

NGSPA News

November 2023



2023 NGSPA "The Hun" Open All-Age Winners



AVOID THE ERROR OF REGISTERING YOUR DOG WITH THE UKC

By: Keith Richardson

A number of GSP owners have registered their dog with the UKC thinking it served as a FDSB registration. IT DOES NOT! Any dog registered only with the UKC which places (or has placed) in a NGSPA Championship will not receive credit for their win. We have tried to address this problem on our website by adding some clarifying language. The UKC has placed the following disclaimer on their website regarding single dog registration.

UKC ONLINE SINGLE REGISTRATION

Single Registration is a method for purebred dogs of breeds recognized by UKC or currently registered with UKC-acknowledged registries to become UKC registered. **This service is to receive UKC registration paperwork.** [For Field Dog Stud Book \(FDSB\) Registration, please visit americanfield.com for full details.](#) *Note: completing this online single registration process will result in UKC registration only, **not** papers through FDSB.*

If you have inadvertently registered your dog with the UKC while intending to register it with the FDSB then please call or email Jason Lee with the FDSB and he will help you correct your registration. It will speed things up if you email him your new FDSB application along with any AKC paperwork, and a copy of your UKIC registration.

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APPROVED CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL 2023

2023 NGSPA PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIPS

November 3, 2023 - November 11, 2023

Wye Island Rd & Lodge Lane

Queenstown, MD

Stakes Offered: OAA, OSD, ASD and Derby

OAA Judges: Jeff Currier & TBA

OSD Judges: Jeff Currier & TBA

ASD Judges: Rich Robertson Jr & TBA

Derby Judges: TBA

For additional Information, contact

Jen Goodall

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Medina, OH 44256

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2023 NGSPA Region 3 Championships

November 11, 2023 (or to follow the Pheasant)

Wye Island Rd & Lodge Lane

Queenstown, MD

Stakes Offered: OAA, OSD, ASD and Derby

Judges: TBA

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1796 Main Road

Newfield, NJ 08344-5344

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2023 NGSPA Texas Championships

November 13, 2023 - November 19, 2023

Hico, TX 76457

Stakes Offered: OAA, OSD and ASD

Judges: TBA

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2023 NGSPA Open Shooting Dog Invitational

November 27, 2023 - November 29, 2023

Gentry, MO

Stakes Offered: OSD

Judges: John Hicks & Jadie Rayfield

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2023 NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational

One day after close of Open Shooting Dog

Invitational - Gentry MO

Stakes Offered: ASD

Judges: Jarret Bell & Sheldon Rogers

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2023 NGSPA Region 16

February 4, 2024 - February 17, 2024

Bronwood, GA

Stakes Offered: OAA, AAA, OSD, ASD and Derby
Classic

Judges: TBA

For additional information, contact:

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Highland, IL 62249

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These trials have been run and we are waiting for write-ups and pictures.

- Region 19 (trial date 9/8/2023)
- Great Lakes (10/9/2023)

Join us to celebrate our 50 Year Anniversary

NGSPA PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIPS

— A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL —

Friday, November 3, 2023 to Conclusion

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources Grounds, Wye Island, MD
Wye Island Rd. & Lodge Ln., Queesntown, MD 21658**



Closing (Derby & ASD only): Tuesday, October 31, 6:00 p.m. **Drawing (Derby only):** Tuesday, October 31, 6:30 p.m., at 4595 Poe Rd., Medina, OH 44256. **Closing & Drawing (all other stakes):** At the clubhouse the evening before each stake runs. **Official Motel:** Quality Inn, 101 VFW Ave., Grasonville, MD 21638; Phone: (443) 863-6496; Expedia rates: \$101-\$121/night. **Social Events:** Please join us Saturday evening for our 50 Year Anniversary Celebration (pig roast with all the fixings) and Sunday evening for "Crab & Shrimp" sponsored by 2022 Amateur Shooting Dog winners A. & D. Rusciano, S. Tangsrud, and K. Loftin.

— OPEN TO GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTERS ONLY —

DERBY CLASSIC • Entry Fee: \$100.00*

30-minute heats on native and released pheasants

Purse: \$100 to 1st; \$75 to 2nd; and \$50 to 3rd (with a minimum of 14 entries)

Plaques and Ribbons to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placements

Judges: To be announced • **Stake Manager:** To be announced

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP • Entry Fee: \$195.00*

Continuous course, one-hour heats on native and released pheasants.

Plaques and Ribbons to champion and runner-up

Judges: To be announced • **Stake Managers:** To be announced

OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP • Entry Fee: \$215.00*

Purse: \$500 to champion; \$250 to runner-up (with a minimum of 14 entries)

Club will retain purse in the event champion or runner-up are withheld.

Plaques and Ribbons to champion and runner-up

Judges: To be announced • **Stake Managers:** To be announced

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP • Entry Fee: \$215.00*

Continuous course, one-hour heats on native and released pheasants.

Purse: \$500 to champion; \$250 to runner-up (with a minimum of 24 entries)

Club will retain purse in the event champion or runner-up are withheld.

Plaques and Ribbons to champion and runner-up

Judges: To be announced • **Stake Managers:** To be announced

**Includes \$15.00 grounds fee*

Mail entries and checks to:

JENNIFER GOODALL, 4595 Poe Rd., Medina, OH 44256

Phone: (330) 607-1064 • Email: gooje@aol.com

Approved retrieval collars permitted. Only blank ammo permitted. Run under NGSPA and American Field rules. Entries accepted with the understanding that the NGSPA Pheasant Association, its members, and the State of Maryland are not responsible and cannot be held liable for accident, injury or loss/damage to any individual/property during the conduct of this field trial.

NGSPA REGION 3 CHAMPIONSHIPS

— A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL —

To follow the NGSPA Pheasant Championships

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Grounds, Wye Island, MD
Wye Island Rd. & Lodge Ln., Queesntown, MD 21658



Closing & Drawing: At the clubhouse the evening before each stake runs. Completed entry forms must be received prior to drawing and must include dog's registered name, *FDSB* number, DNA number, and names of owners and handlers. Entry fees due at closing. **Official Motel:** Quality Inn, 101 VFW Ave., Grasonville, MD 21638; Phone: (443) 863-6496; Expedia rates: \$101-\$121/night.

— OPEN TO GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTERS ONLY —

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: \$175.00*

Judges: To be announced • **Stake Managers:** To be announced
Plaques and Ribbons to champion and runner-up

OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: \$195.00*

Judges: To be announced • **Stake Managers:** To be announced
Purse: \$350 to champion; \$250 to runner-up (with a minimum of 14 entries)
Club will retain purse if champion or runner-up are withheld.
Plaques and Ribbons to champion and runner-up

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour) • Entry Fee: \$195.00*

Judges: To be announced • **Stake Managers:** To be announced
Purse: \$350 to champion; \$250 to runner-up (with a minimum of 24 entries)
Club will retain purse if champion or runner-up are withheld.
Plaques and Ribbons to champion and runner-up

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC • Entry Fee: \$75.00*

Judges: To be announced • **Stake Manager:** To be announced
Purse: \$100 to 1st; \$75 to 2nd; and \$50 to 3rd (with a minimum of 14 entries)
Ribbons to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placements

**Includes \$10.00 grounds fee*

Entries and checks to:

DAYNA RUSCIANO, P.O. Box 634, Newfield, NJ 08344

Phone: (848) 565-6699 • Email: ngsparegion3@gmail.com

Online entries at: www.ngspa.org/events/championships

Approved retrieval collars permitted. Only blank ammo permitted. Run under NGSPA and American Field rules. Entries accepted with the understanding that the NGSPA Region III, its members, and the State of Maryland are not responsible and cannot be held liable for accident, injury or loss/damage to any individual/property during the conduct of this field trial.

2023 NGSPA Region 4 Championships



Region 4 Open Shooting Dog Winners
Dina Lewis with Charlie, April Raber with Roux
Tom Davis, Hank Lewis, Jim Cipponeri (judge) Bill Branham (judge)
Dick Lipski and Dan DiMambro

By Dan DiMambro

The NGSPA Region 4 ran on May 8th-12th at Ionia recreation area in Ionia MI. This year's weather was HOT!! We took advantage of the cooler mornings and took the afternoons off.

