and

“game sense” at the highest level, operating on the cutting edge of excitement and range. A flawless performance should not be favored over one that, although imperfect, thrills with the magnitude of the effort.

FORMAT

- The location, dates and judges will be selected by the governing Association.
- The ideal location will provide neutral grounds where, if possible, no other GSP Championship is held. Nor will the grounds be available for GSP training. They will offer excellent and challenging cover and terrain to showcase a wide-ranging All-Age dog. They will offer at minimum three one-hour continuous courses with each hour section offering comparable terrain and challenges to the other two as much as is possible.
- Excellent infrastructure is important to conducting an event of this stature.
- The dates will be in late 4th quarter or the first part of January.
- The ideal judges will possess “best of class” reputations with a proven history of having judged top level Championships throughout the country. Preference will be given to judges with deep All-Age experience and with little or no experience adjudicating GSPs and GSP handlers.
- Twelve dogs will be selected from the 12 months beginning June 1 in year “X”, and ending May 31, in year “X+1”. This deviation from the normal calendar-year allows time to train and prepare without allowing excessive time to lapse between qualification period and trial date.
- The prior year’s winner will be the first dog invited. The remaining dogs will be invited based upon their appropriate “Dog of the Year” points, adjusted to the Invitational 12-month cycle. The point structure is from the Handler of the Year/Dog of the Year points system, but limited to all NGSPA Championships and Nationals. The dogs will be invited based upon the order of their final earned points with the highest point earner being invited first and so on. Dogs whose owners have declined the invitation will be replaced by the next dog in order, until there is a field of 12.
- Sufficient birds will be released to provide numerous opportunities to locate and point game.

RUNNING GUIDELINES

- All three day’s performances will be evaluated by the judges to determine the Champion.
- The judges will consider that some so called “accepted rules of performance” are merely guidelines and not rules. Especially considering three days of performance vs. one. Examples may be : “two unproductives and you are out”, or “a bird taking flight during a relocation automatically means that bird was “bumped or knocked”, or “a dog seen packing a bird is an automatic fault“.
- The duration of the heats for the first two days shall be one hour. The call-back will be 90 minute heats.
- Dogs shall be run in braces except for the possibility of a dog becoming sick or injured on the first day so as not to run the second day. Then one dog will run as a “bye” dog.
- Drawing and bracing is unique to this event. First day dogs are drawn as usual. Second day’s bracing will be made by the trial officials so that all dogs will have a different brace-mate, a different course, and those dogs having run in the morning will run in the afternoon and vice versa. The only exception being bitches in season which must be run on a course that will not be used again that day. In this case the bitch in season plus two more bitches must be drawn for the same half day. Call-back bracing to be made by trial officials in consultation with judges.
- Dogs shall not be ordered up in the first two days for any reason other than interference. The overall quality of the performance equally weighted over the two days will be evaluated as the judges identify the “call-back” dogs at the close of the second day.
- A dog does not have to be seen at the end of the brace in the first two days of running. A brace is complete when the judges call time. The dog must be seen after the end of the brace on the third day. The time allowed to show the dog is in accordance with normal Championship guidelines.
- If a handler pulls out his tracker or puts his dog on a lead at any point in the running before the judges call time, then the dog is out of contention for the entire trial. The dog shall not be returned to judgement.
- In the face of adverse weather or conditions, the judges shall decide whether to postpone the running and for how long. If during the running of a brace, then they may decide to either rerun the brace, or wait out the weather and restart the clock. If substantial time is lost so that the running cannot be completed in a day, the

running schedule may be adjusted, but any accommodations made will not cause any dog to run two one-hour heats in one day.

- Dogs called back by the judges will run the third day. These will be the best dogs in their judgment, not necessarily “perfect” dogs. A minimum of four call-back dogs is recommended, but the number is up to the judges.
- As with the first two days, interference should be the only reason for ordering up a dog during the third day. The standards of running and the weight of the third day’s running shall be the same as the first two days. A flawless three-day performance of pedestrian quality should not be favored over one that, although imperfect, thrills with the magnitude of the effort. The Champion will be named considering all three performances.
- Judges should pay particular attention to the stamina of the dogs which ran in the 90 minute call-back. The endurance aspect of this Invitational is extremely important to the breed.
- All ties which have a possibility of affecting the invited dog lists will be broken by a random draw conducted by the NGSPA Board while in session at their June meeting, or conducted by assigned disinterested Board member(s) if circumstances warrant.
- A Runner-Up shall not be declared.

2018 NGSPA Prairie Chicken Championships



OPEN SHOOTING DOG WINNERS

By Robin Lambourn

After a one-year sabbatical, the NGSPA Prairie Chicken Championship returned in 2018 to the beautiful sandhills of Dunning, Nebraska with a new field trial committee on new grounds. The judges crowned a deserving Champion and Runner-Up Champion in each of the Open Shooting Dog, Open All Age, and Amateur Shooting Dog stakes and had many other impressive performances from which to choose. The winners' championships come with no asterisks, as the Open Shooting Dog, Open All Age, and Amateur Shooting Dog had deep fields of 47, 22, and 20 dogs, respectively, containing multiple dogs with titles starting with N. The field trial committee and participants faced some challenges, including unseasonably hot temperatures that persisted until the Amateur Shooting Dog and the normal issues that come with running any field trial on wild birds. Nevertheless, all who attended at the Saner Ranch had a great time and seemed enthusiastic about returning next year.

One cannot imagine more spectacular grounds with more exciting quarry on which to run a field trial than the Saner Ranch. The attendees saw greater prairie chickens, sharp-

tailed grouse, or wild bobwhite quail during almost every brace. Even when the scenting conditions deteriorated and the dogs' luck ran dry, the gallery or dog wagon rode up birds or birds flushed wild in most braces. The field trial committee decided a few weeks before the trial to change the trial location due to a poor hatch at the advertised grounds. The prairie grouse hatch in the sandhills was a mixed bag at best this year. Northcentral Nebraska had above-average moisture late spring through summer, but a cold spring perhaps negatively impacted nesting success in many parts of the sandhills. Although moving 100 miles created some last-minute logistical challenges, the improvement in bird numbers vastly outweighed any inconveniences. While most every dog had opportunities for bird work, it still took a true bird dog to win.

The sandhills provide a truly unique field trial venue. One might feel tempted to call this a prairie trial, but this would not quite do the Saner Ranch justice. In many places, the spacing of the massive sand dunes covered in grass is somewhat tight. A dog can quickly get out of sight on the other side of a sandhill and dump his handler more easily than he could at most prairie venues. A winning dog in the sandhills must want to go with you. In other sections of

the grounds, the sandhills have more elevation with greater spacing that allow one to really see a dog roll, but not a mile away. The marshals, Troy Saner and Jim West, did an excellent job selecting courses through spaced-out sandhills for the all age braces and tightly-spaced sandhills for the shooting dog stakes. This venue defies the Nebraska stereotype of pancake-flat corn fields. The rolling terrain really tests a dog's endurance. All horses left with fewer pounds and horse shoes than they had when they arrived. Although certainly not easy riding, a more perfect place to ride a horse, with or without dogs, does not exist. The balanced management of the ranch by the hosts, the Saner family, is obvious even to city folk. The grass grows tall and the grouse habitat is superb. Most of the courses run through ungrazed winter pastures. Some have alfalfa fields in the valleys, providing occasional edges for dogs to run. Whether running a dog or not, all attendees thoroughly enjoyed the vistas, wild prairie grouse flushes, and company.

Before describing the running, the field trial committee wishes to express its sincere gratitude to all who made the trial possible. First, this trial would not have happened without the help of Jim West and Rhonda Haukoos, who are well-known professionals with a string mostly comprised of German wirehairs. Upon learning that the trial needed a new venue, Jim and Rhonda graciously offered their training grounds and made introductions to the landowner. Jim took time out of his busy schedule to marshal and help out in any way he could. Rhonda also cooked delicious breakfasts and lunches for all and drove the dog wagon when needed. In an unnecessary display of sportsmanship, Jim and Rhonda even declined to run any of the shorthairs on their own string because they felt they would have an unfair advantage running on their training grounds. Troy Saner and family also went above and beyond in hosting the trial on their beautiful ranch. Not only did Troy provide the grounds, but he also rode almost every brace to ensure that no brace went off course and no participant went missing. Troy made a huge sacrifice by giving up more than a week of his time from his busy ranching schedule, for which the field trial committee sincerely thanks him.

This trial also would not have had success without the generous support of its sponsors. Purina stepped up once again with Purina Pro Plan for the winners and financial support. SportDog Brand, Burris Optics, DT Systems, Charter Arms, and Front Range Gun Dog generously donated products and other gifts for the winners. The field trial committee also thanks CIG Construction for sponsoring a delicious barbeque dinner and Dogs Unlimited for providing a happy hour on the grounds during the Open Shooting Dog. Many others also pitched in whether asked or not, including James Juergens and Russell Ivy with horses. The

field trial committee also thanks the professionals who attended, including Josh Nieman, Dan DiMambro, Rich Robertson, John Rabidou, and Art Armbrust. The field trial committee extends equal appreciation to the amateurs who attended for their support, including Keith Richardson, Brandon Blum, Dr. Charlie Kelley, James Juergens, Peter Coppens, Ray Larrondo, Sue Oertel, Heath Autry, James Messer, Russell Ivy, Dick Walters, and David Quijano, many of whom traveled halfway across the country.

Last, but not least, the trial would not have been successful without its experienced and watchful judges. The field trial committee sincerely thanks Bill Monk (OSD), Joe Orndorff (OSD and OAA), Tom Davis (OAA), Harvey Franco (ASD), and Eldon Hongo (ASD) for judging. Bill is a successful amateur who has campaigned shorthairs and is a sought-after judge. Joe is another successful campaigner of shorthairs who is a force to be reckoned with at NGSPA trials. Tom Davis is also a veteran amateur with years of experience judging, trialing shorthairs, and running field trials. Harvey is another experienced judge and well-known amateur—the owner of the most recent GSPCA national all age champion. All field trialers in the shorthair world know Eldon by his formidable reputation. He has decades of experience as a pro handler. The field trial participants could not have hoped for a more competent judicial panel.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Rumel's Augie Doggie (Dan DiMambro) prevailed as the Open Shooting Dog Champion over a very competitive field of 47 dogs. Augie's championship run came in Brace 22. Not surprisingly to any competitor, the winning formula included a consistent and powerful run, well-spaced and stylish finds in the right places, and a big finish in the late afternoon heat. Augie carded a mannerly back at 14, followed by a find on a nice covey of prairie chickens at 15. Augie had no nonproductives or questionable stops to flush (or bump) plaguing his run. Despite temperatures near 90 degrees, Augie got stronger as the hour wore on. From about 20 through time, he noticeably turned on the jets. Augie's forward casts paid off with a find on a single chicken at 48 and a big finish at time that sealed the deal.

The judges named MSR's Lord of Dragonstone (James Messer) the Runner-Up Champion. Stan ran in Brace 2 on the morning of the first day. Stan put forth a forward, consistent shooting dog effort with power and punch. The find of his run came at 14, when Stan made an aggressive forward move straight up a steep sandhill, then made a right turn along the curvature of the hill into a covey find, with the entire gallery enjoying the show. Stan also scored an impressive find on a single prairie chicken at 43 and

stops to flush at 36 and 60. Others that pushed the winners included Uodibar's BC Bob (Josh Nieman), Hi-Tailyn's Talented Texan (Keith Bryant), and Prairie Wind's Mya's Feather Duster (Rich Robertson). Despite the other strong performances, however, the placements were well-received and came without surprise to all who witnessed the action. The much-anticipated first brace of the trial broke away at 7:30 am on a cool, breezy morning. BMB's Madison Ave (Brandon Blum) quickly started the action with a stylish find on a covey of quail at 14. She suffered a nonproductive at 30, but ran a flowing, shooting dog race and finished her hour strong. Prairie Wind JimKath's Kate (DiMambro) ran a big race to the right places. Unfortunately, she failed to have any bird work and went missing shortly before time.

The dogs in Brace 2 put on quite a show. MSR's Lord of Dragonstone's runner-up performance is covered above. Hi-Tailyn's Talented Texan also gave the judges something to think about. Tex demonstrated his bird-finding prowess with quality chicken finds at 51 and 56 and had a stop to flush at 12. Tex, a GSPCA futurity winner, also made some nice shooting dog moves, but his race did not consistently measure up to the winners. He showed some immaturity by getting sticky at times, but Tex is a promising young dog with all the right tools.

Cash (John Rabidou) gave it his all in the quickly-rising temperatures, but suffered a nonproductive at 25 and ultimately went birdless. Chicoree's Cuttin Loose's handler (DiMambro) picked her up early after deciding this was not her day.

