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Joe Vicari

JOE VICARI HAS PASSED AWAY

By Angie Vicari

Joe Vicari of Hampshire, Ill., passed away on December 20, 2020 at age 79 with his family by his side. He is survived by his wife Pat Vicari; children Frank, Josie, Lori, Angie, Annette and Patty, grandchildren Samantha, Joey W., Mike, Joey V., Kayla, Allison and Jack.

Joe Vicari began field trialing German Shorthaired Pointers over 45 years ago. He has spent this time dedicated to training, handling, breeding, competing and helping others.

Joe owned and trained over 24 AKC Field Champions and over 17 AKC Amateur Field Champions. He has four dogs inducted into the German Shorthaired Point Club of America (AKC Parent Club) Hall of Fame.

Joe, along with two of his dogs, was inducted into the NGSPA Hall of Fame.

Joe's influence on the German Shorthaired Pointer breed has been extremely significant. Over the years, the positive influence of dogs he bred in the German Shorthaired Pointer gene pool is huge and nearly impossible to quantify. The number of dogs out of his Wildfire breedings owned and handled by others is myriad. These dogs continue to be a strong influence in the genetic pool of the breed.

Contributing to every aspect of bird dogs and field trials through the years, Joe judged numerous *Field Dog Stud Book* (American Field) and AKC field trials for a number of different pointing breeds, including weekend, regional and National Championships.

Joe conducted many seminars by himself and along with Delmar Smith, Bob West and Bob McKowen. These seminars assisted newcomers to the Bir dog sport in the development of their dogs. He also provided bird dog demonstrations for Midwest Outdoors.

Joe served in numerous official capacities with the Fort Dearborn German Shorthaired Pointer Club, German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Illinois, Rock River German Shorthaired Pointer Club and NGSPA Region 5. He served on the Board of Directors of the NGSPA, the National German Shorthaired Pointing Dog Association (NGPDA), and the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois. In addition, Joe served as Field Trial Chairman for numerous field trials, ensuring smooth running events.

Joe was most proud of helping introduce newcomers to this sport by assisting them with training, questions and any other way that he could. Joe has also brought his son, daughter and grandson to this sport. Frank, Angie and Mike will carry on the Wildfire bloodline in honor of their father's legacy and impact to this sport.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NGSPA REGION 16 CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: February 12-18, 2021
Savage Creek Plantation
Dry Creek, GA
Stakes Offered: TBA
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SAVANNAH RIVER CHAMPIONSHIP

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Dry Creek, GA
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NGSPA REGION 7

Lake Murray Field Trial Grounds
Ardmore, OK
February 15, 2021 - February 21, 2021
Stakes Offered: OAA, OSD, ASD
OAA Judges: Dr. Bob Rankin & Chad Inderman
OSD Judges: Harvey Franco & Tom Milam
ASD Judges: Dr., Bob Rankin & Jon Small
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NGSPA REGION 5

Date: March 6, 2021
Pyramid State Park, So. Illinois
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NGPDA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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NGSPA GREAT PLAINS CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 2, 2021 - March 9, 2021
Holler Point Farms
Abilene, KS
Stakes Offered: OAA, AAA, OSD, ASD and Derby
OAA Judges: Rodney Shoemaker & Tim Thornton
AAA Judges: Steve Auxier & Ryan Westfall
OSD Judges: Tim Thornton & Brandon Blum
ASD Judges: Steve Auxier & Robin Lambourn
Derby Judges: Brandon Blum & TBA
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NGSPA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 27, 2021 to conclusion

Sportsmen Field Trial Grounds, Grovespring,
MO

Stakes Offered

- National Amateur Shooting Dog
Championship
Judges: Jeff Haggis & Harvey Franco
- National Amateur Championship
Judges: John Rabidou & Joe Orndorff
- NGSPA Futurity
Judges: John Rabidou & Steve Auxler
- National Championship
Judges: Steve Hurdle & Doug Meyers
- National Shooting Dog Championship
Judges: Mark Johnson & Buck Daniel

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2020 DOG OF THE YEAR STANDING

** FINAL **

OPEN ALL AGE

Trials Included: 2021 All-Age Invitational, Quail, Pheasant, Hun, Prairie Chicken, Sharptail, Texas (Revised 1/18/2021)

#1	BMB's Free Ride Owner: Brandon Blum	1304
#2	Rumel's Augie Doggie Owner: Yates, Mucci and Turano	837
#3	Riden High Rudy Owner: Ray Nelson	808
#4	Lambourn's Slick Shot Owner: Robin Lambourn	658
#5	H's AM Cruiser Owner: Higgenbotham & Verdoorn	626
#6	PW BDK's Dot On. The Horizon Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson	562
#7	Llano's Snowbird Owner: Chad & Joe Inderman	438
#8	MSR's Storms End Owner: James & Sara Messer	404
#9	Chicoree's Elvis Airing Felty Owner: Lance Fargo	364
	MSR's Quail Commando Bunker Buster Owner: Harvey Franco	364
#11	Quailpoint Black River Rusty Owner: Ken & Nancy Huyser	356

#12	Texas Tuff Owner: Kirk & Terry Bomer	268
#13	BMB's Freeloader Owner: Brandon Blum	232
#14	High Standing Cuttin Edge Owner: Dayna & Anthony Rusciano	232
	BDK's Texas Holdem Owner: David O'Brien	232

AMATEUR ALL AGE

Trials Included: Quail, Sharptail, HJun, Prairie Chicken, Pheasant, Chukar

#1	BMB's Free Ride Owner: Brandon Blum	1738
#2	PW BDK's Dot On The Horizon Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson	602
#3	BMB's Samsquatch Owner: Brandon Blum	414
#4	Snowy River Top Gun Maverick Owner: Greg Hellbusch	382
#5	Hi-N's Hasty Matilda Owner: Hank Lewis	376
#6	Joker's Sin City Slick Ace Owner: Bob Thompson	348

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

Trials Included: Invitational, Quail, Sharptail, Hun, Prairie Chicken, Pheasant, Savannah River, Texas and Regions 3, 7, 8, 12 and 16