The grounds were in perfect shape a big thank you to all the clubs and various individual volunteers who donated their time to make this happen. Another shoutout to the individuals who supported the trial Amateurs and Pros: Dan DiMambro, April Raber, Joe Orndorff, Fred Ryan, Hank Lewis, Anthony

Rusciano, Kirk Loftin, Sherri Tansgrud, Andy and Becky Dynkwieck, Marc Mckinley, Tom Davis, Chris Goegan, Chris Young, Jen Goodall. Our Judges for the Open Shooting Dog and Open All Age were Bill Branham, Jeff Haggis, and Jim Cipponeri, and the Amateur Shooting Dog was Judged by Marc Mckinley and Jeff haggis, thank you for your time and we appreciate you volunteering to help. Also, would like to thank our generous sponsors of this event Purina and SportDog.

2023 NGSPA Region 4 Championships

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Bill Branham & Jim Cipponeri
18 Starters

The winner was Hi N's Curtain Call "Charlie" Owned and Handled by Hank Lewis. Charlie had several finds and ran a forward race. He had great style and manners on all his birds. He showed a little more power than the runner up which is what separated the two dogs.

Runner up was Two Ponds Blanco Roux "Roux" Owned by Jason Brooks and handled by Dan DiMambro. Roux had 4 well-spaced finds throughout the hour. She had a strong race and rimmed all the fields with class earning him the RU in the Championship

Champion

Hi N's Curtain Call. "Charlie"
GSP Male 1/3/2019
Sire: Hi N's Bodacious
Dam: Hi N's Hasty Matilda
Owner/Handler: Hank Lewis

Runner-Up

Two Ponds Blanco Roux. "Roux"
GSP Female. 12/8/2020
FDSB#1698966
Sire: Riden High Rudy
Dam: Hi N's Family Ties
Owner: Jason Brooks

OPEN ALL AGE

Judges: Bill Branham & Jeff Haggis
13 Starters

Uodibar's Lover Boy, owned by Sherri Tansgrud and handled by Kirk Loftin had multi finds during his hour brace. Blue ran a big consistent race and was easy to handle. His style and manners on birds was impeccable. This earned him the winner spot!

Chicoree's Sparkling Ruby Owned by Fred Ryan and Handled by Dan DiMambro ran a great all age race with a strong finish. Ruby had three finds throughout the hour but had one hole that separated her from the winner.

Champion

Uodibar's Lover Boy. "Blue"
GSP male 7/30/2019
FDSB#1689423
Sire: Diamond S Texas Express
Dam: Uodibar's Bet Your Booty
Owner: Sherri Tansgrud
Handler: Kirk Loftin

Runner-Up

Chicoree's Sparkling Ruby. "Ruby"
GSP Female 7/8/2016
FDSB# 1677558
Sire: Hi N's Feed Jake
Dam: Chicoree's Sparkle In Her Eye
Owner: Dan DiMambro
Handler: Dan DiMambro

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Jeff Haggis & Marc McKinley
12 Starters

PJ Wildfires Little Lexi "Lexi" owned and handled by Kirk Loftin had finds at 5,28,40. Lexi ran a strong forward race and had excellent style on birds. She was declared the winner.

The Runner up was Uodibar's Robbi Jo, owned by Sherri Tansgrud and handled by Kirk Loftin. Robbi had finds at 17,21,47,59 all with excellent style and manners. She rimmed the fields of Ionia like a dog that had been there her entire life. Her bird finding ability and strong shooting dog performance earned her this year's runner up title.

Champion

PJ Wildfire's Little Lexi. "Lexi"
GSP Female 1/5/2015
FDSB# 1663717
Sire: PJ Wildfires Little Bud
Dam: Lonecreek Sweet Anna
Owner: Larry Loftin
Handler: Kirk Loftin

Runner-Up

Uodibar's Robbi Jo. "Robbi"

GSP Female 1/2/2015

FDSB# 1662507

Sire: Uodibar's Against All Odds

Dam: BDK's Kessie Sin City Casino

Owner: Sherry Tangsrud

Handler: Kirk Loftin



2023 NGSPA PHEASANT & REGION III CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two championship on the beautiful Wye Island, MD grounds.

After a day of running some of the country's top German Shorthaired Pointers on Saturday Nov 4, 2023 join us for a pig roast, at the clubhouse, as we celebrate a special year to commemorate 50 years of the Pheasant Championship.

Newcomers come celebrate with us and compete in our Amateur Shooting Dog and Derby stakes. (Derby runs Nov 3rd)

If you have been holding off and waiting to attend this championship you this is the year to do it.

*Sponsored by Purina Pro Plan
Dan DiMambro will be smoking the pig!*

2023 NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Championships

By Keith Richardson

The 21th running of the “Hun” Championship was well attended and was a big success. The added Handler of the Year points for a Species trial is a big attraction.

It ran from September 13 until of September 22. The weather was near perfect for running dogs. A little warm a few afternoons but there is plenty of water on course. A little wind and rain that didn't slow any dogs down. The Richardson Ranch is nearly 7,000 feet in elevation and very dry, and attendees are always advised to drink a lot of water and use ample sunscreen.

The “Hun” Championship and Region 8 are held back-to-back at the Richardson Ranch and are two of the premier NGSPA Championships. The challenging grounds, and difficult birds provide an extreme test for dogs and handlers. Most folks stayed for both events. The two courses are remarkably different, each with its own challenges. The end of the day brings a relaxing time in the Bunkhouse including a wonderful home-made meal, beverages of choice, friendship and hospitality.

We enjoyed the best lunches and dinners of any trial in the country, expertly prepared by Marya Kerchner. Marya had the outstanding assistance of Diane Crabbs at all meals. Fine aged wines from Keith's cellar were served by Gary Kercher, who ably filled in for our “Field Trial Sommelier”, David Quinn, who was missed and promises to rejoin us next year.

Other benefits of the facilities enjoyed by all were: showers, laundry, and electrical and water hookups. round pens and enclosures for horses, plus ample areas for staking out dogs. Judges enjoyed first-class accommodations in either the Guest House or the Bunkhouse.

These two Championships provide unrivaled “on-the-job-training”. The large number of challenging multiple chukar and Hun finds, running coveys, large explosive covey flushes, and concentrations of “old” scent will teach the dogs things that cannot be learned in training setups.

The “Hun” is the only trial in the American Field (and the entire country as far as we know) that uses pen raised Hungarian Partridges. The birds were young, strong, great flyers and remarkably like wild Huns. Large covey rises, with birds exploding in all directions tested the steadiness of every dog. A dog making it clean through the Hun Habitat continues up Derby Draw to Derby Rim where mixed coveys of jumpy chukar and Huns lurk. The immense pressure of many difficult, multi-bird contacts places the Hun Championship at a level of difficulty arguably exceeding that of the wild bird trials. Dogs that survived the “bird challenge” were able to demonstrate their endurance during a mile of undulating prairie with a draw on one side and a drop to the Habitat on the other.

During our two weeks of Championships we were pleased to have several pros in attendance for some or all of the stakes: Dan DiMambro, Josh Nieman, and Rich Robertson, Jr. We were happy to welcome a number of amateurs from outside of the region: Dean and Diane Crabbs (OR), Andy and Becky Dynkiewicz (OH), Drs. Fred and Ann Ryan (OH), Hank and Dina Lewis (OH), Dr. Kirk Loftin (TX), Sherri Tangsrud (MO), Tom Kosmack (UT), Larry Metter (AZ), Shannon Yancy (TX), Our “local” amateurs from WY and CO included: Brandon and Jennifer Blum, Alan Davison, Keith and Cathy Bryant, Mike Patrick, and Robin Lambourn. Terry Zygalski (CA) provided horses for judges and guests.



