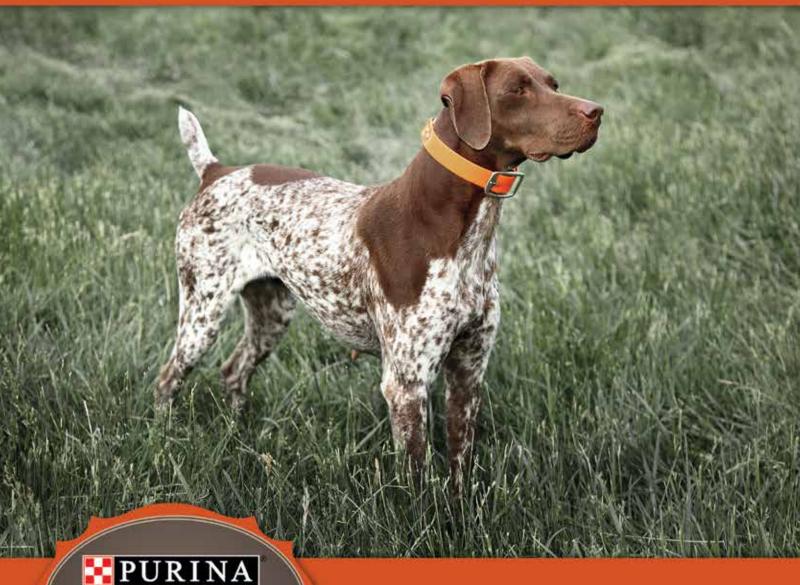


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South Carolina Region

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#### **News From the Officers**

As this magazine goes to print, we have just finished the Purina Endurance Classic in Osceola, Iowa. This was a super trial! The camaraderie and hard work of that group of members at IDGA is second to none. We have received many positive comments on the trial and the overall atmosphere of the trial was fun and competitive. Congratulations go to John Resa and Mazie for their win! It was a great final hour with only a 17 point difference between Mazie and Tut, handled by Bob Cunningham. Look for highlights in the next issue.

We are beginning to make strides towards working together to make NSTRA one association. Much of that work is directed at communication improvements. At all levels, we are striving to make our communication frequent and clear. We are using the web-site and e-mails to inform the membership of upcoming events and issues. We are emphasizing the use of the structure of NSTRA to answer questions and relay information. To be sure, if one person has a question or problem, there are bound to be others with similar issues. We are doing our best to distribute that information quickly and efficiently.

Members -> Region President -> National Officers -> Region President -> Members. One major improvement in this area will be the establishment of the new, interactive web site. As members, you will have the ability to update your own personal information. This will be much faster and eliminate the need to wait to call the office or send an e-mail. We will be able to update this site more efficiently and it will be easier to navigate.

NSTRA is under constant change. In order to compete in this technology based world, we have to keep up. That means growing pains for both the members and the organization. We are certain that once the computer work is completed, all levels of the organization will run smoother and faster. We are currently completing the testing on the online draw program. Be certain that we won't release the finished product until we are sure that it is complete and in working order. We are upgrading many facets of the organization; draw program, database, website, reporting. A good portion of the upgrades are behind the scenes and all of it has to be integrated. We have also looked at making more information available to the members, region officers and trial chairman. Many discussions have been held to determine what exactly is needed and how to implement the changes. Often, what appears to be a simple fix, has complex issues that need to be addressed.

This is the most large-scale change that NSTRA has implemented since the creation of the database back in the early '90's. If we don't do it, we will lose all of the information we have saved since the start. We are committed to doing it right and making sure that we keep up with new technology and have the ability to add and upgrade our systems as needed. Please have patience with us as we continue to improve and expand. It will be worth the wait!

Fall trial season is in full swing! We are looking forward to a successful year. Please make sure that your trials are fun, friendly and welcoming. Both old and new members will be pleased with the positive attitudes displayed at your trials. We are working on some ideas for increasing membership and the number one logical solution is not to lose them in the first place.

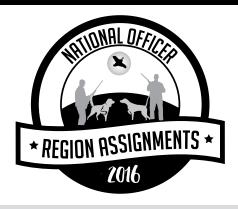
We are just a few short weeks away from the Dog of the Year trial! We are looking forward to seeing all our old friends and the new friends at their very first national trial. Good luck to all of you and if you aren't going this year, make sure to follow the results on the virtual draw program on our website.

Sincerely,

National Officers

Deadline for December 2016/January 2017 publication is November 3, 2016

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October 26 - 29, 2016
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November 1, 2016
Spring Trial Schedules due in the office
Hall of Fame nominations accepted.

November 11, 2016
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November 23 - 25, 2016
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December 23 & 26, 2016

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**December 30, 2016** NSTRA Office Closed

**January 2, 2017**NSTRA Office Closed

#### **January 3, 2017**

Deadline for Entries into the Quail Invitational Last day to accept change of region requests

#### **January 26, 2017**

Last day to submit By-Law changes before BOD meeting at Trial of Champions

#### February 23-25, 2017

Quail Invitational, Lake Wales, Florida

#### February 24, 2017

Last day to submit Rule changes before BOD meeting at Trial of Champions

#### March 13, 2017

Deadline for Entries into the Trial of Champions

April 26-29, 2017

Trial of Champions, Amo, Indiana



# February 23-25, 2017 Lake Wales, Florida

Entry Fee: \$150 (\$154.50 cc)

Entry deadline: January 3, 2017

#### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Dog's Registered Name:	Numl	per:	
Region:			
Owner:	NSTRA #:		
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Handler:			
Email address for official notification:			
CC#	CVV#	Exp Date:	

**Qualification:** Nov 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016 – All open points earned during the time frame except points earned from placements in the top 4 of a national championship trial or regional championship trial. Qualifying rounds do count. Entry is based on number of points.

**Deadline:** January 3, 2017 Email & Fax entries must be received in the office by 5:00 pm Eastern on Deadline dates. Entries taken by mail, fax or email only no telephone entries accepted. No after hours messages will be accepted.

**Late Entries:** Late entries of bye dogs will be accepted in the office up until close of business (5:00 pm Eastern) on Monday, February 20, 2017. ALL late entries (after the initial entry deadline) will be charged \$25 extra per entry.

Please verify your entries online at www.nstra.org/national-trials/quail-invitational.html



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#### **Mentor Program**

# IMPORTANT NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

In order to expand our outreach and assistance to new members coming in to our sport, a mentor program was initiated to allow seasoned trialers to help and instruct new members beginning their trialing career. This program allows a new member to have an experienced member to accompany them in the field to instruct them in handling their dog.

- 1. Mentor or mentors must be determined and trial chairman notified prior to the start of the trial. More than one may need to be determined in case one of the mentors falls into a back to back situation.
- 2. Mentor may not be used if the requested mentor has the following brace on the same field.
- 3. Requesting member is allowed the use of a mentor a total of 8 times. This must be tracked at the Region Level.
- 4. Mentor program is to be limited to weekend level trials only, no Region Eliminations or National Trials allowed.
- 5. Mentor may also be the designated gunner.
- 6. In no case will there be more than 6 people in the field during any brace.

If you have any questions, please contact the National Officer in charge of your region.

#### **Handler Changes**

An application to rule 8.10 was added:

Application: The handler drawn to run the dog must be the handler to actually run the dog if they are present at the trial. Substitutions can only be made in the case of illness or emergency subject to approval of the field marshal.

#### Section 20 Amateur Field Trial

Section 20, Amateur Field Trial Format has changed as follows (in bold):

- 20.01 All Amateur Trials shall be run under National Shoot-To-Retrieve Association rules. Each region may hold no more than four (4) Amateur trials per year (two during the spring trial season and two during the fall trial season). All trials must be scheduled through Region Presidents. There is no sanctioning fee required to be paid to NSTRA for Amateur trials.
- 20.02 All scheduled Amateur field trials will be officially sanctioned trials by NSTRA.
- 20.03 Championship points shall be awarded as follows:

12-17 entries One point for first place

18-23 entries Two points for first place

One point for second place

24-32 entries Three points for first place

Two points for second place One point for third place

Note: All points earned will be open points unless the trial chairman specifies that the trial will be run for amateur points at the time the trial is posted for entry.

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- 20.04 No **points earned at an Amateur** trial shall count as first place points in qualifying as an **open** champion. If the trial is designated an amateur points trial, said points earned will count as qualifying points for an Amateur championship.
- 20.05 All Amateur points acquired in the time frame for qualifying for Regional Elimination trials shall count as qualification points for Regional Elimination trials unless points are earned as Amateur points. In the case of Amateur points, 5 points are needed to qualify for the Regional Elimination same as in Open/Amateur trials (see 17.07).
- 20.06 No Amateur points shall apply toward the Top Performance Award.
- 20.07 Entrants shall be responsible for assuring their dog does not have any placements before entering an Amateur trial.
- 20.08 Entry fees shall be limited to 30.00 per entry. Total number of entries per owner and/or handler shall comply with 8.08 under Rules for Recognized Field Trials.
- 20.09 Trial participants must be NSTRA members.
- 20.10 Awards: plaques, trophies, etc. shall be awarded to the top six placements of each Amateur trial.

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20.11 Trial articles and photos of the placements of Amateur trials will be published in the NSTRA magazine if forwarded to the NSTRA Office.



The American Brittany Club is a member club of the American Kennel Club and the recognized breed sponsor by the American Field. The Club is comprised of many regional Brittany Clubs located from coast to coast. Most of the Clubs hold field trials, conformation shows and hunt test events. The clubs also hold meetings, fun trials, training sessions and other events of interest to the Brittany owner. Membership in the American Brittany Club entitles you to a monthly issue of the American Brittany Magazine. This publication which began in 1949 keeps you abreast of what is happening in the Brittany world. The magazine contains reports of field trials, shows, hunt test and agility/ obedience events, club activities and articles on the care and training of the Brittany. The magazine also has articles on hunting and general interest as well as listings of kennels, stud dogs and trainers.

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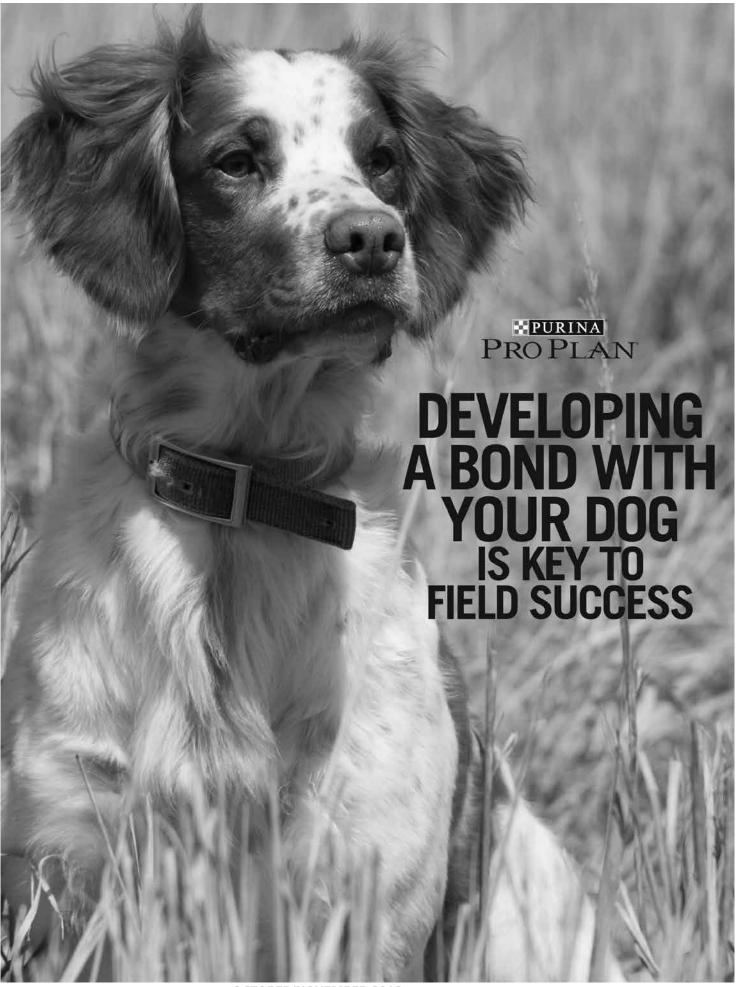
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You have a special connection with your bird dog, whether hunting in the field or competing in a NSTRA trial. You may feel an overwhelming sense of accomplishment, teamwork and awe when your bird dog does something remarkable in competition. You may even have a conversation with your dog that others seldom hear.

According to veterinarians and animal behaviorists, people frequently have conversations with animals. This dynamic relationship forged between humans and animals is known as the human-animal bond. Since the domestication of the ancestors of today's dogs thousands of years ago, humans have realized that positive interaction with animals can improve their quality of life. Only in the past 40 years has a group of experts begun studying these relationships and deemed the human-animal bond as legitimate a factor in human health as diet or exercise.1

"Research about how the human-animal bond benefits humans1 shows that our dogs add value to our lives physically and mentally," says Purina Director of Veterinary Strategy and Programs Kurt Venator, DVM, PhD. "Dogs help to reduce our blood pressure and cholesterol levels, while also decreasing loneliness and boosting self-esteem."

Additionally, the human-animal bond can help your bird dog excel in the field. By forging a relationship with your dog during training and competition, you can help him or her further develop into an enthusiastic, eager-to-please bird dog.

"Dogs are social beings, so they yearn to be with you and want to please you," Dr. Venator explains.

Owner-handler Sam Ashmore of Dover, Florida, says this is true with the four dogs — two Brittanys and two Pointers — he currently runs in NSTRA trials. It is especially true of his 4-year-old male Brittany "Watson" (6XNSTRA CH Clayton's TJ Micro Tequila Watson) and 2 ½-year-old female Brittany "Kandi" (Otter Creek Micro Kandilicious).

'Hunting and competition are team efforts, so you must have a special bond with your dogs to get them to work for you and with you," Ashmore says.

A 10-year veteran competitor in NSTRA trials, Ashmore raises his dogs in the house to help them pick up good socialization and obedience skills and become eager-to-please from an early age. With this solid foundation and relationship formation, Ashmore says teamwork comes naturally.



Sharon Watson of Alturas, Florida, who owns "Cooper" (10XNSTRA CH Buddy's Mini Cooper), a recently retired 11-year-old Brittany handled by Ashmore, says the first trial Ashmore ran Cooper in, they came up scoreless. However, after Ashmore took Cooper home, the pair "bonded like you wouldn't believe."