#1	Texas She's Got Legs	1473
	Owner: Kirk & Terry Bomer	
#2	Autry's Natural Chromoly Steel	1294
	Owner: Danial & Allison Autry	
#3	Rumel's Auggie Doggie	1286
	Owner: Checklick & Turano	
#4	Chicoree's Riden High Trixie	1282
	Owner: Randy Alexander	
#5	PW Evolution's Re-Creation	770
	Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson	
#6	BDK's Sam I Am	706
	Owner: David o'Brien	
#7	Greyrock's Mile Marker	584
	Owner: Tom Tubergen	
#8	All N's Hurricane Jane	524
	Owner: Robert Reynolds	
#9	Joke's On You	464
	Oqnwe: Arwcw Weixkaon	
#10	Wingfield's Lancer	460
	Owner: Don Coller	
	PW The Real Deal	460
	Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson	
#12	Teton's One Slick Dude	452
	Owner: Don Lee	

#13	Dunfur's Emma Frost	444
	Owner: Clint Matthews	
#14	Hi-Tailyn Talented Texas	428
	Owner: Keith Bryant	
#15	MSR's Rowdy One	396
	Owner: James & Sarah Messer	
#16	Llano's Game On Greta	336
	Owner: Chad & Joe Inderman	
#17	Hi-N's Hasty Matilda	312
	Owner: Hank Lewis	
#18	Cuttin Wild's Space Cowgirl	304
	Owner: Mike Patrick	
#19	Aunt Troji's Dirty Nike	272
	Owner: Larry Metter	
#20	MSR's Kiss My Lily	248
	Owner: James & Sarah Messer	

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

Trials Included: Invitational, Quail, Sharptail, Hun, Prairie Chicken, Pheasant, Savannah River, Texas, and Regions 3, 7, 8, 12 & 16

#1	Snowy River White Out	1951
	Owner: Chase & Mark Verdoorn	
#2	Hi-N's Bodacious	1326
	Owner: Hank Lewis	
#3	Cuttin Wild's Space Cowgirl	738
	Owner: Mike Patrick	
#4	AO Tripp's To Win	676
	Owner: Alan Davidson	

- #5 Hi-N's Hasty Matilda 672
Owner: Hank Lewis
- #6 BMB's Samsquatch 668
Owner: Brandon Blum
- #7 Hi-N's Ramblin Gypsy 644
Owner: Hank Lewis
- #8 Cuttin Wild's Rebel Yell 508
Owner: Mike Patrick
- Snowy River Struttin N' Cuttin 508
Owner: Mark & Chase Verdoorn
- #10 Snowy River Cuttin High Tide 444
Owner: Mark & Chase Verdoorn
- #11 H's AM Cruiser 438
Owner: Harlen Higgenbotham/
Chase Verdoorn
- #12 Uodibar's Robbi Jo 428
Owner: Sherry Warren
- #13 All N's Green With Envy 416
Owner: Robert Reynolds DVM
- #14 High Standing Cuttin Edge 396
Owner: Dayna &^ Anthony Rusciano
- #15 Quijano's WD=40 Rusty 304
Owner: David Quijano
- #16 MSR's Pretty Little Psycho 248
Owner: James & Sarah Messer

2020 NGSPA/PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR ** FINAL **

OPEN HANDLER

Included: OSD & OAA NGSPA Championships, AKC & GSPCA totals. (Revised 1/18/2021)

#1	Dan DiMambro	5357
#2	Josh Nieman	3458
#3	Keith Gulledge	2447
#4	Richie Robertson	1792
#5	James Messer	1613
#6	Brandon Blum	1564
#7	Chris Goegan	1362
#8	Chase Verdoorn	626
#9	Rich Barber	584
#10	Dan Hoke	444
#11	Harvey Franco	364
#12	Mike Mullineaux	356
#13	Hank Lewis	312
#14	Larry Metter	272
#15	David O'Brien	232

AMATEUR HANDLER

Trials Included: ASD & AAA Championships ran in 2020, plus GSPCA totals

#1	Hank Lewis	4194
#2	Chase Verdoorn	3341
#3	Brandon Blum	2820
#4	Peter Wilkin	1294
#5	Michael Patrick	1246
#6	James Messer	805
#7	Alan Davidson	676
#8	Sherri Warren	629
#9	Keith Richardson	602
#10	Robert Reynolds, DVM	416
#11	Heath Autry	401
#12	Anthony Rusciano	396
#13	Greg Hellbusch	382
#14	Larry Loftin	352
#15	Robert Thompson	348
#16	David Quijano	304

2020-2021 INVITATIONAL POINTS

SUMMER/FALL 2020

ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL

Trials Included: Invitational, Sharptail, Hungarian, Prairie Chicken, Pheasant, Texas, Regions 3 and 8 (revised 1/18/2021)

#1	Rumel's Augie Doggie	Automatic
	Owner: Yates, Mucci & Turrano	
#2	BMB's Free Ride	1304
	Owner: Brandon Blum	
#3	Riden High Rudy	808
	Owner: Ray Nelson	
#4	H's AM Cruiser	626
	Owner: Harlen Higgenbotham/ Chase Verdoorn	
#5	PW BDK's Dot On The Horizon.	562
	Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson	
#6	Chicoree's Elvis Airing Felty	364
	Owner: lance Fargo	
#7	MSR's Quail Commando's Bunker Buster	364
	Owner: Harvey Franco	
#8	Quailpoint Black River Rusty	356
	Owner: Ken & Nancy Huyser	
#9	BMB's Freeloader	260
	Owner: Brandon Blum	
#10	High Standing Cuttin Edge	232
	Owner: Dayna & Anthonyt Rusciano	

#10	BDK's Texas Holdem	232
	Owner: David O'Brien	

OPEN SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL

Trials Included: 2020 Invitational, Sharptail, Hun, Prairie Chicken, Pheasant, Texas and Regions 3 & 8

#1	Texas She's Got Legs	Automatic
	Owner: Kirk & Terry Bomer	
#2	Autry's Natural Chromoly Steel.	1294
	Owner: Danial & Allison Autry	
#3	Chicoree's Riden High Trixie	1282
	Owner: Randy Alexander	
#4	Rumel's Augie Doggie	778
	Owner: Checklick & Turano	
#5	PW Evolution's Re-Creation.	720
	Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson	
#6	N-Country's Hurricane Jane	524
	Owner: Robert Reynolds, DVM	
#7	Joke's On You	464
	Owner: Steve Erickson	
#8	PW The Real Deal	460
	Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson	
#9	Teton's One Slick Dude	452
	Owner: Don Lee	
#10	MSR's Rowdy One	396
	Owner: James & Sarah Messer	

#11	Llano's Game On Greta	336	#10	MSR's Little Miss Psycho	264
	Owner: Chad Inderman			Owner: James & Sara Messer	
#12	Hi-N's Hasty Matilda	312			
	Owner: Hank Lewis				
#13	MSR's Kiss My Lily	248			
	Owner: James & Sarah Messer				