In the heat of the day in Brace 4, Chicoree's Sparkling Ruby (DiMambro) ran a medium shooting race and had a nonproductive at 35, but finished her hour without bird work. Prairie Wind's Mya's Contender (Robertson) ran with a bit more power than her bracedmate, but the heat took its toll on her towards the end. She also went birdless.

Jack (Rabidou) and Rommel (DiMambro) had very similar runs in Brace 5. Both ran admirably for the duration of their sixty minutes in scorching conditions, with more than adequate application for a shooting dog standard, but failed to point any birds. Unfortunately, the rising temperatures seemed to have deteriorated scenting conditions by the time of this brace

Prairie Wind's Mya's Feather Duster (Robertson) gave the judges pause for thought. She shrugged of the afternoon heat with a strong race at times, carding an impressive find on a covey of prairie chickens at 35. Although she pushed the winners, Kirbee's run ultimately lacked the consistency needed to stand on the hay bales at the end of the stake.

She put on a great show, nonetheless. Ao Keg Creek's Tripps to Win's handler (Nieman) elected to pick up at 50 after concluding Tripp was not pushing the front runners.

Both competitors in the early-morning Brace 7, Dually (DiMambro) and Murphy's Babe (Nieman), hunted hard. Unfortunately, both dogs also shared a nonproductive at 38 and went birdless. Dually ran a snappy, powerful race that got too sideways at times. Babe had a kinder handle and a more mature application that more consistently turned towards the front.

In Brace 8 before lunch, Hewey (Blum) had a good run going until he went with a twenty-bird covey of prairie chickens at 50. Jed (DiMambro) showed off his bird dog skills with finds on prairie chicken at 11 and a well-located covey of quail at 29, as well as suffering a nonproductive at 19. Jed's handler picked him up at 55 after some sand burrs slowed him down.

PW Brook Heads Up (Robertson) and Dogi (Rabidou) battled the mid-afternoon heat and resulting scenting conditions. Heads Up's application impressed the judges overall. Heads Up had a mannerly stop to flush at 4. The heat seemed to wear on Heads Up starting at around 40, but he found his second wind, had a strong finish, and was found standing at time. Unfortunately, Heads Up was standing on a nonproductive. Dogi had a consistent, shooting dog application, but displayed some immaturity working birds. He had a nonproductive at 42 and got sticky a couple other times, which his handler ably navigated to avoid further nonproductives.

In Brace 9, Gemma's handler (DiMambro) picked her up at 15, as she was not challenging the winners. Billy (Dr. Charlie Kelley) finished his hour without bird work. He had a nonproductive on the other side of a fence. The gallery finally pushed the running grouse into the air far to the front after handler and dog had moved on. Uodibar's BC Bob (Nieman), running in the mid-afternoon Brace 11, gave the judges something else to consider. Bob laid down a good, forward race accentuated by a very strong finish. Bob's persistence in the heat yielded a timely covey of prairie chickens at 56. The judges carried Bob until the eventual Champion ran. Jackson Brown Wagoners Lightning (DiMambro) also gave a good showing, though perhaps without quite as much punch as his bracedmate. Jackson took a nonproductive at 46, followed by a score on a covey of quail at 46 and a back at 56. The gallery really enjoyed this brace.

In the last brace of the afternoon, Bootie (Rabidou) stayed on the ground until 45, when her handler decided he had



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seen enough. Jeep (Robertson) got on the board quickly with a prairie chicken find at 7. He continued with a pleasing, medium shooting dog race until he got out of pocket. His handler asked for his tracker at 55.

Brace 13 at daybreak of the third day paired Riden High Rudy (DiMambro) with MSR's Storm's End (Messer). Rudy displayed an adequate shooting dog race, but went birdless. Renly's run was less consistent. He went lateral on the wrong side of a fence at 40. Though he eventually returned to judgment, Renly finished his hour without any bird work.

BMB's Samsquanch (Blum) made a few nice moves, ran consistently within the ten-to-two window, and had a good finish. Sam took a nonproductive at 20 and stopped to flush on chickens at 22 while running downwind. Panda (DiMambro) also suffered a nonproductive at 20. His handler picked him up at 45, displeased with his inconsistency on this day.

By Brace 15, the temperature had already become sweltering on what would become the hottest day of the trial. Tonto (DiMambro) made some strong moves for the first two-thirds of his hour, before finally succumbing to the conditions and finishing birdless. Quijano's Cookie Cutter (Nieman) carded a stop to flush at 10. He also suffered nonproductives at 7 and 29. His handler threw in the towel at 50.

Brace 16 ran right after lunch on the third day. Sixsem's Californication (Nieman) and Second Hand Smoke (Walters) did their best for thirty minutes, before the judges wisely decided to cancel any further running that hot afternoon out of fairness to the competitors and for the safety of the dogs and horses. The judges offered both handlers the opportunity to finish their hour at the end of the stake. After seeing what the judges already had to use, however, the handlers decided at the end of the stake that their dogs could not close the gap with another thirty minutes.

Tootie (Rabidou) kicked off the fourth day of running with a big race for 40 minutes before she got too big and lateral on the wrong side of a fence. She also took a nonproductive at 20 and was picked up at 48. Morass (DiMambro) ran a pleasing, medium race without any bird work.

Brace 18 ended quickly when Chloe (DiMambro) was picked up at 8 and Autry's Kodiak Bear (Nieman) likewise reentered the dog wagon at 19.

Prairie Wind Mya's Clean the Slate (Robertson) made a good showing in Brace 19 with a strong, forward race. Unfortunately, Slate also suffered a nonproductive at 49 and finished birdless. Covey Ups Controlled Burn (Nieman) did not have her best day. After nonproductives at 15 and 30, she made a big back cast, and her handler ended her run.

In Brace 20, Shilo (Rabidou) made it until 14, when her handler decided she was not challenging the winners. Aunt Troji's Dirty Nike (DiMambro) might have stayed in the conversation in a less competitive stake. She displayed a pleasing, medium shooting dog run and a willingness to cooperate with her handler. Nike scored on a nice covey of prairie chickens at 14 and had a nonproductive at 38.

In Brace 21 in the afternoon of the fourth day, Woody (DiMambro) ran consistently for his hour, but finished without any finds. Snowy River's Bankin on Boz (Verdoorn) also ran a good, forward brace, with a bigger finish than his bracemate. He had a stop to flush on prairie chickens at 48.

Brace 22 featured two exciting late-afternoon runs, including the championship performance. Snowy River's Cuttin Country (Verdoorn) put on a show. He made one big forward move after the other and started the action with a quality find at 14 on a covey of prairie chickens. Unfortunately, three nonproductives marred his impressive run. Although the judges wanted to use this dog and gave nonproductives the diminished weight they deserve in a wild bird trial, three nonproductives were too many with other championship performances from which to choose. Rumel's Augie Doggie's (DiMambro) championship performance is described above.

In Brace 23 on the morning of the fifth day, Prairie Wind Flirt She's a Keeper (Robertson) scored a well-mannered quail covey find at 10 and another orderly find on a prairie chicken covey at 20. She stayed forward throughout with a medium shooting dog application. Blue River's Cruizin Carlos (Nieman) ran a slightly bigger race. He nailed another quail covey at 15 and a group of three sharptailed grouse at 35. Carlos made some nice moves, but was hampered by nonproductives at 25 and 40. At 50, the judges informed the handlers that neither dog could change the outcome. On another day in another stake, either dog could have challenged for placements.

Dezasterous Jax the Ripper (DiMambro) ran as a bye dog in the final Brace 24. Jax laid down a powerful, reaching race that pushed the boundary between shooting dog and all age, foreshadowing his All-Age Runner-Up Championship win. Jax had a nonproductive at 15. He was found standing on a limb at 35 after another big forward move. All spectators hoped he had birds, but handler and dog could not flush any despite a lengthy relocation effort. Then, a few seconds after DiMambro mounted his horse, Jax slammed on point over the ridge, undoubtedly on the same running birds he pointed the first time, except this time scoring an orderly find on a running covey at 37. After another nonproductive at 45, the judges decided Jax could not change the placements.

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The judges named Llano's Game on Dude (Nieman) and bracemate Dezasterous Jax the Ripper (DiMambro) Champion and Runner-Up Champion, respectively, after a thrilling race that the judges described as the best All Age brace they had witnessed in some time. Both dogs relentlessly pounded the front in scorching conditions. The last brace broke away with the late afternoon sun dropping, but with the temperature still hovering in the low nineties. Jax scored first with an orderly chicken find up on a hillside after an aggressive forward move. Dude had a nonproductive and made all age moves throughout. Having seen the championship-caliber all age application for which they had waited, the judges decided to leave both dogs down at 60 to give them more opportunity for bird work. Dude scored a mannerly chicken find at 68, shortly after which the judges called time. Although both dogs put forth all age performances worthy of a championship, the Champion separated himself from the Runner-Up Champion with a bit more power directed to the front and a more consistently all age application.

Judging by the ratio of dog finds to gallery flushes, the scenting conditions had deteriorated since the Open Shooting Dog due to the high temperatures and decreasing ground moisture. Bird work was at a premium throughout. Nevertheless, the judges mentioned other competitors that made strong bids for the championship, including Prairie Wind's Dot on the Horizon (Robertson) and BMB's Free Ride (Blum), whose runs are described below. Although record to near-record heat continued through the open all age stake, the field trial committee, in concert with the judges, adjusted the running to give every dog a fair chance and to ensure the safety of the animals. Four braces ran in the morning, starting at sunrise, and two braces ran right before dusk. This compromise took advantage of the coolest times of the day when the birds were most active.

Snowy River's Full Strut (Verdoorn) kicked off the all age stake with a clean prairie chicken find at 15. Strut hunted hard throughout with some nice forward moves, but his ground race was not quite enough on this day to push the champions. Prairie Wind's Out on a Limb (Robertson) finished birdless.

In Brace 2, AO Keg Creek's Tripps to Win's (Nieman) ground race was not pleasing his handler, who elected to pick him up at 15. Tripp was later diagnosed with a urinary tract infection that had made him less than his usual self. Prairie Wind's Back to Zack (Robertson) made an impressive opening cast, but unfortunately was seen under birds at 10.



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Snowy River's White Out (Verdoorn) got everyone's attention early in Brace 3 with some strong forward moves over the sandhills that resulted in finds on prairie chickens at 15 and 30. Despite an impressive first forty-five minutes, Willy's final fifteen minutes lacked the all age application required for a championship placement. Look for big things from this promising young dog as he matures. The reigning NGSPA National Champion, Rio's Rising Renegade (Larrondo), did his best to find birds up until 40, when his handler decided he had seen enough.

Cuttin Wild's Hidden Gem (Nieman) gave it her all in the heat of the day in Brace 4, but her handler decided at 35 to save this promising young female for another day. Chicoree's Cuttin Loose (DiMambro) broke away nicely, but her handler called for the dog wagon by 20.

Running in Brace 6 at the end of the first day, MSR's Lord of Dragonstone (Messer) did not have enough on this day to challenge the winners. Renly did not point any birds. He impressed the judges with his application, which was still slightly inferior to his bracemate's. Prairie Wind BDK's Dot on the Horizon (Robertson)'s performance deserves a special mention. Dot made several eye-catching all age casts

during the heat of the day, but unfortunately went birdless. The judges considered giving her some extra time to find birds at the end of the stake if the stake finished without two superior performances up to an all age standard. The two winners made this decision moot, however. Nevertheless, Dot has quickly become a contender in NGSPA all age competition.

Prairie Wind's Penny for Your Thoughts (Robertson) put on a good show in Brace 7 to kick off the second day of the all age running. Thor covered ground aggressively, gone from sight more often than not. He was absent at time. The judges waited patiently, hoping handler or scout might find him pointed. After a thorough search, however, his handler finally asked for his tracker. Kimber Tactical (Nieman) finished his hour and kept pace with his bracemate for most of the brace. He slowed a bit compared to his bracemate towards the end and finished birdless. The gallery rode up a group of prairie chickens halfway through the brace.

BMB's Free Ride (Blum) pushed the winners with a consistent race, one find, and one nonproductive. At 60, the judges felt Lewey's performance merited a few extra minutes to produce some bird work. Lewey obliged with a timely chicken find at 66. Although he gave a fine per-

formance, the judges described Lewey's application as not quite as reaching as the winners. Prairie Wind Teton's Aroma of Sage (Robertson) went birdless and did not have quite the race needed to change the placements.

Gauge (Juergens) displayed an ambitious race to start Brace 10. Unfortunately, Gauge's application grew too ambitious, requiring his handler to ask for his tracker at 25. Chicoree's Country Fan (DiMambro) finished her run without bird work.

The final brace of the stake containing both winners is described above.