'Sam is a gentle giant with dogs. He'd hardly say a word while working with Cooper. It appeared as if they were mind linked," says Watson. "Their bond was so special it brought tears to my eyes."

'Before every brace, I have a one-on-one conversation with my dogs. They always appear to have the intelligence to know exactly what I'm talking about. If we're running in a national trial, they seem to know it's a big deal and will put forth the extra effort," Ashmore says. "When the two of you are in sync, something magical happens in the field that's hard to explain."

This connection that Ashmore describes is exactly the bond that has drawn humans and animals together for hundreds of years. There is no doubt that the appeal of the sport lies in the relationship between you and your bird dog. ■

<sup>1</sup> Friedmann E, Heesook S. The Human–Companion Animal Bond: How Humans Benefit. Veterinary Clinics of North America: Small Animal Practice. 2009;39(2):

#### TIPS TO UNLOCK YOUR DOG'S POTENTIAL

avvy bird dog trainers use psychology to help their dogs master the skills they need to become top field trial performers. Starting with understanding a dog's pack mentality, they figure out the turnkey that opens an individual dog's mind to learning. Follow these tips straight from the pros to help unlock your dog's potential in the field.

#### BUILD TEAMWORK TRUST

Start with establishing yourself as the leader of the pack. A dog with respect for your dominance is attuned to trusting you. This relationship creates the opportunity for developing your dog's natural ability through training and teamwork.

#### **CUSTOMIZE TRAINING**

Realize that each dog has a distinct personality and responds differently to training. The more time you spend working with a dog, the better you will become at reading his or her personality. These insights will allow you to work through problems and decide what works best for an individual dog.

#### **KEEP TRAINING FUN**

A dog that enjoys training is more likely to succeed. Dogs live in the present and thus don't worry about the past or future. By focusing on positive training, one accomplishment leads to the next challenge.

# 4 GIVE LOTS OF PRAISE

Always praise a dog for a job well done and look for opportunities to offer encouragement. When a dog performs well, reward him or her at the moment of accomplishment. Be sure to end a training session on a positive note. Rewarding dogs in a positive way makes them much happier and enables you to accomplish your training and competitive goals.







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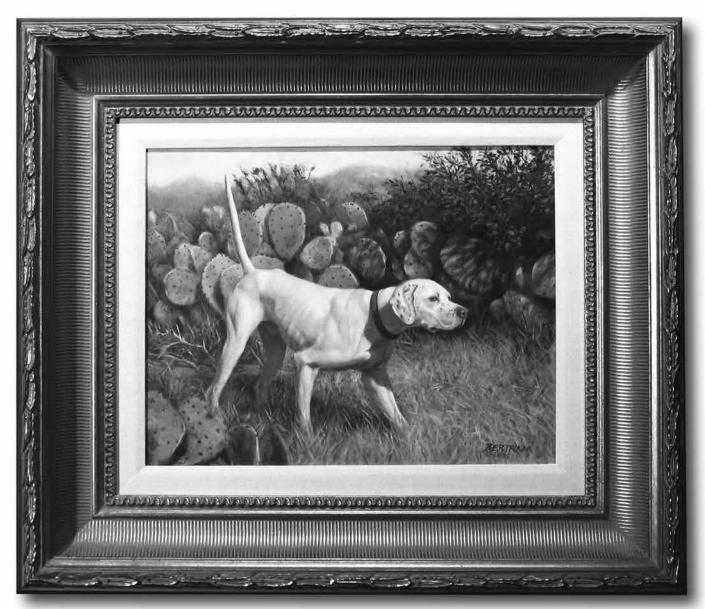
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# **IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER!**



#### **Purina Endurance Classic:**

Entry into this trial will be based on all open points earned from June 1 through May 31. Points earned from placements in the final "Top 4" of National Championship trial or Regional Championship trial do not count; however, points from qualifying rounds do count.; however, points from qualifying rounds do count.

#### **TOP PERFORMANCE:**

Dogs must have at least 20 open points from June 1 through May 31 of the applicable year to be eligible. Points will be from weekend trials only. From there, the award will be based on national trials and regional eliminations. The Performance Trial will be the beginning national trial each year, even if it ends prior to June 1st in order to keep the number of nationals the same each year. The Regional Elimination trial will be based on regularly scheduled regionals for each year and only one regional can count per year. Regionals scheduled or rescheduled to be held after June 1 will apply to the previous year. For national trials, a dog must make the Saturday cut to receive a qualifying score. Each national trial will have a point value of 800 points. The value will drop 25 points per placement throughout the Saturday cut (1st - 800, 2nd - 775, 3rd - 750, etc.). In addition, 100 bonus points will be awarded to the Champion, 75 for second place, 50 for third and 25 for fourth. Each regional elimination will have a point value of 600 points. The value will drop 25 points per placement until the last dog or points run out (1st – 600, 2nd – 575, 3rd – 550, etc.). In addition, 100 points will be awarded to the Champion, 75 for the second place dog, 50 for the third and 25 for fourth. The placement for the regional eliminations and national trials is determined by the score of the last round in which the dog ran.

#### **HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS:**

Hall of Fame nominations will be accepted November 1 through March 31 of each year. Send these to the office. Nominations of dogs to the NSTRA Hall of Fame are NOT "carried over" to following years should the dog not be elected in the year nominated. Plainly stated, a dog that does not get elected to the Hall of Fame in the year nominated must be re-submitted each year in order to be considered for election.

#### **TRIAL SCHEDULES:**

Fall trial schedules are due in the office by May 1. Spring trial schedules are due in the office by Nov. 1. All trials must be published on the website 4 weeks prior to their running.

#### **SCHEDULING FEES:**

Trial scheduling fees are due in the NSTRA office 4 weeks prior to your trial date.

#### TRIAL REPORTS:

Trial reports are due in the NSTRA office 10 days after the trial date.

#### **OUAIL INVITATIONAL:**

This trial is always held the last week in February that includes a Saturday. The qualification period for this trial is Nov. 1 through Oct. 31. This includes all points earned during the time frame, except points earned from placements in the final "Top 4" of a National Championship trial or Regional Championship trial (qualifying rounds do count). Entry into the trial is based on points (dog with most points first to get in and on down the list, etc.). NO

INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT. Any dog with a placement during specified time frame will be eligible to enter. Amateur points do not qualify entry into Championship trials.

#### **TRIAL OF CHAMPIONS:**

The criteria for entry into this trial is that the dog has earned an open championship and is at least a 1X open champion by February 1 of the current year OR the dog can be a paid standby for this trial by achieving their open championship between February 2 and March 31 of the current year.

#### **UKC PERFORMANCE CLASSIC:**

The qualification for this trial is points earned from April 1 to March 31. Weekend trials only. No points from qualification or final rounds of national championship or regional championship trials will be counted.

#### **DOG OF THE YEAR:**

This trial will begin on Wednesday of the last full week of October. This trial is based on region elimination placement and/or high point status. All entries must be postmarked 45 days prior to the first day of the Dog of the Year trial. (NO INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT.)

#### **CHANGE OF HOME** Region:

Members requesting a change of Home Region must do so, in writing, through the National Office between the dates of October 1st and January 1st. \*Exception: A member who permanently relocates to within the boundaries of a Region, other than their Home Region, may make written application to the NSTRA office at anytime to request a change in their Home Region.

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#### **IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER!**

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS:**

Associate memberships are available to members' spouses and children 18 years and under, still living at home. There must be a least one regular paid membership in the household to qualify. Associate members have the same rights as regular members EXCEPT they are unable to vote in any regional or national elections including rule or by-law changes, they cannot hold an office, and they do not receive a magazine.

#### **RULE CHANGES:**

Proposed new rule changes or additions shall be submitted sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the Trial of Champions and/or the Dog of the Year trial

#### **CONSTITUTION/BY-LAW CHANGES:**

All proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws shall be submitted to the National Officers at least ninety (90) days prior to the first day of the Trial of Champions or the Dog of the Year trial.

#### **REGION HIGH POINT:**

Points earned in the qualifying rounds of a Regional Elimination or a Championship trial DO count towards the region's high point competition. Points earned in the finals of above trials DO NOT count towards the region's high point.

#### **OWNERSHIP CHANGE:**

Once a dog takes a NSTRA placement, any subsequent ownership changes must be sent to the NSTRA office. Please send a copy of the papers with the new owners' names to the office. Transfer copies will not be accepted. The date of transfer will be the date shown on the papers.

#### **FIRST TIME PLACEMENTS:**

The National Office now requires a copy of the dog's registration certificate for first time placements. This can either be submitted by the owner or the trial chairman. We will accept copies by fax (317-839-4197), e-mail (office@nstra.org) or a photocopy by regular mail.

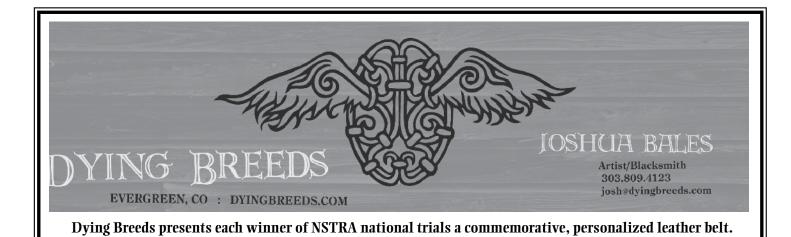
#### **NSTRA Distinguished Members:**

The NSTRA Distinguished Members award honors those extraordinary men and women whose contributions and achievements significantly helped develop, or continued to improve, the National Shoot to Retrieve Field Trial Association, Inc. This award will be presented annually at the Dog of the Year banquet. Nominations are to be submitted by August 31. A short description of the individual and their contributions to NSTRA should be sent to the national office. A picture of the individual should be included if available. Contact the NSTRA office for a list of criteria.

**Nominations are to be submitted by August 31.** A short description of the individual and their contributions to NSTRA should be sent to the national office. A picture of the individual should be included if available.

The committee will review all nominations and verify contributions. Decisions will be made not only by the information submitted but by any other information collected.

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# AKC/American Brittany Club Top Brittany Dog of Year – NSTRA



#### TJ's Micro-Tequila Watson

The AKC/ABC for the first time started to award Brittany's in other clubs, Dog of the Year for 2015. Watson was honored to be the first Brittany to receive this award. Note, all owners and handler must be members of the American Brittany Club.

So this past June Sam and I flew out to Vallejo, California (Clayton wasn't able to make the trip) for the award ceremony at the AKC's Summer Specialty Show ... a/k/a Woofstock; lots of hippie looking handlers and judges walking around; it was quite an event. The ABC Banquet was held on Friday night where we were presented a beautiful trophy and certificate. On Saturday Sam and I wandered around the show and saw lots and lots of Brittany's and all type of AKC registered dogs; Saturday alone there were 86 Brittany entered in the show ring. Both Sam and I met and talked to a lot of nice folks who congratulated us and talk to us about NSTRA and what it is and how it works. I personally was thrilled



with actually being able to find Brittany vendors at the show (among a lot of others) that I could purchase from, needless to say, we brought stuff home. I have to give Sam credit for putting up with this old lady and "driving Miss Daisy" around all weekend; the traffic was not a fun experience, but we made it.

The award is based on the same time frame and point system as NSTRA's Performance Award of June 1st – May 31st. Personally, thanks goes to Nolan Huffman and Jon St. Clair for their involvement in making this happen.

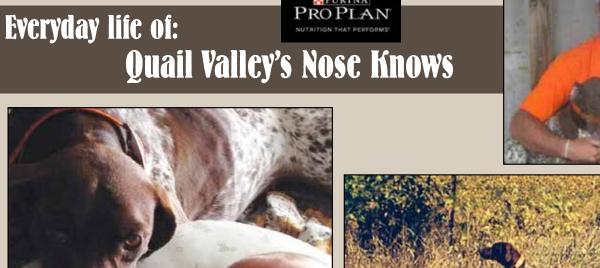
# Rule Book Revision

The Rules Committee is currently in the process of revising the NSTRA Rules Book and the NSTRA Judging Guidelines. Our goal is to edit these two documents so that the information corresponds and to produce more efficient and understandable documents.

We invite anyone with suggestions or corrections to please email the National Office at: office@nstra.org.



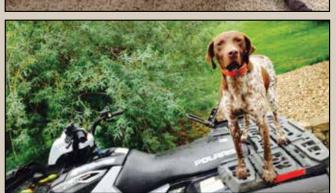
Thank you, NSTRA Rules Committee













# 2016 Purina Top Performance Winner Quail Valley's Nose Knows

#### "Champions believe in themselves, even when no one else does."

Nothing more accurate could be said for this year's Top Performance Champions, Quail Valley's Nose Knows and Adam Fellers, MK Region, who finished with a total of 3,550 Top Performance points and 20 weekend points. Nose is out of HOF 13xCH Premier's Fancy Trail Blacer and Pointing Home Major League. In just a few short years, Nose's career records are as follows:

- 22x Champion
- 3x National Champion
- 10 Final Four Finishes
- 4x Top Performance Champion
- Single Season Total Point Record Holder of 128 points

Having ran for many handlers, always to that back corner, there is no doubt that Nose is a special dog, and holds a place in the heart of many NSTRA members. Taking her first placement in March 2011, Nose took her first championship a year later in March 2012; that first championship lit a fire inside of Nose, and she quickly gave Adam another six championships before the end of the year. Four years later, Nose has not only added many more championships to her collar, but now is approaching history within the organization. Nose's National trial resume trails only one dog in the organizations lifetime; Nolan's Last Bullet with 13 Final Four finishes. Just turning 7 in May during her latest National Trial Win at the UKC Performance Classic in Waverly, NE it would appear she has the chance to go down as the best dog ever to run in NSTRA. You will rarely ever hear Adam speak of Nose's accomplishments, and if the subject is ever brought up, it's one he quickly shys away from, always giving 100% of the credit to Nose, saying "I didn't do anything but shoot the qun."



But NSTRA Championships and titles are not what makes this team so amazing. Not only does Nose love to hunt and find her birds, she is a true member of the Fellers family. Always nearby, she makes a great companion to her boys, Evan, Nolan, and Jameson - there to travel with Nikki and Adam - just a beautiful animal both inside and outside. Nose knows no strangers when it comes to field trials, and can always be found curled up in the front seat of Adam's truck, the perfect picture of calm, class, and grace - but turn her loose off of that line, and she is hell on wheels, and one of the hardest dogs to beat. It is no wonder that with an owner like Adam that Nose has turned out to be such a great dog. Adam, who cares as much for this organization as he does his family, is truly an amazing friend and handler. Congratulations again to Nose and Adam; no one deserves this more.