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL

Trials Included: 2020 Invitational, Sharptail, Hungarian, Prairie Chicken, Pheasant and Regions 3 and 8

#1	Snowy River White Out	Automatic
	Owner: Mark & Chase Verdoorn	
#2	Hi-N's Bodacious	1078
	Owner: Hank Lewis	
#3	AO Tripp's To Win	676
	Owner: Alan Davidson	
#4	Hi-N's Hasty Matilda	672
	Owner: Hank Lewis	
#5	BMB's Samsquatch	668
	Owner: Brandon Blum	
#6	Snowy River Struttin N Cuttin.	508
	Owner: Mark & Chase Verdoorn	
#7	H's AM Cruiser	438
	Owner: Higgenbotham/Verdoorn	
#8	Uodibar's Robbie Jo	428
	Owner: Sherri Warren	
#9	All N's Green With Envy	416
	Owner: Robert Reynolds DVM	

2020 NGSPA REGION 3

By Joe Amatulli & Tim Holmes

NGSPA Region 3 ran an Open All Age, Amateur Shooting Dog, Open Derby and Open Shooting Dog Championships this year. This was the second time in many years that Region 3 ran all three Championships.

Let me start off by thanking our judges. Brian Sanchez and Day O'Brien did the All-Age and the Amateur Shooting Dog. Brian Sanchez and Wayne Horner did the Derby. Cliff Mesnard and Tom McKellar did the Open Shooting Dog.

Also, I would like to thank the people that jumped in to help put this trial on. Tim Holmes, Chuck Gonzalez, John Frank and Doug Carey did the bird planting and had his son bring down a skid steer to fill in the numerous holes that were created by the dogs, horses and trucks. Chris Goegan helped by letting us use his horses. And, of course, I want to thank the pros: Dan DiMambro, Chris Goegan, Barry Bollinger and Mike Mullineaux are the pros that came to compete.

I also want to give special thanks to Purina and SportDog for their contributions and, of course, the amateurs. Without them this trial would be impossible.



Open Shooting Dog Winners

Chuck Gonzales with Hi N's Hurricane Jane, Fred Ryan with H-N's Hasty Matilda, Tom McKellar Judge, Chris Goegan, Hank Lewis judge, Cliff Mesnard judge

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

Let me start by apologizing for this poor write-up. The notes were lost and I was unable get a lot of information.

We drew 28 dogs. The day started with rain and as promised heavy rain for the PM. We ran the first 5 braces and then shut it down for the afternoon. We held it up in the morning after a monsoon of rain that evening that caused flooding. Our Champion was N Country's Hurricane Jane, owned by Bob Reynolds and handled by Chris Goegan. Our Runner-Up Champion was Hi-N's Hasty Matilda, owned and handled by Hank Lewis.



Open All Age Winners

Chuck Gonzales with Chicoree's Elvis Airing Felty, Dyna Rusiano with High Standing Cutting Edge, Chris Goegan, Stacey Goegen, Dave O'Brian judge, Brian Sanchez Judge.

OPEN ALL AGE

We drew 8 dogs. Unlike the last few days, the weather could not have been better, but the mud got really bad. Chicoree's Elvis Airing Felty was our Champion, owned by Lance Felty, handled by Chris Goegan. Elvis truly ran a very forward All-Age performance with 3 well spaced finds. After he ran, we all knew we were playing for second.

Highstanding Cuttin Edge, owned and handled by Anthony Rusciano, was our Runner-Up. Woody ran a somewhat short race for an All-Age, but did have a find and was never out of pocket.

OPEN DERBY

4 dogs were drawn. The Open Derby was won by Cary's Blazing Cooper, owned by Doug and Debbie Cary and was handled by Joe Amatulli. Cooper showed some All Age potential. He ran a very big race, basically forward and showed some serious power. High Standing Bustin Fannie, owned and handled by Anthony Rusciano, was our second place dog. Jewel also showed some power, but was directional challenged. There was not a third place, due to an error on the posting of the running order.

When the correction was made, there was a strong objection by one of the handlers and, as a result, that dog was withdrawn and only 2 placements could be awarded.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

12 dogs were drawn. Hank Lewis made a clean sweep of this one. Hi-N's Bodacious is our Champion. Bo ran a strong forward race with multiple finds. Hi-N's hasty Matilda was our Runner-Up Champion. Matte is no stranger to the winners circle. She did an outstanding job with 6 finds. She was big and forward and very impressive on her birds.

THE WINNERS

OPEN ALL AGE

Judges: Brian Sanchez & David
O'Brian
8 Starters

CHAMPION

Chicoree's Elvis Airing Felty
GSP Male 11/14/2011
FDSB#1649301
Sire: Chicoree's Jake
Dam: Chicoree's What A Hoodlum
Owner: Lance Felty
Handler: Chris Goegan

RUNNER-UP

High Standing Edge
GSP Male 2/2/2017
FDSB#1765198
Sire: Slicks Cuttin Wild
Dam: CLK's Point Me The Way
Owner: Anthony & Dayna Rusciano
Handler: Dan DiMambro

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Tom McKellar & Cliff Mesnard
28 Starters

CHAMPION

N Country's Hurricane Jane
GSP Female 7/2/2016
FDSB#1672744
Sire: Hi-N's Bodacious
Dam: Slaterock Mattie Clark
Owner: Robert Reynolds, DVM
Handler: Chris Goegan

RUNNER-UP

GAFC FC AFC Hi-N's Hasty Matilda
GSP Female 7/27/2013
FDSB#1657658
Sire: FC AFC Hi-N's Feed Jake
Dam: Hi-N's Southern Cross
Owner/Handler: Hank Lewis



2020 Derby Winners

Joe Amatulli with Carey's Blazing Cooper, Dayna Rusiano with Highstanding
Bustin Fannie, Doug Carey, Wayne Horner Judge, Brian Sanchez judge.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Brian Sanchez & David O'Brien
12 Starters

CHAMPION

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

RUNNER-UP

GAFC FC AFC Hi-N's Hasty Matilda
GSP Female 7/27/2013
FDSB#1657658
Sire: FC AFC Hi-N's Feed Jake
Dam: Hi-N's Southern Cross
Owner/Handler: Hank Lewis