Open Shooting Dog Winners

Upper Left to right - Chris Bryant, Josh Nieman, Mick Cheshire, Andy & Becky Dynkiewicz and Dan DiMambro

We had a slate of excellent judges and our thanks go out to each of them. Our Open Shooting Dog stake was judged by Mick Cheshire (Highlands Ranch, CO), and Chris Bryant (Centennial CO). Our Open Derby was judged by Mick Cheshire and Mike Patrick. Our Amateur All-Age Championship was judged by Mick Cheshire and Brian Gingrich (Prewitt NM). Our Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, and Open All-Age Championship were judged by Justin Hess (Exira, IA), and James Messer, (Needeville, TX).

The Hun course gives the judges an opportunity to evaluate a dog's "total package". The cast-off crosses a half mile of rolling short-grass prairie before entering the "Hun Habitat", which is a 3-mile flowing line of dense willow-lined creek bottom bordered by large mown fields, stands of wild plum thickets, and an irrigation ditch with dense grass and shrubs. The course then heads up the steep Derby

Draw. Many dogs take the road up the middle, but it is exciting when they take either the left side up Chukar Hill, or the right side with a steep escarpment strewn with large rocks and dense shrubs. A right turn at the top takes the dogs along Derby Rim, a flat bluff with a steep rim and many pockets holding birds. The course continues along the Badlands with deep drop offs and steep draws, which tend to draw the dogs backwards. This demanding course finishes (time permitting) through the High Gate onto the rolling prairie.

We are grateful for our sponsors. Purina provided financial support and a pallet of Pro Plan for the winning dogs. We also welcome the sponsorship of Sport Dog with their generous gifts of excellent training collars and bark collars. We missed seeing our friend, Jim Morehouse, but hope to see him next year. Beautiful Hungarian Partridge mounts, generous cash prizes and Gift Cards, Purina Product

and Sport Dog collars were among the gifts to Champions and Runners-Up. Our good friends, Eldon and Terry Hongo, who own the local Bunkhouse Bar and Grill kindly gave \$50 gift certificates to all Champions.

A special thanks to the organizational abilities and hard work of Bobbi Richardson without whom these trials would not be successful. A big thanks also to all of the other folks who helped: Joe and Japheth Frauendienst, and David Clifton:-bird catching, planting, and feeding, and water sled filling. Gary and Chris Kercher-bird planting and organizational details. Andy Dynkiewicz also planted birds.

All participants were grateful to the “dog wagon team”: Kaitlin Gaukel, Rob Beeler and Nancy Kutchara who booted all dogs with best-in-class boots from Ruff-Wear to protect them from cactus. They also picked up dogs and helped keep us on schedule. Other behind the scenes “heavy lifting” was done by Justin Peppers, and Brittiny Haberkorn.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

By Keith Richardson

Judges: Mick Cheshire and Chris Bryant.

Starters: 35 GSPs.

GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE JUDGES

Huns can often be at a premium during the first stake of the trial, but this year they were plentiful and flew as strongly as wild birds. The cover was denser than prior years and this made producing birds a bit tough at times. Birds could run into the cover rather than flying and very few birds were caught in the open.

Autry's Natural Chromoly Steel (Molly), handled by Josh Nieman and owned by Heath Autry, was named Champion.

Molly had three finds in the Habitat at 17,25.30, a stop-to-flush at 33, and a fourth find at 46. She was cast off in a drizzling rain, and made a huge move to the far fence line dropping into the far east end of

the Habitat. Throughout her run through the Habitat she hugged the meandering willow line without breaking off, a move no other dog duplicated. She stood a good ways off her birds and never crowded them, displaying perfect manners and impressive style. She was watered and cast-off up Derby Draw. She headed to the thick cover on the east side of the Suicide Hill escarpment hunting it thoroughly, rounding the upper corner and hunting the rim where she was found pointing a covey of chukar. Molly had a big finish after passing through the High Gate onto the prairie, nearly reaching the far fence before time. She was to the front the entire hour, exhibiting a powerful and fast Shooting Dog race. Her style on birds was beautiful with no movement as birds were flushed. She was hunting the entire time with no wasted effort. Molly handled kindly with no hacking and little scouting.

Slate Rock's Mountain Heart (Rommel), handled by Dan DiMambro and owned by James and Andy Dynkiewicz, was named Runner-Up.

Rommel had three finds in the Habitat at 10, 16, and 30. His style was gorgeous and his bird work was impeccable. Rommel had a huge cast-off heading to the far east fence before dropping into the Habitat. Rommel had his first find on the willow line after entering the Ferguson gate. After passing through the double gate he took the right side of the Habitat where he had his second find. Rommel then powered to the far west end of the Habitat for his third find. After watering Rommel was cast off up Derby Draw, and he worked the difficult right escarpment before climbing over the top. He worked the entire Derby Bench with no bird contact and continued through the High Gate onto the prairie where he had a strong finish. He had a big shooting dog run, handling nicely with speed and power. He required some scouting to keep him in the pocket, but never showed from behind. Overall the Champion's race flowed a bit better.



Amateur All Age

Upper Left to Right - Justin Hess & James Messer
Lower Left to Right: Jennifer Blum Brandon Blum

AMATEUR ALL-AGE

By Keith Richardson

Judges: Mick Cheshire and Brian Gingrich. Starters: 17 GSPs.

GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE JUDGES

Day 1 was very difficult for the dogs. For some unknown reasons the Huns tended to be out in the open where they were camouflaged in the grass only to explode before the dog could wind them. Over 75% of the dogs could not handle these wild-acting birds.

BMB'S Samsquanch (Sam), handled by Brandon Blum and owned by Brandon and Jennifer Blum, was named Champion.

Sam had a very strong break-away heading to the far east fence and dropping into the Habitat. When the judges crested the hill above the Habitat they caught a fleeting glimpse of Sam as he disappeared to the front.

Sam stayed on the willow line until breaching the double gate where he took the line on the left in a strong forward move. He passed quickly through the Habitat at range without any Hun encounters. He was gathered up at the end and shot up Derby Draw where he crested the hill and was found standing on a covey of Huns. He was standing tall and looking great through the flush and not too long after being released he established point again around the corner of the rim near the water tank with a challenging chukar flush with all in good order. Sam soon passed through the High Gate onto the prairie where he finished strong way to the front. The judges were impressed with his bird work because he stood like a statue until birds were flushed and handler collared him. Handler went about his flushing attempts without needing to caution his dog showing his deep trust in Sam. Throughout the hour Sam was consistently far to the front, and always in the pocket requiring little or no hacking or scouting.



Derby Classic

Upper left to right - Brian Gingrich, Mick Chesire, Mike Patrick, Bobbi Richardson and Rich Robertson Jr
Lower left to right - Larry Metter, Josh Nieman, April DiMambro
Keith Richardson

BMB's Free Ride (Lewey), handled by Brandon Blum, and owned by Brandon and Jennifer Blum, was named Runner-Up.

Lewey had an impressive and unusual break-away where he crested the ridge at Cathy's Bench and dropped into the Habitat. He had his first find at 19 after the double gate with manners in order. He then struck off and covered the rest of the Habitat with plenty of power until he was watered at the end and sent up Derby Draw. Lewey hunted deep along the escarpment and crested the top of the Draw where he was found standing at 38. He looked great on a large covey and was watered. Once cast off he worked his way through the High Gate and passed into the rolling prairie where he disappeared over the edge near Cathy's Bench where he was found standing at 58 on a large covey of 30-40 chukar. He pointed with a nice high head and tail and looked great until collared. Overall Lewey had a strong All-

Age race with a bit less ground speed than the Champion and he required some hacking and scouting.

OTHER NICE RUNS

Slate Rock's Mountain Heart (Rommel), handled by Andy Dynkiewicz and owned by James Dynkiewicz. Right from the "get-go" Rommel impressed with the speed and power of his break-away, which he carried as he passed through the double gate, and powered through the Habitat where he had one NP. He made a nice move up Derby Draw, rimming Derby Bench and going on point down the steep hill at the end where he had his second NP. Handler picked him up.

Hi-N's Allison Miranda (Allie), handled and owned by Dr. Kirk Loftin.

Allie had a terrific break-away and an impressive race through the Habitat, passing through the stretch gate at the end where she ran through a large covey of Huns hidden in the cover and her bid was lost.

Chicoree's Glitter and Gold (Glitz), handled and owned by Dr. Fred Ryan.