### 2016 Purina Top Performance Runner-Ups



#### Resa's Mazie, owned by John Resa, MidWest Region

10xCH, 1xRegional CH, 1xNational CH Resa's Mazie, owned and handled by John Resa of the MW Region. No stranger to the winner's circle, Mazie earned 37 weekend points and a total of 2,675 Top Performance points. John and Mazie finished fifth at the Performance Classic, fourth at the Endurance Classic, third at Trial of Champions and eighth at the MW Regional Elimination. Mazie is a 5 year-old English Setter out of 17xCH, 1xNational CH, 2005 Top Performance champion Resa's Trouble Mace and 4xCH Resa's Diamond Girl.



### TJ's Micro-Tequila Watson, owned by Sam and Clayton Ashmore, Florida Region

6xCH, 1xRegional CH, 2xNational CH TJ's Micro-Tequila Watson, owned and handled by Sam and Clayton Ashmore of the FL Region. Watson was trained by Chuck Tash of Tash Kennels, AL, and took all of five minutes to bond to the Ashmore family and Sharron Watson. You can usually find Watson in the front seat of Clayton's truck or on the lawn mower. At just 2 ½ years old, Watson and Clayton won the 2014 Trial of Champions, becoming the youngest duo to take a National Championship. Not only has Watson taken more championships, but he was also crowned the 2016 AKC/American Brittany Club Dog of the Year. Watson finished out this season with 28 weekend points and 2,625 Top Performance Points. Watson, Sam and Clayton finished sixth at Endurance, first at Dog of the Year, sixth at Quail Invitational, and eleventh at the FL Regional Elimination. Watson is a 5 year-old Brittany out of Shale Valley's Microteq Bullet and Mel's Ginger of Otter Creek Kennels.

### **RUNNER-UPS**



### Ragin Cajun Zeus, owned and handled by Wayne Fishburn, Indiana Region

14xCH, 1xRegional CH Ragin Cajun Zeus, owned and handled by Wayne Fishburn of the IN Region. Finishing the season with 26 weekend points and 2,250 Top Performance points, Zeus placed third at the Endurance Trial, third at the Dog of the Year, and second at the IN Regional Elimination. Zeus is a 7 year old German Shorthair out of 23xCH and 1xRegional Champion Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash and 12xCH Last Dance Lily.



# Power's Easy Money, owned and handled by Bob Power, Mo-Kan Region

Finishing the season with 22 weekend points and 2,225 Top Performance points, Money placed twelfth at the Performance Classic, twenty-second at the Endurance Classic, twenty-fourth at Dog of the Year, fifth at Trial of Champions, and fifth at the MK Regional Elimination. Money is a 5 year old English Setter out of 6xCH Mohawk's Tuff Stuff and Boomer's Katie.



# TC's Country Diva, owned and handled by Todd Craven, Michigan Region

Finishing the season with 24 weekend points and 2,025 Top Performance points, Reba placed second at the Endurance Trial, tenth at the Dog of the Year, and third at the MI Regional Elimination. Reba is a German Shorthair out of 23xCH Premier's Kid Brock N Brody and 2xCH and 1xRegional Champion Crosswinds Mya.



#### Heaton's Dakota Trek, owned and handled by Dale Heaton, Lone Star Region

Finishing the season with 25 weekend points and 1,950 Top Performance points, Trek finished thirty-first in Performance Classic, twentieth in Endurance Classic, twelfth in Quail Invitational, tenth in Trial of Champions, and sixth in the LST Regional Elimination. Trek is a 7 year old English Setter out of 17xCH, 1xNational CH, 2005 Top Performance champion Resa's Trouble Mace and Tekoa Amber Sunrise.

### RUNNER-UP



#### Vande Hei's Rimarda Jack, owned by Amy Brienen and handled by Amy, Kevin Brienen, and Chuck Vande Hei, Wisconsin Region

Jack keeps getting better and better with age; for years he only ran a part-time schedule with Kevin judging a day at trials. That all changed two years ago when Amy started to handle Jack; the jury is still out on whom he runs better for! Finishing the season with 31 weekend points and 1,825 Top Performance points, Jack placed fifth at Endurance Classic, fifteenth at Dog of the Year, fourteenth at Trial of Champions, and seventeenth at the WI Regional Eliminations. Jack is a 9 year old Brittany out of J.W.'s Bet'n On A Chance and 9xCH, 1xRegional CH Vande Hei's Put'n On The Ritz.



# Moonshine's Slate Creek Joe, owned and handled by Michael Rost, MidWest Region

Finishing the season with 26 weekend points and 1,800 Top Performance points, Joe finished first at the Performance Classic, sixteenth at the Endurance Classic, and sixth at the MW Regional Elimination. Joe is an 8 year old English Pointer out of Moonshines Bayou Ponce and Big Country Snap.



#### In George's Honor, owned by Sam and Clayton Ashmore, and handled by Sam, Florida Region

Finishing the season with 21 weekend points and 1,750 Top Performance points, Cricket finished eighteenth at the Performance Classic, won the Quail Invitational, and placed sixth at the FL Regional Elimination. Cricket is a 6 year old English Pointer out of Ace's The Man and 1xCH George's Elhew Sadie.



# Regional Elimination Trials

throughout the country!







#### **ALABAMA**

Dianne Minton Sec/Treas

March 18th and 19th, marked the end of another season for the Alabama Region. This year our region elimination was held in Hampton Ga. Thanks to Walt Sanderson,we were able to lease Henderson Farms. Beautiful fields, good weather and lots of pollen,made for a great field trial.

Out of the 32 dogs completing Friday, 16 dogs qualified to run Saturday.

They were as follows: Billy Waldrep "Rextol" (es/m) had a top score of 1058,He also had second highest score with "Lady''(es/f) with a score of 1052. Next Wesley Downs "Sugar''(es/f), Bill Millians "Buddy''(es/m), Billy Waldrep again with "Lucky''(es/m),Ray Harper "Ann(es/f), Bill Millians "Cobb"(es/m),Ray Harper "Sage"(br/m), Bill Minton "Sport''(es/m), Mike Markham"Dixie(ep/f),Jason Harper "Jack"(es/m), Larry Freeman "Rooster''(gs/m),Wesley Downs "Ace"(es/m), Kurt Eberspacher''Red"(es/m), Harold Hufstelter''Star''(gs/f) and George Gordon "Dude"(ep/m).

Come Saturday afternoon,we were down to the top 6. Leading with the highest score of 829.3 was "Cobb", followed by' Sugar'," Buddy', "Ann", "Sage" and "Rooster'. Completingfor the Region Championship in the final hour was "Cobb" and "Sugar'. Our congratulations to Wesley Downs for winningwith" Sugar'(es/f) 2 years in a row. 1st runner- up was "Cobb" owner Bill Millians, 2nd runner-up "Buddy'(es/m) Bill Millians and 3rd runner- up "Ann"(es/f) owner Ray Harper.

Alabama Region High Point Dog was given to "Luke" (ep/m) owner Mike Markham. Silver belt buckles were presented to Wesley and Bill.

For the banquet this year, our President Bradley Davidson rented the Train Depot in downtown Hampton. It was rustic and spacious, and able to accoodate everyone. A local company called "Cravings" catered our dinner. We had great home cooking, topped off with banana pudding and peach cobbler.

Following our delicious meal, Bradley opened up the end of the year meeting. Our region re-elected him another term as President. He did a great job this year. Bill Minton was re-elected VP, and Iwill remain Sec/treas. Judge of the Year was given to Walt Sanderson. Sportsman of the year was Gunner Grimm.

We did not have a rookie of the Year. Our Most Improved Dog award was "Odie"(es/m) owner Bill Millian. Bradley recognized our 2 outstandingjudges this year, Ricky Gunnyon and Jeff Welker. As always, Keith Howard did a super job planting birds. A special thank-you to Sharry Downs for always being there to Field Marshal.

During the meeting, two of our members made a commitment to pay for additional belt buckles. Mike Markham volunteered to buy the "2nd runner-up" buckle and Gunner Grimm agreed to pay for "High Point Dog". Both belt buckles have been ordered, and will be awarded to Bill Millians for "Buddy" (es/m) 2nd runner-up, and Mike Markham for "Luke" (ep/m).

Bradley also discussed the importance of sending in trial applications ahead, as it is required in the rule book. He is also planning a judging seminar early April.

Thanks to everyone who worked to put on this trial. Thanks to the wives who sent food.

All in all, we had a good season even with the lack of trial grounds. We have a great group of sportsman and are looking forward to the next season.

Respectfully, Dianne Minton Sec/Tres.



Region Champion Sugar - Wesley Downs; 1st Runner Up Cobb - Bill Millians; 2nd Runner Up Buddy - Bill Millians (Ray Harper holding) Back Row: L to R, Keith Howard, bird handler; Jeff Welker and Ricky Gunnyon, judges



Bradley Davidson presenting Region Champion award to "Sugar" owner Wesley Downs



Cobb wanted to see his belt buckle.



Bradley Davidson presenting awards to 1st Runner Up "Cobb" owner Bill Millians



Bradley Davidson presenting awards to 2nd Runner Up " Buddy" owner Bill Millians



Bradley Davidson presenting awards to 3rd Runner Up "Ann" owner Ray Harper



Bill Millians with "Cobb"



Walt Sanderson - "Judge of the Year"



The Gallery



In the Blind; L to R, George Gordon with "Heart" and Vice-President Bill Minton with "Bullet"

Mike Markham owner of High Point Dog "Luke" shown here with little Michael his son.





Sportsman of the Year - Gunner Grimm

"Train Depot" Hamption, Georgia





#### **ARKANSAS/LOUISIANA**

A beautiful weekend greeted trailers and forty-six dogs all hoping to be crowned champion of the Arkansas / Louisiana Region. The region hosts one of the largest championships in NSTRA. Many trialers were on grounds practicing as early as Monday. The trial was hosted by the WestArk Field Trial Club whose members worked tirelessly to provide the best venue and experience for all attending. Many thanks go out to these men and women.

Friday night saw festivities kick off with a fish dinner provided by the region and a Calcutta. Saturday evenings meal was steak and potatoes cooked to perfection also provided by the region. Following the supper an awards banquet was held as was another Calcutta. Receiving awards at the banquet were:

#### Hall of Fame:

R'N'R's Super Sport — John Branch Power's Gun Slinger — John Branch

#### Amateur Champion:

High Rolling Ruby — Roger and Debbi Moline Knight's Rusty — Frank Knight Shiloh Girl of Mossy Rock — Mike Newman Cuivre Ford Gator — Chad Prince Jackson Sinbad Gunner — Mike Newman Backbone Mountain Doc — John Branch Hyde's Rusty — Jerry Hyde

#### 1x NSTRA Champion:

Prince's Ginger Grace — Chad Prince Tricky Dick's Win Dixie — Evelyn Johnson Franks Smokey Sunshine — Robert Franks HB's Famous Amos —Heath Blakenship Moser's Rail Hawk — L.D. Moser

#### Newcomer of the Year:

Wes Moore

#### High Point Dog:

Sasamanhausan Ruby — Owned by Rachel Daniels and handled by Rob Daniels





Outgoing region president Bo Nutt was presented a plaque in recognition of his eight years of service to the region as president. During Bo's term the region has grown to one of the largest in the nation and has remained on very sound financial footing.

Placing in Saturdays running in A field were First: Jill-Nutt owned by Bill Bracas, Second: Smokey-Franks, and third Rusty-Knight. In B Field First: Buster-Branch, Second: Hawk-Moser, Third: Jill-Johnson. Dogs advancing to Sunday morning were: Hawk-Moser, Amos-Blakenship, Kate-Jacobs, Little Man-Kemper, Shadow-Johnson, Sport-Branch, Buck-Cumbie, Shiloh-Newman, Dixie-Johnson, Smokey-Franks, Jill-Bracas/Nutt, Doc-Branch, Belle-Cloud, Ginger-Prince, Dan-Jacobs, Betty-Green, Tank-Futch/Cloud, Dopey-Nichols, Rusty-Knight, Belle-String, Penny-Evans, Rowdy-Nutt, Jake-Jacobs, Hawk-Moser, Maxx-Magness, Rose-Morgan, Tucker, Boyd, Spider-Nutt, Jill-Parker, Jill-Johnson, Buster-Branch.

Advancing to Sunday afternoon were: Smokey-Franks, Buster-Branch, Shiloh-Newman, Dan-Jacobs, Dopey-Nichols and Jill Nutt.

Placing fourth in the championship was Power's Gun Slinger owned and handled by John Branch. Buster hunts hard every time he is on the ground. He can always be counted on to find birds, is relentless in in the field and looks smart on his work. Third place went to Shiloh Girl of Mossy Rock. Shiloh hunts as hard as any dog in the region and always shows a lot of bottom. She is willing to reach out and constantly searches for a bird. Impeccably trained she is very attentive to Mike's wishes in the field. Second was Jill owned by Bill Bracas and handled by Bo Nutt. Placements in a trial are never set in stone until Jill runs. She is willing to stretch out but is cognizant of the cover and scenting conditions. A hard hunter with a very good nose she was handled by one of the best handlers in the region.

The new champion is 1x CH Franks Smokey Sunshine, three year old P\M out of 6x Champion Franks Sir Sunshine. Smokey showed nose and style and never ran out of bottom throughout the qualifying and championship braces.

This was Robert's seventeenth Region Championship and first win.









March 18th and 19th Arizona held our Regional Elimination trial on the Empire Ranch near Sonoita, Az. On Sunday the 20th we ran a "Day After Double" open trial for the first trials of the new season. Unusually hot and dry weather conditions approaching 80 degrees prevailed all weekend even though a week before there was snow and two days after temps were back in the 70's.

All of the Arizona Region bird planting and judging is done on horseback since we cannot use ATV's on our Public land trial grounds. After dogs were in the blind for the very first run on day 1 our bird planter Julia, an extremely experienced rider, rode out on her horse and didn't even get one bird planted before the horse went wild and she was bucked off, slammed her shoulder on the ground and, we later learned, broke her collar bone! Julia is such a trooper, she stayed with our group all weekend after a short visit that evening to the emergency room. Meanwhile her husband, Patrick, immediately volunteered to plant the entire weekend so we could proceed, which meant he now couldn't run dogs on our Day After trial. Fantastic people, Julia and Patrick!