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The final stake of the trial benefitted from a cold front, bringing relief from the searing temperatures. Although the grouse had begun to congregate into larger groups, nearly every brace saw bird work. From several worthy entries, the judges named Hi-Tailyn's Talented Texan (Bryant) the Amateur Shooting Dog Champion. Tex notched three finds and a stop to flush running in the first brace of the stake. His first find came on a small covey of chickens following a nice move to the left of the course that finished with Tex standing on a ridge. His second find came on a single chicken following a forward move along the right side of the course. Tex put forth a medium shooting dog race, hunting hard with purpose from beginning to end. All of his bird work came with impeccable style and intensity. Tex was well-mannered and biddable throughout, true to the shooting dog standard.

The judges declared BMB's Samsquanch (Blum) the Amateur Shooting Dog Runner-Up Champion, running in brace 8. Sam laid down an exciting race from beginning to end. Sam's bird work began with a stylish point on a covey of quail at 15 and ended with a timely group of chickens at 58, on which Sam's bracemate backed. Sam ran with a powerful shooting dog application, consistently taking the ridges to the front. Sam was also well-mannered and stylish in all his bird work, worthy of his win.

Also challenging the winners was Quijano's Cookie Cutter (David Quijano). Willie had an exciting race, with four covey finds and a stop to flush in the late afternoon brace 10. Willie hunted intelligently along the ridges and down through the valleys. Unfortunately, a slight breach of manners rendered him ineligible for a win.

The field trial committee wishes to thank all who attended and helped. The committee looks forward to continuing the tradition of the NGSPA Prairie Chicken Championship

next year and hopes to see everyone back in Nebraska in 2019.

THE PLACEMENTS

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Jody Orndorff & Bill Monk
47 Starters

Champion

Rumel's Augie Doggie
GSP Male 10/25/2015
FDSB#1666390
Sire: Hi-N's Feed Jake
Dam: Chicoree's What-A-Hoodlum
Owner: Carl & Melody Checklick & Rocklyn Turano
Handler: Dan Di Mambro

Runner-Up

MSR's Lord of Dragonstone
GSP Male 4/6/2012
Sire: Kyle's Hightailing Luke
Dam: MSR's Opalescence
Owner: James & Sara Messer
Handler: James Messer

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Judges: Tom Davis & Joe Orndorff

Champion

Llano's Game On Dude
GSP Male 6/4/2013
FDSB# 1653147
Sire: Slicks Cuttin Wild
Dam: Llano's Tails Aflame
Owner: Chad & Joe Inderman
Handler: Josh Neiman

Runner-Up

Dezasterous Jax the Ripper
GSP Male 8/10/2012
FDSB# 1651159
Sire: My Hunitng Buddy III
Dam: Triple Shots Double or Nothing
Owner: Matt Smith
Handler: Dan DiMambro

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Judges: Harvey Franco & Eldon Hongoo

Champion

Hi-Tailyn's Talented Texan

GSP Male 3/13/2014

FDSB#

Sire: Eshod's Uprising

Dam: Hi-Tailyn Katara

Owner/Handler: Keith Bryant

Runner-Up

BMB's Samsquanch

GSP Male 6/1/2015

FDSB#1669573

Sire: Trueblu's BDK Ace In The Hole

Dam: Time To Pay The Piper

Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum

Handler: Brandon Blum

2018 NGSPA REGION 8 CHAMPIONSHIPS



OPEN ALL AGE WINNERS

By Keith Richardson

The Region 8 and Hun Championships are a couple of the Premier Championships the NGSPA has to offer. The grounds, birds, and hospitality are by far some of the best you will find in the country.

The Region 8 Championship was a huge success, with a high amount of entries in all stakes with participants coming from all over. Many of the competitors stayed to attend the NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Championship held the following 7 days.

The venue is not only scenic for participants, but also provides great objectives for dogs to display ability to find and handle game birds. The course offers some very challenging objectives unlike anything else in the country. The cast off is over several hundred yards of prairie to Suicide

Hill, named for the large number of birds inhabiting it, and the fact that most infractions may be seen ¼ mile away. Then around the base of a high bench with steep faces, large rocks, and sometimes heavy cover of shrubs. We pass Derby Draw and continue along the base of the high bench to Shooting Dog Draw. We climb to the top of the bench and spend 15 to 20 minutes hunting the upper edge of this steep chukar habitat. Then at the end there is an open prairie with cuts and draws where the dog has the opportunity to demonstrate how much “reserve” he has in his tanks. It is definitely a course that allows the best dogs to show themselves.

The dogs will experience running coveys, large explosive covey flushes of 20 or more, and concentrations of “old” scent since we put out over 400 chukar. The birds are healthy, young and strong fliers. Any dog that completes this course is ready for Eureka!

We were pleased to have several pros in attendance: Danny DiMambro, Josh Nieman, Rich Robertson. We were happy to welcome a number of amateur handlers in attendance: David Quijano (TX), Brandon Blum (CA), Dean and Diane Crabbs (OR), Ray and Tami Larrondo (ID) Mike Patrick (CO) Keith Bryant (CO), Alan Davison (CO), Charlie Kelley (CO), and Kirk and Larry Loftin. Terry Zygalinski (CA) brought a group of horses for judges and guests.

We brought in some top notch judges with years of experience in many Championship venues. Jon Small (MO), and Glenn Johnson, (CA), judged the OAA and ASD. Cindy Findley (IA) and Mike Jordon (BC) judged the OSD. Time did not allow for a Derby. Jon and Cindy have had a lot of experience judging GSPs and we appreciate their experienced "eyes". Both Glenn and Mike have deep experience in some of the top Championships in the "Pointer-Setter" world and we appreciated their perspective. All judges were extremely attentive and nice folks to be around.

We are grateful for our sponsors. Purina provided financial support and the bags of Pro Plan for the winning dogs. We also welcome the sponsorship of Sport Dog with training collars and the personal visit of Jim Morehouse. Cash purses, gift certificates, Purina food, and Sport Dog collars make up the offering of prizes.

A special thanks to the organizational abilities and hard work of Keith and Bobbi Richardson. A big thanks also to all of the other folks who helped, Joe and Josh Frauendienst, Gary and Chris Kercher, Rod and Linda Cross, Lynn Cooke provided wonderful meals with help from Marya and Diane Crabbs. Plus the ranch crew: Justin, Brittney, Kaitlyn, Andrew, and Larry.

This was a dual sanctioned, Grand Limited Stakes event so the judges also named third and fourth place dogs. Only the placing dogs are described. All broke stakes required a call-back to retrieve for the top dogs.

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Judges: Glenn Johnson and Jon Small.

Starters: 15

Rommel's Auggie Doggie (Auggie), Dan DiMambro, was named Champion.

Auggie ran as a bye dog, and offered an outstanding performance from start to finish. He had two finds at 19 and 30 minutes which were handled with exceptional manners and style. He never required scouting as he was always forward, and when he was absent/out-of-sight, he would always show to the front within a reasonable time and without assistance. His first find was at 19 minutes, along

the lower course in the corner before ascending Shooting Dog draw. After being released Auggie was seen ascending the steep north side of the draw, climbing the steep slope to crest the rim and flow along it to the front and disappearing long before the handler crested the draw. It was a beautiful and challenging move not duplicated by any other dog in seven days of running. Auggie was lost to sight and the handler continued to ride the rim. After about five minutes Auggie was seen taking a line on the extreme north side of the course in the prairie, disappearing again. The next time he was seen he was standing a covey of chukar on the steep east end of Derby-Draw bench. He exhibited perfect manners during an explosive covey rise. He showed a big finish in the prairie after blowing through the upper gate.

Kimber Tactical (Tac), Josh Nieman, was named Runner Up Tac blasted off the starting line and headed up Suicide Hill having his first find at 5 minutes. He handled the small covey nicely and was sent back down the hill and hunted along the lower course taking a difficult path which took him into the rocks, flowing up and down with the terrain. He was eventually rewarded with a find at 25 minutes up the steep, rocky hill near the turn at Shooting Dog Draw. Again, his manners were flawless with nice style. He hunted his way up the Draw and worked the rim hard, flowing along the upper course until he again pinned a covey near the water tank at the end of Derby-Draw bench at 42. After Tac was released he hunted the steep draws on the way to the upper gate and finished in the prairie. He had a strong finish to the front, but did not have the consistent range of the Champion.

Blue Rivers Cruisin' Carlos (Carlos), (Nieman) was given Third Place

Carlos had two finds at 16 and 23 and handled them with intensity, good manners and nice style. Overall his race was more lateral than the top two dogs until he broke through the upper gate and finished strong to the front in the prairie.

PW BDKs Dot on the Horizon (Dot), Richardson was given Fourth Place

After the cast off at the base of Suicide Hill, Dot chose to cut down to the willow-lined creek bottom which is used during the Hun Championship. She hugged the line, flowing fast and far to the front. She disappeared in the thick willows at the very end of the willow line and handler had to ride down to find her and shoot her to the upper course at Shooting Dog Draw. She had a find at 23 minutes along the upper rim with excellent manners and style. She had a really big finish in the prairie.



AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG WINNERS

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Judges: Glenn Johnson and Jon Small

Starters: 29

Ridin High Rudy (Rudy), Zygalski, was named Champion. Rudy had six finds, all with great style, intensity and manners. On the cast off, Rudy chose to work the hilly terrain to the right side of the course taking him to Suicide Hill the hard way. He was seen disappearing over the crest of the hill. Scout found him standing on the bench above Suicide Hill and handler and judge had to climb up the steep rock face from the lower course. Birds were worked and Rudy was dropped down to the lower course. He had another find on the way down, and then went on to have four more finds spaced nicely along the upper rim as he thoroughly worked it in classic shooting dog fashion. After his last find on the upper bench he worked the steep draws from top to bottom, always to the front, and finished at the gate. It was an exciting brace as Rudy pushed the limits of the course with power and stamina, flowing through difficult terrain

and handling nicely for Terry requiring little scouting after his first exceptional find.

Aunt Trojoi's Dirty Nike (Nike), Blum, was named Runner-Up

Nike had a strong cast off to Suicide Hill, where he dropped back down and hunted the bowl to the right. He exhibited fast ground speed with an appealing gait as he hunted the course in a sensible bird dog manner. He had two finds on the lower course and two finds on the upper course. They were nicely spaced out and his bird work was stylish with very good manners. He had a nice shooting dog race, but it lacked the consistency of the Champion.

Turin Creeks Running Ruger (Ruger), Kirk Loftin, earned Third Place.

It seemed to take Ruger some time to get used to this unique country as it was his first time on these challenging



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grounds. His application during the first part of the course, on the lower ground was somewhat erratic and he did not hunt it smartly, which showed in his lack of finds. Once he climbed Shooting Dog draw and hit the upper course, he hunted nicely along the rim. He was rewarded with four finds, which were very stylish and intense with great manners.. He seemed to finally figure out the country, but not quickly enough to displace the other two dogs.

PW Feather Duster (Kirbee), Richardson, Fourth Place. It was not Kirby's day as she got behind at the start by consistently taking the most difficult path as she hunted to the front. She had three finds, all with outstanding style, before finally gaining the front and finishing big and "going away".

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Judges: Cindy Findley and Mike Jordan
36 Starters

By Cindy Findley

In the southeast corner of high desert Wyoming, there is a lovely field trial venue that challenges dogs to hunt high and low, and handlers to prepare for a multitude of birds at the flush. This remarkable ranch, owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson is home to the NGSPA Region 8 Championships. Thanks to their generosity, dog owners, trainers and handlers are comfortably ensconced on the grounds for nearly two weeks with kennels, horse pens, banquet facilities, and an attentive staff. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have provided this outstanding locale in support of the NGSPA, as well as their beloved personal GSP's. The lunches and evening meals were delicious and complimented by Sommelier David Quinn's wine pairings. Whether handler, owner, spectator or judge, it is a privilege to attend this event. The weather had been quite warm for the Amateur

Championship, but temps moderated for the three day running of the Open Shooting Dog Championship.

Winning the 2018 NGSPA Shooting Dog Championship was Rio's Rising Renegade (Ace), an 8 year old who has been dominant for the past several years. Owned by Ray and Tammy Larrondo (Boise, ID), and handled by Ray, this amazing dog and handler/scout team was a joy to watch. With his 34th Championship win, Ace becomes the most winning GSP in the history of the NGSPA.

Runner-up honors went to JB Wagoner's Lightning (Jackson), handled by Dan DiMambro, and owned by Lee Wagoner. This dark youngster showed a great deal of speed and style.

