NGSPA News

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2023 NGSPA SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

NGSPA APPROVED CHAMPIONSHIPS Spring 2024

Information provided by Chad Inderman NGSPA Field Trial Date Coordinator Email: chadinderman@gmail.com

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Start Date	Championship Name	Stake Order	Location
1/9/2024	Quail	OSD, AAA,. ASD, OAA	Ardmore, OK
1/31/2024	Region 12	OAA, OSD	Mesquite, NV
2/4/2024	Region 11 (after Region 12)	OSD, ASD	Mesquite, NV
2/04/2024	Region 16	OAA, AAA, OSD, ASD	Showtime Plantation, GA
2/10/2024	Region 7	OSD, OAA, OSD	Ardmore, OK
2/24/2024	Great Plains	ASD, OAA, OSD, OD	Abilene, KS
3/16/2024	Region 5	ASD, AAA, OSD, OAA	Pinkneyville, IL
3/30/2024	NATIONALS	ASD, AAA, Futurity, OAA, OSD	Grovespring, MO
4/15/2024	Region 2	ASD, OAA, OSD	Bloomingdale, OH
4/19/2024	Region 9	OAA, ASD, OSD	Payette,. ID
4/22/2024	Ohio	OSD, OAA, ASD	Dresden, OH
4/25/2024	Chukar (after Region 9)	OAA, ASD, AAA, OSD	Payette, ID
4/27/2024	Hawkeye	ASD, OSD	Raymond, NE
5/6/2024	Region 4	OAA, OSD, ASD	Ionia, MI

Start dates, Location, Stake Order subject to change. Trials may include Derby Classic stakes. See American Field ad for official trial information.

The following trials have been completed however we are still waiting for their write-ups and pictures.

- Region 19 Championship- trial date 9/8/2023
- Pheasant Championship trial date 11/3/2023
- Region 3 Championship trial date 11/11/2023
- Texas Championship trial date 11/19/2023



2023 NGSPA 6th Annual Open All-Age Invitational Championship

Open All-Age Invitational
The Standard Will Be Set!

January 4-6, 2024 • Hell Creek WMA*, Blue Mountain, MS

*Do not use GPS directions; Proper directions mailed to entrants or call Keith.

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

Drawing: January 3, at the Hell Creek Clubhouse during dinner.

Judges: Joey McAlexander, Holly Springs, MS, and Virgil Moore, Canyon, TX

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

Confirmed Participants:

• CH Chicoree's Riden High Trixie Rondal J. Alexander, Owner • Dan DiMambro, Handler

• NC, R-U NC, R-U NAC, CH B M B's Free Ride Brandon & Jennifer Blum, Owners • Brandon Blum, Handler

• NC, CH Hi N's Allison Miranda Kirk Loftin, Owner & Handler

CH Chicoree's Glitter and Gold
 Dr. Fred Ryan, Owner
 Dan DiMambro, Handler

• CH Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee Kirk Loftin, Owner & Handler

• R-U NAC, CH B M B's Freeloader Brandon & Jennifer Blum, Owners • Brandon Blum, Handler

• CH P W Bert's Joke On Us Keith & Bobbi Richardson, Owners • Rich Robertson Jr., Handler

• NAC CH High Standing Cuttin Edge Anthony & Dayna Rusciano Owner • Dan DiMambro, Handler

• CH B D K's Twelfth Man David O'Brien, Owner & Handler

• CH A O Tripps To Win Alan O. Davison, Owner • Josh Nieman, Handler

• CH Tulli's Faraway Giddyup Joe Amatulli, Owner & Handler

• NSDC-R-U CH Uodibar's Robbi Jo Sherri Tangsrud, Owner • Kirk Loftin, Handler



Twelve dogs will compete. Their selection is based upon NGSPA Open All-Age award points earned from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. The prior year's winner will receive an automatic invitation. All braces will be one-hour heats on two consecutive days. Third day is a call-back with 90-minute heats. Judges will determine number of dogs called back.