DERBY

Judges: Brian Sanchez & Wayne Horner
4 Starters

1st Place

Carey's Blazing Cooper
GSP Male 1/1/2018
FDSB#1687878
Sire: High sTanding Cuttin Edge
Dam: Tulli's Shot to the Heart
Owner: Douglas Carey
Handler: Joe Amatulli

2nd Place

High Standing Butsin Fannie
GSP Female 1/18/2019
FDSB# pending
Sire: MSR's Quail Commando Bunker Buster
Dam: Chicoree's Country Fan
Owner: Dayne & Anthony Rusciano
Handler: Anthony Rusciano



2020 Amateur Shooting Dog Winners
Fred Ryan with Hi N's Bodacious, Hank Lewis with Hi N's Hasty Matilda, Brian Sanchez judge, Joe Amatulli, Dave O'Brian judge

The National German Shorthaired Pointer Association, Inc.
65th NGSPA Futurity - Running Spring 2023 • Litter Enrollment

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Nominations will be accepted for German Shorthaired Pointers whelped between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021

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)

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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 _____

of Males _____ # of Females _____

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2020 NGSPA PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP

November 4-12, 2020
Wye Island, Maryland

By Anthony Rusciano

We kicked off the 47th running of this year's NGSPA Pheasant Championship on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, on the scenic grounds of Wye Island, Maryland. This year we were not sure if we would even have a Championship due to the COVID pandemic. After receiving a few phone calls from past attendees and board members pushing us to take a chance and have it we were off to a very late start planning. It turned out to be a great success and we had a tremendous turnout. Although this year COVID-19 kept us from holding our traditional dinners and hospitality gatherings due to the clubhouse being closed, many attendees planned meals together around camp or at local restaurants. We had great fall weather throughout the week, leaves changing color makes for beautiful scenery on the island, but the morning fog delayed us starting many days on time. I was pleased to see that we had an abundance of seasonal grasses and cover to plant the pheasant, as the past few years it was diminishing. The dogs had plenty of opportunity to point game with over 250 pheasants utilized throughout the event. Whether it was taking entries, planting birds, driving the dog wagon, assisting in the kitchen preparing lunches to take out to the course, being a stake manager, or jumping in where needed, this championship would not be a successful event without a team effort.

Thank you to all board members that volunteered their time to make this championship an enjoyable one for all of our attendees. We are grateful to all the participants (friends) that return every year and we welcome the newcomers that joined us this year. I want to commend the board for their assistance with both the last minute planning and running of the Championship. Special thanks to Dayna Rusciano, Jen Goodall, Bob Perlin, Chris Young, Penny Robertson, Mary Durham, Robert Reynold, DVM, Wayne Horner, Tim Holmes, Dave Gallo and Doug Carey for all of your hard work. (Apologize if I left anyone out) Doug Carey as a newcomer you really stepped up and helped out, planting birds, driving the dog wagon, and bringing your skid loader to fill holes made by our vehicles on the soft ground. You were a tremendous asset to the Championship. Thank you Mary Durham and the GSPC of Central Virginia for helping us to dual sanction this year's championship. Jen Goodall thank you for handling double the paperwork this year to dual sanction this event.

Chris Goegan of Hi-Point Kennels thank you for supplying horses for our amateur participants and judges. To the State of Maryland thank you for allowing us to continue to utilize the island. As always we are honored to have Purina Pro Plan (Greg Blair) and Sportdog (Jim Moorehouse) as sponsors for our Championship. The Board would like to express our sincere gratitude and Thank you for your years of sponsorship, it is greatly appreciated.



Open Shooting Dog Winners

families and your busy schedules to look at our dogs!

This year's Jerry Albanese sportsmanship award recipient was: Keith Richardson. Congratulations Keith we cannot thank you and Bobbi enough for your overwhelming support and generosity to our championship, to the NGSPA, and to the sport of field trialing.

Congratulations to this year's Champions and Runner-Up Champions.

To our professional handlers, thank you for selecting our championship to attend and support, we are grateful for your countless hours traveling and in the saddle. Your support is APPRECIATED more than you know. Chris, Staci and Giovanni Goegan, Dan DiMambro and April Raber, Rich and Penny Robertson, Barry Bollinger, and Mike Mullineaux thank you for joining us this year. Joe and Cindy Orndorff although you couldn't make it this year thank you for entering dogs to compete. To all of our amateur attendees and participants we value your support and thank you for coming out this year despite the pandemic.

Last but certainly not least we would like to express an enormous thank you to all of our judges, Hank Lewis, Ernie Saniga, Wayne Horner, Fred Ryan, Chris Young, Bill Monk, and Barry Bollinger, for taking time away from your

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Chris Young and Ernie Saniga
41 Starters

On Wednesday November 4, 2020 a total of 41 dogs competed in the Open Shooting Dog Championship. Our judges were Ernie Saniga from Nottingham, PA and Chris Young from Rochester, PA. Both gentlemen are seasoned judges that have spent hours in the saddle judging and handling pointing dogs. Ernie is an English Pointer (started with GSP's) owner/handler and Chris is a GSP owner/handler, both judges actively campaign their dogs.

Brace #1A - Augie (Dan DiMambro)
Brace #1B - Matte (Hank Lewis)

Our champion Augie left a great impression on the judges coming out of the first brace. Augie filled the huge lines on the Wye Island grounds and stayed in the pocket. Augie checked in several times after short absences in his very

strong hunting race, running the lines, swinging in the deep pockets, ducking in and using the wind, while the handler pointer him out. He scored 4 finds at 10, 32, 40, and 59 minutes, two with relocations, added a back on his own, and suffered only a single unproductive. All the stylish work was precise in location and manners. Bracemate Mattie ran a good race. Very upright and mannerly on her two finds and also added a pair of backs.

Brace #2A - Libby (Rich Robertson)

Brace #2B - Fargo (Joe Amatulli)

Libby had a big race. At 6 minutes Libby pointed but the handler was unable to produce the Pheasant. Libby earned a find at 35 finishing the hour strong. Fargo didn't respond kindly at times for the handler, but had a good back on his own at 35.

Brace #3A - Lancer (Dan DiMambro)

Brace #3B - Dutchess (Mike Mullineaux)

Lancer was ordered up at the half. Dutchess scored on pheasants at 35 and 40 with high style and finished manners. She shortened slightly at 50 when the handler elected to pick her up.

Brace #4A - Jake (Dan DiMambro)

Brace #4B - Maddie (Barry Bollinger)

These two bracemates ran wide and at time were out of the pocket. Both dogs were picked up at 40.