It must be mentioned here that this championship benefits from the wonderful support of SportDog and Jim Morehouse, and the staff at the ranch. In this desert cacti country, each dog must be expertly booted and dog wagon staff Kaitlyn and Andrew excel at this task. Joe, Justin, Brittny, Lynn and Josh were wonderful at cleaning and delivering hay, tending to injured dogs, and maintaining both full water tanks and hungry dog lovers. Terry Zygalinski brought a fine string of horses, and was kept on schedule by his companion Kewit Paltani (thank you, Kewit!) The judges for this stake were experienced setter enthusiasts Mike Jordan from Kamloops, B.C., and Cindy Findley from Ventura, IA. They were collegial and attentive to each competitor.

THE WINNERS

Ace, a perennial performer throughout the nation for the past several years had a bold and forward race, first along the creek bottom, then crossing to the high bluff. In a stunning move around the plateau above Shooting Dog Draw, Ace rounded the entire bluff halfway up the rocky slope where no other dog had gone.

Jackson had his speed shoes on, and raced forward. He made a giant lateral cast up Derby Draw but was brought around and continued forward, hunting well. He is attractive on his game and quite biddable. More details are provided in the running.

THE RUNNING

The Shooting Dog course is a 4.4 mile loop that begins in the bottom area of the ranch and runs between the willow-lined creek bottom and the bench rim above the steep escarpment. It runs westerly past Derby Draw up to the north, and makes a big turn up Shooting Dog Draw (SD Draw), following a narrow path nearly 500 feet up to

the top of the ridge. From there it courses easterly, allowing dogs many opportunities to pin game among the rocks along the edge. It finishes on the wide-open rolling plain, providing dogs with an opportunity to demonstrate their reach.

In the first brace, Ridin High Rudy (Rudy) (DiMambro) and BMB's Samsquatch (Sam), (Blum) were cast off at 8:06. Winds were southerly and the temp was 60 degrees. Both dogs were fast and forward, and had early finds. Rudy was credited with a back on a point by Sam at 7 minutes. Sam was wide in his application and needed some correction but was credited with 3 finds and a non-productive. Rudy needed a strong hand, and was credited with 3 finds. Both dogs finished going away.

Murphy's Babe (Babe), (Nieman) and Davis's Levi Strauss (Levi), (DiMambro) also broke away fast, and well to the front. Babe crossed the fence into the creek bottom, but was brought forward. As she settled down, she was credited with points at 12, 20, and 30 minutes, but suffered a breach of manners on her third find. Levi had a nice forward way of going and was credited with a back. However, on an early find, his stature was not pleasing to his handler and was collared.

Aunt Troti's Dirty Nike (Nike), (DiMambro) and PW Mya's Contender (Connie), (Robertson) began with a more workmanlike approach to their task and early on Connie had a find on a huge covey of 30 or more birds. At 18, Connie had a find on top of the plateau in heavy cover. Nike followed with a stop to flush, and a find at 20. Nike's scout had to work hard to encourage the dog to stay on course. Nike had finds on top at 32, and 36. Connie suffered a non-productive at 21, quickly followed by stop to flush, and within a second or two stanching up on the remaining birds. A bit loose on the flush, she was moved on. Nike made several lateral casts, appearing to go northerly with the wind. She and Connie both lost a bit of speed in the middle of the brace, and had a divided find at 41 on top of the bluff. Both of these dogs appeared very methodical in their application, and finished to the front.

Ehrichers Dusty Rubicon of Prairie Wind (Jeep), (Robertson) and Evergreen's Jed Clampet (Jed), (DiMambro) began the afternoon's running. Temps had warmed to near 80 with a consistent southerly wind. Jed broke forward to the creek bottom and followed the willows for some time. At 2 minutes, Jeep was seen standing on the first rock hill, self re-located, and was then called on point for a successful find. Jed rejoined the course and both dogs made a lateral cast to the top of one of the rock hills. Approaching, the judges saw birds leave, and both dogs standing, though

cautioned by their handlers. They were credited with a divided find at 14. At 20 Jed was found standing on the end of a rock outcropping. At the flush he danced slightly and was cautioned. At 24, Jed had a staunch find. Jeep was seen in heavy cover with birds flushing, but appeared to be staunch with a caution. With several minutes remaining, the dogs cross into the wide plains area, and were seen forward at time.

HRK's Bad Moon Rising (Jax), (DiMambro) and PW Mya's Feather Duster (Kirby), (Robertson). At 3 minutes on the first hill, Jax had a find at the same location as dogs earlier. It seemed to be an area where the birds like to re-congregate quickly. Kirby was far to the front, then dropped down into the creek bottom and was running the course in reverse, but was called around and crossed up to the flats, headed into the rock slopes. She stopped twice in the rocks, flinched and acted startled, but was called into the water tank. Jax continued forward on the flats. At 16, Jax was seen under some birds and was done for the day. Kirby was also seen on top on a solid point. She makes a memorable move carefully traversing the rock face about halfway up for about 400 yards, dropped down and had another find near the caller on the end of SD Draw. Back up on top, she had another find at 35, and moved methodically forward for an additional point at 38. Her handler directed her northerly out into the open field, but Kirby self-directed around back to cover, was called on point and after a relocation, birds are flushed. She stood with style and class.

Spiritpoint I'm Rebel-lin (Rebel), (Loftin) and Chickoree's Cuttin Loose (Lucy), (DiMambro). At 4 minutes, Rebel has a successful find on a covey at the first rock hill. Soon after she is seen under several birds and is out of contention. Lucy had been gone for an extended period of time, but was finally brought forward, but does not finish the hour.

PW Clean the Slate (Slate), (Robertson) and Hidden Valley's Indian Scout (Tonto), (DiMambro) begin the second day of competition, with much cooler temps, clear skies, and winds from the northwest. The dogs break forward along the fence two-track. Slate dropped down to the creek bottom and disappeared forward. Tonto moved laterally up to the rocks, then down to the fence, then back up to rocks, looking a bit unfocused. Slate was found on point hidden in the creek willows at 13, but it was a non-productive. Tonto made a nicer forward move along the bottom of the rock hills, and gained the bluff top at 19 without bird contact. Slate rejoined the front and had a successful point at 25, as Dan tried to corral his dog that had followed the two-track forward. On the big plateau Slate was not to be seen and the tracker was called for. Tonto finally had a find on the east side of the plateau, and finished the hour.

JimKath's Pandemonium (Panda), (DiMambro) and Golden West Spot on Dixie (Dixie), (Pasas) began their brace with a pleasant shooting dog pace and forward. At 11, Panda had a successful 2-bird flush with lovely style. Dixie made a strong forward move diagonally up a rock face and was seen coursing along the rock edge. Unfortunately, she bumped up several birds and was done. Panda had an acceptable find at 21 at the caller, and as the birds flushed she turned to mark but did not advance. Panda responded to her handler well, and was stylish on her game. She moved smartly up the hill and was found on point high and tight at the top. Moving along the bluff edge with good animation, Panda suddenly swapped ends for another stylish find in order. At 35 she had another lofty find, and following the covey flush, she wagged her tail eagerly for her handler. Panda was forward and biddable, with nice manners.

PJ Wildfires Sport (Sport), (Loftin) and Wingfield's Koonas Chloe (Chloe), (DiMambro) concluded the morning's running. Fast and toward the first rock hill, Sport was called on point. As the handler rode to the dog, Chloe decided to follow, but Dan was able to call his dog away from the situation. Sport was strongly cautioned but credited with a find. With great effort by the scouts, both dogs continued forward after scaling the rocks to the second bluff top, but Chloe was seen under birds and is collared. Sport made a huge forward cast to the west side of the SD Draw, but was called around and took the west side all the way to the top. Sport was called on point right near the top water tank, but the relocation failed and it was taken as a non-productive. At 32, Sport pointed near a feeder and a couple dozen birds lift for the flush as she stood nicely. Sport cut across the plateau, and disappeared over the east edge and had another clean find. She finished the hour.

Golden West Idaho's Second Chance (Deuce), (Pasas) and PJ Wildfires Little Lexi (Lexi), (Loftin) were in brace 10. These two speedsters hit the first rock hill within minutes and Lexi established point on one side of a large bush, and Deuce came in and pointed on the other side. Several birds were flushed and both dogs stood well. Deuce had another fine point at 9 and Lexi was directed around, made a brief back cast, and then both dogs fought to work the rocks into the gaining west wind. Both handlers were riding at a quicker pace to keep their dogs moving ahead. At the caller at SD Draw, Deuce had his third find. On top of the bluff, Lexi had a non-productive, as Deuce moved ahead and had a point about 50 yards forward. At 33 Lexi had a successful find just over the bluff edge. By 35, Deuce had suffered a non-productive, but had a good covey find at the plateau edge at 39. Lexi scored two more quick finds, but slowed as she hunted the rocks. As they neared the gate, Deuce was tiring, and Lexi enjoyed a brief antelope chase before her

handler brought her around.

Udoibar's Morass (Morass), (DiMambro) and Twin Creeks Running Ruger (Ruger), (Loftin). Unfortunately this brace did not go well for either dog, as Morass was under birds on Suicide Hill and Ruger bumped birds around the corner. PW JimKath's Kate (Kate), (DiMambro) and PW Flirt She's A Keeper (Keeper) (Robertson). At the first hill, both dogs are seen hunting in the thick cover, and birds are seen leaving the area, but no point was validated. The darkly colored Keeper was spotted by the judge in the cover standing and the handler was able to flush and shoot. Kate had disappeared and is eventually seen coursing along the creek bottom far to the front toward the next ranch. Keeper went laterally up the Derby draw and Dan was chasing down his dog around the creek bottom turn for some time, the judges did not have either dog in sight. Keeper is pushed forward and at the SD Draw has a reluctant, but successful find. Kate and her handler rejoined the front on top of the bluff at 29, and quickly the dogs shared a divided find. The dogs slowly worked along the top edge of the bluff and Keeper had a find at 35, as Kate was directed around. Both dogs made a stylish move around the west edge of the plateau, and then Kate disappeared. By 43 the tracker was called for. Keeper had a stop to flush, and finished the hour.

Rio's Rising Renegade (Ace), (Larrondo) and HighStandings Cuttin Edge (Woody), (DiMambro). On the third day of competition, the day started clear and 45 degrees with a south easterly wind. Ace and Woody made a foot race out of getting to the top of the first rock hill and both are seen hunting the cover, but not encountering game. At 5, Ace has dropped into the creek bottom and is called on point, but unfortunately it was a non-productive. Woody was moving forward but checked in frequently with his handler, and seemed to struggle with the boots. Ace made a powerful move back up into the rocks and then showed on top of the bluff. Point was called for Ace at 15 on a stunning, stylish find on a rock pile. In one of the better moments of the stake, Ace rounded the entire bluff at SD Draw, traversing the slope about 50 feet above the path. On top, the youngster Woody encountered a covey and moved several feet in excitement, which ended his bid. Ace was not seen for a few minutes, but then exploded up out of the steep ravine directly in front and slammed a point at 25. With minimal handling, Ace continued forward around the plateau edge and had another stylish find at 33. At 40, Ace was found standing again, and after a well-executed relocation, birds were absolutely pinned with intensity. Despite crossing an antelope parade, he finished his hour going away.

Autry's Joker's Harley Quinn (Harley), (DiMambro) and Murphy's Babe (Sassy), (Nieman). Sassy got right to

business, casting far to the north and up the steep slope with lightning speed. At 9 minutes, she was called on an impressive point and following an equally impressive flushing attempt by her handler with the birds over 40 yards away, the shot was fired in order. Harley was not pleasing his handler and was picked up early. Above the first water tank, Sassy had another successful point at 15. She moved forward carefully, traversing the rock face for several hundred yards. Her third point came at 29 at the caller, and required another long distance flushing attempt, during which the dog was absolutely solid. At 35 on top of the bluff, she began to tire a bit, and had a non-productive. Along the plateau at 45, she was relocated 3 times before pinning the quarry successfully.

PW Indian Brook Heads Up (Enzi), (Robertson), and JB Wagoner's Lightning (Jackson), (DiMambro). Both dogs move smartly to the top of the first hill where birds had been regularly seen, but encountered no game this brace. Enzi dropped down along the creek bottom and followed the willows. Jackson was along the fence for a while and then both dogs regained the front at the water tank. At 12, we came over the ridge to Derby Draw, Jackson was speeding up the draw to the top. Enzi worked a bit more closely but in a forward direction, and at 20 had a find in deep cover near the top of the ridge. Dan and his scout were able to redirect Jackson and he began to hunt forward more effectively, rewarded with a successful find at 21 on the caller at SD Draw. On top of the bluff at 29, Jackson was credited with a lovely covey find, and Enzi drew the well-executed back. They paced each other along the bluff edge for about 300 yards, and Jackson had a 2-bird point at 35. At 38, Enzi was hidden on point under a finger of rocks about 20 feet down from the bluff edge, and following a challenging flush, several birds took flight in front of the solid dog. As Enzi entered the home field, she turned toward the barn, then turned with her handler to the southeast and took a casual roll in an antelope carcass as time expired. Jackson finished his hour with a strong cast, hunting down into the final draws and had a final point at 48.