General Information

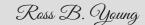
Closest major airport is Memphis, TN. Grounds are about a 90-minute drive. Quail are released. Calcutta night of drawing. All meals catered at a cost of \$45 per person per day. Limited electrical hook-ups available. Horse pens and hay available. There will be a charge for hay. Jacket and tie appreciated. Unique Guidelines apply to this event; Available at www.ngspa.org.

For questions, contact:
Keith Richardson
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2023 Purina GSP Handler of the Year

(Current standings as of 12/12/2023)

Information provided by Chad Inderman NGSPA Field Trial Coordinator

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	TOTAL OPEN POINTS
7,814	Josh Nieman
7,796	Kirk Loftin
6,649	Dan DiMambro
3,087	Brandon Blum
2,597	Keith Gulledge
2,442	Hank Lewis
1,143	Tim Owens
1,127	Joe Orndorff
1,052	Chris Goegan
1,038	Mike Mullineaux
906	Rich Robertson
872	James Messer
484	Chase Verdoorn
408	Dan Hoke
375	John Holcomb
363	Peter Wilkin
300	Barry Bollinger
276	Jim Huele
242	John Hann
232	Terry Bomer
229	Rex Messner

	TOTAL AMATEUR POINTS
7,786	Kirk Loftin
3,920	Brandon Blum
1,770	David O'Brien
1,546	Chris Young
1,138	James Messer
982	Larry Metter
951	Adam Hamilton
870	Mark Wasserman
748	Doug Miller
730	Kevin Donahue
676	Hank Lewis
460	Mike Kindler
420	Scott Weslow
291	Vanessa Carmean
280	Shannonb Yancy
264	Terry Bomer
209	Christi Uhrig

2023 NGSPA Dog of the Year Standings (as of 12/12/2023)

Information provided by Chad Inderman NGSPA Field Trial Coordinator

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OPEN ALL AGE

	Name of Dog	Name of Owner(s)
1,831	BMB's Free Ride	Brandon & Jennifer Blum
1,342	Chicoree's Riden High Trixie	Rondal J Alexander
1,016	BMB's Freeloader	Brandon & Jennifer Blum
952	High Standing Cuttin Edge	Anthony & Dayna Rusciano
942	Stoney Hills Pinnacle Dee	Kirk Loftin
808	Hi-N's Allison Miranda	Kirk Loftin
658	Hi-N's Dirty Secret	Hank Lewis
594	BDK's Twelfth Man	David O'Brien
570	Cuttin Wild's Rebel Yell	Mike Patrick
494	Evergreen's Jed	Lance Olsen
404	Quailpoints Black River Rusty	Ken & Nan cy Huyser
404	Uodibar's Lover Boy	Sherri Tangsrud
372	Chicoree's Glitter and Gold	Fred Ryan
348	AO Tripps To Win	Alan O. Davison
256	Twin Creeks Runnming Rocky	Kirk Loftin
252	Chicoree's Sparkling Ruby	Fred Ryan
248	In-Country's Slate Rock	Chris Young
248	Uodibar's Robbi Jo	Sherri Tangsrud
240	NK's Uncontrolled Burn	Scott Nordstead
236	Snowy River's Strut'n N Cuttin	Chase & Mark Verdoorn
232	Texas Tuff	Terry Bomer