Brace #5A - Remi (Dan DiMambro)

Brace #5B - Spike (Rich Robertson)

Remi was picked up early. Spike scored finds at 20, 27 and 40 with a fairly good race on the ground. Spike didn't end as strong as he started this day.

Brace #6A - Pippa (Dan DiMambro)

Brace #6B - Boo (Rich Robertson)

These two dogs started off with a nice run but Pippa was picked up by the handler. Boo after a long absence was also picked up by the handler.

Brace #7A - Cupid (Joe Amatulli)

Brace #7B - Jade (Chris Goegan)

Cupid started with a bang with a far out woodcock find at 5, then a pheasant find at 20. After a nice cast she had her third find at 25. Cupid was ordered up for manners on this last bird. Jade M had a good back at 20, made some good casts but was up at 40.

End of Day 1

Brace #8A - Trixie (Dan DiMambro)

Brace#8B - Addison (Chris Goegan)

Trixie was found standing after a bird was seen in the air far out at 6. A find at 15 was handled well but she was up at 30 by the handler as he picked up on something he didn't like. Bracemate Addison had good ground speed and handled kindly. Her manners were all in order on her finds. Judges noted that she was a nice dog to watch but it just wasn't her day to beat what they had judged.

Brace #9A - Woody (Dab DiMambro)

Brace #9B - Buddy (Chris Goegan)

Woody had a big strong hour and covered a lot of ground hunting but didn't have any pheasants pointed. Buddy was named our Runner Up Champion. He had 2 finds, one with a good relocation on a running rooster that he finally pinned down. Buddy also had a nonproductive at the end in open woods where the relocation ended on a cliff edge along the river. Buddy had a championship performance, the hour was one of handling, running forward and hunting with sense.

Brace #10A - Blitz (Chris Goegan)
Brace #10B - Maxine (Jeanie Kelly)
These two dogs ran well and hunted the edges hard but pointed no birds. Handlers elected to pick up at 40.

Brace #11A - Blitz (Dan DiMambro)
Brace #11B - Blaser (Barry Bollinger)
Blitz and Blaser started off on course swapping the front. A few times they both got caught in some corners but the handlers were able to get them on course. They got caught up on a tough pheasant at 40 and both were up.

Brace #12A - Frank (Mike Mullineaux)
Brace #12B - Janie (Chris Goegan)
Frank was hard hunting and his strong run was a handful at times. Frank scored a single find with good style and finished manners. Frank finished strong. Janie had a good effort on the ground and 2 nice finds. Both finished the hour.

Brace #13A - Raife (Dan DiMambro)
Brace #13B - Rusty (Mike Mullineaux)
Although these two dogs had a nice race they were both picked up at 40 by the handlers.

Brace #14A - Milah (Chris Goegan)
Brace #14B - Rommel (Dan DiMambro)
Rommell made some fine hunting casts but his only find resulted in the handler unable to produce the pheasant. He also had a back at 30 and all was in order. Milah had a good effort rewarded with a find at 30. Milah was consistent throughout the brace.

End of Day 2

Brace #15A - Luna (Dan DiMambro)
Brace #15B - Camm (Hank Lewis)

Luna had two finds while hunting the island. Camm pointed with nice style but the handler was not able to reward him with a find. Good efforts but both were up at 40.

Brace #16A - Missy (Chris Goegan)
Brace #16B - Deal (Rich Robertson)
Both dogs ran big and unfortunately never found their way back on course.

Brace #17A - Thor (Chris Goegan)
Brace #17B - Stella (Dan Dimambro)
Thor pointed at 20 but the handler could not pin down the Pheasant. Stella looked good hunting the island and running the edges but end without pointing and birds.

Brace #18A - Charlie (Hank Lewis)
Brace #18B - Jed (Dan DiMambro)
Charlie had a find on a mixed pair of birds at 30 and shortly after was picked up. Jed ran a strong race with a find, a nonproductive, and a stop to flush but was lost at the end.

Brace #19A - Jade R (Chris Goegan)
Brace #19B - Tina (Dan DiMambro)
Tina scratched. Jade stopped after a long cast off the breakaway but nothing was produced even after a long relocation. She stood at 8 and after a long relocation a cock pheasant was produced and all was in order. She had a short absence but came back to the far front on her own and pointed at 19 facing into the woods, the relocation ending in a swampy area, a pheasant was not able to be produced.

Brace #20A - Enzi (Rich Robertson)
Brace #20B - Nitro (Dan DiMambro)
This was a strong pair that filled this country and showed well with no absences. Enzi had a good find at 55. Although this was Enzi's only find his manners and style were polished. Nitro had a find at 23, a stop to flush at 38, and

backed Enzi at 55, all were in order. They both finished well to the front.

Brace #21A - Mayda (Dan DiMambro)

Brace #21B - Blaze (Mike Mullineaux)

Mayda had a very strong hunting race but unfortunately went birdless. Blaze's race was also very strong with a nice find at 6, a nonproductive at 15, and was spotted standing at 60 to the front in heavy cover but nothing could be flushed.



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Bill Monk & Barry Bollinger
29 Starters

The judges for the running of the NGSPA Pheasant Amateur Shooting Dog Championship were Bill Monk of Wellsburg, WV and Barry Bollinger of Westminster, MD. Both Barry and Bill are GSP owners. The weather for the stake was ideal for running dogs, cool and overcast.

A seasoned veteran to field trialing and the current NGSPA President Keith Richardson 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. From a field of 29 dogs, our champion came from brace 6A Hi-N's Bodacious "Bo", owned and handled by Hank Lewis. Both Hank and Bo

are no strangers to these grounds and have won here in the past. Hank and Bo set the bar high. Bo had a strong forward shooting dog race from start to finish. He broke away and was all business. Bo stood with beautiful style and intensity, pointed with a high head and tail. As the pheasants were produced he handled the loud cackling pheasant with perfect manners, as they took flight over his head. After each find Bo continued on course always to the front, hunting the edges, and stayed consistent throughout the hour. Bo handled kindly and ran with little need of direction from the handler Hank or his scout. The hour was finished as strong as it was started.

The Runner Up Champion came from the last brace 15A. "Jade"- All N's Green with Envy owned by and handled Robert Reynolds, DVM. Jade started off the hour with a strong forward cast using the wind in her favor. She ran a strong shooting dog race with animation and style around the island in search of game. She was found to the front standing all of her

pheasant finds. She stood her birds with great style and manners and was able to pin down the moving Pheasants. Judges noted that she was a pleasure to watch on the ground. She handled kindly and finished to the front. Jade is a classy, stylish bird dog that complemented the champion nicely.