Glitz was on an All-Age roll for the first 30 minutes as she showed a big break-away and a powerful race through the Habitat until at the very end she encountered a covey of jumpy Huns which flushed in front of her and she failed to apply her brakes.

Lambourne's Surface Air Missile (Sam), handled and owned by Robin Lambourne.

Sam made the move of the stake as he rimmed the bowl along the escarpment on the back side of Suicide Hill. He carried this huge stunning move until the escarpment bent to the north where he disappeared and his tracker eventually requested.

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC

by Keith Richardson

Judges: Mick Cheshire and Mike Patrick. Starters: 23 GSPs.

GENERAL COMMENTS

23 dogs is one of the largest NGSPA Derby Classic Stakes ever. The judges were impressed with the quality of the dogs and made the comment that the future of the GSP breed looks bright indeed. One judge said it was the strongest Derby he has ever judged, and was better than some of the Futurities he has seen. It was really fun to watch. The derby is run on an out and back course from one end of the Habitat to the other and there are some wide open vistas so the bigger ranging dogs can be seen really well. There is no cactus so the dogs do not need to be booted. There was a strong head wind going west and a strong tail wind heading east.

KC Moen's Freedom Belle (Belle), handled by Brian Gingrich, and owned by Scott Kragerud, earned First Place.

Belle ran directly into a fierce head wind and the judges were impressed with the fact that her power and speed were unaffected. She hunted the objectives and cover like a mature dog. Her run was pristine and impressive for a derby dog. She earned "extra credit" for showing such an impressive run into the wind.

Prairie Wind Lightening Bolt (Bolt), handled by Rich Robertson, Jr., and owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson, earned Second Place.

Bolt followed the first brace dog going the opposite direction with the wind to his back. He had an eye catching gait that was speedy and fluid, while appearing light on the ground. He ran the meandering willow line until he was lost to sight without breaking off. He showed in the distance at appropriate times so as to keep in touch with his handler.

Prairie Wind Catch Me if You Can (Sprint), handled by Rich Robertson and owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson, earned Third Place.

Sprint was also running into the wind as a BYE dog and started off slower, but her speed increased until by the end she was running with impressive speed and power. Her application was that of a mature dog as she hunted the likely cover and stuck to the lines. She responded well to her handler.

OTHER NICE RUNS (dogs not placing but showing good promise)

Prairie Wind High Voltage (Ellie), handled by Rich Robertson and owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson.

Ellie was carried in third place until the very last brace when Sprint ran. Ellie had a strong forward race with the wind to her back. She was light on her feet and carried the willow line like a mature edge running dog.

Stoney Hills Runnin DaRidge (Ridge), handled by Kirk Loftin and owned by Larry and Kirk Loftin.



Amateur Shooting Dog
Upper left to right - Justin Hess, Kirk Loftin & James Messer
Lower left to right - Sherri Tangsrud & Keith Bryant

Ridge had a good race with a strong finish. He took the fence line to the end of the Habitat in a big forward move getting stronger and stronger. His run was not as mature as the placing dogs.

Nike's Frozen Arrow (Arrow), handled and owned by Larry Metter

At 13 months Arrow was one of the younger dogs and showed a lot of promise. She had good range and was really birdy with three finds. She didn't have much of a handle.

Tak's Longmire (Walt), handled and owned by Tom Kosmack.

Walt had birds which he handled nicely for his 14 months of age. He had good hunting application and he worked the cover hard. His range was not as big as the placing dogs.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

by Keith Richardson

Judges: James Messer, Justin Hess. Starters: 18 GSPs.

GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE JUDGES

This was a very difficult stake. Less than 25% of the dogs got around, mostly due to the strong wind and its effect on the Huns. The Huns were found in coveys of 20-30 birds and they were extremely jumpy taking out a lot of dogs. They would explode at the sight of the dogs, with another wave exploding when the horses approached. All dogs had to push the wind for half of the course. It is a great course to judge big running dogs because the dogs can be seen at an extreme range.

Uodibar's Robbi Jo (Robbi), handled by Dr. Kirk Loftin and owned by Sherri Tangsrud, was named Champion.

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Open All Age

Upper left to right: Dan DiMambro, Justin Hess, James Messer
Terry Zygalski, Brandon Blum & Eda
Lower left to right: April DiMambro & Hank Lewis

Robbi had three finds, and a stop to flush. She had a strong breakaway heading to the far east fence line. She was seen hunting forward in the Habitat. After passing through the double gate she went on point at the plum thicket on the right side, meantime her brace mate stole point and ripped the birds while Robbi stood beautifully with classic style during all of the commotion with no let down until collared. Robbi had another Hun find in the Habitat before being sent up Derby Draw, where she hunted her way around the upper corner and disappeared. After an extensive search along Derby Rim she was found standing down a steep draw on a huge covey of moving chukar-an impressive limb find. She was sent on and after passing through the High Gate Robbi had a big finish in the prairie. All of Robbi's bird work was exceptional. She handled kindly with little scouting and was always to the front.

Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee (Dee), handled and owned by Kirk Loftin was named Runner-Up.

Dee broke away across the prairie in the direction of the east fence and dropped into the Habitat where she was seen as judges were riding down the road. She ran the willow line following it around towards the house where she was found standing by the tall lone tree. The Huns must have been running because it took her two relocations to finally pin them for handler to flush and fire. Handler brought her to the front and she went on to have a second find along the dense willows at the far end of the Habitat. More running Huns and after a relocation the birds were pinned and during the flush about 15 Huns blew out of the cover. Dee was watered and sent up Derby Draw, where she made a beautiful move along the right escarpment hunting the dense shrubs and rock cover aggressively. She was found on point around the top of the draw on the rim for her third find. After being cast off she passed through the High Gate onto the prairie and nearly reached the far fence before time was called. Dee had an impressive run: her bird work was pristine,

she handled like a dream, and was strong through the hour. She was always forward but her power was a bit less than that of the Champion.

OTHER NICE RUNS

Aunt Troji's Dirty Nike (Nike), owned and handled by Larry Metter

Nike had a medium cast off into the Habitat where she went on point by the gate. She was relocated and birds were flushed but she moved a bit. After release her application through the Habitat was beautiful as she ran the willow lines and had her second find. While handler was starting to work the bird her bracemate came in and ripped the birds while Nike stood solid and got credit for the find. She ran up Derby Draw cresting the top where she was found standing on her third find. After being sent on her pace slowed a bit, but picked up and she had a good finish in the prairie.

Slate Rock's Mountain Heart (Rommel), handled by Andy Dynkiewicz, and owned by James and Andy Dynkiewicz.

Rommel had a huge cast off and was finally seen pointed just past the double gate. His second find was midway and his last find in the Habitat was at the mot at the end. He ran the road up Derby Draw and had his fourth find on top. He had a really strong and powerful race and was beautiful on point handling his birds with style. He was penalized for not hunting his way up Derby Draw.

OPEN ALL-AGE

by Keith Richardson

Judges: James Messer, Justin Hess. Starters: 24 GSPs.

GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE JUDGES

The judges were impressed with the level of sportsmanship exhibited with pros helping amateurs and vice versa. Everything ran smoothly and efficiently. The weather was perfect for running dogs. The slight rain didn't detract. The Huns seemed to

hold tighter than the prior stake, and there were plenty of finds.

Chicoree's Riden High Trixie (Trixie), handled by Dan DiMambro and owned by Rondal Alexander, was named Champion.

BMB's Free Ride (Lewey), handled by Brandon Blum, and owned by Brandon and Jennifer Blum, was named Runner-Up.

The Running

The Champion and Runner-Up both ran in Brace 4 on Day 1.

Both dogs were "toe to toe" throughout the brace garnering the excited attention of the judges. Both had far reaching cast-offs across the prairie, through the Richardson section of the Habitat and were seen heading north at the double gate where they rimmed the bowl on the back side of Suicide Hill completing the move by flowing down the line of rock outcroppings back into the Habitat. It was a huge demanding move as they hunted deep into the rock hill face. No other dogs in the stake made this move.