2023 Dog of the Year (page 2)

OPEN SHOOTING DOG

	Name of Dog	Name of Owner(s)
1,494	Uodibar's Robbi Jo	Sherri Ta ngsrud
1,393	Llano's Game On Greta	Chad Inderman
1,300	Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee	Kirk Loftin
1300	Hi-N's Curtain Call	Hank Lewis
1,127	All N's Johnny B Good	Gale & Cheryl Graves
944	Hi-N's Allison Miranda	Kirk Loftin
730	Autry's Natural Chromoly Steel	Daniel Autry
626	PW Indian Brook Heads Up	Keith & Bobbi Richardson
622	Right Stuff's Rock N Roll	William Padovano
602	PJ Wildflire's Little Lexi	Kirk. Loftin
500	In-Country's Hurricane Jane	Robert Reynolds
484	Hi-N's Secret Society	Hank Lewis
460	MSR's Pretty Little Psycho	James & Sarah Messer
440	Slate Rock's Mountain Heart	James & Andy Dynkiewicz
412	MSR's Rowdy Rhonda	James & Sarah Messer
386	Osage Earth Shaker	Jake Phipps
376	Chisholm Creek's Cut'er Loose	Mark Wasserman
304	Haskal Run Ella	Thomas James
300	Uodibar's Lover Boy	Sherri Tangsrud
300	Huntem Ups Aim Toi Impress	Kaj Larson
292	BDK's Dirty Harry	Mark Wasserman
280	BDK's Sam I Am	David O'Brien
280	Prairie Wind Penny Singing The bluesx	Keith & Bobbi Richardson
272	Monkeyshine's Call Me The Breeze	Dan DiMambro & April Raber
272	Two Ponds Blanco Roux	Jason Brooks
256	Chisholm Creek's Jumping Jack Flash	Mark Wassserman
248	Snowy River's Strut'n N Cuttin	Chase & Mark Verdoorn

2023 Dog of the Year (page 3)

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

	Name of Dog	Name of Owner(s)
2,044	BMB's Madison Ave	Brandon & Jennifer Blum
1,626	Uodibar's Robbi Jo	Sherri Tangsrud
1,546	In-Country's Hurricane Jane	Robert Reynolds, DVM
1,310	Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee	Kirk Loftin
870	Chisholm Creeks Cut'er Loose	Mark Wasserman
848	MSR's Kiss My Lily	James & Sarah Messer
812	Hi-N's Allison Miranda	Kirk Loftin
680	Uodibar's Lover Boy	Sherri Tangsrud
460	Snowy River's So Far So	Mark Kindler
444	Aunt Troji's Dirty Nike	Larry Metter
420	Hickory Acres All Out Blitz	Scott Weslow
412	Hi-N's Curtain Call	Hank Lewis
396	PJ Wildlfire's Little Lexi	Kirk Loftin
280	TT Dash of Pepper	Shannon yancy
264	BDK's Texas Hold'em	David O'Brien
264	Hi-N's Free Ride	Derrick Ream & hank Lewis

AMATEUR ALL AGE

	Name of Dog	Name of Owner(s)
1,290	BMB's Free Ride	Brandon & Jennifer Blum
975	Twin Creek's Running Rocky	Kirk Loftin
594	Hi-N's Allison Miranda	Kirk Loftin
586	BMB's Samsquanch	Brandon & Jennifer Blum
380	SP Little Hurricane	Doug Miller

2024 NGSPA QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

Tuesday, January 9-22, 2024 Lake Murray Field Trial Grounds, Ardmore, OK



— Official Sponsor of the NGSPA Quail Championship —

A PURINA HANDLER OF THE YEAR POINTS TRIAL

• AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour).......\$210.00 Entry F

Judges: Bob Thompson, Strafford, MO, and Tom Wynn, Bartlesville, OK

Awards: Winner and Runner-Up receive a custom Montana Silversmith buckle;

Trophies to Winner & Runner-Up.

• OPEN DERBY (30 Minutes)......\$125.00 Entry Fee

Judges: Chad Inderman, Lubbock, TX, and Mike Patrick, Berthoud, CO

NGSPA approved retrieval collars allowed. Manufactured Barrel Guns Only! No smart watches allowed on courses!

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

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

Advance entries to: KEVIN TEMPLE, 430 Savannah Hill Ln., Rockwall, TX 75032 Phone: (214) 695-3257 • Email: gsp4me@att.net Advanced entries in writing must be received by January 6, 2024!