Anticipation was evident as the dogs made their runs, everyone hoping to make the first cut to get into the finals. Scores were so tight, at the end of the first day less than 20 points separated the last four dogs to make the cut. That evening we held our Calcutta bidding prior to the next days runs. Half the dogs making the cut are NSTRA champions, two of them 3X Champs, while the other half were all up-and-coming dogs on their way to becoming champions. Bidding was dramatic, and when our new High Point dog Emma came up, bidding rocketed up for this years High Point winner John Trout's Emma, even leading to an informal collaboration of folks who joined together to bid on her and they ended up winning the Calcutta! All told, the Calcutta brought in over \$800, half of which went to our club.

The second day started out much less dramatically than the first and there was a happy, but intense, anticipation as the dogs made their runs for the second cut. The top 4 dogs were determined with John Trout's Emma dog and Brian Rebello's Ruby winning out to run the final hour. Emma and Ruby are litter mates, both 3X champions, out of John Trout's Rose Mary and Brian Rebello's Santan's Elhew Max. Both dogs worked their best in the final hour and each came in with a 4-4. Folks were holding their breath as the final scores were tallied and it was so close the scores were checked 3 more times before posting just to be sure. In the end Brian Rebello's Ruby scored 795.5 while Trout's Emma scored 799.5! John Trout and Emma topped off an impressive year, winning both the High Point competition AND the Regional Championship, a spectacular trialing season for John Trout and Emma. Besides our Region's usual High Point award John Trout was also presented with some "special awards" personally from Region President Debbie Carnahan, a box of dog biscuits for Emma and a "Johnny Walker" award for John Trout.

The other dogs claiming placements were an impressive young up-and-coming shorthair named Tessa Rose run by Marty Elliott who got second runner up and Brian Rebello's young dog, Wedo, claimed third runner up.

Arizona Regional Finals:

Champion: Emma, Owner John Trout (TROUT'S ELHEW EMMA, EP/F, Sire: SANTAN'S ELHEW MAX, Dam: TROUT'S ROSE MARY)

1st Runner Up, Ruby, Owner Brian Rebello (REBEL'S RAMBLIN RUBY, EP/F, Sire: SANTAN'S ELHEW MAX, Dam: TROUT'S ROSE MARY)

2nd Runner Up, Tessa, Owner Marty Elliott (TKO LITTLE TESSA ROSE, GSP/F, Sire: TKO MIGHTY SLICK TRICK, Dam: TKO SLY PRAIRIE DANCER JH)

3rd Runner Up, Wedo, Owner Brian Rebello (SANTAN'S LITTLE GUIDO, EP/M, Sire: SANTAN'S ELHEW MAX, Dam: CACTUS PATCHS FANCY PANTS)

Dogs that made the 2nd cut on Saturday were: 1st Place, Emma, Owner John Trout, 2nd Place, Ruby, Owner Brian Rebello, 3rd Place, Tessa, Owner Marty Elliott, 4th Place, Wedo, Owner Brian Rebello, 5th Place, Grimmy, Owner Rocco Petrocco, 6th Place, Shooter, Owner Jim Schroeder.

Dogs making the first cut on Friday were: 1st Place, Tessa - Owner Marty Elliott, 2nd Place, Wedo - Owner Brian Rebello, 3rd Place, 3x Champion Ruby - Owner Brian Rebello, 4th Place, Garrett - Owner Dave Hackman, 5th Rocky - Brad Christensen, 6th 1X Champion & 1X Past Regional Champion Yotie - Arlette Hennesey, 7th 3X Champion & High Point dog, Emma - John Trout, 8th 1X Champion JoJo - Brian Carnahan, 9th Shooter - Jim Schroeder, 10th 2X Champion & 1X Past Regional Champion Grimmy - Rocco Petrocco, 11th Buck - David Hackman, and 12th 1X Champion Ruby - Debbie Carnahan.

We would like to thank our GREAT judges for the Regional, "Diving" Paul Mc-Cawley from Idaho and Steve Crabb of Arizona for such a great job of judging on horseback, consistency in scoring and a truly fair test of all the dogs.

A raffle and silent auction was held with many nice items donated by region members and great items from sponsors such as Purina, Sportsman's Warehouse and Ponderosa Hotel Management, that helped our club substantially. Special thanks to Marty Elliott (over/under shotgun), Arlette Hennesey (Training collar, hunting vest), Debbie Caryl-Pardee (handmade NSTRA quilt), John Ruland (case of AA shotgun shells) and everyone else that donated for the club.

Our club also received a \$500 donation from Dave Stevenson of Red Rock Feed Company for a catered dinner coordinated by our members David & Tina Cook, which allowed us to have an excellent barbeque dinner from Brushfire BBQ of Tucson, Az delivered to our remote location on the Empire ranch, over 40 miles from their restaurant in Tucson.

Our Region elections were held and Debbie Carnahan was unanimously reelected President of our Region, Randy Caryl re-elected as VP, Debbie Caryl-Pardee re-elected as Secretary, our exceptional Treasurer Todd Zondlo re-elected for his numerous consecutive term, board members Brian Rebello and Brad Christensen re-elected to our Board and two new board members were elected, David Cook and Jim Schroeder.

A "Day After Double" open trial was run on the following day, Sunday, where we had a couple of young, brand new members run their dogs for the first time and post very respectable scores, Caleb Spanier getting a 307 with "Bella" and Kevin Nitti pulling off a 414 with "Calvin" and a 318 with "Charlie", we look forward to seeing them again at our future trials!

The "Day After Trial" winners were determined for Sunday A Field as: 1st Place, Sirius, Owner Marty Elliott, score 1,059.6 (SIRIUS BOYS BLACK, GSP/M, Sire: SIRIUS BLACK MOJO Dam: KJROX KIIONA MISS)

2nd Place, Lucy, Owner CJ Vermaak, score 812.1 (EMMA'S LUCY GOOSE, EP/F, Sire: PEACHES RIVER DAN Dam: TROUT'S ELHEW EMMA)

3rd Place, Paige, Owner Ray Taffora, score 810 (RAY'S FIRS PAIGE, ES/F, Sire: HAVELOK BLACK GOLD Dam: TAKOA MOUNTAIN NICQUEL)

4th Place, Reb, Owner John Trout, score 712 (TROUT'S REBEL PRIDE, EP/M, Sire: PEACHES RIVER DAN Dam: TROUT'S ELHEW EMMA) And on Sunday B Field as:

1st Place, Garrett, Owner Dave Hackman, score 827.3 (LINDSEY'S LIL SMO-KEN GARRETT, EP/M, Sire: MOONSHINES SLATE CREEK JOE, Dam: JO'S MAGIC

2nd Place, JoJo, Owner Brian Carnahan, score 806 (CARNAHAN'S SHE'S GOT THE MOJO JOJO, GSP/F, Sire: ROCKIN G'S WARHEAD, Dam: LLANO'S LELANI) 3rd Place, Levi, Owner Dave Hackman, score 721 (LINDSEY'S LIL MAGIC LEVI, Sire: BLACK MAGIC BUZZ, Dam: BLACK MAGIC LIZZIE)

4th Place, Shooter, Owner Jim Schroeder, score 671 (HOOTIES'S SHOOTER VON SCHROEDER, GSP/M, Sire: HIGHBALL FRANCISCO VON SCHROEDER, Dam: JAZZMIN RILEE VON SCHROEDER)

The Arizona Region runs trials almost every month of the year (unless we are blocked by Public land closures due to weather) and our trials generally fill up quickly. We are once again planning for a Triple/Double Open trial on the 3 day holiday weekend this coming 4th of July up in the cool pine forests near Flagstaff, which was a great success last year and invite all who are interested to check in the near future for our upcoming posting of the trial dates on the National website and on AZNSTRA.com.



#### **Arizona Region Continued**



Presiden Debbie Carnahan and John Trout-Emma with plaque



Monkeying around.



Cherie, Raffle Winner



Trout's Elhew Emma 2016



Friday Elimination Placements



Regional Top 6 dogs



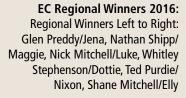
Steve Crabb and Paul Mccawley



#### **EASTERN CAROLINA**



EC Regional top two winner: EC Regional Champion Glen Preddy/Jena along with 1st Runner up Nathan Shipp/Maggie







#### **FLORIDA**

Florida Regional Went Down to the Wire

The Florida Regional started out interesting this year. John Griffith, Jim Mahoney were our judges, Marilyn Cunningham our field marshal and Eric Griffith our bird planter. Now that's how it was supposed to start out on Saturday. Best laid plans... Eric's flight didn't make it in until Saturday sometime. So with some rearranging Saturday morning John ended up planting, Marilyn and Jim ended up judging and marshalling went to George III, Sharron Watson, Tina Sterner and Nancy Ashmore. Saturday night we had a great banquet of Steak and Lobster and lots of goodies for all the handlers and officials. Awards presented were:

- Handler of The Year presented to Mara Fizdale
- High Point went to Clayton Ashmore and Watson
- Special Service Award was presented to George Sr.

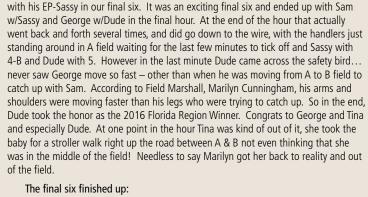
On Sunday morning, we had the full original officials and off we went. This final actually went down to the wire. In the finals we had Neal Willis with his EP-Tux; Nancy and Sam Ashmore with their EP Cricket; Ariel Alvarez with his EP-Bell; Clayton Ashmore with his ES-Rowdy; George Sterner III with his WH-Dude and Sam Ashmore



Mara Fizdale and George - Handler of year



Clayton and George - High Point Dog



The final six finished up:
George Sterner III and Dude – GWP
Sam Ashmore and Sassy – EP
Clayton Ashmore and Rowdy – ES
Ariel Alvarez and Bell – EP
Nancy Ashmore and Cricket – EP
Neal Willis and Tux – EP

Special thanks to Marilyn, John, Jim and Eric for a great regional.... Appreciate all of your help.



Finalists



Clayton presenting George with Service Award



Our Officials



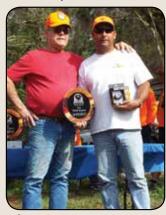
Winner



2nd Runner Up



1st Runner Up



3rd Runner Up



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Being so early in the year, we were hoping for some cool weather. It wasn't to be. The humidity and heat felt more like May, and the threat of severe rain on Sunday was hanging over our heads constantly. We qualified 48 dogs for the Regional this year. That's an outstanding number indicating the diversity of the Region, and we knew it would be a hard slog to get to the end- both for the dog and the handler.

We had a normal double trial on Friday, to enable the dogs to get adjusted to the fields- a pretrial, if you will. Of the four fields available, A and C were used because B was a swamp and D would be used in the Final Hour and was kept clean- no practicing, at all, on the field. Saturday was used to run two fields, 12 braces each, top half moving on. Sunday morning, we ran two fields, 6 braces each, with the top 3 dogs off each field making the cut. Then, we ran 3 braces on A Field and sorted everyone by score, the top 2 going on to the Final Hour on D field. Unusually, after the 3 braces on A Field, two dogs had tied exactly for second and third. Randy Schultz/Ruby and Terry Taylor/Belle went back out, yet again for 15 minutes and two birds put out. This was important, because the winner of the runoff would be the second dog in the Final Hour. Randy and Ruby edged Terry and Belle 1/1/B to 1/1. We broke for an hour to let the dogs rest (read: let the handlers get some oxygen.). Then Randy Schultz/Ruby (Brit/F) and Jared Roberts/Dixie (GSP/F) (who finished first in the Final 6) took to D Field. The sun came out with a vengeance as they took off the line on the double sized field and double number of birds. An hour later, Randy Schultz and Ruby were declared the Georgia Champions for 2016!

Second- Jared Roberts/Dixie, Third- Terry Taylor (Linda Lowe)/Belle, Fourth- Brennan Greene/Toothpick.

Notably, we believe Brennan Greene at 12 years old, may be the youngest Final Four finisher in NSTRA. Congratulations, Brennan! Also, Ruby (Brit/F) is the first Brittany to ever win the Georgia Championships.

Saturday night, we held our yearly banquet and elected officers and passed out awards. Gene Pritchett will continue as President, Jeffery Keck, VP, Brenda Keck, Treasurer, and Dana Walker, Secretary. (We think Steve and Dana Walker are fine additions to our Region and we are lucky to have them.)

We had a raffle to raise money for the Shriner's Children's Fund with the winner to receive a complete training package from Terry Taylor worth well over \$2000. The winner was Steve Crumble. (Need not be present to win.) Another draw of the raffle ticket was for a Three Day inclusive Pheasant hunt at Spring Creek Lodge in South Dakota, worth over \$2000, as well. Judge Ron Huel won the hunt!

Brennan Greene & Toothpick



Jared Roberts & Dice

Linda Lowe. Gene Pritchett (Pres). Terry Taylor/Belle



Gene Pritchett (Pres.) Randy Schultz & Ruby. BJ Schultz





Randy Schultz/Ruby, Jared Roberts/Dice, Terry Taylor (Linda Lowe)/Belle, Brennan Greene/Toothpick

#### Randy Schultz/ Ruby

#### Our Region awards went to:

- Rookie of the Year- Brennan Greene for his fine showing throughout the year.
- High Point Dog- Taz and Brandon Pritchett-for his consistently fine performances throughout the year.
- Judge of the Year- Bodie Ray- for his keen eye and sharp wit.
- High Point Female- Linda Lowe and Belle- who set the bar high for the female dogs in the Region.
- The Scott Clark Award was awarded to Keith Koon for his dedication to the Region and helpfulness at every trial.
- Most Improved Dog was awarded to Ken Buck and Chance and Mark Close/ Rigby (these are two to watch in the future!).

We would like to thank, most heartily, our Judges Ron Huels, Ron Becker and Rick Bertinelli from the Illinois Region. Our Bird Planter Harold Hufstetler, Field Marshals Stan Perdue and Bodie Ray, and Trial Chairman- Gene Pritchett.

Lastly, we like to thank Gary Garrett and R.B. Garrett for their use of the family farm. What an incredible venue and we were competing with weddings, etc. for the date! Thank you again, Gary and R.B.