Lewey had his first find buried in a ditch near the Habitat fence-line with manners in order and classy style. Trixie had her first find through the far gate at the far end of the habitat with pretty style and no let down at the flush of Huns. Lewey had his second find at the mot before the far gate. Both dogs were watered and sent up Derby Draw. Both dogs took the right side of the draw and hunted the steep escarpment strewn with large boulders and dense mountain mahogany shrubs. Trixie was in front of Lewey with both splitting the cover at different elevations. Both had separate finds around the large rock near the top of the Draw. From there Lewey climbed up and over the rim where he was later found standing. A covey of chukar was produced and all was in order. Trixie also had a chukar find on the rim and handler shot her across the prairie.

Both dogs went through the High Gate entering the prairie and coursing to the front in All-Age fashion. Trixie had amazing power continuing to build until time was called, while Lewey slowed a bit at 55. Both dogs looked great on their birds, handled well and required little scouting. Both stayed to the front

with consistent All-Age range. It was an outstanding brace.

OTHER NICE RUNS

High Standing Cuttin Edge (Woody), handled by Dan DiMambro and owned by Anthony and Dayna Rusciano.

Woody had a big race with two finds. He did a really nice job. He required very little scouting and was to the front hunting all the right spots. His finds displayed exceptional style, but he didn't show the power of the placing dogs.

BMB's Free Loader (Hewey), handled by Brandon Blum and owned by Brandon and Jennifer Blum.

Hewey held the attention of the judges as he ran the course nicely with several finds. He did a classy job but lacked the range and power of the two top dogs.

Hi N's Dirty Secret (Badger), owned and handled by Hank Lewis.

Badger was "making money" until he bumped a bird. Not an uncommon occurrence in this stake where the Huns were jumpy and required very little pressure to flush explosively.

PW Race to the Front (Raycee), handled by Rich Robertson, Jr., owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson.

Raycee did a good job overall, taking the far edge of the habitat with speed and power and never breaking off until her move was completed. She had two finds but took the road up Derby Draw which detracted from her run. She was lost at 50.

THE WINNERS

OPEN ALL AGE

*Judges: James Messer & Justin Hess
24 Starters*

Champion

*Chicoree's Riden High Trixie
GSP Female
FDSB# 1685125
Sire: Riden High Rudy
Dam: Chicoree's Sparkle In Her Eye
Owner: Rondal Alexander
Handler: Dan DiMambro*

Runner-Up

*BMB's Free Ride
GSP Male. 3/28/2014
FDSB#1660979
Sire: GFC FC NGSPA CH Kimber Tactical
Dam: Time To Pay The Piper
Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum
Handler: Brandon Blum*

AMATEUR ALL-AGE

*Judges: Brian Gingrich & Mick Cheshire
17 Starters*

Champion

*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*

Runner-Up

*BMB's Free Ride
GSP Male. 3/28/2014
FDSB#1660979
Sire: GFC FC NGSPA CH Kimber Tactical
Dam: Time To Pay The Piper
Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum
Handler: Brandon Blum*

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OPEN SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Mick Cheshire & Chris Bryant
35 Starters

Champion

Autry's Natural Chromoly Steel
GSP Female 7/18/2016
FDSB# 1675658
Sire: NFC NGDC GFC AFC Slick's Cuttin Wild
Dam: Autry's California Gold Rush
Owner: Daniel Heath Autry
Handler: Josh Nieman

Runner-Up

PW Catch Me If you Can
Slaterock's Mountain Heart
GSP Male 7/2/2016
FDSB# 1675343
Sire: Hi N's Bodacious
Dam: Slaterock Mattie Clark
Owner: James & Andy Dynkiewicz
Handler: Dan DiMambro

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

Judges: James Messer & Justin Hess
18 Starters

Champion

Uodibar's Robbi Jo
GSP Female 1/2/2015
FDSB#1662507
Sire: Uodibar's Against All Odds
Dam: BDK's Sin City Casino
Owner: Sherri Tangsrud
Handler: Kirk Loftin

Runner-Up

Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee
GSP Female. 5/14/2017
FDSB# 1694168
Sire: Simon's Gunner
Dam: Shadowrock's Mighty Mouse
Owner/Handler: Kirk Loftin

DERBY CLASSIC

Judges: Mick Cheshire & Mike Patrick
23 Starters

1st Place

KC Moen's Freedom Belle
GSP Female 6/16/2022
FDSB# 1705721
Owner: Scott Kragerud
Handler: Brian Gingrich

2nd Place

PW Lightning Bolt
GSP Male 2/22/2022
FDSB# 1702025
Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson
Handler; Rich Robertson

3rd Place

Prairie Wind Catch Me If You Can
GSP Female. 8/27/2020
FDSB#
Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson
Handler: Rich Robertson

2023 Purina German Shorthaired Pointer Handler of the Year Standings

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**NOTE: POINTS LISTED BELOW DO NOT INCLUDE
AKC/GSPCA POINTS WHICH WILL BE ADDED FOR FINAL YEAR END RESULTS.**

OPEN HANDLER POINTS

Kirk Loftin	5,566
Dan DiMambro	4,442
Josh Nieman	4,033
Brandon Blum	2723
Joe Orndorff	1,127
Chris Goegan	1,052
Rich Robertson	906
Keith Gulledege	874
Hank Lewis	840
Chase Verdoorn	484
James Messer	460

AMATEUR HANDLER POINTS

Kirk Loftin	7,770
Brandon Blum	2,971
Chris Young	824
Hank Lewis	676
Mark Wasserman	610
Mike Kindler	460
Larry Metter	444
James Messer	428
Doug Miller	380
Shannon Yancy	280
Terry Bommer	264

2023 NGSPA Region 8 Championships



Amateur Shooting Dog

Left to right upper row - Larry Metter, Howard Burbach, Kirk Loftin, Lisa Pollock - Left to right lower row - Brandon Blum, with Nike & Sherry Tangsrud with Robbi Jo

By Keith Richardson

The Region 8 Championship was a huge success, with a strong entry in all stakes with participants coming from all over. Most of the competitors also attended the NGSPA Hungarian Partridge Championship held previously.

The venue is not only scenic but provides great objectives for dogs to hunt and display their ability to find and handle difficult game birds. The course is unlike any other 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. There are two large coveys on this hill, a low covey and a high covey. Then around the hill's base there is a cove defined by Chukar Bench, a curving high-bench about a mile long with a steep escarpment holding, large rocks, and dense shrub cover. We pass Derby Draw and continue along the bottom of the escarpment until heading up at Shooting Dog Draw. We climb to the top of the bench and spend 15 to 20 minutes hunting the upper brushy edge of this steep chukar habitat. The next leg offers a run through the prairie on the left or a steep series of draws known as the Badlands on the right. The High Gate is entered and the dog finishes in the prairie where its stamina and range are clearly visible.

The dogs will experience running coveys, large explosive covey flushes of 20 or more chukar, with birds flying back over their heads, and concentrations of “old” scent left by recent coveys which have flown off. The birds are healthy, young, and strong fliers. Any dog that completes this course is ready for Eureka, a few weeks away!

We were pleased to have had several pros in attendance: Dan DiMambro, Josh Nieman, and Rich Robertson, Jr. We were also happy to welcome a large number of amateurs: Dean and Diane Crabbs (OR), Keith Bryant (CO), Brandon Blum (CO), Tom Kosmack (UT), Kirk Loftin (TX), Shari Tangsrud (MO), Hank and Dina Lewis (OH), Shannon Yancy (TX). Terry Zygalinski (CA) brought a nice group of horses for the judges and gallery.

We brought in some top-notch judges with deep experience judging Championships. It was a pleasure to spend time with them and to see how watchful they were as they evaluated our dogs. ASD, OAA and OD: Howard Burbach (Pleasant Hill, MO) and Lisa Pollock (Lucas, IA). OSD: Glenn Johnson (San Dimas, CA), and Terry Zygalinski (Watsonville, CA).