The NGSPA Quail Association, officers and/or landowners are not responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any participant, animal or equipment.







NGSPA REGION 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS

January 31, 2024 to Conclusion Mormon Mountain • Mesquite, Nevada

Open to German Shorthaired Pointers only!

(NGSPA Region 11 Championships to Follow)

— A Purina Handler of the Year Points Trial —

Bitches in season are allowed in all stakes.



OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)......Entry Fee: \$165.00 Starts Monday, January 31

Judges: Mick Cheshire, Highlands Ranch, CO, and Steve Cosgrove, Turlock, CA
Plaque and Rosettes to Champion and Runner-up

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (1 Hour)Entry Fee: \$165.00

To follow Open All-Age

Judges: Brandon Blum, Berthoud, CO, and Gary Fromme, Aurora, CO
Plaque and Rosettes to Champion and Runner-up
PLUS Robert H. Deitering Memorial Trophy Presentation to Winner

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC (30 Min.)—Time permitting......Entry Fee: \$ 70.00 Judges: Terry Zygalinski, Watsonville, CA, and Jeff Rhine, Encinitas, CA Plaque and Rosettes to Champion and Runner-up.

Directions to Grounds: From Las Vegas (via I-15)—Take Exit 100 (Carp Elgin Rd.), turn north (left) and follow access road NE approx. 3.7 miles. Turn north (left) on Rainbow Pass Rd., and travel approx. 12 miles to field trial site. (Note: Will enter Hills at approx. 7.5 miles on Rainbow Pass Rd.). From Mesquite, NV—Take Exit 100, off I-15, then turn right onto access road (Carp Elgin Rd.). Potable water will be available. **Closing & Drawings:** To take place ON THE GROUNDS at 6:00 p.m. (PST), the night before running.

Advance entries must be in writing and pre-paid. NO PHONE ENTRIES.

Advance entries to be received by January 25, 2024

LARRY METTER • Email: larrymetter@ymail.com

31918 N 144th St., Scottsdale, AZ

Provide Name and address of owner(s), handler's and dog's registered name. The dog's DNA certificate number and *FDSB* registration must be provided before the close of entries or the dog will not be allowed to compete!

Approved tracking collars are permitted. Only bank ammo permitted. Running is according to NGSPA and American Field Rules. Entries accepted with the understanding that the NGSPA Region12, its members, and the State of Nevada are not responsible and cannot be held liable for an accident, injury or loss/damage to any/all individual property during the conduct of this Field Trial. All Participants and spectators do so at their own risk!

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- Incredible private grounds in Grovespring, MO.
 - o Groomed for field trials and holding birds.
 - o Mixture of open bottoms with long edges, stands of trees and shrubs, hills, lots of bird cover and objectives.
 - o Challenging terrain for dogs and handlers.
- Six continuous 30 minute courses-not a single course "race-track."
- Dogs must hunt for birds, not just run into them.
- Top litters in the country are nominated. The best compete.
- Held each April-excellent weather.

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2023 NGSPA Great Lakes Championships

By Dan DiMambro

This year the Great Lakes Championship ran October 9th-13th at Ionia State Recreational Area. The grounds were in the best shape thanks to the IFTGA who is comprised of volunteers to groom the grounds during the summer months. Our hats are tipped to those who have donated their time to make these grounds some of the best in the country to watch our bird dogs perform. As always, the fall colors are brilliant and full during this event and there are many magnificent views throughout the courses. As with many field trials this trial isn't any different in that it has gone from many helping hands to only a few. Thanks to those who stepped up to help with various duties throughout the week, Including Dan and April DiMambro, Marc McKinley, Tom Davis, Kirk Loftin, Sherri Tansgrud, Hank Lewis, Joe and Cindy Orndorff, Jesse and Christine Conroy, Gale and Cheryl Graves. Hank and Dina Lewis, Chris Young, and Jen Goodall, Becky and Andy Dynkwietz.