Dually, (DiMambro) and Covey Up's Controlled Burn (Blaze), (Nieman). Both dogs are forward to the first rock hill and in an odd situation, both go on point, but were facing each other, noses nearly touching. A single bird was flushed and both dogs were credited. Both dogs then head-raced along the two track nearly all the way to the next ranch. Dually returned and was eventually joined by the returning Blaze and they appeared to be directionally challenged, requiring effort by both handlers to move them forward. At SD Draw, Blaze had a point about 50 yards up from the caller successfully handled. At 24 both dogs were watered on top, and at 26 Dually had a solid find. Along the

plateau, both dogs were nosing around and Blaze had a find with Dually backing. As they were released ahead, both dogs had a breach of manners and were picked up.

Llano's Game on Dude (Dude), (Nieman) and Slate Rock's Mountain Heart (Rommel), (DiMambro). It was not a good day for Rommel, as he failed to back and bumped up birds on the first rock hill. Dude was credited with a challenging find, and as the judges rounded the first corner, birds were seen in the air and Dude was standing along the bottom of the rock slope, gaining credit for his second find. Dude then disappeared and the tracker was called for.

Chicoree's Sparkling Ruby (Ruby), (DiMambro) and BMB's Madison Ave (Madison), (Blum). To finish the stake, these two females exploded off the line. By 6, they were both in the first water tank, and as Madison jumped out and started into the rocks, she slammed into a stylish point. However, during the flushing attempt, Madison elected to self-relocate, thus ending her bid. Ruby is directed to the west side of Derby Draw, and moves forward over the top, then down to the caller at SD Draw where she had a successful find. At 29, she is found on point on a rock peninsula, but suffers a breach of manners and is out of contention.

THE PLACEMENTS

OPEN ALL AGE

Judges: Glenn Johnson and John Small
15 Starters

Champion

Rumel's Augie Doggie
GSP Male 10/25/2015
FDSB#1666390
Sire: Hi-N's Feed Jake
Dam: Chicoree's What A Hoodlum
Owner: Carl & Melody Checklick
Handler: Dan DiMambro

Runner-Up

Kimber Tactical
GSP Male 10/2/2012
FDSB#1652747
Sire: Outbak's California Odyssey
Dam: Rising Sun's Geisha Girl
Owner: John Kadavy
Handler: Josh Nieman

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Glenn Johnson & John Small
29 Starters

Champion

Riden High Rudy
GSP Male 4/6/2014
FDSB#1662002
Sire: Tonelli's Sky High
Dam: Palins Gossip Girl
Owner: Ray Nelson
Handler: Terry Zigalinski

Runner-Up

Aunt Troji's Dirty Nike
GSP Male 10/2/2012
FDSB#1666820
Sire: Hard Core's High N Tight
Dam: DCR's White Ski
Owner: Larry Metter
Handler: Brandon Blum

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Cindy Findley & Mike Jordan
38 Starters

Champion

Rio's Rising Renegade
GSP Male 4/23/2010
FDSB#1662002
Sire: Storm Over Rio Grande
Dam: Little Lady Lexi
Owner: ray & Tami Larrondo
Handler: Ray Larrondo

Runner-Up

JB Wagoners Lightning
GSP Male 1/12/2012
FDSB#1652983
Sire: Shoemakers Shootingstar
Dam: Son Starr's Lady
Owner: Larry Metter
Handler: Dan DiMambro

2018 NGSPA PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIPS



DERBY CLASSIC - Left to Right – Dan DiMambro, April Raber, Anthony Rusciano, Judge Lisa Pollock, Dayna Rusciano with HighStandings Cuttin Edge, Giovanni Goegan, Stacy Goegan with MSR's Charlie's Little Angel, Chris Goegan, Charlie Brown with Smithwick's White Lightening, Brian Smith, Eileen Smith

By Anthony Rusciano

The kick off for the 45th running of the NGSPA Pheasant Championship was on Friday, November 2, 2018 on the beautiful grounds of Wye Island, Maryland. Mother Nature was not in our corner this year. We could have used canoes to get around the course instead of on horseback. Ranger Martin Callahan, who manages the grounds, informed us that it was the third wettest season recorded on the island. Fortunately for our attendees most of the heavy rain came in the evening, so we avoided getting to soggy while running our dogs. Even though the grounds were soaked at times and we had sparse cover to work with, our pheasant planter Phil Vadeboncoeur did an outstanding job and almost every brace had established bird work. Phil we couldn't thank you enough for your assistance and the use of your UTV.

Every year our championship is always fortunate enough to have many field trial friends return. I guess the beautiful scenery, delicious meals, competitive dogs, and friends who are more like family make it an enjoyable time. Whether it was taking entries, planting birds, driving the dog wagon, assisting in the kitchen, being a stake manager, or jumping in where needed, this championship could not be a successful event without a team effort. Thank you to the entire board of director for volunteering your time to make this

championship an enjoyable one for all of our attendees. We are also very grateful for all of the assistance from our participants that supported this championship by stepping in and lending a helping hand. Special appreciation for their hard work and dedication goes out to a few of our attendees; Dayna Rusciano for shopping, preparing meals and doing just about everything else that needed to be done, Dan Burjan for raffle and food donations, April Raber for distributing the raffle tickets and kitchen help, Bill and Daretta Bruchey for preparing Saturday evening's BBQ turkeys, Dan DiMambro for assisting in prepping and cooking meals, Wayne Horner for standing in as acting treasurer, Joe Amatulli, Jen Sheehan, Wayne Horner, Joe Orndorff for driving the dog wagon, Chris Young for arriving early each morning to catch and crate the pheasant, Keith Richardson and Hank Lewis for donating the baskets of crabs and shrimp, and Michealene Albanese for taking the entries and assisting in the kitchen. If I left anyone out the Pheasant Championship board certainly appreciated your help.

Chris Goegan of Hi-Point Kennels a huge thank you for supplying the horses for our amateur participants this year. Hats off to Fred Ryan for donating all of this year's runner-up trophies, Michaelene Albanese for donating the ASD winner's trophy and Linda and Brian Promaulayko for donating Derby Classic trophies. To the State of Maryland thank you for allowing us to continue to utilize the island.

The Board would also like to express our gratitude to Terry Trzcinski, Greg Blair and Purina for your unwavering support throughout the years. Jim Morehouse, at SportDog, we appreciate your generosity in sponsoring and supporting our championship. Steve Snell of Gun Dog Supply and Alan Davison of Dogs Unlimited thank your sponsorship and support.

To our professional trainers and handlers thank you for traveling many miles to attend and support our championship. Dan DiMambro and April Raber, Chris, Stacy and Giovanni Goegan and Ritchie and Penny Robertson, thank you for joining us this year and for all of your support. We cannot thank Keith and Bobbi Richardson enough for their overwhelming support and generosity to our championship, as well as to the sport of field trialing. Last but not least thank you to all of our judges (Lisa Pollock, Brian Sanchez, Chase Verdoorn, and Mark Verdoorn) for taking time away from your families and out of your busy schedules to look at our dogs!

DERBY CLASSIC

The Pheasant Championship started off the event with the derby classic, on Friday November 2nd, with Brian Sanchez of Central Islip, NY and Lisa Pollock of Medford, NJ judging the up and coming young dogs. This year we couldn't break away from the usual spot, the Boy Scout camp, because the bean crop was still up. We broke away from the following field up the road on the opposite side of the Boy Scout camp and utilized the entire island. The gated fields were excluded from this stake. Many of the young dogs did have a tough time scenting a pheasant but there was plenty of excitement watching them run and handle the open grounds.

First place was awarded to HighStandings Cuttin Edge "Woody" owned by Anthony and Dayna Rusciano and handled by Dan DiMambro. The judges stated that Woody was a pleasure to watch on the ground, he had a good, fast, forward race while hunting the course hard. Woody was rewarded with a find at 15. As the handler was flushing the pheasant the brace mate came by and tried to assist in getting it in the air. Although a lot of pressure for any young dog, Woody remained standing and all was in order. Second place went to MSR's Charlie's Little Angel "Addison" owned by Charles Gonzalez and handled by Chris Goegan. Although Addison ran a very fast and forward race she may have outran her nose and didn't have any bird contact. Third place went to Smithwick's White Lightning "Bolt" owned by Eileen and Brian Smith and handled by Brian Smith. This young dog had a shorter consistent race. Bolt

stayed to the front and was rewarded with one stylish find at 29 minutes. Congratulations to all the derby owners and handlers on your up and coming dogs. These juvenile dogs are going to have an exciting future ahead of them and I look forward to reading about all of their accomplishments.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

The judges for the running of the NGSPA Pheasant Amateur Shooting Dog Championship were Brian Sanchez of Central Islip, NY and Lisa Pollock of Medford, NJ. The weather for the stake was ideal for running dogs, cool and overcast.

Newcomer Barry Bollinger stood out to the judges and earned his name on this year's Jerry Albanese Pheasant Championship Amateur memorial plaque. This perpetual plaque is engraved each year with the name of an amateur, chosen by the Amateur Shooting Dog judges, that demonstrates great sportsmanship. Although it was Barry's first time at this Championship he fit right in and handled his own dog in the ASD stake. Barry also rode a majority of the stake and scouted for other participants when required. I think it's safe to assume that we have Barry hooked and he will be returning next year.

Out of a field of 28 starters, Snowy Rivers White Out "Willy", owned and handled by Chase Verdoorn was named as Champion. Even though this was the Verdoorns first time joining us at this championship Chase and Willy set the bar high early in the stake in brace 4b. Willy had a big, strong forward shooting dog race from start to finish. He broke away and was all business scoring his first of two finds at 5 minutes. Willy stood with beautiful style and intensity, when the pheasant was produced he handled the loud cackling pheasant with perfect manners, as it took flight over his head. After the first find Willy continued on course showing great application covering the ground. He was always to the front, only absent for a short time when he dug in to hunt an edge, but popped out in front every time. At 35 Willy was found standing with impeccable style. The pheasant was produced and all was in order. Willy handled kindly and ran with little need of direction from the handler or scout. The hour was finished as strong as it was started.

Brace 9 produced the Runner Up - In Country's Cummins Diesel "Dodge" owned and handled by Chris Young. Dodge had a strong forward break away and was rewarded with his first find at 4. This pheasant tested Dodges manners as he ran throughout the thick cover and took his time to make flight. Dodges style remained intact as the pheasant took to the air. Dodge slammed on point again at 9 minutes the pheasant immediately flew off when the handler



**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG - Left to Right in front of fence - Front row: Hank Lewis with Runner Up - In Country's Cummins Diesel and Chase Verdoorn with Champion - Snowy Rivers White Out
Standing Left to Right: Judge Brian Sanchez, Chris Young, Mark Verdoorn, Judge Lisa Pollock**

got into the tall grass to flush. After his second find Dodge hunted the course aggressively until he was found standing at 45 for his third find. The bird was produced and all was in order. Dodge was awarded with a fourth find at 53. Dodge covered the course aggressively, hunting every field thoroughly, he responded kindly to the handler and his performance earned him the runner up champion.

The judges mentioned a few other dogs that demonstrated talent. Brace 1a Peanuts Trial Edition "Fuzzy" owned and handled by Phil Vadeboncoeur had a shorter shooting dog race but hunted the edges on a mission to find game. Fuzzy had an unproductive at 5 and a very classy find at 53. All N's Green with Envy "Jade" owned and handled by Robert Reynolds, DMV in brace 5b had a nice race with a find, a back and a stop to flush but was picked up after too many unproductive points. Pressing the winners was Brace 6a Tullis Shot to the Heart "Cupid" owned and handled by Joseph Amatulli. Cupid had 3 nice finds showing a lot of style. She needed a little more handle, which showed some immaturity, in a few areas to keep her pattern flowing. Prairie Winds Extraordinaire "Airee" owned and handled by Keith Richardson showed a lot of promise in the beginning of the brace. Airee had a forward race with finds at 17, 19, 22, 38 and a non productive at 28. At 45 Airee unfortunately sent a pheasant flying and was picked up.

ALL AGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday was not a bad day to be in the saddle for our judges Mark and Chase Verdoorn, of Riverside, MO. Even though the weather was lightly raining and overcast and the grounds were drenched from the evening rain, we had a full day of excitement watching big running All Age dogs. Out of the 20 contenders some dogs out ran the course and were lost to the front. Also due to the abundance of pheasants planted this year it proved to be too much for some of the dogs and unfortunately they found themselves under a bird.