#### **GULF COAST**

On April 1 & 2 the Gulf Coast Region held its Regional Elimination at the Three Oaks Ranch in Floresville, TX with 26 dogs entered in the trial with several new members and dogs that we hope to see again this fall. Scott Thomas the Region President chaired the trial with Buzz Taylor and Bill Riddle serving as the judges from the Lone Star Region. Brian English and Ed served as field marshal and bird planter respectively from the Gulf Coast Region. We started the trial at 8:00 Saturday morning with good scenting conditions and excellent cover throughout the field. After 7 braces we broke for a fantastic lunch which was provided by Jason and Emily Hyler and the trial continued afterword. At the end of the day the placements for the qualification round were as follows:

1st – TGR's Impressive Kingpin / Josh Martin

2nd – Maggie's Little Bit O' Bullet / Maggie Parsley

3rd — Snip's Texas Reba / Doug Neyer

4th – Ayla Big City Slicker / Jason Hyler



Top 2 with Trial Officials



Qualification Round Placements

Later that night we had a Cajun supper cooked and served by John and Maggie Parsley. As we all ate our terrific supper Scott gave out awards with for the high point standings for the year. The Gulf Coast had a repeat from last year as Llano's Hot Attack owned by Scott Thomas won high point. This year also served as an election year. Scott had been our region president for the last two terms and he and Marilyn put a lot of time in the region to help keep us running and I speak for everyone when I say Thank You for your time and service, you can now relax. After the votes where in the new region president elected was Jim Meyers, vice president was Kris Sparks, treasurer was Maggie Parsley and representatives where Martin Ueltschey and Brian English.

On Sunday morning we ran the 8 braces consisting of the top 16 dogs from Saturday and narrowed the field down to 6 dogs. Those dogs were as follows: Zeke's Dynamic Buck / Bill Bohn, Tash's Southern Dot / Bill Bohn, TGR's Impressive Kingpin / Josh Martin, Maggie's Little Bit O' Bullet / Maggie Parsley, Tomoka Pete's Reo / Ugene Olson and Llano's Hot Attack / Scott Thomas. After the 3 braces the two dogs in the final hour were Maggie's Little Bit O' Bullet and Llano's Hot Attack. The final hour was a competitive match between two nice dogs but in the end Scott and Callie came out on top. This was the second year in a row that Scott and Callie won, quite the accomplishment. Congrats Scott and Callie on the great year you had. Congrats to Maggie and Bitty on making the final hour again. The top 6 were as follows:

Regional Champion: Llano's Hot Attack / Scott Thomas 1st Runner-Up: Maggie's Little Bit O' Bullet / Maggie Parsley

2nd Runner-Up: Zeke's Dynamic Buck / Bill Bohn 3rd Runner-Up: Tash's Southern Dot / Bill Bohn 4th Runner-Up: TGR's Impressive Kingpin / Josh Martin 5th Runner-Up: Tomoka Pete's Reo / Handled by: Ugene Olson —

Gunner: Martin Ueltschey

We would like to thank Bill, Buzz, Ed, and Brian for officiating the trial for us, job well done. Thank you to Jason, Emily, John, and Maggie for serving food during the trial and to Grant Cantella for providing appetizers for the supper. Once more a big thank you to Scott and Marilyn for everything ya'll do. See everyone this fall.

Top 6 Handlers







#### **INDIANA**

We had an exciting finish to the Regional this year. Congrats to Zach Norman, Jim Norman, Roger Parient (handler Pete Zeldenrust), Wayne Fishburn and Angie Fishburn for making the top six. The final came down to Angie and Athena vs Wayne and Zeus with Athena squeaking out the victory to become the Region Champion! We would like to thank Ron Huels and Rick Bertinetti for judging and Ron Becker for bird planting! Looking forward to another great trialing season and regional next year to be held at Glenn's Valley CC. — Jim Thomas











#### **KENTUCKY**





## LONE STAR

The Lone Star Region held its 2016 Regional Championship on April 2nd and 3rd at The Prairie's End Hunt Club in Gainesville, TX. We want to thank Joe Enderby for the use of his fine facilities. The weather was great, sunny both days and the temperature ranged from 38 to 75, couldn't have been any better. Our judges, bird planter and field marshal all did an outstanding job. Judges were Bill Moore and James String from the Midwest Region. Bird planter was Ed Stakens also from the Midwest Region. Field Marshall was Debi Heaton from Lone Star Region. We had 34 dogs qualify for the Regional Trial. Top 16 dogs advanced to the Sunday competition. Congratulations to the top 4 dogs and handlers/owners placing in Saturday's elimination round. We all met up Saturday evening for our annual banquet and meeting where we had a great BBQ meal provided by Chris Koster and the Stanley Ford Group. We discussed upcoming events, voted for officers and announced High Point Dog. Congratulations to Birdie with 19 points and her owner Mike Brackin. Congratulations also goes out to 1st runner up Calley with 16 points and her owner Heath Autry. Officers elected were: President- Dale Heaton, Vice President- Chris Koster, Treasurer- Debi Heaton, Secretary- Mike Brackin, Board Members- Vance Toler, Jim Selby, Wayne Denyou and Tom Paullus. A Calcutta was conducted for the top 16 dogs with Geoff Sterner as auctioneer.

The 16 dogs advancing to Sunday were:

1st- Heaton's Dakota Trek, O/H Dale Heaton-1155

3rd- Sterndog Norton's Salty Jean's Bean, O/H Geoff Sterner- 1007

2nd- Gunner's Hochland Heidi, O/H Ronnie Elliott-1122.6 4th- Ella Du Perfect Point, O Cathleen Godwin, H Barry Godwin- 819

Hefty, O Cathleen Godwin, H Barry Godwin Lulu, O/H Mike Brackin Annie, O David Morgan, H Dale Heaton Emma, O/H Tom Paullus Pearl, O/H Jim Selby Calley, O Allison Autry, H Heath Autry Stormy, O/H Dale Heaton Faith, O/H Rob Martin Birdie, O/H Mike Brackin Gunner, O/H Tim Kelly Cowboy, O/H Dustin Nelson Spanky, O/H Geoff Sterner

The top 6 dogs at the end of 8 braces on Sunday were: Lulu, Bean, Trek, Faith, Ella and Heidi. Three braces later we were down to 2 dogs, Bean and Lulu. There was a 30 minute rest for the 2 dogs and handlers; then, they were off for the final hour. At the end of the hour, Bean was awarded the 2016 Regional Championship with 7 birds and a back, score 1336.8, beating out Lulu with 4 birds and a back, score 884.5.

All the placements were:

Bean-Champion Lulu-1st runner-up Faith-2nd runner-up Ella-3rd runner-up Heidi-4th runner-up Trek-5th runner-up

A thanks goes out to everyone that helped make our 2016 Regional Trial a success. Congratulations to our 2016 Regional Champion Sterndog Norton's Salty Jean's Bean and owner Geoff Sterner.



Champion- Bean with owner/handler Geoff Sterner



**Top 6 dogs and handlers for Sunday along with Judges and Bird handler.**L to R: Geoff Sterner with Bean; Judge James String; Mike Brackin with Lulu; Rob Martin with Faith; Barry Godwin with Ella; Bird planter Ed Stakens; Ronnie Elliott with Heidi; Judge Bill Moore; Dale Heaton with Trek



Top 4 dogs and handlers for Saturday L to R: 1st place Dale Heaton with Trek; 2nd place Ronnie Elliott with Heidi; 3rd place Geoff Sterner with Bean; 4th place Barry Godwin with Ella



They're off for the hour run! Front: Geoff and Bean; Back: Mike and Lulu

#### **MID NORTH**





L to R Dean Goodall, Abbey; Elden Miller, Hank; Ricky Reneger, Cody; Tom Dafnis, Nellie; Jason Norton, Gravy; Adam Dahlstrom, Gable.

Back row: Judge Martin Ueltschey, Bird Planter Hanna Jepsen, Judge Geoff Sterner



Back row: Judge Martin Ueltschey, Bird Planter Hanna Jepsen, Judge Geoff Sterner





#### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA / NEVADA**



Final Four 1st Brit and Lexi Forrester with Skedaddle Mountain Sunrise (Hanna), 2nd Frank Rowe with Montana Freebee (Stubbs), 3rd Deric Fletcher with DieHard Icon (Ike), 4th DieHard Ten Mile Cash Deric Fletcher.

The winner of Northern California/Nevada Regional Championship for our 2015/16 Season goes to Skedaddle Mountain Sunrise (Hanna), and is owned by Tina Forrester and handled by Brit Forrester.

The back-story of Hanna's year is worth a listen to anyone who doesn't believe you have put in the time and effort to develop a NSTRA contender. Brit had been working hard with Hanna throughout the entire season, but she just seemed to come up a little short in trial after trial. Keep in mind that Hanna is only 2 years old. The dry spell ended on in mid February, when Hanna took a 2nd for her first placement. The floodgates of her success

opened 6 weeks later when Hanna accumulated three first place victories in April. She then continued her hot streak going on to win the NCN Regional Championship. What an unbelievable performance to close the season. Congratulations to Brit and Tina Forrester for all your hard work!

Brit and Hanna didn't win this without battling some really good dogs along the way. Frank Rowe and his snappy setter Stubs was in the final brace to get 1st runner up. Deric Fletcher secured both the 2nd runner up with his dog lke, and 3rd runner up with Cash. Congratulations to all!





**2016 NI Regional Elimination Winner** Romeo Ramushi & Maci's Magic Vegas



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#### OHIO



#### Field A:

1st Tily/owned by Gary McIntosh & handled by John Gillespie, 2nd Trip/owned & handled by Chase Shouse

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#### Field B:

1st: Maci/owned & handled by Jack Nutter, 2nd: Marcy/owned & handled by Deb Hronek, 3rd Casper/owned by Randy Cunningham & handled by Junior Shouse



#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

SoCal NSTRA finished up their season with a fantastic and competitive Regional Trial on Memorial Day weekend. Thirty dogs battled it out to get into the coveted top six. Lanny Darr with Anja, Bob Worrell with Tex, Jim Wall with Annie, Bill James with Baylee, Gerry Gresham with Buckeye and Craig Beach with Bree were the lucky six.

After a fierce runoff of the final six we were down to Annie and Buckeye scheduled for the hour runoff the next day at 6:30, no sleeping in for these two. After the smoke settled it was Jägermeister Pistol Annie owned and handled by Jim Wall who was crowned this year's SoCal NSTRA Regional

Champion. First runner up was Gerry Gresham with Buckeye, Second runner up was Bill James with Baylee, and third runner up was Craig Beach with Bree.

What better way to end our Regional Trial then with a great BBQ banquet and fundraiser raffle where one lucky winner won a gun and another won a trip for two to Africa not to mention a whole bunch of other items that were donated by various members. Congratulations go out to our member Pat McCrory who was named our distinguished member for the year and Gerry and Sherri Gresham who were named NSTRA family of the year. We are all looking forward to another great season next year.



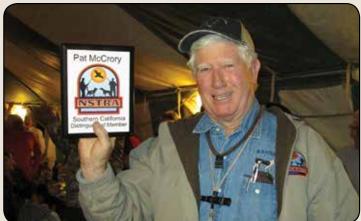
2016 SoCal Regional Champion: Jägermeister Pistol Annie owned by Jim Wall of Paso Robles California.



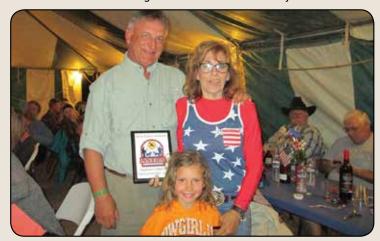
Regional Finalists. 1st Jim Wall with Annie, 2nd Gerry Gresham with Buckeye, 3rd Bill James with Baylee, 4th Craig Beach with Bree, 5th Bob Worrell with Tex (not pictured) and 6th Lanny Darr with Anja.



Final 2 in the blind with Judges Michael Ouchida and Jerry Youmans.



Pat McCrory was named distinguished member for Southern California. He has been an active member and supporter of NSTRA for years.



Gerry and Sherri Gresham were named family of the year for Southern California. There is nothing these two won't do to help out our club.



Enjoying a great BBQ with friends and family.



Timm Cleaver with Walle and Lisa McNamee with Gustel waiting to go out.



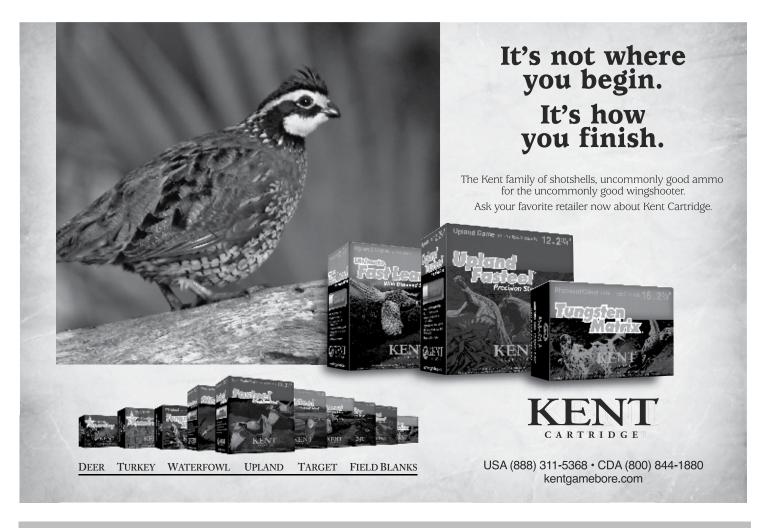
Brother and sister duo, Kyle and Katie Tomlin, after their run with Izzy.



Final round, Buckeye on point with Annie backing.