Thanks to our Judges Cliff Mesnard, Fred Ryan, and JP Jones for watching our dogs all week. Dick Lipski was there to lend a hand a planting bird for the week. The Great Lakes Championship would also like to thank the long-time support from our sponsors Purina and Sport Dog. These two companies diligently support horse back field trials.

The open shooting dog drew 23 entries, and the stake was filled with exceptional dogs. At the end the judges could only name two winners. This year's winner was Hi N's Secret Society owned and handled by Hank Lewis. Stella had a bold and forward race with 4 finds. The judges commented on her speed, style, and stamina. The runner up champion was Stoney Hills Pinnacle Dee, owned and handled by Kirk Loftin. Dee is no stranger to the winner's circle on these grounds. She had 4 finds and a great forward application.

Our Open all Age stake drew 14 entries this year and there were several great performances from the stake which with all age dogs sometimes is hard. HiN's Allison Miranda Owned and Handled by Kirk Loftin was named winner. Allie ran a big forward race and had three finds and took the outer rim of these Ionia grounds. Twin Creeks Running Rocky owned and handled by Kirk Loftin was the runner up champion. Rocky had a great race with several limb finds.

The Amateur Shooting Dog stake was won by In Country's Hurricane Jane Owned by Robert Reynolds and Chris Young and Handled by Chris Young. Janie Had four finds during the hour and was stuck to the tree lines of Ionia like glue. Stoney Hills Pinnacle Dee owned and handled by Kirk Loftin had five well-spaced finds throughout the hour. She exemplified great style and was very classy about her way around the course.

2023 NGSPA Great Lakes Championships



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners Marc McKinley, Sherri Tangsrud, Chris Young & Kirk Loftin

THE WINNERS

Amateur Shooting Dog

Judges: JP Jones & Cliff Mesnard

18 Starters

Champion

In Country's Hurricane Jane GSP Female7/2/2016

FDSB# 1672744

Sire: Hi N's Bodacious

Dam: Slaterock's Mattie Clark Owner: Robert Reynolds, DVM

Handler: Chris Young

Runner-Up

Stoney Hills Pinnacle Dee GSP Female 5/14/2017

FDSB# 1694168 Sire: Simon's Gunner

Dam: Shadowrock's Mighty Mouse

Owner/Handler: Kirk Loftin

Open All-Age

Judges: Cliff Mesnard & JP Jones

14 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

Twin Creeks Running Rocky GSP male 10/3/2018

FDSB# 1685652

Sire: Twin Creeks Running Ruger
Dam: PJ Wildfire's Little Lexi
Owner/Handler: Kirk Loftin

2023 NGSPA Great Lakes Championships



Open All Age Winners Sherri Tangsrud, Jesse Conroy, JP Jones, Kirk Loftin & Cliff Mesnard

Open All Age

JudgesL. Cliff Mesnard & Fred Ryan 23 Starters

Champion

Hi N's Secret Society GSP Female1/3/2019 FDSB# 1688000

Sire: Hi N's Bodacious Dam: Hi N's Hasty Matilda Owner/Handler: Hank Lewis

Runner-Up

Stoney Hills Pinnacle Dee GSP Female 5/14/2017 FDSB# 1694168

Sire: Simon's Gunner

Dam: Shadowrock's Mighty Mouse

Owner/Handler: Kirk Loftin

NGSPA INVITATIONALS

"The Invitationals wish to thank everyone for their support of the 2023 NGSPA Nationals"



2022 Invitational Champions



Open All Age

Chicoree's Riden High Trixie "Trixie" Owned by Rondal "Jeff" Alexander Handled by Dan DiMambro



Open Shooting Dog

Perfections Huckleberry "Huck" Owned by Chase Benton Handled by Jon Hann



Amateur Shooting Dog

Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee "Dee" Owned by Kirk Loftin & Larry Loftin Handled by Kirk Loftn

Find a Championship near you. Visit NGSPA.org.