Hi N's Bodacious "Bo" owned by Hank Lewis and handled by Dan DiMambro was named the Champion. Bo broke away very strong and had consistent fast forward ground speed throughout the brace. He always stuck to the edges and rolled around the island as a seasoned dog. Bo was rewarded with finds at 10, 13, 22, 27, and 59. He had an unproductive at 42. Bo demonstrated first-class style for all of his finds. Bo responded well to the handler and needed little scouting. He finished with plenty of fuel left in his tank.

Runner up was awarded to Rumels Augie Doggie "Augie" brace 8a, owned by Carl and Melody Checklick and Rocklyn Turano and was handled by Dan DiMambro. Augie had a



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comparable run to the champion. He had a strong forward all age race and responded well to the handler. He had finds at 15 and at 31 and all was in order. He was rewarded with another find at 41 and his style never let down after the bird was flushed. Augie finished as strong as he started and had ideal style throughout all of his finds.

The judges mentioned that in brace 1a Prairie Winds BDK's Dot on the Horizon "Dot" owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson and handled by Ritchie Robertson was in consideration. Dot had finds at 14, 20, 25, 27, 43 and 51. She also had a non productive at 6. Dots race fell short with so many finds and she didn't display as strong of an all age performance.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

A total of 30 dogs competed in the Open Shooting Dog Championship. Our judges were Mark and Chase Verdoorn, of Riverside, MO. The weather throughout the three days of running was on and off heavy rain and an overcast sky with a light wind coming off the water across the island. The grounds were soggy and flooded in areas but mostly all of the dogs had the opportunity to work a pheasant.

This year's champion came out of brace 13b. Jokes on You Buddy "Buddy" is owned by Steve Erickson and was handled by Chris Goegan. Judges noted that Buddy had made nice forward moves and stayed on the edge throughout the entire brace. He showed maturity by hunting using the wind. Even though he dug in the cover and was out of sight for a few minutes at a time he always popped out to the front. Buddy handled kindly and was rewarded with 2 finds. He was found to the front at 7 on a stylish find. The pheasant was flushed and all was in order. When released by the handler after his first find he continued forward with good speed and animation. Buddy had another find at 34 where he showed off his manners as the stubborn pheasant ran around his feet. At 50 minutes he was once again found standing even though this was a hawk killed pheasant he had very good style. He finished forward, deserving the title of champion.

The runner up came from brace 7a, Hidden Valley Indian Scout "Tonto" owned by Donald Schmidt and MaryElaine Loyko and was handled by Dan DiMambro. Tonto started off the hour with a strong forward cast using the wind in his favor. He was found standing on his first pheasant at 5. He stood throughout the flush with a high head and tail. At 11 and 42 minutes he had a repeat performance on two more pheasant finds. Finishing the hour at 58 minutes he



OPEN SHOOTING DOG – Left to Right – Giovanni Goegan, Chris Goegan, Joe Orndorff, Stacy Goegan with Jokes on You Buddy, Chase Verdoorn, Mark Verdoorn, April Raber with Hidden Valley Indian Scout, Anthony Rusciano, Dan DiMambro

had a stop to flush, all was in order. Even though Tonto had good ground speed and great style he showed his immaturity by pulling off his edges and slowing down towards the end of the hour.

There were a couple of other dogs that the judges took notice of and mentioned that they could have used. Brace 7b, Hi Points Jewels of Opal “Jewels” owned by Brian Swag and handled by Chris Goegan. Jewels had a nice forward shooting dog run. She had two finds at 37 and 42 minutes. At 25 a pheasant could not be produced. She had excellent manners but didn’t run as strong as the winners. Chicorees Cuttin Loose “Lucy” owned by Fred Ryan, DMV and handled by Dan DiMambro in Brace 5a was a nice dog, which showed lots of potential but had multiple times when game could not be produced. Lucy started strong and fast and had a feather find at 5. At 14 her luck wasn’t any better with a dead pheasant find. At 17, 30 and 39 she had nice stylish finds. Out of the same brace 5b was Peanuts Trial Edition “Fuzzy” owned and handled by Phil Vadeboncoeur. Fuzzy really dug in and hunted the cover which shorted his race. He had multiple finds with nice style. Congratulations to both the Champion and Runner up owners and handlers.

THE PLACEMENTS

Derby Classic

Judges: Brian Sanchez & Lisa Pollack
6 Starters

1. High Standing’s Cutting Edge
GSP Male 2/2/2017
FDSB# 1675198
Sire: Slicks Cuttin Wild
Dam: CLK’s Point Me The Way
Owner: Anthony & Dayna Rusciano
Handler: Dan DiMambro
2. MSR’s Charlie’s Little Angel
GSP Female 10/1/2016
FDSB# 1675660
Sire: Pine Acres Rusty Saddle
Dam: MSR’s Opalescence
Owner: Charles Gonzalez
Handler: Chris Goegan

3. Smithwick's White Lightning
GSP Male 6/14/2017
FDSB# 1681480
Sire: Hi-N's Bodacious
Dam: Hi-N's Maggie May
Owner: Brian & Eileen Smith
Handler: Brian Smith

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Brian Sanchez & Lisa Pollack
28 Starters

Champion

Snowy River's White Out
GSP Male
FDSB#1664279
Sire: Last Chance Crop Duster
Dam: Short Stuff v Greiwe
Owner/Handler: Chase Verdoorn

Runner-Up

In-Country's Cummins Diesel
GSP Male 2/25/2012
FDSB# 1646029
Sire: Keg Creek Rising Cooper
Dam: Good Time's One Shot Wonder
Owner/Handler: Chris Young

OPEN ALL AGE

Judges: Chase Verdoorn & Mark Verdoorn
20 Starters

Champion

Hi's Bodacious
GSP Male 7/27/2013
FDSB# 1657655
Sire: Hi-N's Feed Jake
Dam: Hi-N's Southern Cross
Owner: Hank Lewis
Handler: Dan DiMambro

Runner-Up

Rumel's Augie Doggie
GSP Male 10/25/2015
FDSB# 1666390
Sire: Hi-N's Feed Jake
Dam: Chicoree's What-A-Hoodlum
Owner: Checklick /Turano
Handler: Dan DiMambro

2018 NGSPA TEXAS CHAMPIONSHIP



Amateur Shooting Dog - Standing Andy Gerdes (judge), Kneeling James Messer with MSR's Lord of the Dragonstone and Terry Bomer with Texas Jazzed Up Blues

2018 Texas Championship was held on November 12th through November 14th, 2018 at the Bible Camp Ranch, Crawford, Texas. These are new grounds and flowed extremely well for shooting dogs. There was scattered mesquite trees, rolling terrain, runoff draws and fence lines. The birds held extremely well and all dogs had numerous bird contacts. The Championship was well attended with several of the top GPS's in the country. There is a great clubhouse on the grounds with so everyone was able to stay warm.

Judges E. J. Hall and Harvey Franco, both from Texas sat in the saddle for the Open Shooting Dog. The weather was cold, damp and great for the dogs, but everyone else was a little cold. The Open Shooting Dog was well attended with 20 entries, and 20 dogs competing. The Amateur Shooting Dog was judged by Andy Gerdes and Harvey Franco, both from Texas. The Amateur Shooting Dog had 13 entries and 13 dogs competing. A big thank you to all judges, our sponsor Purina, participants, club members, and everyone attending to help make this a class event.

The Texas Championship Open Shooting Dog Champion was MSR Lord Of The Dragonstone "Stan", owned by James and Sarah Messer, trained and handled by James Messer. Stan displayed a consistent aggressive attack that was exemplary of a National caliber shooting dog. He had numerous well-spaced finds with a strong finish.

The Runner up of the Texas Championship was DeLuna's Quail Point Sling Blade "Kaiser" owned by Rodney Moon, and handled by Mike Mullineaux. Kaiser was very consistent throughout the entire hour with several finds.

Amateur Shooting Dog Champion of the Texas Championship was MSR Lord Of The Dragonstone "Stan", owned by James and Sarah Messer, trained and handled by James Messer. Stan had a nice strong forward race with numerous well-spaced finds.

The Amateur Shooting Dog Runner Up was Texas Jazzed Up Blues, "Zoe" owned by Kirk and Terry Bomer and handled by Terry Bomer. Zoe ran a strong consistent, snappy race with great style and manners on numerous finds during the hour.

Congratulations to all the placed dogs and all competitors to help make this Championship a successful event.

THE PLACEMENTS

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

Judges: EJ Hall and Harvey Franco
20 Starters

Champion

MSR's Lord of the Dragonstone
GSP Male 4/6/2012
FDSB# 1653490
Sire: Kyle's Hightailing Luke
Dam: MSR's Opalescence
Owner: James & Sara Messer
Handler: James Messer

Runner-Up

DeLuna's Quail Point Sling Blade
GSP Male 8/18/2013
AKC Reg # SR79743907
Sire: Monkeyshines Solo
Dam: West Wind's Sky Rocket
Owner: Rodney Moon
Handler: Mike Mullineaux

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Andy Gerdes and Harvey Franco
13 Starters

Champion

MSR's Lord of the Dragonstone
GSP Male 4/6/2012
FDSB# 1653490
Sire: Kyle's Hightailing Luke
Dam: MSR's Opalescence
Owner: James & Sara Messer
Handler: James Messer

Runner-UP

Texas Jazzed Up Blues
GSP Female 8/28/2015
FDSB#1670862
Sire: Uodibar's Against All Odds
Dam: BDK's All That Jazz
Owner: Kirk & Terry Bomer
Handler: Terry Bomer

2018 GULF COAST GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB

Fall Field Trial and Purina Points Trial



Amateur Gun Dog (L-R) James Messeer (scout) with Zoe, David Vogelsang (judge), Terry Bomer and Kirk Loftin with Cricket



Open Gun Dog - (L-R) James Messer (scout) with Zoe, David Vogelsang (judge), Terry Bomer, John Rabidou, with Tootie, Gene Moseley (judge) and Payton Gumby (scout)

The Gulf Coast GSP Club of Houston held their fall field trial November 17th & 18th, 2018 at the Bible Camp Ranch, Crawford Texas. The Open and Amateur Gun Dog were Purina Points Stakes. These were new grounds just southwest of Waco, Texas. We had rolling terrain with scattered cover and fence lines. The new grounds held birds very well and numerous bird contacts per brace were observed. The weather was cold, damp and great for the bird dogs, but not so much for the handlers. We have a clubhouse on the grounds to stay warm between braces and the Field Trial Committee did a great job in feeding all of the participants. A BIG thank you to our sponsor Purina, Judges, participants and all the club members attending that help put on this trial.

The trial started on Saturday November 17th beginning with the Open All Age with 13 starters and was judged by David Quijano and Gene Moseley. The winner Lone Creek Git R Done Cricket (Cricket), owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin, and handled by Larry Loftin. 2nd place was Uodibar's Dark Horse Dugi (Dugi), owned and handled by John Rabidou with 3rd and 4th were withheld.

The Amateur Gun Dog, run on course 1, followed the Open All Age, with 15 starters and was judged by David Vogelsang and Mike Mullineaux. The winner was Texas

Jazzed Up Blues (Zoe) owned by Kirk and Terry Bomer and handled by Terry Bomer. 2nd place was Lone Creek Git R Done Cricket (Cricket), owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin, and handled by Larry Loftin. 3rd place was Stoney Hill's Cajun Ruby (Ruby), owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin, and handled by Larry Loftin. 4th place was PJ Wildfire's Little Lexi (Lexi), owned by Kirk & Larry Loftin, and handled by Larry Loftin.

The Open Puppy, run on course 2, followed the Open All Age, with 7 starters and was judged by Terry Bomer and Harvey Franco. The winner was Uodibar's P. S. I Love You (Kat), owned and handled by John Rabidou, 2nd place was Stoney Hills Thunder In The Rain (Storm), owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin, and handled by Larry Loftin, 3rd place was Quijano's WD-40-Rust (Rusty) owned by David & Carla Quijano, handler by David Quijano, 4th place was Uodibar's Gabriella (Gabby), owned by John Rabidou and handled by Payton Gumby. The Open Gun Dog ran on Sunday on Course 1 with 22 starters and was judged by David Vogelsang and Gene Moseley. The winner was Texas Jazzed Up Blues (Zoe) owned by Kirk and Terry Bomer and handled by Terry Bomer. 2nd place was Uodibar's Toot My Horn (Tootie), owned and handled by John Rabidou, 3rd place was Stoney Hills Bustin Loose (Kalli), owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin, and handled by Larry Loftin. 4th place was

Uodibar's Dark Horse Dugi (Dugi), owned and handled by John Rabidou.