## 11th-55th Place 2016 TOP PERFORMANCE

RANK	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Wkd Pts	National Trial	Placement	Points	Tot
11	KICKAPOO JACK'S RANGER	ROGER PARIENT JR	IN	24	2015 PURINA ENDURANCE CLASSIC	21	300	⊢
					2015 DOG OF THE YEAR	20	325	⊢
					2016 TRIAL OF CHAMPIONS	11	550	-
					2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	5	500	16
12	MOONSHINE'S SLATE CREEK JOE	MICHAEL ROST	MW	26	2015 UKC PERFORMANCE CLASSIC	11	900	-
					2015 PURINA ENDURANCE CLASSIC	16	425	13
13	TC'S GET LUCKY LOU	TODD CRAVEN	MI	21	2015 UKC PERFORMANCE CLASSIC	15	450	₩
					2016 QUAIL INVITATIONAL	10	575	⊢
					2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	17	200	
14	STERNDOG NORTON'S SALTY JEANS BEAN	GEOFF STERNER	LST	26	2015 UKC PERFORMANCE CLASSIC	17	400	
					2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	11	700	
15	BUCKVILLES ROWDY FELLERS	KEVIN SCHLARBAUM	MW	40	2015 PURINA ENDURANCE CLASSIC	9	600	
					2016 QUAIL INVITATIONAL	13	500	
16	FLYING UNDER THE RADAR	CHRISTOPHER RITTER	MI	27	2015 DOG OF THE YEAR	12	525	
					2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	4	550	
17	BECKLEYS GREMLIN	SCOTT BECKLEY	MI	35	2015 DOG OF THE YEAR	7	650	
					2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	10	375	10
18	HEATON'S ILLINOIS STORM	DALE HEATON	LST	20	2016 TRIAL OF CHAMPIONS	6	675	-
					2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	12	325	10
19	VANDE HEI'S RITZI'S BOUNCIN BACK	CHUCK VANDE HEI	WI	28	2015 PURINA ENDURANCE CLASSIC	19	350	-
					2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	3	600	1
20	WHIZBANG BLACK PEARL	DAVID MCPEAK	OK	23	2015 UKC PERFORMANCE CLASSIC	25	200	⊢
					2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	11	700	!
21	SMITH'S SHADOW OAK CAFFREY	ETIENNE LAVOIE	CC	36	2015 DOG OF THE YEAR	2	850	1
22	MACES HARDTIME DIVA	MARK GILLESPIE	MK	28	2015 PURINA ENDURANCE CLASSIC	23	250	_
					2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	3	600	-
23	VANDE HEI'S LITTLE DIRTY DOG	CHUCK VANDE HEI	WI	22	2015 UKC PERFORMANCE CLASSIC	30	75	L
					2015 DOG OF THE YEAR	8	625	L
					2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	19	150	L
24	DOUBLE R STREAK	BRANDON RALSTON	IL	43	2015 DOG OF THE YEAR	17	400	L
					2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	11	350	H
25	TROUT'S ELHEW EMMA	JOHN TROUT, JR.	AZ	23	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	11	700	-
26	FRANKS SMOKEY SUNSHINE	ROBERT FRANKS	AR	22	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	1	700	-
27	GANDHI'S BUDLIGHT PURTY	FRANK DOWNS, M.D.	MW	21	2015 UKC PERFORMANCE CLASSIC	8	625	-
28	REDCLAY'S BELLE STARR	LINDA LOWE	GA	27	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	3	600	1
29	POWER'S GUN SLINGER	JOHN BRANCH	AR	26	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	4	550	!
30	GODFATHERS DESTINED TO BE A CROOK	EDWARD PURDIE	EC	20	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	5	500	1
31	WILDWINGS BENELLI	JOE LANGLOIS	NCN	21	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	8	425	1
32	AUTRY'S CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH	ALLISON AUTRY	LST	27	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	9	400	<u> </u>
33	ROCKIN G'S WARHEAD	JOHN GEORGE	OK	20	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	10	400	1
34	KICKAPOO SIOUX TOO	ROGER PARIENT JR	IN	38	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	10	375	
35	RUCK'S BROCKWAY MAD DASH	TOM ROTUNDO	NI	32	2015 DOG OF THE YEAR	19	350	<u> </u>
36	5C'S OLIVIA'S ROWDY K-OS	EMMA COKE	IN	29	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	11	350	
37	HISTEP CROSSWIND KENNEDY'S CURLY TO	JOHN HERVEY	NCN	27	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	13	300	
38	BRACKIN'S BOBBED WHITE BIRDIE GIRL	MIKE BRACKIN	LST	36	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	14	275	
39	STINNETT'S SHADRACK	DON MILLIGAN	DX	20	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	14	275	:
40	R'N'R'S SUPER SPORT	JOHN BRANCH	AR	24	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	19	150	
41	BOONE COUNTY BEER	JEFF MOORE	IN	41	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	20	125	
42	HEATON'S ELECTRIC MACY	DALE HEATON	LST	24	2015 UKC PERFORMANCE CLASSIC	32	25	
					2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	24	25	
43	WHITE OAK ZACHARIAS	ROBERT HALL	SCR	22	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	23	50	
44	COPPER'S ELHEW BULL	JIM HARMON	KY	22	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	23	50	L
45	PRAIRIE WING TEXAS SMOKE	DON MILLIGAN	DX	25	2016 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS	24	25	
46	RUCK'S BROCKWAY REPEAT	TOM ROTUNDO	NI	33				Ĺ
47	MOTZ'S SAMSON	DICK MOTZ	ОН	32				
48	BLACK FOREST ROOSTER FINN	WADE HANSON	MW	26				Γ
49	DOUBLE R GRACE	BRANDON RALSTON	IL	24				
50	SASAMANHAUSAN RUBY	RACHEL DANIELS	AR	22				
51	STONE MATRIX KATE	BILL MOORE	MS	22				
52	REBEL ROUSER SMOKIN SPARKS	RODGER ROBAK	NI	21				
		TOM ROTUNDO	NI	21			$\overline{}$	$\Box$



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#### **Magazine Correction:**

We apologize for omitting Tomoka's Smokin Sadie from the list of dogs with 3 or more national trial wins that was in the Performance Article.





# REGIONAL STRATTRIALING

#### **CENTRAL CANADA**



Another beautiful NSTRA Trial was hosted on the grounds at Barillà Kennels, Metcalfe, Ontario, during the weekend of July 16th & 17th, 2016. Participants and judges came from surrounding areas of Quebec City, Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa with spectators coming and going throughout the day. The weather was absolutely beautiful bringing an end to the joyous weekend full of fun and laughter.

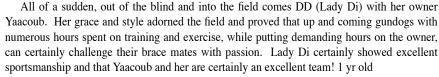
The weekend started with a pair of quailcrazy gundogs running the fields. Being a hot weekend, the gundogs even tried to find water in the dried up river bed that runs between the fields and ended up bathing in bathtubs hidden among the fields. Once in a



while you would see a head pop up over a hill like a flash of lightening and then all of a sudden you would hear "point" like a bolt of thunder hitting! The spectators waited in anticipation to see if they heard a gunshot, and oops, all you heard was "Santo missed the bird again"!

Then, there is Etienne... now that's the man to watch out for... Talent was shown among the gundogs bringing in a 2 x champion this weekend, Barillà's Resa Moretti. This is the second 2 x Ch dog for Etienne. Caffrey was the first English Setter in his family to gain the 2 x Champion title. Moretti, being older and jealous that a "younger" man (Caffrey) had become a 2 x CH before her, showed her determination and endurance and became a 2 x CH during the weekend. It just goes to show you that a woman can be just as good as a man! Caffrey sure has his work cut out for him now.

Sunday proved to be a rewarding day for Stella and her owner, Simar. Stella displayed style and stamina on the hunt. The Judge was making notes and watching how well Stella was working her ground cover and whether she backs her brace mate on point. All Simar can think is, "please don't flag your tail while on point"! I don't have my gloves on today to handle the gun. Birds are working, multiple shots are going off, birds are dropping, and cripples are running. Stella worked the field with obedience and taking direction, working strictly on instinct and prey drive. It all paid off when she placed second behind, whom else, Moretti.



Stoney...Who is this dog Stoney, Etienne asked? Do I need to be worried? A laid back gundog being his first time competing goes out and shows everyone who Stoney really is. An English Pointer who wanted to show and impress his new owner how well he could do even though he is a much quieter and patient dog than most. Coming in third place, Stoney showed the spectators he had the obedience and endurance, coupled with covering as much ground as possible to hunt down birds; ending up with a find and retrieve which was very rewarding, not to mention the intensity of the point when he found a bird and the darn handler almost missed the bird. Oh, don't tell me, his new owner is Santo?

Sitting in the blind, Etienne is planning his strategy for the brace. Dakota, waiting patiently and in anticipation for the brace to start, stands proud for being only two years old. The brace starts and all you see is her butt flying over the hill and shortly thereafter, "point" is heard.







Quickly finding the bird, and doing the retrieve, it's off to the races again. Being so young, Dakota knows that with more training and experience she will be a future champion gundog to admire. The weekend ended up giving Dakota another trophy to put on the wall.

Then, wouldn't you know it, Duke showed up on Sunday with his owner, Graziano. Being the last brace of the day, owners and their dogs were relaxing when all of a sudden sweat started pouring down their faces. Duke wanted to make up for not participating in the trial on Saturday, so, he went out and hit the winning home run of the day. Running against a gundog named Jed who runs across the field like a panther, Duke was really challenged on his game finding ability and the speed and directness of the retrieve, as well as quick pick up and fast returns, natural nose and marking ability, quietness in handling, control, drive and style and sure enough, as he glided over the fields pointing and retrieving birds like a bullet, ended the day by finding five birds and having five retrieves proved that even missing the trial on Saturday he pulled off first place.

I would like to thank the judges, Kevin Lavoie and Dominic (Mimmo) D'Angelo for an excellent job in judging the Field Trial; the bird planter, Giuseppe Barillà and his helper Leigh Uttley; Amber Rowsell and Santo Barillà for providing fabulous lunches during the weekend trial; a big thank you to Marion for helping Amber with the food and Manon Chamberland for taking care of the score sheets and score cards and making sure the handlers and gundogs were in the blind on time.

I would also like to thank all the owners/handlers who participated in the Field Trial with congratulations going out to the following gundogs and their owners:

1st Place – Barillà's Resa Moretti (Moretti) (English Setter) (owner Etienne Lavoie), 2nd Place – Metze Strazistskych Lesu (Stella) (Pudelpointer) (owner Simar Yoos), 3rd Place - Jacob's Lady Diana (DD) (English Pointer) (owner Yaacoub Yaacoub), and 4th Place – Barillà's Resa Stella (Stella) (English Setter) (owner Etienne Lavoie).

1st Place – Graziano Doc of Montreal (Duke) (GWH) (owner Graziano Lorenzon), 2nd Place – Kickapoo's Dakota (Dakota) (English Setter) (owner Etienne Lavoie), 3rd Place - Little Stoney Bay (Stoney) (English Pointer) (owner Santo Barillà), and 4th Place – Driving Miss Daisy (Daisy) (BRT) (owner Guy Gelinas).

Day 1 & 2: High Point—Barillà's Resa Moretti (Moretti) (English Setter)) (owner Etienne Lavoie).

Barillà Kennels looks forward to seeing everyone at the last trial of the season in September, so come out and have some laughter and fun.

Santo Barillà

#### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN**

Aug 5-7, Pikes Peak



Aug 5 - A Field First-Rosco with David Duchesneau Second-Claire with Tom Paullus Third-Henry with Charlie Golden



Aug 5 - B Field First- Jett with Kurt Lang Second-Bean with Alan Higham Third-Hank with Elden Miller



Aug 6 - A Field
First-Precious with Bobby Clark
Second-Toebee with Dale Heaton
Third-Starr with Mark Pace Sr.



Aug 6 - B Field
First- Claire with Tom Paullus
Second-Precious with Bobby Clark
Third- Starr with Mark Pace Sr.



Aug 7 - A Field
First- Trek with Dale Heaton
Second- Jazz with Todd Hendrix (Not Pictured)
Third- Stormy with Dale Heaton

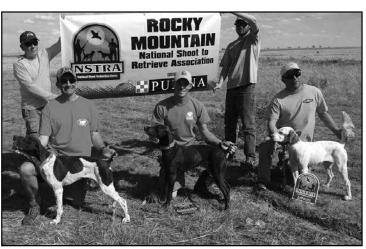


Aug 7 - B Field
First-Bean with Geoff Sterner
Second-Jett with Kurt Lang (Not Pictured)
Third-Chance with Chris Cooperrider

#### Rocky Mountain - Rush, CO May 21 & 22, 2016



Saturday May 21, 2016 A - Field Winners 1st-Chance-Chris Cooperrider 2nd-Russell- Alan Higham 3rd-Starr- Mark Pace Sr.



Saturday May 21, 2016 B - Field Winners 1st- Russell- Alan Higham 2nd- Athena- Andy Taylor 3rd-Star- Gerry Woelfel



Sunday May 22, 2016 A - Field Winners 1st-Libby- Chris Cooperrider 2nd-Sven-Andy Taylor 3rd-Rosco-David Duchesneau



Sunday May 22, 2016 B - Field Winners 1st- Mylee-Andy Taylor 2nd-Libby-Chris Cooperrider 3rd-Sven-James Cogswell

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#### 4TH OF JULY TRPL/DBL A/F

July 2, 2016 - FLAGSTAFF, AZ Judges: Steven Crabb\Nance Ceccarelli

First Place: 0xCH Emma's Lucy Goose (1657314, EP/F, by Peaches River Dan-Trout's Elhew Emma) C J Vermaak, Tucson, AZ Second Place: 0xCH Ida Wire Wyatt (SR71114802, GWH/M, by Cynisters Believe It Or Not-Piemonte Ida Wire Echo V. Chisola) C J Vermaak, Tucson, AZ

**Third Place:** 1xCH Carnahan's She's Got The Mojo Jojo (SR78744007, GSH/F, by Rockin G's Warhead-Llano's Lelani) Brian Carnahan, Flagstaff, AZ

#### 4TH OF JULY TRPL/DBL B/F

July 2, 2016 - FLAGSTAFF, AZ Judges: Ron Horn\Arlette Hennessey

First Place: 0xCH Baby Jett Von Schroeder (1665567, EP/F, by Peaches River Dan-Double R Streak) James Schroeder, Phoenix, AZ Second Place: 0xCH Ray's Firs Paige (1599900, ES/F, by Havelok Black Gold-Takoa Mountain Nicquel) Raymond Taffora, Cornville, AZ

**Third Place:** 1xCH Tko Little Tessa Rose (R264220, GSH/F, by Tko Mighty Slick Trick-Tko Sly Prairie Dancer Jh) Martin Elliott, Pheonix, AZ

#### 4TH OF JULY TRPL/DBL A/F

July 3, 2016 - FLAGSTAFF, AZ Judges: David Hackman\Arlette Hennessey

**First Place:** 1xCH Carnahan's She's Got The Mojo Jojo (SR78744007, GSH/F, by Rockin G's Warhead-Llano's Lelani) Brian Carnahan, Flagstaff, AZ

Second Place: 0xCH Sirius Boys Black (R264219, GSH/M, by Sirius Black Mojo-Kjrox Kiiona Miss) Martin Elliott, Pheonix, AZ Third Place: 2xCH Rock's Grimm Reaper (1612042, ES/M, by Henson's Desert Zoro-Henson's Desert Blubeary) Mary Petrocco, Phoenix, AZ