2023 NGSPA Shooting Dog Invitational Championships

2023 NGSPA Shooting Dog Invitationals By: Keith Richardson and Chad Inderman

The most "Prestigious" events in the GSP Field Trial world. The 2023 NGSPA Open and Amateur Shooting Dog Invitationals!

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

As a recap of the format for the Shooting Dog Invitationals:
Only the TOP 12 point earning dogs are invited to the Invitational each year for both the Open Shooting Dog and the Amateur Shooting Dog events. The format of the trial is like no other trial run and requires three days of running an hour each day to win. Day one the dogs are drawn randomly. On the second



Open Shooting Dog Invitational Winner
Llano's Game On Greta
David Quijano, Keith Richardson, Josh Nieman, Chad Inderman,
Jadie Rayfield, John Hicks

day, the dogs are braced so the dogs running in the morning of day one run in the afternoon of day two. The objective is that no dog has the same brace mate or runs on the same course. The third day the judges call back their top dogs to run again for an hour. The trial is designed to test the bird ability, bid-ability, range and the endurance of the best of our breed. After the third day of running, a Champion is named.

Since our first Invitational, we have run at the Smith Farms in Gentry, MO. The grounds consist of three one-hour courses covering rolling crop land and dense stands of woods which make for some

beautiful lines for the dogs to run. The courses challenge the character and tenacity of even the best of bird dogs. We seeded the courses with over 1,000 quail for the the six days of running, and every dog had multiple finds throughout the Championship.

We are more grateful than words can express to Larry Smith and his lovely wife Linda for allowing us to run the Invitationals on their property. Larry campaigns English Pointers and he allows other Championships to be run on his grounds, but no other GSP trials are allowed to use this land. A huge Thank You goes out to all our sponsors that helped make this trial what it is. Greg Blair and Purina were incredibly supportive, paying half of both Ross Young Oil Paintings, Dog Food for the Champion and auction. Also huge thanks to Sport Dog and Jim Morehouse for their many years of support by donating product. We are extremely grateful for the support of Garmin and Patrick Bowman for their contributions of product. We consider the very talented wildlife artist, Ross Young, to be a sponsor because he charges us less for his fine work.

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

2023 NGSPA 11th OPEN SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL

The Top 12 Dogs

 Perfections Huckleberry "Huck" - Defending Champion Owner/Handler: Jon Hann

2. Hi-N's Curtain Call "Charlie" - 1252 points

Owner/Handler: Hank Lewis

3. Hi-N's Allison Miranda "Allie" - 1,214 points

Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin

Handler: Kirk Loftin

4. Llano's Game On Greta. "Greta" - 1,212 points

Owner: Chad & Natalie Inderman

Handler: Josh Nieman

5. All N's Johnny B Good "Johnny" - 1,127 points

Owner: Gale & Cheryl Graves

Handler: Josh Nieman

6. Uodibar's Robbi Jo "Robbie" - 1,016 points

Owner: Sherri Tangsrud Handler: Kirk Loftin

7. Slaterock's Mountain Heart "Rommel" - 924 points

Owner: James & Andy Dynkiewicz

Handler: Dan DiMambro

8. Quijano's WD Forty "Rusty" - 770 points

Owner: David Quijano Handler: Josh Nieman

9. Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee. "Dee" - 764 points

Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin

Handler: Kirk Loftin

10. Prairie Wind Indian Brook's Heads Up "Enzi" - 626 points

Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson Handler: Rich Robertson, Jr.