The Open Derby followed the Open Gun Dog on course 1 with 7 starters and was judged by James Messer and David Vogelsang. The winner was Stoney Hills Light It Up Flame (Flame), owned by Kirk and Larry Loftin, and handled by Larry Loftin., 2nd place was Quijano's WD-40-Rust (Rusty) owned by David & Carla Quijano, handler by David Quijano. 3rd was Uodibar's Grit & Grace (Grit) owned and handled by John Rabidou, 4th was Texas Blissful Bevy (Bevy), owned by Sherrie 7 Gene Moseley, handled by Gene Moseley. .

Congratulations to all the placed dogs and all competitors to help make this trial a successful event.

THE PLACEMENTS

Open All Age

Judges: David Quijano & Gene Moseley
13 Starters

1. Lone Creek Git R Done Cricket
GSP Female 1/5/2015
FDSB# 1663962
Sire: PJ Wildfire's Little Bud
Dam: Lone Creek Sweet Anna
Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin
Handler: Larry Loftin
2. Uodibar's Dark Horse Dugi
GSP Female 5/4/2014
FDSB# 1661762
Sire: Uodibar's Against All Odds
Dam: Bray's Henna
Owner/Handler: John Rabidou
3. Placement Withheld
4. Placement Withheld

Amateur Gun Dog

Judges: David Vogelsang and Mike Mullineaux
15 Starters

1. Texas Jazzed Up Blues
GSP Female 8/28/2015
FDSB# 1670862
Sire: Uodibar's Against All Odds
Dam: BDK's All That Jazz
Owner: Kirk & Terry Bomer
Handler: Terry Bomer

2. Lone Creek Git R Done Cricket
GSP Female 1/5/2015
FDSB# 1676031
Sire: Cajun's QCK Bushwacker
Dam: Hi-N's Cajun Baby
Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin
Handler:; Larry Loftin
3. Stoney Hill's Cajun Ruby
GSP Female 2/1/2016
FDSB# 1676031
Sire: Cajun's QCK Bushwacker
Dam: Hi-N's Cajun Ruby
Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin
Handler: Larry Loftin
4. PJ Wildfire's Little Lexi
GSP Female 1/5/2015
Sire: PJ Wildfire's Little Bud
Dam: Lone Creek Sweet Anna
Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin
Handler: Larry Loftin

Open Puppy

Judges: Terry Bomer & Harvey Francoo
7 Starters

1. Uodibar's P.S. I Love You
GSP Female 9/12/2017
FDSB#1680100
Sire: Chisholm Creek's Cuttin Loose
Dam: Uodibar's Lorrie Darlin
Owner/Handler: John Rabidou
2. Stoney Hill's Thunder In the Rain
GSP
Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin
Handler: Larry Loftin
3. Quijano's WD-40 Rust
GSP Male
Owner: David & Carla Quijano
Handler: David Quijano
4. Uodibar's Gabriela
Owner: John Rabidou
Handler Payton Gumbo

Open Gun Dog

Judges: David Vogelsang & Gene Moseley
22 Starters

1. Texas Jazzed Up Blues
GSP Female 8/28/2015
FDSB# 1670862
Sire: Uodibar's Against All Odds
Dam: BDK's All That Jazz
Owner: Kirk & Terry Bomer
Handler: Terry Bomer
2. Uodibar's Toot My Horn
GSP Female 2/6/2015
AKC Reg # SR86903001
Sire: Dress Blues
Dam: Uoodibar's Lorrie Darlin
Owner/Handler: John Rabidou
3. Stoney Hills Bustin Loose
GSP Female 4/20/2011
FDSB# 1670861
Sire: Waycool's Pop N Off Again
Dam: Stoney Hill's Spark On The Loose
Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin
Handler: Larry Loftin
4. Uodibar's Dark Horse Dugi
GSP FemaLE 5/4/2014
FDSB# 1661762
Sire: Uodibar's AGainst All Odds
Dam: Bray's Henna
Owner/Handler: John Rabidou

4. Texas Blissful Bevy
Owner: Gene & Sherrie Moseley
Handler: Gene Moseley

Open Derby

Judges: James Messer & David Vogelsang
7 Starters

1. Stoney Hills Liight It Up Flame
GSP
Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin
Handler: Larry Loftin
2. Quijano's WD-40 Rust
Owner: David & Carla Quijano
Handler: David Quijano
3. Uodibar's Grit & Grace
Owner/Handler: John Rabidou

Northern Arizona German Shorthaired Pointer Club

Dual Sanctioned Trial

Open Limited Gun Dog

Judges: J Schultz & Clint Matthews

1. Almosta's Wile E Coyote
Pointer 1/4/2011
Owner/Handler: John Beauchamp
2. Damiani's Ruger
GSP Male 10/27/2015
Sire: Uplandhills Bushman vom Vigor
Dam: LNC Rust's Hearts Sissy
Owner: Anthony D Camiani
Handler: Todd Yamamoto
3. VNK's Slick's Dandy Duke
GSP Male 4/19/2015
Sire: NFC NGDC FC AFC Slick's Cuttin Wild
Dam: DC AFC Von Kasdorf's Kan U Spare A Dime
Owner: Philippi & Stephanie Casdorff
Handler: Philip Casdorff
4. RockSolid Chevy
GSP 8/19/2013
Sire: Rock Solid Pard
Dam: RockSolid Morgan
Owner/Handler: Todd Yamamoto

Amateur Gun Dog

Judges: James Gagnon & Michael McGah

1. Still's Joe von Rugerheim
GSP Male 4/1/2013
Sire: DC Lowry's Eagle Ridge V Rugerheim
Dam: Jaeger's Still On My Mind
Owner: Pam & Gereth Stillman
Handler: Curt Cross
2. William's White Lightening
GSP Male 7/18/2016
Sire: Slick's Cuttin Wild
Dam: Autry's California Gold Rush
Owner/Handler: Robert Williams

3. NGDC Dunfur's Emma Frost
GSP Female 3/5/2013
Sire: FC Dress Blues
Dam: FC AFC NAFC Dunfur's Tule Moon
Owner/Handler: Clint Matthews

4. Conejos River Blues
GSP 8/8/2015
Sire: Kona's Blue Mojo
Dam: Blue River Kit
Owner/Handler: Chet Soberay

Open Gun Dog

Judges: Nick Besenick & Michael McGah

1. RockSolid Chevy
GSP 8/19/2013
Sire: RockSolid Pard
Dam: RockSolid Morgan
Owner/Handler: Todd Yamamoto
2. Conejos River Blues
GSP 8/8/2015
Sire: Kona's Blue Mojo
Dam: Blue River Kit
Owner/Handler: Chet Soberay
3. Rugerheim-Ehrenvogel Before Your Eyes
GSP 4/27/2014
Sire: DC Free Flight's Bosephus
Dam: Newport HiResolution Ehrenvogel
Owner: Cynthia Boysen
Handler: Terry Chandler
4. Williams White Lightening
GSP 7/18/2016
Sire: Slick's Cuttin Wild
Dam: Autry's California Gold Rush
Owner/Handler: Robert Williams

Open Derby

Judges: Nick Besenick/John Nelsson

1. Placement Withheld

2. Trax Even Steven
Weimaraner 11/26/2016
Owner: Kim Burnell
Handler: Terry Chandler
3. M & M's Sureshot Annie
Brittany 7/12/2017
Owner/Handler: Michgael McGah
4. Quik Trax of Tapp
Weimaraner 12/26/2016
Owner: Gail Gegg
Handler: Terry Meek

Open Puppy

Judges: Nick Besenick & Lance Ayers

1. Trax Phantom Menace
Weimaraner 2/26/2018
Owner: Shirley Nilsson
Handler: Terry Meek
2. Barrett TYearin Offha Two Trax
Weimaraner 4/5/2018
Owner/Handler: Kim Burnell
3. Trax Taking Me There
Weimaraner 5/16/2018
Owner: A Schafnit/ C Cerne & Shirley Nilsson
Handler: Anabel Schafnit
4. Donamoor's Trax Be Nimble
Weimaraner 4/5/2018
Owner: Moureen Conley
Handler: Terry Meek

2019 Field Trial Hall of Fame Inductees

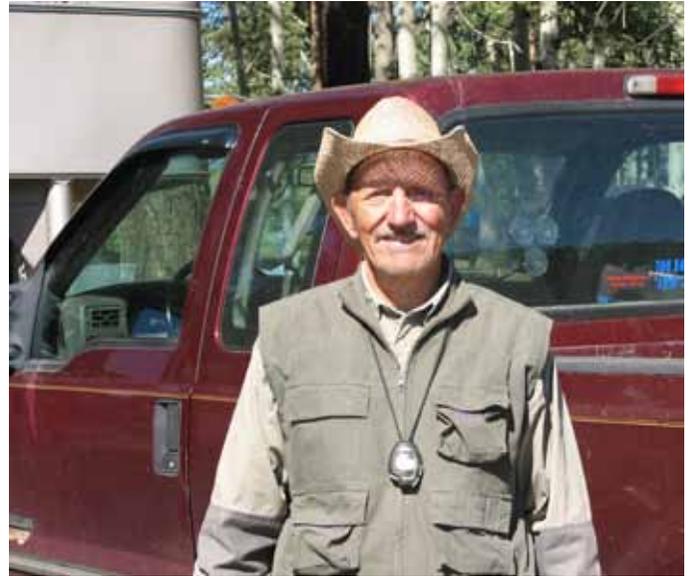
Tom Davis

Tom got his first shorthair as a hunting companion in 1961 and sent it to George Roberts for a summer of training while he was working at Yellowstone Park. Mr. Roberts was a charter member of the NGSPA. While Tom was at college, the dog died. After finishing college and starting a teaching job in 1968, it was time for another GSP for hunting. The dog also went out for training and after he got the dog back, he started hunting her. She ran off several times, the last time she was found by a former who eventually bought her.

Then, Tom found out she was Field Trial bred and a good field trial prospect. Three years later, after marriage, Tom purchased a pup from Lee Sienkowski Sr of Checkmate Kennels. He also had developed a friendship with Bill Wooten, one of the founders of the NGSPA. Bill got Tom interested in Field Trials and he started competing in events. Tom's second trial was a fun trial where he was awarded a blue ribbon and a dog pan, which hooked him into field trials. Later, he found out everyone got a blue ribbon and a Dog pan. The second event was sponsored by the GSPC of Michigan where he met Mario DiMambro and Vince Rizzo, a couple of avid field trialers. That blue ribbon was the hook that led Tom in to chasing dogs and blue ribbons all over the country.

That obsession has resulted in many accomplishments, including:

- Finishing a dozen dogs both as Field Champions and Amateur Field Champions.
- He has owned dogs that have won National Championships. Dogs such as Tip top Oliver, Checkmates Quicksilver, Krabby Kreeks Grand Illusion, Grand Illusion's Final Edition and Cutter's Last Testament.
- His dogs have won or placed in 35 American Field Championships.
- He was the first person to have won all three National Amateur Championships open to Shorthairs (the GSPCA National Amateur, the NGSPA National Amateur, and the National German Pointing Dog Amateur. The only other person to do that is Hall of Famer Joe Vicari.



- Tom was the breeder of the 1995 NGSPA National Futurity winner, Sin City Slick Spot.
- Named recipient of two Awards for service to the NGSPA.

Tom's Contributions:

- Sent dogs to many trainers including Lee Sienkowski, Sr and Jr, John Steger, Tommy Schwertfeger, Claude Butler and Dan DiMambro.
- Served as Chairman of the NGSPA Region 4 Championships since 1982
- Served as startup Chairman of the NGSPA Great Lakes and Ohio Championships
- Served as Chairman of the NGSPA Sharptail Championships on many occasions.
- Served on the NGSPA Board of Trustees for 9 years during which time, he served as Trial Chairman for 3 years and stakes manager during the Nationals on several occasions.
- He also served as President of the NGSPA for two years.
- Tom served as Field Trial Chairman for the National German Pointing Dog Association for the last five years.
- He has judged the National Championship for all three Shorthair organizations.
- Served as official reporter for the 2017 NGSPA Invitational Shooting Dog Championship.

- Judged Nationals for Weimaraners, Vizslas and Brittanys
- Has judged AF hour Championships from coast-to-coast
- Judged over 100 AKC trials
- Tom has always made himself available and accessible to anyone who needed or asked for help and has tried to be an example of giving back to the sport he loves. His contributions to the sport and the breed have spanned over 50 years.

The National German Shorthaired Pointer Association, Inc.

63rd NGSPA Futurity - Running Spring 2021 - Litter Enrollment Form

Nominations will be accepted for German Shorthaired Pointer bitches bred between November 1, 2018 and October 31, 2019

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Nomination Procedure:

1. Fill out the litter enrollment form within six months of whelping.
2. Individual nomination fee of \$25.00 due before puppy is one year old.
3. Entry fee is due the night of the drawing [to be advertised].