We are grateful to our sponsors. Purina provided financial support and a pallet of Pro Plan for the winning dogs. Their support of the Purina Handler of the Year program is also very important as contenders often travel to Championships hoping to earn points. We encouraged all contestants to feed Purina. We also welcome the sponsorship of Sport Dog with training collars and bark collars. Cash purses, gift certificates, Purina food, and Sport Dog collars made 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 the other folks who helped: Joe Frauendienst, David Clifton, and Japheth Frauendienst (many tasks including catching and planting birds), Gary and Chris Kercher (bird planter and paperwork). Marya Kerchner prepared the best lunches and dinners at any field trial in the country. Diane Crabbs was a phenomenal help to Marya along with Taci Peppers. Our ranch crew helped in

many ways often unseen, but always with a smile: Justin Peppers, Brittney Haberkorn. Kaitlin Guakel, Rob Beeler and Nancy Kutchara ran the dog wagon and booted all of the dogs.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

By Keith Richardson

Judges: Howard Burbach and Lisa Pollock. Starters: 18 GSPs.

GENERAL COMMENTS BY JUDGES

The stake was postponed the first day because of winds from 40 to 45 mph with gusts over 60. The next day we began with nice weather. There was a lot of great bird work. Some of the dogs displayed some All Age moves and were out of pocket too much for a Shooting Dog stake. There were no birdless dogs.

Aunt Troji's Dirty Nike (Nike), owned and handled by Larry Metter, was named Champion.

Nike headed directly up Suicide Hill on the cast off for her first find at 5. She showed impressive style on the large covey of chukar. She then followed the curvature of the Suicide Hill escarpment and had her second find at 15 on a steep rock incline. Nike was released and hunted her way along the steep escarpment before Shooting Dog Draw where she climbed a boulder high on the face and went on point while standing on the boulder at 21. The handler's horse had some trouble and spun around near the dog and the handler fell before finally flushing a huge covey of chukar that exploded in all directions including over the dog's head. It was an impressive limb find and Nike withstood a lot of extra pressure with incredible manners and style. She was returned to the bottom of the hill and had her fourth find at 29 at the corner of Shooting Dog draw. After reaching the top she worked the rim beautifully but didn't find any more birds. She went through the High Gate and powered across the rim of the prairie where she entered the habitat far to the front when time was called. All of her finds had birds that were tough to produce while maintaining perfect manners and intense style with high head and tail all the way through the work until collared. Her gait was fast and flowing showing power and stamina until time. She



Open All Age

Left to right upper row: Dan DiMambro, Lisa Pollock, Howard Burbach, and Brandon Blum. Left to right lower row: Keith Richardson, Radley Haberkorn, April DiMambro with Woody & Hank Lewis with Hewey

wanted to please her handler and needed no hacking as she would turn to see his direction and follow his lead. Scouting was not required except to find her on point.

Uodibar's Robbi Jo (Robbi), handled by Dr. Kirk Loftin and owned by Sherri Tangsrud, was named Runner-Up.

Robbi's first find was on Suicide Hill at 5 with excellent manners and style. After her release she followed the rock face and climbed a steep area and went on point at 10. Her handler ran and stumbled up the hill to produce a covey of Huns that blew out of the cover. Robbi impressively stood tall and tight through all. After release the scout called point at 13 near the water tank, but after three relocations no birds were produced and she was sent on. Robbi hunted the rock face all the way to Shooting Dog Draw which she crested continuing to hunt the rim

with nice flowing style. She had a find at 48 and it took a lot of work for the handler to produce the birds on the steep boulder strewn slope. She had a nice finish a few minutes after passing through the High Gate. Robbi seemed to have an easy "handle", but the handler was quite vocal which detracted. She required minimal scouting. Robbi had good power and flowed well along the course but not as nice as the Champion.

OTHER DOGS OF NOTE

BMB's Madison Avenue (Madison), handled by Brandon Blum and owned by Brandon and Jennifer Blum.

Madison was a close contender with a find at 4 on Suicide Hill and a second find at 8 around the corner of the Hill in the rocks. Very nice style and manners on both finds. She hunted the cover well and headed

up Shooting Dog Draw to the top of the rim where Madison had her third find at 30. Everyone was surprised by the size of the covey which seemed to be over 100 birds, some running all around the dog and some tearing off in all directions. She was unmoved and beautiful in her stance. She hunted the rim to the High Gate where she spent 10 minutes on the Prairie with a good finish. She was less fluid than the placing dogs.

Hi-N's Curtain Call (Charlie), handled and owned by Hank Lewis.

Charlie was a contender at the end of day 1. His first find was on Suicide Hill at 3 with his second find at 20 on a large covey of running chukar. He pointed at 30 and the handler worked it hard including a relocation but no birds were produced. Charlie had a good race that was to the front and his bird work was very nice. His run was not as impressive as the placing dogs.

OPEN ALL-AGE

By Keith Richardson

Judges: Howard Burbach and Lisa Pollock. Starters: 18 GSPs.

High Standing Cuttin Edge (Woody), handled by Dan DiMambro and owned by Anthony and Dayna Rusciano, was named Champion.

Woody's first move was around the base of Suicide Hill where he dropped under the fence into the Habitat and took it all the way to the end working the cover as he went. He was seen standing on point at the very end and it took the handler and judge about five minutes to reach him while he maintained an intense point. His manners were perfect and he was watered and cast off towards Shooting Dog Draw where he reached the point at the base of the draw and disappeared in the cover. He was found standing at 22, and chukar were seen running up the hill, shot fired and manners were perfect. His third find at 30 was on the upper rim not far from the water tanks. At 35 he had his fourth find pointed and standing on a ledge over the rim on Derby Bench with 30 to 40 birds running all around him. He stood with high head and tail and no let down until collared. Woody

was released and headed through the High Gate where he had a huge finish making it to the far east fence line, apparently dropping into the Habitat where he was spotted and rounded up at time. Throughout his race Woody ran with flowing power and went with handler requiring no hacking or scouting. His polish and style during all of his bird work was impressive. His race was consistently All-Age and always to the front. Woody possessed all the qualities of an All-Age Champion.

BMB's Freeloader (Hewey), handled by Brandon Blum, and owned by Brandon and Jennifer Blum, was named Runner-Up.

Hewey broke away toward Suicide Hill and searched but no chukar were home and he dropped down the hill and followed it around to the back side where he had a back at 9 at the base of the slope by the water tank. After being released his pattern was somewhat inconsistent and his ears seemed plugged. Once he got to the top of Shooting Dog Draw he seemed to regain his handle and application, and he had his first find at 29. All was in order and he had his second find along the rim at 35, a nice covey of chukar with nice style and manners. His third find was on Derby Bench at 40 where he was watered and released, later passing through the High Gate at 50. He had a nice All-Age finish in the prairie. Overall Hewey was less consistent than the Champion.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

By Keith Richardson

Judges Glenn Johnson and Keith Bryant. Starters: 20 GSPs

Hi-N's Allison Miranda (Allie), handled and owned by Dr. Kirk Loftin, was named Champion.

At her cast-off Allie went around the corner of Suicide Hill and dropped into the Habitat where she had her first find at 7 and was intense with no movement through the shot. She then made a big move through the Habitat searching the cover but finding no birds, and then heading up towards Shooting Dog Draw where she had a find at the base of the turn at 20. It was a large covey with running



Open Shooting Dog

Left to right upper row - Keith Bryant, Kirk Loftin, Glenn Johnson, Terry Zygalski, and Rich Robertson Jr.

Left to right lower row - Keith Richardson, Sherri Tangsrud with Allie & Bobbi Richardson with Boo

birds and an explosive flush, with Allie standing tight and classy. Her next find was on the upper rim at 27 and it was another large chukar covey and her manners were stellar. Allie's last find at 35 was down the steep hill at the end of Derby Rim. She made an impressive move to reach this spot and was rewarded as her handler flushed a large covey of running and flying birds while she stood staunch and statuesque. She had a big finish and was always to the front. She required no hacking or scouting and except for one flat spot mid-run she had a big shooting dog race. All of her bird work was made challenging by the large size of the coveys of unpredictable chukar, yet she handled each find with beautiful style and intensity through the end. A fine Championship performance.

Prairie Wind Penny Singing the Blues (Boo), handled by Richard Robertson, Jr., owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson, was named Runner-Up.