11. Wildfire's Little Lexi. "Lexi" - 602 points

Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin

Handler: Kirk Loftin

12. Prairie Wind Evolution's Re-Creation "Spike" - 516 points

Owner: Keith & Bobbi Richardson Handler: Rich Robertson, Jr

THE JUDGES

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

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

The judges expressed amazement at how broke our dogs were. Over the three days there were over 100 points producing birds with no breaches of manners on game, and many dogs handling five or more flushes during their run. In nearly 50 years of running and judging dogs they had never seen

such a group of broke dogs. They were also complementary of the sportsmanship exhibited by the handlers and participants, and the organization of the event.

THE RUNNING

The Champion

Llano's Game on Greta "Greta"

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

OTHER MEMORABLE PERFORMANCES

Perfections Huckleberry, "Huck", had excellent rapport with his handler who rarely needed to give him direction because he naturally coursed to the front. With fifteen minutes left in the hour Huck made a giant move which eventually took him over three hills and into the thickest part of the course where he was lost to sight. After a seven minute ride and to the relief of everyone he was found staunchly standing on point presenting one of the most exciting limb finds of the stake. As one judge said it was a "dinger", which he had to explain to this yankee reporter was a real "bell ringer". Huck had two days of solid performance where he finished as strongly as he began thus demonstrating his power and stamina. He was called back on day three and had a strong forty-five minutes before he disappeared (on point as it turned out) and failed to be returned to judgment.

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

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

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

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

Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee "Dee'- Handled by Kirk Loftin and scouted by Sherri Tangsrud. In the second brace of day one, Dee had finds at 7, 14, 22, 32, 41, and 59 minutes. Dee put her style on display for everyone to see, showing her range and looking for birds in all the right places. In the last brace of day two Dee couldn't give a repeat performance of day one. A couple non-productive points and a little less responsiveness hurt her chances.

2023 NGSPA 8th AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL

The Top 12 Dogs

1. Stoney Hill's Pinnacle Dee "Dee" - Defending Champion

Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin

Handler: Kirk Loftin

2. BMB's Madison Avenue "Madison" - 2,151 points

Owner: Brandon & Jennifer Blum

Handler: Brandon Blum

3. Hi-N's Allison Miranda "Allie" - 1,712 points

Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin

Handler: Kirk Loftin

4. Uodibar's Robbi Jo "Robbie" - 1,016 points

Owner: Sherri Tangsrud Handler: Kirk Loftin

5. Twin Creek Running Rocky "Rocky" - 978 points

Owner: Kirk & Larry Loftin

Handler: Kirk Loftin

6. In-Country's Hurricane Jane "Jane" - 824 points

Owner: Robert Reynolds, DVM

Handler: Chris Young

7. Hi-N's Curtain Call "Charlie" - 808 points

Owner/Handler: Hank Lewis

8. High Standing Cuttin Edge "Woody" - 698 points

Owner: Anthony & Dayna Rusciano

Handler: Anthony Rusciano

9. Uodibar's Lover Boy. "Blue" - 680 points

Owner: Sherri Tangsrud Handler: Kirk Loftin

10. Chisholm Creeks Cutter Loose "Lucy" - 610 points

Owner/Handler: Mark Wasserman

11. Llano's Game On Greta. "Greta" - 508 points

Owner: Chad & Natalie Inderman

Handler: Chad Inderman

12. Snowy River's so Far So. "Sophie". - 460 points

Owner/Handler: Mike Kindler

THE JUDGES:

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

THE RUNNING

The Champion

BMB's Madison Avenue "Madison"

Day 1

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



Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Winner BMB's Madison Avenue Dan DiMambro, Rich Robertson Jr., Brandon Blum, Steve Auxier, Sheldon Rogers

Day 2

Madison was in the second brace of the morning on course two. The dogs were cast off by the gate along the county road at the beginning of course two. Madison was standing at 5 minutes along a tree line. After a long flushing attempt around the trees a single quail flew from a patch of grass between the trees and the dog. After the first find, Madison had some work to catch the front and she was up to the task. She quickly caught back up and regained the front where she was rewarded with another find at 12 minutes. Madison had her 3rd and final find of the brace at 30 minutes on the dam of "dead tree

pond." As Madison's handler was preparing to flush, Madison's bracemate came over the hill and ran directly between Madison and her birds. Madison ignored the commotion and remained staunchly committed to her game where birds where ultimately produced. Madison finished the remainder of the hour with a good forward race.