The judges mentioned that Hi-N's Hasty Matilda "Mattie" in brace 13B as well as Hi-N's Bodacious "Bo" in brace 10B both owned and handled by Hank Lewis were both doing a nice job and may have given them other dogs to consider. The notable change in the wind during Bo's brace hindered his hunting ability for the direction that the course was running. Mattie ran a consistent shooting dog range but slowed towards the final minutes of the hour and didn't finish as strong as the dogs that placed. Rumels Augie Doggie "Augie" brace 3a, owned by Carl Checklick and was handled by Dan DiMambro did a great job with multiple finds but unfortunately couldn't produce game on two finds. Congratulations to all dogs that placed in this competitive stake.

The judges mentioned that quite a few dogs demonstrated talent but it just wasn't their day to beat out what they had. Brace 1a Mattie owned and handled by Hank Lewis had a shooting dog race and nice style. Cupid 2b owned and handled by Joe Amatulli was off to the races and covered a lot of the island but judges noted slight inconsistencies in her style that hurt her placing. Rommel brace 4b also



All-Age Winners

handled by Hank Lewis had a nice race with a few finds but was not enough to move the placements. Pressing the winners was Brace 8a Jed handled by Hank Lewis. Jed ran a big forward race and had nice finds showing a lot of style. He needed a little more handle, which showed in a few areas. Brace 11a Woody owned and handled by Anthony Rusciano had a strong forward run and pointed with high head and tail but was a lot of dog for this amateur handler and was left on point at the end of the brace. Keith Richardson who owns and handled Enzi in brace 14a showed a lot of promise throughout the brace. Enzi handled kindly and point game with impeccable style, Enzi just didn't have enough to edge out the top placements. This was a tough stake and lots of great completion congrats to the winners.

OPEN ALL AGE

Judges: Wayne Horner &
Hank Lewis
14 Starters

Another day of morning fog kept us from starting the All Age on time. Once the fog lifted it was a great day to be in the saddle for our all age judges Wayne Horner from Medford, NJ and Hank Lewis from Louisville, OH. Both of these judges are experienced with running All Age German Shorthaired Pointers. We had an exciting day and a half of watching these powerful running All Age dogs. Out of the 14 contenders most dogs either out ran the course and were lost or lacked pheasant finds. Due to the added cover this year it increased our pheasant planting areas providing extra opportunities for these big running dogs to encounter game. PW BDK's Dot on the Horizon "Dot" brace 6b handled by Rich Robertson and owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson was named this year's All Age Champion. Dot knows these island grounds well and it showed that she was on a mission to point some pheasant. Dot broke away strong and had fast ground speed consistent throughout the brace. She was always spotted stuck to the edges far to the front. This seasoned dog responded well to the handler and required little scouting. Dot pointed strong with manners and style. She finished with plenty of fuel left in the tank. A first rate All Age performance earned Dot the Championship win. Runner up Champion was awarded to Quailpoint Blackriver Rusty, owned by Ken and Nancy Huyser and Handled by Mike



Derby Winners

Mullineaux. Rusty came ready to compete and had a comparable run to the champion. He had a very strong forward all age race and although he had some short absences, he responded well to the handler and always was found to the front. He had a Pheasant pointed and all was in order with good style. Rusty ended the hour as strong as he started and completed the hour with ease. Judges stated that the Runner Up complemented the Champion with only slight variation.

OPEN DERBY

It's always exciting to watch derby dogs run and handle the open grounds, some encountering their first ever pheasant find. Sometimes the large loud pheasant taking flight is just too much temptation for these young dogs to handle. Judges Hank Lewis and Fred Ryan, DVM enjoyed their afternoon judging these 11 young hopefuls and how the handlers would navigate them across these grounds.

First place was awarded to 3a. Chicoree's Royal Flush Remi's Ready, owned by Charles Gonzalez and handled by Chris Goegan. Remi was a pleasure to watch on the ground, he had a strong, fast run and hunted the course hard. He stayed forward at all times and had wide range. His ground speed and application awarded him first place.

Second place went to brace 2a Good Time's Tuff To Not Point Me The Way- Gabbie, owned and handled by Bill Monk. Gabbie was consistent to the first place dog, she broke away strong and fast to the front. This dog made nice casts and ran a consistent race. She finished the brace as hard as she started with plenty of go left in her.

Third place was awarded to Scappy, All N's Hellcat, owned by Joe and LaCindy Orndorff and handled by Chris Goegan. This young dog made nice casts and ran a consistent race. Scappy stayed to the front but was a little erratic at the start. Scappy quickly settled in and responded to the handler earning him a placement.

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

THE WINNERS

Open Shooting Dog

Judges: Chris Young & Ernie Saniga
41 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: Checklick & Turano
Handler: Dan DiMambro

Open All Age

Judges: Wayne Horner & Hank Lewis
14 Starters

Champion

PW BDK's Dot On the Horizon
GSP Female 8/5/2012
FDSB#1647542
Sire: Prairie Wind's Zackly Right
Dam: BDK's Outbak Cutter
Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson
Handler: Rich Robertson

Runner-Up

Quailpoint Blackriver Rusty
GSP Male 9/30/2015
FDSB#1672636
Sire: KJ's Hightailing Saddle
Dam: West Wind's Sky Rocket
Owner: Ken & Nancy Huyser
Handler: Mike Mullineaux

Amateur Shooting Dog

Judges: Bill Monk & Barry Bollinger
29 Starters

Champion

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

Runner-Up

All N's Green With Envy
GSP Female 10/27/2013
FDSB#1658875
Sire: Hi Point's Lightning Bolt
Dam: Jagermeister's Dollop of Daisy
Owner/Handler: Robert Reynolds, DVM

Derby Classic

Judges: Fred Ryan & Hank Lewis
11 Starters

1st Place

Chicoree's Royal Flush Remi Ready
GSP Male 11/14/2018
Sire: Riden High Rudy
Dam: Chicoree's Sparkle I Her Eye
Owner: Charles Gonzalez
Handler: Chris Goegan

2nd Place

Good Time's Tuff To Not Point Me The Way
GSP Female 5/5/2019
Sire: Texas Tuff
Dam: CLK's Point Me The Way
Owner/Handler: Bill Monk

3rd Place

All N's Hellcat
GSP Male 5/7/2019
Sire: All N's Wildcard
Dam: All N's Double Down
Owner: Joe & La Cindy Orndorff
Handler: Chris Goegan



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2021 NGSPA OPEN ALL-AGE INVITATIONAL



NGSPA Open All Age Invitational Participants

By Keith Richardson

The third NGSPA Open All-Age Invitational was held on January 4-6, 2021, at Hell Creek WMA, Mississippi. It is the only NGSPA event held on these grounds. Many field trialers believe these are the best All-Age grounds in the country, and we agree that it is the best place to hold this prestigious event.