Boo had a powerful cast off reaching to the higher covey on Suicide Hill where she pointed but handler could not produce a bird. After being released she made a huge powerful move gaining the front and cresting over the rim above Derby Draw, and headed up Chukar Hill on the opposite side of the Draw where she was lost to sight. Boo was found pointing at 17 and handler and judge had an energetic ride to get there while her bracemate had apparently roaded in on her. Boo stood through all of this and handled a nice covey of chukar that she had pinned. She quickly worked the birdy cover as she rounded the corner of Shooting Dog Draw and disappeared to the front. Boo was found standing on the rim at 25, where she showed good style and intensity but was seen taking a step. She had a back on Derby Bench at 40 and was released to hunt the Badlands before the High Gate where she showed off her remaining power and stamina. The judges said Boo handled better than any other dog in the stake, and had a



Derby Classic

Left to right upper row - Keith Richardson, Dan DiMambro
Left to right lower row - Bobbi Richardson with Elli, April DiMambro
With Rooster & Kirk Loftin with Ace

consistently big Shooting Dog race with a huge finish. She also distinguished herself by never taking a road. Boo was penalized for taking a step on her second find.

OTHER DOGS OF NOTE:

Prairie Wind Evolution's Re-Creation (Spike), handled by Richard Robertson, Jr., owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson.

The judges claimed Spike had the best run of the stake. His ground coverage was intelligent, his run powerful and fast, and he was always to the front at a big shooting dog range. His first find was on Suicide Hill at 4 and he took a few small steps while handler was undergoing an extended flush. He had a find at 20 with all in order and excellent style. His third find at 28 was another extended flush and he took a few

small steps again. His last find was at 58 on a large chukar covey below Cathy's Bench, which he handled perfectly. It was an impressive limb find and he was the only dog in the stake to make this move. Although he had the best run in the stake the judges could not overlook his "catwalking".

Monkeyshine's Call Me the Breeze (Breezy), handled by Dan DiMambro, owned by Dan and April DiMambro.

Breezy had a find on Suicide Hill at 6, a back at 17, and a find at 25. She looked outstanding on point and handled her birds with class. She had nice shooting dog range and power but she was not consistently forward. She handled very nicely. She is certainly a dog to keep an eye on.

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC

Judges: Glenn Johnson and Terry Zygalinski.
Starters: 8 GSPs

The Course

We use the Hun course in the Habitat. It is a three mile section of creek lined with willows and dense cover, with open cut grass and plenty of objectives between the willow line and the fence-line. This course does not have cactus so dogs are not booted. It is an out and back course. There is good visibility of the dogs, so that a dog with all-age potential can be seen making huge moves.

Prairie Wind High Voltage (Elli), handled by Rich Robertson, Jr., and owned by Keith and Bobbi Richardson, earned First Place.

Elli cast off with grace and power as she immediately grabbed the willow-line and coursed along it with a ground covering light-footed gait that was like poetry to watch. Never breaking off the line she quickly disappeared to the front around a corner and showed with fleeting glimpses as she completed an all-age move to the end of the line. She then worked back along a long plum and willow thicket and was seen as she reversed direction and headed through the double gate. She kept in touch with her handler as she ranged at distance and was seen from time to time on the willow edge. She was glimpsed breaching the upper gate into the Richardson Habitat where she disappeared. Handler and riders rode on while straining to catch a glimpse of her when she popped out of the willows showing to the front as if to say: "Oh ye of little faith", and immediately powered off hunting to the front until time. To quote one of the judges: "Elli is the real deal"!

Toney's Bushwacking Rooster (Rooster), handled by Dan DiMambro, and owned by Melissa Toney, earned Second Place.

Rooster had a really nice forward race with an intelligent hunting pattern. He handled well and covered the ground nicely. Rooster had a solid derby run and demonstrated that he has what it takes.

Patrick's High-Tailyn Buck (Ace), handled by Dr. Kirk Loftin, and owned by Cassidy Chedester, earned Third Place.

Ace had speed and power and liked to hold the distant front, but he also liked to take the easy way forward by running the road when he could. If he had more hunt to go with his big run, he would have placed higher.

OPEN ALL AGE

Judges: Howard Burbach & Lisa Pollock
18 Starters

Champion

HighStanding Cutting Edge
GSP Male 2/2/2017
FDSB# 1675198

Sire: Slick's Cuttin Wild
Dam: CLK's Point Me The Way
Owner: Anthony & Dayna Rusciano
Handler: Dan DiMambro

Runner-Up

BMB's Freeloader
GSP Male 6/28/2017
FDSB# 1678664
Sire: BMB's Free Ride
Dam: Hightailing Saddle's mandolin
Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum
Handler: Brandon Blum

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Glen Johnson & Keith Bryant
20 Starters

Champion

Hi N's Allison Miranda
GSP Female 7/8/2016
FDSB# 1676665
Sire: Hi N's Feed Jake
Dam: Chicoree's Sparkle In Her Eye
Owner/Handler: Kirk Loftin

Runner-Up

PW Penny Singing The Blues

GSP Female 6/11/2017

FDSB# 1674964

Sire: PW Penny For Your Thoughts

Dam: PW Dark Energy

Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson

Handler: Rich Robertson Jr

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

Judges: Howard Burbach & Lisa Pollack

18 Starters

Champion

Aunt Troji's Dirty Nike

GSP Female

FDSB# 1666820

Sire: Hardcore High N Tight

Dam: DCR's White Sky

Owner/Handler: Larry Metter

Runner-Up

Uodibar's Robbi Jo

GSP Female

FDSB# 1662507

Sire: Uodibar's Against All Odds

Dam: BDK's Sin City Casino

Owner: Sherry Tangsrud

Handler: Kirk Loftin

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Current Standings thru 10/1/2023

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280 Prairie Wind Penny Singing The Blues
Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson

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AUTO To Be Determined

642 Chicoree's Riden High Trixie
Owner: Rondal Alexander

494 Evergreen's Jed
Owner: Lance Olsen

444 High Standing Cuttin Edge
Owner: Anthony & Dayna Rusciano

396 BMB's Free Ride
Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum

322 Cuttin Wild's Rebel Yell
Owner: Michael Patrick

272 BMB's Freeloader
Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

AUTO To Be Determined

730 Autry's natural Chromoly Steel
Owner: Daniel Heath Autry

622 Right Stuff's Rock N Roll
Owner: William Padovano

460 Hi N's Allison Miranda
Owner: Kirk Loftin

440 Slaterock's Mountain Heart
Owner: James & Andy Dynkiewicz

386 Osage Earth Shaker
Owner: Jake Phipps

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

AUTO To Be Determined

866 Uodibar's Robbi Jo
Owner: Sherri Tangsrud

444 Aunt Troji's Dirty Nike
Owner: Larry Metter

372 Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee
Owner: Kirk Loftin

2023 NGSPA DOG OF THE YEAR

Standings as of 10/1/2023

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OPEN ALL AGE

1831 BMB's Free Ride
Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum

1038 Chicoree's Riden High Trixie
Owner: Ronald J Alexander

942 Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee
Owner: Kirk Loftin

652 BMB's Freeloader
Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum

594 BDK's Twelfth Man
Owner: David O'Brien

570 Cuttin Wild's Rebel Yell
Owner: Mike Patrick

494 Evergreen's Jed
Owner: Lance Olsen

444 High Standing Cuttin Edge
Owner: Anthony & Dayna Rusciano

404 Uodibar's Lover Boy
Owner: Sherri Tangsrud

396 Hi N's Allison Miranda
Owner: Kirk Loftin

372 Chicoree's Glitter and Gold
Owner: Fred Ryan, DVM

348 AO Tripp's To Win
Owner: Alan O Davison

252 Chicoree's Sparkling Ruby
Owner: Fred Ryan, DVM

248 Uodibar's Robbi Jo
Owner: Sherri Tangsrud

248 In-Country's Slate Rock
Owner: Chris Young

240 NK's Uncontrolled Burn
Owner: Scott Nordstedt

236 Slaterock's Mountain Heart
Owner: James & Andy Dyunkiewicz

236 Snowy River's Trut'n N Cuttin
Owner: Chase & Mark Verdoorn

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

1127 All N's Johnny B Good
Owner: Gale & Cheryl Graves

944 Hi N's Allison Miranda
Owner: Kirk Loftin

840 Hi N's Curtain Call
Owner: Hank Lewis

730 Autry's Natural Chromoly Steel
Owner: Daniel Autry

724 Uodibar's Robbi Jo
Owner: Sherri Tangsrud

626 PW Indian Brook Heads Up
Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson

622 Right Stuff's Rock N Roll
Owner: Bill Padovano

602 PJ Wildfire's Little Lexi
Owner: Kirk Loftin

508 Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee
Owner: Kirk Loftin

2023 NGSPA Dog of the Year Standings

500	In-Country's Hurricane Jane Owner: Robert Reynolds, DVM	824	In-Country Hurricane Jane Owner: Robert Reynolds, DVM
460	Llano's Game On Greta Owner: Chad Inderman	812	Hi-N's Allison Miranda Owner: Kirk Loftin
460	MSR's Pretty Little Psycho Owner: James & Sara Messer	680	Uodibar's Lover Boy Owner: Sherri Tangsrud
440	Slaterock's Mountain Heart Owner: James & Andy Dynakiewicz	610	Chisholm Creeks Cutter Loose Owner: Mark Wasserman
386	Osage Earth Shaker Owner: Jake Phipps	460	Snowy River's so Far So Owner: Mike Kindler
376	Chisholm Creeks Cutter Loose Owner: Mark Wasserman	444	Aunt Troji's Dirty Nike Owner: Larry Metter
304	Haskal Run Ella Owner: Thomas James	412	Hi N's Curtain Call Owner: Hank Lewis
300	Uodibar's Lover Boy Owner: Sherri Tangsrud	396	PJ Wildfire's Little Lexi Owner: Kirk Loftin
292	BDK's Dirty Harry Owner: Mark Wasserman	280	TT Dash of Pepper Owner: Shannon Yancy
280	BDK's Sam I Am Owner: David O'Brien	264	BDK's Texas Hold Em Owner: David O'Brien
280	Prairie Wind Penny Singing The Blues Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson	264	Hi N's Free Ride Owner: Derrick Ream & Hank Lewis
272	Monkeyshine's Call Me The Breeze Owner: Dan DiMambro & April Raber	AMATEUR ALL-AGE	
272	Two Ponds Blanco Roux Owner: Jason Brooks	1290	BMB's Free Ride Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum
248	Snowy River's Strut'n N Cuttin Owner: Chase & Mark Verdoorn	975	Twin Creeks Running Rocky Owner: Kirk Loftin
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG		594	Hi N's Allison Miranda Owner: Kirk Loftin
1882	Uodibar's Robbi Jo Owner: Sherri Tangsrud	586	BMB's Samsquanch Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum
1095	BMB's Madison Ave Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum	380	SP Little Hurricane Owner: Doug Miller
1038	Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee Owner: Kirk Loftin		



2023 NGSPA Open Shooting Dog Invitational Championship

Open Shooting Dog Invitational
The Standard is Set!

November 27-29

Smith Farms, 5002 State Highway O, Gentry, MO

Entry Fee: \$450.00 (Due the night of drawing)

Drawing: Sunday, November 26, 6:30 P.M., at Hughes Bar X Ranch, 1405 E. Hwy. 136, Albany, MO.

Judges: John Hicks, Amalia Island, FL, and Jadie Rayfield, Mt. Pleasant, SC

NGSPA DOG OF THE YEAR AND PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL

Confirmed Participants:

- **OSDI-CH, CH Perfections Huckleberry**
Jon Hann, Owner & Handler
- **CH Hi N's Curtain Call**
Hank Lewis, Owner & Handler
- **NC, CH Hi N's Allison Miranda**
Kirk Loftin, Owner & Handler
- **CH Llano's Game On Greta**
Chad Inderman, Owner • Josh Nieman, Handler
- **NSDC, CH All N's Johnny B Good**
Gale & Cheryl Graves, Owners • Joe Orndorff, Handler
- **RU-NSDC, CH Uodibar's Robbi Jo**
Sherri Tangsrud, Owner • Kirk Loftin, Handler
- **RU-NSDC, CH Slaterock's Mountain Heart**
James & Andy Dynkiewicz, Owners • Dan DiMambro, Handler
- **CH Quijano's W D Forty Rusty**
David Quijano, Owner • Josh Nieman, Handler
- **ASDI-CH, CH Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee**
Kirk Loftin, Owner & Handler
- **RU-NSDC, CH P W Indian Brook Heads Up**
Keith & Bobbi Richardson, Owners • Rich Robertson Jr., Handler
- **NSDC, CH P J Wildfire's Little Lexi**
Kirk Loftin, Owner & Handler
- **OSDI-CH, CH P W Evolution's Recreation**
Keith & Bobbi Richardson, Owners • Rich Robertson Jr., Handler

PRIZE PACKAGES

Winning Handler:

- \$5,000 Guaranteed Purse
- Purina ProPlan: 12 large bags

Winning Dog's Owner(s):

- Purina Gift: Original Ross Young Oil Painting of Winner
- Garmin Collar
- \$500 Cabela's Gift Certificate

Twelve dogs will compete. Their selection is based upon NGSPA Open Shooting Dog award points earned from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. The prior year's winner receives an automatic invitation. All braces will be one-hour heats on two consecutive days. Third day is a call-back with one-hour heats. Judges will determine number of dogs called back.

General Information

Both Invitationals will be held back to back with one day in between. Closest airport is Kansas City, MO. Quail are released. Calcutta night of drawing. All meals catered at cost of \$45 per day per person. Limited electrical hook-ups available. Horse pens and hay available. JJJ wrangled horses available with prior arrangements—call (641) 202-6604. Catered dinners nightly at Hughes Bar X Ranch, Albany, MO. Special wines from Keith's cellar. Jacket and tie appreciated. Guidelines and other information on www.NGSPA.org.

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2023 NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog *Invitational Championship*

Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational

The Standard is Set!

Starts second day after Open Shooting Dog Invitational ends* Smith Farms, 5002 State Highway O, Gentry, MO

**Probable dates are December 1-3*

Entry Fee: \$450.00 (Due the night of drawing)

Drawing: The night before start date, 6:30 P.M., at Hughes Bar X Ranch, 1405 E. Hwy. 136, Albany, MO.

Judges: Jarret Bell, Troy, MO, and Sheldon Rogers, Asquith, SK

NGSPA DOG OF THE YEAR AND PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL

Confirmed Participants:

- **ASDI-CH, CH Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee**
Kirk & Larry Loftin, Owners • Kirk Loftin, Handler
- **2x NASDC, RU-NASDC, CH B M B's Madison Ave**
Brandon & Jennifer Blum, Owners • Brandon Blum, Handler
- **NC, CH Hi N's Allison Miranda**
Kirk & Larry Loftin, Owners • Kirk Loftin, Handler
- **RU-NSDC, CH Uodibar's Robbi Jo**
Sherri Tangsrud, Owner • Kirk Loftin, Handler
- **NC CH Twin Creeks Running Rocky**
Kirk & Larry Loftin, Owners • Kirk Loftin, Handler
- **CH In Country's Hurricane Jane**
Robert Reynolds, DVM, Owner • Chris Young, Handler
- **CH Hi N's Curtain Call**
Hank Lewis, Owner & Handler
- **NAC, CH High Standing Cuttin Edge**
Anthony & Dayna Rusciano, Owner • Anthony Rusciano, Handler
- **CH Uodibar's Lover Boy**
Sherri Tangsrud, Owner • Kirk Loftin, Handler
- **CH Chisholm Creek's Cut'er Loose**
Mark Wasserman, Owner & Handler
- **CH Llano's Game On Greta**
Chad Inderman, Owner & Handler
- **CH Snowy Rivers So Far So**
Mike Kindler, Owner & Handler



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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 (www.ngspa.org) 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 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 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

2020 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 2020 German Shorthaired Pointer Hall of Fame.

Name of Person/Dog

Submitted By

Date: _____ Email: _____

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

Mike Aldrich
715 Highway 37
Nogal, NM 88341
Cell: 575-937-2678

Email: ngspa.mike@gmail.com

PLEASE ATTACH BIOGRAPHY TO THIS FORM