Date of Breeding
Bitches Name
Bitches Registration #
Stud Dog's Name
Stud Dogs Registration #
Breeder's Name
Breeder's Address

NGSPA Futurity Manager

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Within Six (6) months of whelping date, please complete this form and forward with enrollment fee of \$25.00. You will then receive the registration certificates to be presented to the Puppy Owners:

Operators of the American Field sanctioned National Championship, National Shooting Dog, National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship and the national Futurity for German Shorthaired Pointers.

Date of Whelping _____

Males _____ # Females _____

"The oldest and most prestigious breeder's stake serving and promoting German Shorthaired Pointers"



Foundation in 2006. The first class of inductees (2007) to the GSP Field Trial Hall of Fame were inducted on February 9, 2008.

Don would research each dog and person elected and provide a complete biography for use in the Hall of Fame Induction Booklet.

In 2011 with funds raised by several of the continental bird dog groups and spaniel organizations, a Sporting Dog win was built in Grand Junction, dedicated, and opened. Through the efforts of the GSP committee and other interested parties almost 50% of the new wing would be awarded to the GSP exhibit.

During his years of service to the NGSPA and GSP's, in general, Don campaigned several dogs with success. Also, Don made himself available to judge when asked. Don's service to the NGSPA and the many endeavors he championed make him a perfect example of a Hall of Famer. Please help me add Don's name to the list of those who stood out in the GSP world.

DON KIDD

Don first joined the NGSPA Board in 1976. He was selected as the Hall of Fame Chair in 1977. Was selected to the Futurity in 1979 and was appointed Advertising chair for the Nationals that same year. After being an active member of the Board for four years, Don resigned because of the necessity to move for his work as an FBI agent and devote more time to his family.

After leaving the FBI and having raised his son to be a successful agricultural researcher, Don's interest in bird dogs peaked again and in 1999 he was again elected to the NGSPA Board. In 2000, he assumed the Futurity Chairman's position. Don refined the process of nominating litters and dogs and held that position until he resigned in 2017. As if the Futurity job wasn't enough, Don was elected NGSPA President in 2003, remaining in that position until 2008, at which time he took over the Treasurer's position which he continued to do until resigning in 2017.

During Don's tenure as President, he spurred the Board's interest in resuming efforts to establish a Hall of Fame for German Shorthairs to be located in Grand Junction, Tennessee at the National Bird Dog Museum. A committee was formed with representatives from both national GSP organizations and the German Shorthaired Pointer Field Trial Hall of Fame became a reality and its platform was accepted by the Board of the Bird Dog



OUTBAK'S JOSEY

1/2000 - 2/2016

Owner: Rich Barber & Elizabeth Moore

AKC Registration # N71176901

FDSB# 1545417

AKC Field Champion

AF NGSPA National Shooting Dog Champion
(3x Champion / 8x Runner-Up Champion)

Retired in 2007

2x NGSPA Shooting Dog of the Year (2005 & 2006)

AKC Production Record

- 6 FC/2 AFC including 2013 GSPCA NGDC Outbak's Jaded One
- 2x NGSPA Shooting Dog fo the Year (2005 & 2006)

American Field Production Record

15 winners with 92 wins, including

- Ch JAK's Miles Away (2x NGPDA National Shooting Dog Champion) 7x Champion/4x Runner-Up Champion
- Ch Outbak's Jade (1x Champion)
- Ch Hadlock's She's For Me (1x Champion/ 4x Runner-Up Champion)
- Ch BDK's Outbak Cutter (NGSPA National Shooting Dog Champion) 3x Champion
- Dress Blues - NGSPA National Open & National Amateur Shooting Dog R-U
- Preacher's Sporting Lady - (2x R-U)

A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!



Wildfire's Angel

She ran with sparkle and animation in her quest to find game birds. She ran the edges but never passed up a likely spot that would hold a game bird. She commanded the attention of all that watched her run.

Her win record is exemplary and it shows her consistency when put down to perform with a brace-mate. When I look at what she produced as her "get" it shows me that she deserves to be in the hall of Fame representing the best of German Shorthair Breeding.

- 143 AKC wins and placements
- 72 American Field Wins and Placements
- Field Champion
- Amateur Field Champion
- American Field Champion
- 10 x American Field Champion
- 7 x American Field R-U Champion
- National Amateur Field Champion
- 1991 NGSPA Region 4 ASD Champion
- 1991 NGSPA Region 5 AAA Champion
- 1991 NGSPA Region 5 ASD R=U Champion
- 1991 NGSPA Region 5 OSD Champion
- 1991 Region 8 Shooting Dog R-U Champion
- 1992 Can-Am ASD Champion
- 1992 NGSPA Region 4 OSD R-U Champion
- 1992 NGSPA Region 4 ASD R-U Champion
- 1992 NGSPA Region 5 OAA Champion
- 1992 NGSPA Region 5 AAA Champion
- 1992 NGSPA Region 8 ASD Champion
- 1993 NGSPA Region 5 OAA Champion
- 1993 NGSPA Region 5 AAA Champion

- 1994 NGSPA Region 4 ASD R-U Champion
- 1995 NGSPA Region 5 ASD Champion
- 1989 Parent Club Amateur Dog of the Year
- 1991 GSPCA National Amateur Champion
- 1991 NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog of the Year
- 1993 NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog of the Year
- 1993 Parent Club Dam of the Year
- Her get had of 88 American Field Placements
- She produced 6 AKC Field Champions
- She produced 4 AKC Amateur Field Champions
- She produced 1 Senior Hunter

OUTSTANDING WINS BY GET

FC/AFC Pete's Pyrotechnic Peggy

- 1991 NGSPA Region 8 Derby Classic winner
- 1995 NGSPA National Amateur R-U Champion
- 1996 NGSPA National Amateur R-U Champion
- Field Champion
- Amateur Field Champion
- In Top 10 numerous times
- 24 American Field Placements
- 27 AKC wins and placements

FC Blitz's Molly Be Good

- 1992 GSPCA Open Gun Dog Champion
- 1991 GSPCA National Champion R-U
- Field Champion
- 17 American Field placements
- 20 AKC wins and placements

FC/AFC Wildfires Blitz Jetta

- NGSPA Region 11 OSD R-U Champion
- Field Champion
- Amateur Field Champion
- 61 AKC wins and placements

FC/AFC PW's Fire Crackin Allison

- NGSPA Futurity - 3rd place
- 1991 NGSPA Region 4 ASD R-U Champion
- Field Champion
- Amateur Field Champion
- 20 American Field placements

FC/AFC Wildfire's Brandywine

- Field Champion
- Amateur Field Champion
- 11 American Field placements
- 39 AKC wins and placements

FC Sandhills Cruiser

- Field Champion
- 15 AKC wins and placements

PJ Wildfire's Blitz SH

- Senior Hunter

FC Vanna von Struebing

- Field Champion
- 28 AKC wins and placements

GRAND GET TITLE & ACHIEVEMENTS

FC/FC PJ Wildfire's Jack

- 1999 GSPCA Open Gun Dog of the Year
- 1998 GSPCA Puppy/Derby Dog of the Year
- 1997-98 FTCI Puppy Dog of the Year
- 1998-99 FTCI Derby Dog of the Year
- 1998-99 FTCI Open Gun Dog of the Year
- 2000 FTCI Open Gun Dog of the Year
- 2000 FTCI Amateur Gun Dog of the Year
- 2005 AKC National Amateur Gun Dog Champion
- 2000 AKC Parent Club Amateur Dog of the Year
- Field Champion
- Amateur Field Champion
- 161 AKC wins and placements

FC/AFC/NGPDA Champion Howdy's Hell Bytch JH

- AKC Field Champion
- AKC Amateur Field Champion
- 2001 NGPDA National Amateur Champion
- AKC Junior Hunter

FC/AFC Jams Smokin Sadie

- Field Champion
- Amateur Field Champion
- 16 AKC wins and placements

FC/AFC Downwinds Sport'n Chance

- 1998 #6 Puppy/Derby Dog
- Field Champion
- Amateur Field Champion
- 26 AKC wins and placements

FC/AFC Wildfire's Brown L Dot Com

- Field Champion
- Amateur Field Champion
- 20 AKC wins and placements

Thunder's Pyrotechnic Ginny SH

- Senior Hunter
- 7 AKC wins and placements

AFC The Auditor

- Field Champion
- 11 AKC wins and placements

FC AFC PW's Fire Cracklin Allison

- Field Champion
- Amateur Field Champion
- 36 AKC wins and placements

Gretchen von Struebing

- Top Ten Puppy/Derby Dog (Deceased at very young age)

FC Gabriel von Struebing

- 1998 Sharptail Derby Classic - 3rd place
- Field Champion
- 22 AKC wins and placements

NGSPA Field Trial Hall of Fame Guidelines and Procedures

Revised following June 2017 Board Meeting

PURPOSE:

To identify and honor those persons and dogs, past and present, whose accomplishments in Field Trial competition are exceptional, and whose contributions to the sport are outstanding.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

People

1. The person must be at least 65 years old.
2. The person should have a significant record as a Field Trial competitor over a sustained period of time.
3. The person should have made a significant and sustained contribution to the sport by “giving back” through donation of time, resources and expertise, (for example: running trials, helping at trials, scribing, judging, providing grounds, encouraging and teaching newcomers, etc., etc.)
4. The person must have exhibited exceptional sportsmanship, integrity, and a history of unselfish giving to the sport.

Dogs

1. The dog must be deceased.
2. The dog must have a distinguished Field Trial record, especially in hour Championships.
3. The dog must have a record of producing outstanding progeny, both as competitors and producers.

PROCESS OF SELECTION:

Nomination and selection occurs on an annual basis. The nominations open January 1 and close August 31 annually. Any individual may nominate dogs and/or persons. It is the responsibility of the nominating person to provide all relevant data with regard to the nominees' accomplishments, which will support why that person or dog deserves to be considered for this award. Nomination forms are available on the NGSPA website or from the Committee Chairman. Completed forms and supporting documentation must be received by the chairman by the first of September each year. If a nominee is not selected to enter “The Hall” in the year nominated, the nominee will remain eligible for consideration for two (2) additional years. Thus, a nomination is valid for three (3) years at which time it will expire if the nominee has not been selected into the HOF. Nominations will not be accepted for a nominee that fails to be selected in the first three year period until a minimum of three (3) years after the expiration of the first nomination.

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The Selection Committee is comprised of individuals who are selected for their experience, character and integrity in German Shorthaired Pointer field trials, and in breeding superior German Shorthaired Pointers. Their decision on the merits of nominees are independent and kept anonymous. Each year's Honorees will be announced no later than the first of December annually. Individuals elected to the selection committee will serve a 3 year term, and be eligible for one more consecutive second 3-year term.

INTRODUCTION:

Those selected will be formally inducted at ceremonies held at the Hall of Fame (Bird Dog Museum) in Grand Junction, Tennessee, on the Saturday before beginning of the Pointer National Championship.

Committee members & their dog(s) are ineligible for nomination to the HOF during their service on the committee.

Hall of Fame Committee Structural Guidelines (These reflect past precedents)

- While the GSP Hall of Fame Selection Committee services at the pleasure of the NGSPA Board of Trustees, its decisions regarding inductees are to be totally independent of the board influence.
- It's operational procedures and membership are subject to BOT approval.
- The maximum size of the committee is 15.

CHAIRMAN RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The Chairman will be responsible to advise the Board of committee resignations, and to present nominees to the Board for approval.
- The Chairman will serve as the GSP representative and present the inductees at the official induction ceremony.
- The Chairman will present proposed changes to procedures and processes to the BOT for approval.
- The Committee Chairman will provide a report at the annual BOT meeting.

GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME

2018 NOMINATION FORM

Please note all nominations must be received no later than August 31 of the nomination year. (Nominations are good for three years).

In order to be nominated, dogs must be deceased. Persons may be nominated, living or dead, however they must be at least 65 years of age, if still living.

FOR DOGS: In order to be considered, a resume that depicts a candidate's complete field trial record in all types of field trial events, the candidate's progeny and their quality. The dogs candidacy should be dependent on his entire competitive career, and the quality of his offspring.

FOR PERSONS: Persons to be nominated and elected into the GSP Field Trial Hall of Fame, need to have rendered outstanding service to the sport of field trialing, both at a local and national level for a long period of time. They need to have significant contributions that have made a measurable difference in the improvement to the sport of Field Trialing. Activities such as judging, being a club official, breeder, handler, and/or a sustained record of breeding German Shorthaired Pointers which have contributed to the improvement of the GSP as a breed.

Because this is a great honor to bestow upon a person, the Election Committee needs an accurate and complete biography. Incorrect or misleading facts within the biography will cause the nomination to be denied until it is updated and corrected.

I wish to nominate the following person/dog to the 2018 German Shorthaired Pointer Field Trial Hall of Fame.

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

PLEASE ATTACH BIOGRAPHY TO THIS FORM

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