#### 4TH OF JULY TRPL/DBL B/F

July 3, 2016 - FLAGSTAFF, AZ Judges: Steven Crabb\Randy Caryl

**First Place:** 1xCH Tko Little Tessa Rose (R264220, GSH/F, by Tko Mighty Slick Trick-Tko Sly Prairie Dancer Jh) Martin Elliott, Pheonix. AZ

Second Place: 0xCH Run True Patriot (1653094, ES/M, by Long Hollow's Luke-Long Hollow's Montana Belle) Paul Mccawley, Moscow, ID

**Third Place:** 1xCH Carnahan's She's Got The Mojo Jojo (SR78744007, GSH/F, by Rockin G's Warhead-Llano's Lelani) Brian Carnahan, Flagstaff, AZ

#### 4TH OF JULY TRPL/DBL A/F

July 4, 2016 - FLAGSTAFF, AZ Judges: Steven Crabb\Ron Horn

**First Place:** 0xCH Fayre Femme De Les Bois (SR63099804, BR/F, by Trefle De Plumcreek-Barre Blanc De Les Bois) Mike Shepherd, Amarillo, TX

**Second Place:** 0xCH Lindsey's Lil Smoken Garrett (1652771, EP/M, by Moonshines Slate Creek Joe-Jo's Magic Molly) David Hackman, Vail, AZ

**Third Place:** 1xCH Tko Little Tessa Rose (R264220, GSH/F, by Tko Mighty Slick Trick-Tko Sly Prairie Dancer Jh) Martin Elliott, Pheonix, AZ

#### 4TH OF JULY TRPL/DBL B/F

July 4, 2016 - FLAGSTAFF, AZ Judges: Arlette Hennessey\Nance Ceccarelli

**First Place:** 2xCH Gracie Vom Desert Dancer (R234249, GWH/F, by Expo Vom Orion (gw)-Auzie Vom Grousehafen) Alan Churchwell, Xxxxxxxxxxxxx, AZ

Second Place: 0xCH Bella Rose Little Tumas Cookie (SR63485509, GSH/F, by Indypendence Devine Sun-Khandi Cain Sierra Von Hunting Grou) Ron Ponciano, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

**Third Place:** 1xCH Tko Little Tessa Rose (R264220, GSH/F, by Tko Mighty Slick Trick-Tko Sly Prairie Dancer Jh) Martin Elliott, Pheonix, AZ

#### **ARIZONA REGION**

August 20, 2016 - FLAGSTAFF, AZ Judges: Steven Crabb\Arlette Hennessey

**First Place:** 1xCH Carnahan's She's Got The Mojo Jojo (SR78744007, GSH/F, by Rockin G's Warhead-Llano's Lelani) Brian Carnahan, Flagstaff, AZ

Second Place: 0xCH Emma's Lucy Goose (1657314, EP/F, by Peaches River Dan-Trout's Elhew Emma) C J Vermaak, Tucson, AZ Third Place: 1xCH Carnahan's Ruby Tuby Teapot (SR63725806, GSH/F, by General Fancy Blue Dax-Black Forest Shooter's S Jade) Debbie Carnahan, Flagstaff, AZ

#### **ARIZONA REGION**

August 21, 2016 - FLAGSTAFF, AZ Judges: Steven Crabb\Arlette Hennessey

**First Place:** 0xCH Ray's Firs Paige (1599900, ES/F, by Havelok Black Gold-Takoa Mountain Nicquel) Raymond Taffora, Cornville, AZ

Second Place: 1xCH Tko Little Tessa Rose (R264220, GSH/F, by Tko Mighty Slick Trick-Tko Sly Prairie Dancer Jh) Martin Elliott, Pheonix, AZ

Third Place: 1xCH Santan's Little Guido (1648488, EP/M, by Santan's Elhew Max-Cactus Patchs Fancy Pants) Brian Rebello, Chandler, AZ

#### **REGION: CC**

#### DR PAUL MAJOR MEMORIAL TRIAL

June 18, 2016 - CANTLEY, QC Judges: Domenico D'angelo\Santo Barilla

**First Place:** 2xCH Smith's Shadow Oak Caffrey (1656942, ES/M, by Shadow Oak Bo-Bohannon's Elizabeth) Etienne Lavoie, Ste-croix, QC

**Second Place:** 2xCH Barilla's Resa Moretti (1581416, ES/F, by Resa's Trouble Mace-Resa's Tekoa Kate) Etienne Lavoie, Ste-croix,

**Third Place:** 0xCH Onpoint's Son Of Sam (ZN469552, VIZ/M, by Onpoint's Hitman-Onpoints Irn Bru) Kenneth Lapalm, Foxboro, ON

#### **DR PAUL MAJOR MEMORIAL TRIAL**

June 19, 2016 - CANTLEY, QC Judges: Domenico D'angelo\Barry Bassingthwaight

First Place: 1xCH Pending (PENDING, OTH/F, by -) No Mbr # For Old Data,

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Second Place: 0xCH Gert Gone (1623058, ES/F, by Long Gone Buckwheat-Grouse Ridge Digit) Chehade Absi, Gatineau, QC Third Place: 2xCH Barilla's Resa Moretti (1581416, ES/F, by Resa's Trouble Mace-Resa's Tekoa Kate) Etienne Lavoie, Ste-croix, QC

#### **BARILLA KENNELS**

July 16, 2016 - METCALFE, ON Judges: Domenico D'angelo\Kevin Lavoie

First Place: 2xCH Barilla's Resa Moretti (1581416, ES/F, by Resa's Trouble Mace-Resa's Tekoa Kate) Etienne Lavoie, Ste-croix,

Second Place: 1xCH Pending (PENDING, OTH/F, by -) No Mbr # For Old Data,

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Third Place: 0xCH Jacob's Lady Diana (1665311, EP/F, by Jacob's Covey Rise's Amazing-Barilla's Special Spot) Yaacoub Yaacoub, Gloucester, ON

#### **BARILLA KENNELS**

July 17, 2016 - METCALFE, ON Judges: Domenico D'angelo\Kevin Lavoie

First Place: 0xCH Graziano Doc Of Montreal (1644095, GWH/M, by Covey Hills Grisbl-Kandy V Willow Rock) Graziano Lorenzon, Montreal, QC

**Second Place:** 0xCH Kickapoo's Dakota (1662357, ES/F, by Kickapoo's Jackpot-Kickapoo's Little Sis) Etienne Lavoie, Stecroix, QC

Third Place: 1xCH Pending (PENDING, OTH/F, by -) No Mbr # For Old Data,

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#### **REGION: IN**

#### **GLENNS VALLEY A/F**

August 5, 2016 - WAVERLY, IN Judges: David Chandler\Mychalie Moore

First Place: 4xCH Flying Under The Radar (1648709, EP/M, by Killbuck Bolt Action-Bailey Jo Diamond) Christopher Ritter, Romulus, MI

Second Place: 0xCH Twin River Tessa (1662320, EP/F, by Peaches River Dan-Double R Streak) Philip Chandler, Paxton, IL Third Place: 5xCH Boone County Beer

(SR58850301, BR/F, by Mccandless Titlest Driver-Beeline Bravado Easy Money) Jeff Moore, Whitestown, IN

#### **GLENNS VALLEY B/F**

August 5, 2016 - WAVERLY, IN Judges: Sara Moore\Crystal Nichols

First Place: 1xCH Pending (PENDING, OTH/F, by -) No Mbr # For Old Data,

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**Second Place:** 6xCH Reynolds Doc Holliday (R248315, GSH/M, by Dankar's Ready And Able Blitz-Sasamanhausen Ruby) Tim

Reynolds, Alhambra, IL

Third Place: 0xCH Chan-d Hellfighter Hondo (SR76497904, BR/M, by Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid-Sandbank Rose) Sam Chandler, Martinsville, IN

#### **GLENNS VALLEY A/F**

August 6, 2016 - WAVERLY, IN Judges: Sara Moore\Crystal Nichols

First Place: 0xCH Twin River Tessa (1662320, EP/F, by Peaches River Dan-Double R Streak) Philip Chandler, Paxton, IL

Second Place: 0xCH Zeus Little Deuce Coupe (1652099, GSH/M, by Ragin Cajun Zeus-Wild Thing O'riley) Jim Thomas, Mooresville, IN

Third Place: 0xCH Chan-d Hellfighter Hondo (SR76497904, BR/M, by Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid-Sandbank Rose) Sam Chandler, Martinsville, IN

#### **GLENNS VALLEY B/F**

August 6, 2016 - WAVERLY, IN Judges: Mychalie Moore\Jim Marks

First Place: 4xCH Flying Under The Radar (1648709, EP/M, by Killbuck Bolt Action-Bailey Jo Diamond) Christopher Ritter, Romulus, MI

**Second Place:** 6xCH Reynolds Doc Holliday (R248315, GSH/M, by Dankar's Ready And Able Blitz-Sasamanhausen Ruby) Tim Reynolds, Alhambra, IL

Third Place: 4xCH Beckleys Gremlin (SR73164801, GSH/F, by Bables Just Simply Simon-Outfox Bables Scarlet Gunner) Scott Beckley, Lagrange, IN

#### **GLENNS VALLEY A/F**

August 13, 2016 - WAVERLY, IN Judges: Sara Moore\Michael Lee

First Place: 6xCH Reynolds Doc Holliday (R248315, GSH/M, by Dankar's Ready And Able Blitz-Sasamanhausen Ruby) Tim Reynolds, Alhambra, IL

Second Place: 1xCH Clown's Icing On The

Cake (SR58355607, GSH/M, by Clown's Last Laugh-Mac's True Spirit) Brandon Pritchett, Odum, GA

Third Place: 1xCH Hhk Two Dollar Pistol (R243324, GSH/F, by Clown's Last Laugh-Bj's Hardcore Heidi) Chris Sanders, Bowling Green, KY

#### **GLENNS VALLEY B/F**

August 13, 2016 - WAVERLY, IN Judges: J. Michael Wayne\Mychalie Moore

First Place: 5xCH Brackin's Bobbed White Birdie Girl (SR62858880, GSH/F, by Concho Saddle Up Gus-Rio Concho Scout The Starrs)

Mike Brackin, Coppell, TX

**Second Place:** 0xCH Chan-d Hellfighter Hondo (SR76497904, BR/M, by Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid-Sandbank Rose) Sam Chandler, Martinsville, IN

Third Place: 1xCH Mcs Waltzing Matilda (SR71854108, GSH/F, by Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash-Last Dance Lily) Gary Mcintosh, Lewisburg, OH

#### **GLENNS VALLEY A/F**

August 14, 2016 - WAVERLY, IN Judges: Mychalie Moore\J. Michael Wayne

First Place: 1xCH Hhk Two Dollar Pistol (R243324, GSH/F, by Clown's Last Laugh-Bj's Hardcore Heidi) Chris Sanders, Bowling Green, KY

**Second Place:** 2xCH Cook's Two Shoes (R232171, EP/F, by Swami's Brute-Little Gunner's Lacy) Ted Cook, London, KY Third Place: 0xCH Smith's Shadow Oak Bojangles (1661593, ES/M, by Shadow Oak Bo-Smith's Hytest Ally) Brian Boals, Ludington, MI

#### **GLENNS VALLEY B/F**

August 14, 2016 - WAVERLY, IN Judges: Sara Moore\Jim Thomas

First Place: 0xCH Chan-d Hellfighter Hondo (SR76497904, BR/M, by Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid-Sandbank Rose) Sam Chandler, Martinsville, IN

Second Place: 7xCH Ruck's Brockway Repeat (R242063, GSH/M, by Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash-Last Dance Lily) Tom Rotundo, Orient,

Third Place: 8xCH Copper's Elhew Bull (R234156, EP/M, by Stephens Bright Copper-Vance's Elhew Bee) Jim Harmon, Bowling Green, KY



#### **GLENNS VALLEY A/F**

August 27, 2016 - WAVERLY, IN Judges: Sara Moore\Bev Mcadams

First Place: 1xCH Timber Hill's Racer (SR84504503, GSH/M, by Shooting Starr's Gen. Milo Mh-Thunderhead's Mighty Reward) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH Second Place: 0xCH Zeus Little Deuce Coupe (1652099, GSH/M, by Ragin Cajun Zeus-Wild Thing O'riley) Jim Thomas, Mooresville, IN

**Third Place:** 1xCH Bob's Shadow Oak (1659100, ES/F, by Shadow Oak Bo-Smith's Final Hope) Jim Clary, Madison Heights, MI

#### **GLENNS VALLEY B/F**

August 27, 2016 - WAVERLY, IN Judges: David Wilson\Mychalie Moore

**First Place:** 0xCH Zeus Little Deuce Coupe (1652099, GSH/M, by Ragin Cajun Zeus-Wild Thing O'riley) Jim Thomas, Mooresville, IN

**Second Place:** 0xCH Norman's Stormin Liberty (1655859, ES/F, by Norman's Tekoa Storm-Master Mohawk Kate) Jim Norman, Tuscola. IL

Third Place: 7xCH Ruck's Brockway Repeat (R242063, GSH/M, by Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash-Last Dance Lily) Tom Rotundo, Orient,

#### **GLENNS VALLEY A/F**

August 28, 2016 - WAVERLY, IN Judges: David Wilson\Mychalie Moore

**First Place:** -1xCH Shouse Tuff Trooper (R247378, ES/F, by Mohawk's Tuff Stuff-Maggies Little Kelly) Junior Shouse, Berea, KY

Second Place: 7xCH Ruck's Brockway Repeat (R242063, GSH/M, by Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash-Last Dance Lily) Tom Rotundo, Orient,

**Third Place:** 0xCH Zeus Little Deuce Coupe (1652099, GSH/M, by Ragin Cajun Zeus-Wild Thing O'riley) Jim Thomas, Mooresville, IN

#### **GLENNS VALLEY B/F**

August 28, 2016 - WAVERLY, IN Judges: Zach Norman\Sara Moore

**First Place:** 0xCH Tequila Sunrise Teta (SR5603507, GSH/F, by Griffiths Classic Deke-Makayla's Dizzy Izzy) Michael Lee, Indianapolis, IN

**Second Place:** 5xCH Boone County Beer (SR58850301, BR/F, by Mccandless Titlest Driver-Beeline Bravado Easy Money) Jeff

Moore, Whitestown, IN

Third Place: 7xCH Ruck's Brockway Repeat

(R242063, GSH/M, by Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash-Last Dance Lily) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH

#### **REGION: MI**

#### **PIGEON RIVER KENNELS A/F**

July 23, 2016 - HUDSON, IN Judges: John Griffiths\Barry Gates

**First Place:** 1xCH Bob's Shadow Oak (1659100, ES/F, by Shadow Oak Bo-Smith's Final Hope) Jim Clary, Madison Heights, MI

Second Place: 0xCH Tomoka's Smokin Bomb (1660469, ES/M, by Tomoka's Smokin J.r.-Barr's Smokin Jill) Mikeal Mulberry, Corinth, KY

**Third Place:** 8xCH Crosswind Micro Chip (R245860, GSH/M, by Crosswind Truckin Fritz-Ricadea Reba's Mack) Scott Townsend, Maybee, MI

#### PIGEON RIVER KENNELS B/F

July 23, 2016 - HUDSON, IN Judges: Jeffrey Pacholski\Randy Cunningham

**First Place:** 4xCH Flying Under The Radar (1648709, EP/M, by Killbuck Bolt Action-Bailey Jo Diamond) Christopher Ritter, Romulus, MI

**Second Place:** 4xCH Beckleys Gremlin (SR73164801, GSH/F, by Bables Just Simply Simon-Outfox Bables Scarlet Gunner) Scott Beckley, Lagrange, IN

**Third Place:** 9xCH Shouse Dogwood Abby (R251936, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Randy Cunningham, Culloden, WV

#### **PIGEON RIVER KENNELS A/F**

July 24, 2016 - HUDSON, IN Judges: Crystal Nichols\Todd Craven

**First Place:** 24xCH Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash (R242061, GSH/M, by Brockways Ruck Runner-Shooting Starr's Sassy Sami) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH

Second Place: 4xCH Beckleys Gremlin (SR73164801, GSH/F, by Bables Just Simply Simon-Outfox Bables Scarlet Gunner) Scott Beckley, Lagrange, IN

Third Place: -1xCH Shouse Tuff Trooper (R247378, ES/F, by Mohawk's Tuff Stuff-Maggies Little Kelly) Junior Shouse, Berea, KY

#### **PIGEON RIVER KENNELS B/F**

July 24, 2016 - HUDSON, IN Judges: Michael Elliott\Tom Rotundo

**First Place:** 4xCH Beckleys Gremlin (SR73164801, GSH/F, by Bables Just Simply Simon-Outfox Bables Scarlet Gunner) Scott Beckley, Lagrange, IN

**Second Place:** 0xCH Zeus Little Deuce Coupe (1652099, GSH/M, by Ragin Cajun Zeus-Wild Thing O'riley) Jim Thomas, Mooresville, IN

**Third Place:** 0xCH Zimmy's Scotch On The Rox (SR75267202, GSH/F, by Zimmy's Blazin Buddy Jh-Zimmy's Amazing Grace) Lawrence Panetta, Harley, ON

#### **REGION: OH**

#### **MAHONEY FARMS**

August 6, 2016 - MARYSVILLE, OH Judges: Floyd Williams\Donivan Stir

**First Place:** 0xCH Smith's Shadow Oak Bojangles (1661593, ES/M, by Shadow Oak Bo-Smith's Hytest Ally) Brian Boals, Ludington. MI

**Second Place:** 0xCH Tomoka's Smokin Bomb (1660469, ES/M, by Tomoka's Smokin J.r.-Barr's Smokin Jill) Mikeal Mulberry, Corinth,

**Third Place:** 1xCH Mcs Waltzing Matilda (SR71854108, GSH/F, by Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash-Last Dance Lily) Gary Mcintosh, Lewisburg, OH

#### **MAHONEY FARMS**

August 7, 2016 - MARYSVILLE, OHIO Judges: Donivan Stir\James Collins

First Place: 1xCH Bob's Shadow Oak (1659100, ES/F, by Shadow Oak Bo-Smith's Final Hope) Jim Clary, Madison Heights, MI

**Second Place:** 0xCH Snake Island Apple Pie (1656405, ES/F, by Sage Wind Sam-Bright Points Minnie) Brittany Rudd, Franklin, OH

**Third Place**: 1xCH Mcs Waltzing Matilda (SR71854108, GSH/F, by Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash-Last Dance Lily) Gary Mcintosh, Lewisburg, OH

#### **REGION: RM**

#### **PIKES PEAK A/F**

August 5, 2016 - WOODLAND PARK Judges: Cheryl Higham\Ron Horn

First Place: 1xCH High Plains Rosco (SR73015807, GSH/M, by Bridwells Rushville Bob-Hannahs Avery May) David

Duchesneau, Eagle, CO

Second Place: 6xCH Duke's Impressive Claire Paullus (SR56592504, GSH/F, by Tgr's Impressive Duke-Tgr's Impressive Lucille)

Thomas Paullus, Dallas, TX

Third Place: 0xCH Jd's Henry (1642875, ES/M, by Reroy's Jack Daniels-Prairie Wing Desert Rose) Charles Golden, Bellvue, CO

#### **PIKES PEAK B/F**

August 5, 2016 - WOODLAND PARK Judges: Andy Taylor\Carl Sax

First Place: 1xCH Godfathers Pepper Guns Jett (SR56962104, BR/M, by Bbb's Lucky Strike-Cast A Britt Annie) Kurt Lang, Parker,

Second Place: 0xCH Weathered Stone's Ms Bean (SR84998004, GSH/F, by Lances Mr Executive-Will And Wades Little Kate) Cheryl Higham, Boulder, CO

Third Place: 3xCH Country Lane Hank (1628706, ES/M, by Second Chance Scooby-Milrun Gabby) Elden Miller, Willison, ND

#### **PIKES PEAK A/F**

August 6, 2016 - WOODLAND PARK Judges: Chris Cooperrider\Elden Miller

First Place: 4xCH Skipper's Precious Girl (R237239, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Beach's Bad Girl) Robert Clark, Mckinney, TX

Second Place: 6xCH Toebee Montana To Texas (R250728, GSH/M, by Montana's Wildfire Grizzly-Roustabout's Patriotic Abby) Dale Heaton, Allen, TX

Third Place: 2xCH Black Forest Star (SR49724402, GSH/F, by Keg Creek Rising Cooper-Black Forest Jewel) Mark Pace,

Colorado Springs., CO

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#### **PIKES PEAK A/F**

August 7, 2016 - WOODLAND PARK Judges: Mark Pace\Charles Golden

First Place: 7xCH Heaton's Dakota Trek (R250700, ES/M, by Resa's Trouble Mace-Tekoa Amber Sunrise) Dale Heaton, Allen,

Second Place: 1xCH Jazzmanian Devil Dot (R246547, BR/F, by Champi-dot-Diamond Tequila Gold) Todd Hendrix, Elkhorn, NE Third Place: 1xCH Heaton's Illinois Storm (R250830, ES/F, by Norman's Tekoa Storm-Master Mohawk Kate) Dale Heaton, Allen, TX

#### **PIKES PEAK B/F**

August 7, 2016 - WOODLAND PARK Judges: Carl Sax\Kevin Creeden

First Place: 3xCH Sterndog Norton's Salty Jean's Bean (SR73685301, GWH/F, by Fancy Feather Saltyfoote-Thunderhill's Ricochet) Geoff Sterner, Granbury, TX Second Place: 1xCH Godfathers Pepper Guns Jett (SR56962104, BR/M, by Bbb's Lucky Strike-Cast A Britt Annie) Kurt Lang, Parker, CO

Third Place: 0xCH Black Forest Aspens Last Chance (SR69625202, GSH/M, by Black Forest Bart-Black Forest Shoorio Aspen) Chris Cooperrider, Cripple Creek, CO



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#### **B. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

- 1- Any high school junior or senior or any first or 2nd year college student who is the son/daughter of an eligible NSTRA member can apply for this scholarship. For purposes of this award, "eligible NSTRA member/parent" means any member in good standing for at least 5 consecutive years prior to the submission of this application and who has actively participated in at least 6 trials in each of those years:
- years;
  2- Applicant must submit evidence of strong academic performance to date, supported by the submission of official documentation indicating class rank, grade point average and ACT or SAT test scores. Official documentation means this information MUST be provided in letterhead from their school and/or national testing office. In the event that this documentation is not available a clear and concise explanation as to the reason must be provided;
- concise explanation as to the reason must be provided;
  3- Applicant must be enrolled or accepted in an accredited academic college and supply appropriate documentation. A letter of admission or grade slip from the college if already enrolled, constitutes adequate documentation;
- 4- Applicant must provide 3 letters of recommendation from academic advisors or teachers. These letters must specifically address the applicant's academic

achievements and abilities:

- 5- Applicant must submit evidence of extra curricular activity supporting scholastic achievement, any other school involvement or community activities. Any letters of recommendation from NSTRA members would be in addition to the letters from teachers or academic advisors;
- 6- Applicant must submit a 3-5 page essay detailing what NSTRA means to him/her, to their family and how the "eligible parent's" participation in NSTRA has impacted on his/her life. Applicant must also explain how a college education would affect his/her future and what his/her educational goals are;
- 7- Essay must not include name of the applicant. A separate cover letter and application form with all pertinent information should accompany the application Each application will be assigned an identification number and each will be read by the scholarship committee without a name attached to it:
- 8- It is expected that the recipient will provide NSTRA for 3 years with follow up to his/her academic achievements after receipt of the award.
- C. STIPULATIONS: The recipient will receive a letter of Certification of Award from NSTRA. This letter should be presented, by the recipient, to the university who then may contact NSTRA to secure the monetary award.
- D. PRESENTATION OF AWARD: The scholarship winner will be announced during the annual Dog of the Year banquet. The current NSTRA President will make said announcement. If recipient is not present, award will be forwarded.

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The National Office now requires a copy of the dog's registration certificate for first time placements. This can either be submitted by the owner or the trial chairman.

We will accept copies by fax (317-839-4197), e-mail (office@nstra.org) or a photocopy by regular mail.

#### TRIAL FORMAT: OPEN

Registered Name	Placement	Breed	Sex	Owner Name	City and State
K NINES BLUEGRASS NOSE KNOWS	7/24/2016	Brittany	F	LITTLE, MARK	VERSAILLES, KY
JACOB'S LADY DIANA	7/16/2016	English Pointer	F	YAACOUB, YAACOUB	GLOUCESTER, ON
PETER GUNN'S ALL-IN JAZZ	6/19/2016	Brittany	F	GELINAS, GUY	TERREBONNE, QC
ONPOINT'S SON OF SAM	6/18/2016	Vizsla	М	LAPALM, KENNETH	FOXBORO, ON

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Date of



	Reg Name	Date	Format Trial	Breed	Sex	Owner	City, State
1X							
	BOB'S SHADOW OAK	23-Jul-16	OPEN	English Setter	F	CLARY, JIM	MADISON HEIGHTS, MI
	HIGH PLAINS ROSCO	05 -Aug-16	OPEN	German Shorthair	M	DUCHESNEAU, DAVID	EAGLE, CO
	MCS WALTZING MATILDA	07-Aug-16	OPEN	German Shorthair	F	MCINTOSH, GARY	LEWISBURG, OH
2X	BARILLA'S RESA MORETTI	16-Jul-16	OPEN	English Setter	F	LAVOIE, ETIENNE	STE-CROIX, QC
	GRACIE VOM DESERT DANCER	04-Jul-16	OPEN	German Wirehair	F	CHURCHWELL, ALAN	AZ
<b>4</b> X	FLYING UNDER THE RADAR	05-Aug-16	OPEN	English Pointer	M	RITTER, CHRISTOPHER	ROMULUS, MI
<b>G</b> X	REYNOLDS DOC HOLLIDAY	06-Aug-16	OPEN	German Shorthair	M	REYNOLDS, TIM	ALHAMBRA, IL
7X	RUCK'S BROCKWAY REPEAT	14-Aug-16	OPEN	German Shorthair	М	ROTUNDO, TOM	ORIENT, OH
24X	RUCK'S BROCKWAY MAD DASH	24-Jul-16	OPEN	German Shorthair	М	ROTUNDO, TOM	ORIENT, OH

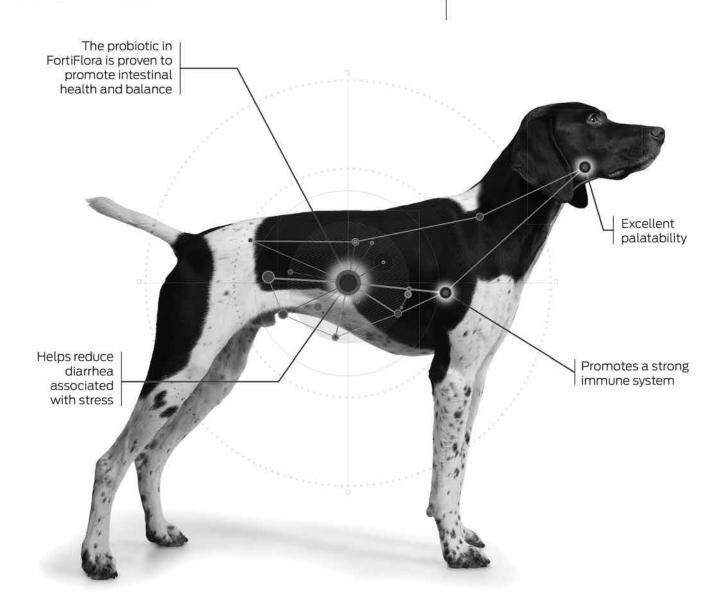


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**Entry Deadline** postmarked by **March 13. 2017\*** 

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Handler Name	
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Exp. Date / / CVV#	

**Deadline:** March 13. 2017 Email and fax entries must be received in the office by 5:00 Eastern on Deadline dates. Entries taken by mail, fax or email only. No telephone entries accepted. No after hours messages will be accepted.

Qualifications: The criteria for entry into this trial is that the dog has earned a championship and is at least a 2x champion by February 1 of the current year or the dog can be paid standby for this trial by achieving their championship between February 2 and March 31.

**Handlers:** The handler drawn to run the dog must be the handler to run the dog if they are present at the trial. Substitutions can only be made in the case of illness or emergency subject to approval of the trial chairman.

Late Entries: Late entries of bye dogs will be accepted in the office up until close of business date (5:00 pm Eastern) on Monday, April 24, 2017. All late entries (after the initial deadline) will be charged \$25 extra per entry.

If paying by check or money order, please submit one check per entry.

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Please verify entries online at www.nstra.org/national-trials/trial-of-champions.html

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