Hell Creek WMA is owned by the state of Mississippi and managed by their Department of Wildlife, Fish and Parks. They have been very helpful to work with, allowing us to keep the

same dates as last year, and allowing two extra days in case of bad weather. These grounds were opened in 1999 and include dog kennels, a horse barn with 38 stalls, outside paddocks, a spacious Club House, and a hard pack area and a few hook-ups for trailers.

Jack Griffin retired in 2020 and he was the man responsible for maintaining the grounds and providing other field trial support. The State did not replace him, but the grounds appeared to be in excellent shape thanks to the oversight of Nathan Blount, Regional Biologist. Thanks also to Jeremy Taylor and the other Hell Creek

Field Trial Clubs who have all pitched in to keep the area clean and in good shape. The grounds present a number of long bottoms and some piney woods providing a variety of cover to challenge and test our dogs. There is plenty of dense cover to hold quail. The grounds demand a powerful All-Age dog that stays to the front, carries a line to the end, and seeks timely guidance from its handler. Absences of five to ten minutes are common. The courses flow nicely but penalize dogs that get behind, won't carry a line, are seen too often, or won't respond to their handler. For the first time in our three years of running we were able to use course three, which requires crossings of Hell Creek that may be dangerous if the creek is swollen from recent rains. All three courses are quite similar in most regards.

Previously, Jack Griffin planted all of our 330 birds the afternoon before the trial was to begin. This year birds were planted by Nick Thompson and Korey Rinehart who, arguably, know the courses better than just about anybody. They did a great job and our finds were all in strategic locations. We put out 500 birds this year and they planted them in strategic spots with lots of feed; 300 for day one, 100 for day two, and 100 for day three. Divided evenly between the courses. We had more finds than ever. Perhaps too many but next year we plan to refine our program by planting more birds per location with fewer release sites.

We were honored to have two outstanding judges: Bubba Spencer, Bolivar, TN and Chris Sellers, Selmer, TN. Both are amateurs and well-respected judges in the American Field world. They handle and train their own dogs and have a consistently positive, informed and focused evaluation of the competing dogs.

Our field of dogs was reduced to six at the last minute by COVID related issues: the cancellation of qualifying trials, and injuries. Regardless of the size of the entry the field of six dogs was very competitive and the dog named Champion put on a performance that would have shone brightly even in a much larger field of entrants.

A talented crew came together to put on this quality event. The caterer, Me & My Tea Room, prepared breakfast, lunch and dinner each day. We missed Edie and Rere from prior years, but the owner, Catherine Bowling-Dean, sent her manager, Travis and his wife, Hattie. They drove about 90 miles each way and provided coffee at 6:00 am, and dinner lasted until around 8:00 pm. Joe Frauendienst oversaw tons of details, and also drove the dog wagon. Sarah Messer helped with organization details. We could not have put the event on without the oversight, attention to details, and hard work of Bobbi Richardson. Our Executive Assistant, Brittiny Habercorn was also essential and helped Bobbi in many ways, coordinated itineraries with the judges, prepared brochures, organized gifts, etc. We were fortunate that Korry Rinehart marshalled for us again with his many years of experience on these grounds. Our incredible sponsors made this trial possible. Greg Blair and Purina supports all three of our NGSPA Invitationals, which showcase the excellence of their product which is currently being fed to all dogs competing in this challenging endurance event. They provided important financial assistance, including 12 bags of product for the Champion, 12 bags to auction, and a Ross Young original oil painting of the Champion and direct financial help. Sportdog provided a top-of-line GPS/Training collar, and a second training collar. Garmin provided their excellent GPS tracking collar. Ed Moody and Costa



2021 NGSPOA OAA Champion
Rummel's Augie Doggie
Owner: Jim Yates and Frank Mucci
Handler: Dan DiMambro

provided two best-in-class, stylish, polarized, sunglasses for auction. Ross Young donated much of his time because he is not charging full value for his truly fabulous works of art. The winning handler earned a \$5,000 purse, the aforementioned painting, and received a \$500 Gift Certificate from a major retailer (not a sponsor).

All attendees received an exceptional package of gifts including a set of rainwear with logo, Haggis saddle bag, dog vest with logo by Ruff Wear, Yeti thermos with logo, and other items.

The Guidelines and Philosophy are essentially the same as the NGSPA Shooting Dog

Invitationals, other than the application of the new NGSPA All-Age Standard. The top winning 12 All-Age dogs from the past year are invited. There are three continuous days of running. The first two are hour stakes and the third day is a 90 minute call-back, which tests the endurance and stamina of the top dogs like no other trial in the NGSPA world.

The judges called back two dogs and named two in reserve. The judges stated that our Invitational format enabled the Champion to "show himself" as standing out above the other contestants over the three day's of running. The judges maintained a pace of 12 minute miles (5 mph), and closely monitored their pace to ensure every brace, every day

was consistent. Chris used his Garmin watch to determine the pace and distance traveled, plus the time of each find and the distance between finds. This information proved to be very useful as an evaluation tool. They expected the handler to “show them their dogs”, and they wanted handlers to quickly gain the front after bird work. They were both very experienced and their depth of knowledge and “bird-dog sense” was apparent in their evaluations.

CHAMPION

Rummel’s Augie Doggie (Augie), owned by Jim Yates and Frank Mucci, handled by Dan DiMambro, and scouted by James Messer, was named the 2020 NGSPA All-Age Invitational Champion.

DAY 1, BRACE 3

Augie had six finds at minutes: 9, 14, 18, 30, 46, and 57. He had one UP and one back. The brace covered 5.3 “horse miles”. Every find was consistently “best in class”. Stoic and intense, not moving a muscle at the flight or flush of birds. On his one back the pointing dog aggressively took out the birds, and Augie stood like a statue. It was very impressive. He was biddable with good range.

DAY 2, BRACE 2

Augie had five finds at: 1, 6, 26, 39 and 41 minutes; a back at 32 and a UP at 58. He covered 5.2 horse miles. As with the first day his bird work was faultless.