Day 3

Madison had four more finds with birds at 7, 10, 44, and 50. Madison also carded her only 2 nonproductives of the stake but the bobble wasn't enough for the other dogs to catch her. The judges always pay attention to a dog's endurance the last day of this grueling three day performance, and Madison was found to show no let down in speed, power or endurance during the entire three days. Madison was named the 2023 NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Champion based on her consistent performance over all three hours.

OTHER DOGS WORTHY OF MENTION

Other notable dogs were Llano's Game on Greta, Snowy River's So Far So, and Uodibar's Robbi Jo who were all called back for day 3. Greta, Sophie, and Robbi all showed strong class and talent over the first 2 days that earned their invitation to this event. But, for various reasons, they were not able to show the consistent 3-day performance that earned Madison the championship.

THOUGHTS ON THE 2023 NGSPA OPEN SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL

By Jon Hann

Our invitational for us, like so many others, was filled with hope and joy and great moments and heartbreak and exhilaration. The excitement of moving in -the rustling hum of camp, of horses being settled and fed, blanketed at night, generators running their low buzz and keeping the trailers just warm enough, dogs staked out to be fed and watered, watching with grand attention that they might be turned loose. The excitement of waiting for the first draw - the dinners are spectacular and yet homie and heartfelt, perfectly crusted quail and pheasant, desserts that are the envy of all, and spinach dip that is unrivaled. Each meal created with a beautiful touch of class that Keith and Bobbi Richardson work so hard to keep at this event. Seeing old faces -but folks are all dressed up and hardly recognizable from their dog running clothes. Dresses and heels replace boots and chaps. Jeans and ties replace spurs and whistles.

Waking up in the early morning with the cold air - soo cold. It makes you stop to take a breath -and ice crystals glistening across the millet and the corn stocks, the windmill Standing vigil over the Smith farm. A beacon to all who have run these grounds before us. It is surreal. You can feel the history of the land beneath your feet. The champions of many breeds echoing through the draws. For us it is the shorthairs that capture our hearts. It is fast paced -slipping on icy draws and galloping through the corn field with steam rising up around us off the coats of our horses -like geysers waiting to erupt. The Camaraderie here is second to none. Each person helping the dogs get through the challenging courses, scouts pushing their horses to the limit of their endurance. Handlers jumping in and turning dogs while others hold horses at each find. The ever present flushing of the coveys and the sense of desperation from the handlers trying to find the birds, and the catching of the front in a flurry of hooves. And again warm dinners at the Hughes bar x with ever present Calen knowing each of us personally and attending to our dinner and drinks with such compassion and kindness. It is Ross Young oil paintings filling the space by the buffet, telling of last year winners and Keith with his nightly blessings of meals to keep us all safe the next day. It's sore feet and tired dogs – handlers on the brink of exhaustion. It's mist rising off the ponds and birds flushing with the frantic beat of their wings.

It's the welcoming smile of Linda and Larry Smith who so willingly share these cherished grounds with each of us. And Joe who rises in the middle of the night to plant birds, and Tommy and Steve and Larry who dedicatedly Marshall you through these grounds with every twist and turn, staying on course with steadfast determination. It is a dream come true. We are each honored to find our place among this beautiful land. These dogs who bring so much life to us, so much joy- they make this possible. Huck I thank you for the journey, for making these moments possible for Jon and me, for pushing on through tendon injuries and putting your heart out there with every run. You are the champion of our hearts. Godspeed to each of you and your beautiful companions.

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

Till the next time- God Bless





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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 lease 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		

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

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