His range was good, but his handling at range was a bit “looser” than Day 1 said one judge. His third find was after a long absence, and handler kept riding and calling. All were excited when Augie was found standing way to

the front. His fourth find was also a surprise. Everyone rode hard upon entering a new field trying to get a view of Augie. A gallery rider looking for a better vantage point was left behind and happened to glance deep into the woods barely catching sight of Augie’s butt and tail. Upon the call of “Point” everyone rode back with a mixture of relief and near disbelief that he could have been seen. Augie then went on to his fifth find. Afterwards he was seen from time to time and eventually was found standing on what turned out to be a UP at 58. After an unsuccessful relocation time was soon called.

CALL BACK, 90 MINUTES, DAY 3

Augie had three finds at 3, 36, and 43 with a UP at 65. He covered 7.0 horse miles.

Augie’s bird work was flawless as with days one and two., but his “handle” was rough. After his first find he soon disappeared with two “flash” sightings and a long absence when to everyone’s surprise and relief he was found standing on point and one judge commented it was the best find he had seen in the stake. Augie hunted the edges nicely to the front and had another find at 43.

After his UP at 65 Augie again disappeared. Scout and handler searched in vain as time passed. It was announced that he had 13 minutes left to produce his dog. Augie miraculously appeared to the front with ten minutes to spare and to the relief of all, with Dan’s heart soaring.

It was an exciting brace with plenty of drama, and sealed Augie’s bid as Invitational Champion.

Over all three days, Augie demonstrated consistently impeccable bird work. One judge rated his bird work as A+ stating that he rarely

assigns such a high score. His overall range was excellent and his stamina was superb. The quality and exceptionalism of Augie's win was not diminished by the size of the entry.

Of special note: Augie also ran in the 2019 All-Age Invitational and was called back. At the time he was owned by Carl Checklick who suddenly passed away in 2019. He loved his dog and gave him the best opportunities of training and competing. He would have been proud of his performance in 2020.

OTHER DOG CALLED BACK

Prairie Wind's Bert's Joke on Us (Bart), owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson, handled by Rich Robertson, Jr., and scouted by Nick Thompson.

Day 1...Bart covered 5.7 horse miles and had five finds at 11, 16, 20, 37 and 48. His race was excellent and he responded well for the handler, but his bird work had some holes. One judge rated his ground race a rare A+, saying he took every line to completion and never cut a corner.

Day 2...Bart had four finds at: 15, 17, 24, and 54 with a back at 13. His ground race was his strong suit, and his bird work was good. He was very intense on game, and he handled well for Rich.

Day 3...Bart was following his own agenda which did not include finding birds or looking up his handler. The scout helped him find the front, but it mattered little as he soon disappeared again. Handler called for his tracker at 55.

Bart demonstrated a load of potential despite an abundance of youthful exuberance. His day will come.

TWO DOGS IN RESERVE

PW Flirt's Dot On The Horizon (Dot), owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson, and handled by Rich Robertson, Jr.

On Day 1 Dot ran in the first brace. She had a strong All-Age race, handling nicely, and two finds overshadowed by three UPs at release sites with deep, dense cover. Worthy of note her bracemate had two UPs and no finds. There was a hard frost during this first brace of the morning and some believed this may have affected scenting conditions.

On Day 2 she had four finds, with the last being an impressive limb find way to the front at 59. She had no UPs. Her race was strong and she never broke off of a line. She handled nicely.

BMB's Free Ride (Lewey), owned by Brandon and Jennifer Blum, and handled by Josh Nieman.

On Day 1 Lewey covered 5.3 horse miles and had four finds at 11, 14, 25, and 58 with a back at 30. His bird work had holes, but his ground speed and All-Age range were excellent.

He was "out-of-pocket" much of Day 2.

THE OTHER CONTENDERS

(in order of qualifying points)

Lambourn's Slick Shot (Buckshot), owned by Robin and Hayley Lambourn, and handled by Josh Nieman.

Day 1, Brace 1, Buckshot had a good ground game but the heavy frost seemed to affect scenting conditions and he had two UPs and no finds.

Day 2 he disappeared to the front on break away and was not seen again. Handler called for tracker at 27.

MSR's Storms End (Renley), owned by James and Sarah Messer, and handled by James Messer.

Day 1 Renley had a find at 11 and a moderate race.

Day 2 he had two finds at 22 and 58, but it was apparent that a recent injury was taking a toll on his run and stamina. He gave it his best.

CLOSING THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

We had great weather for all three days and Hell Creek was low enough to cross safely. The judges commented on how much they appreciated the camaraderie and sportsmanship that was exhibited on and off field. They both commented that they really enjoyed themselves.

Both judges were impressed with our GSPs, saying that they met the All-Age Standard for range and race and many could compete with Pointers and Setters. On the other-hand they commented that many of our dogs would benefit if the handler was able to exert more control especially at crucial times such as sharp

changes in course direction. They also felt that in general the handlers did not exhibit the same intensity and desire to "grab and hold the front" as most American Field handlers.

They were very happy with the number of birds and they participated in a discussion of how we might improve next year. We all agreed that putting out the larger number of birds (500 vs. 330) might be a good thing, but we will disperse them as larger coveys with fewer release sites per course in the future.

In light of these observations the writer believes it is worth repeating this admonition based upon the comments of our first-year judges:

"The challenge of the Hell Creek grounds, and the performance demands of two days running followed by a 90 minute call-back have indeed raised the bar for the All-Age GSP. It has also raised the bar for the All-Age GSP trainer and handler, indicating a need for more aggressive handling to show the dogs better, and more work on getting the dogs to go with the handler without diminishing power, range and enthusiasm. The future of the All-Age GSP has never been brighter, and their impact on the genetics of the GSP Shooting Dog bodes well for the future of our breed."

FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

PURPOSE:

To identify and honor those persons and dogs, both 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 one hour Championships.
3. The dog must have a record of producing outstanding progeny, both as a competitors and as 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 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 (September 1) 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 Hall of Fame. 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 the beginning of the Pointer National Championship.

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

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE STRUCTURAL GUIDELINES (These reflect past precedents)

- While the GSP Hall of Fame Selection Committee serves 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 the 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 GSOP 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.

FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME

2021 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 candidates 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/her offspring.

FOR PERSONS

Persons to be nominated and selected 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 2021 German Shorthaired Pointer Hall of Fame.

Name of Person/Dog

Submitted By

Date: _____ Email: _____

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

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