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Quail Valley's Nose Knows

Adam Fellers, Owner/Handler - Midwest Region

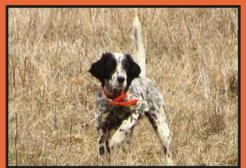


NSTRA Regional Champions



Northern CA/ Nevada Region

Battleborn Ready Riley owned by Milo Smith



Missouri Show Me Region

Resa's Mazie owned by John Resa



Arizona Region

K Nine's Coyote Ugly owned by Arlette Hennessey



Virginia Region

Souse Dogwood Molly owned by Chase Cogar



Dixie RegionGamble's Little Joe
owned by Sharon Gamble



North West Region

Magnum Max Power owned by Mike Smith



Wisconsin Region

Burr Oaks Ziggy owned by Shane Tointon



Rocky Mountain Region

Valhalla's Dirty Deeds owned by Lance MacLennan



Arkansas/ Louisiana

DS Rail'n Rocker owned by Deion Sanders



Southern California Region

Lazy Heart Walle owned by Timm Cleave



Kentucky Region

McCandless Titlest Driver owned by Ashley McCandless



Big Sky Region

Madison River Daisymae owned by Gary Bauer

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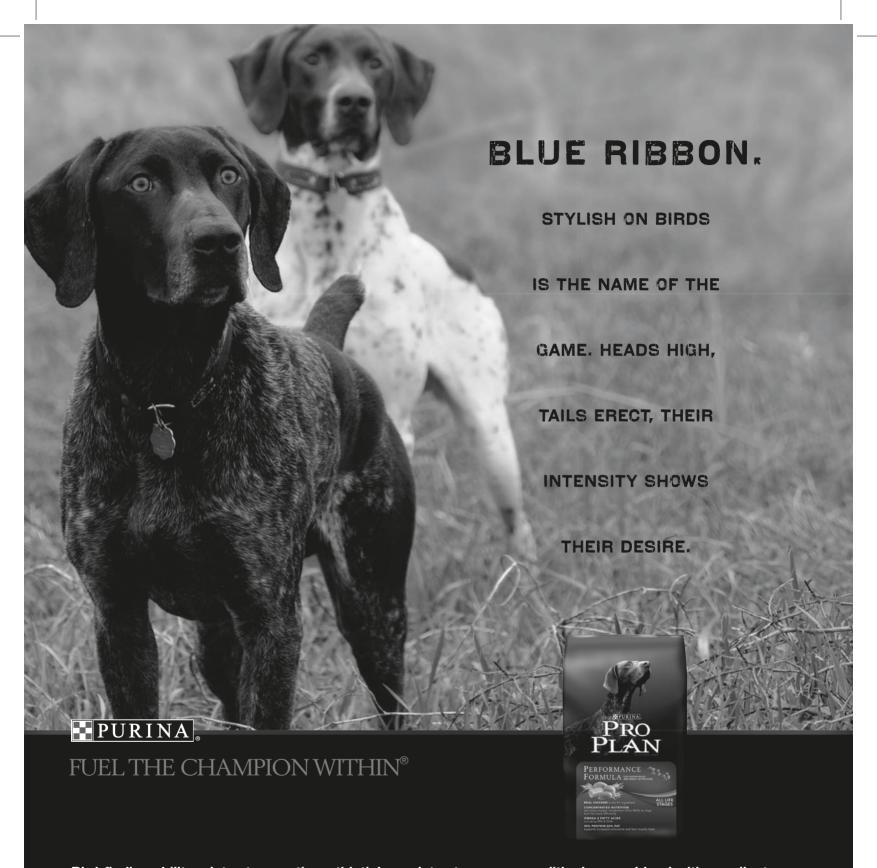


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News From the Officers

Are you ready for fall trialing season? Have you worked your dog any these last few months? Are you going to do some fall hunting? Are you and your dog in shape?

We will be in full swing by the time you read this. Please support your local trials this fall. We have started to see an increase in the number of members and the number of trial entries in a few of our regions. Somebody must be doing something right. Often a difference of 1 or 2 dogs will make or break a trial. Your involvement is crucial to the success of NSTRA. If your dog isn't ready yet or you just don't trial anymore, please support your local club, neighbor, friend and region by volunteering to help out at a field trial. Donate your time. You never know when you will be the one that "recruits" a new member or impresses a young person to get involved in our sport.

The Purina Endurance Classic was a steaming success! Temperatures for the first few days were well up in the 90's and a windstorm threatened to take out the tent and the computers but we all prevailed. Congratulations to the Ralston Family and their dog Streak on winning this year. Look for an article on them in this issue.

Entries for the Dog of the Year Trial are up this year too! Over 220 entries! We actually will have a standby list for this trial. Thanks to everyone who entered. We look forward to seeing our old friends and competitors and meeting some new ones.

This issue not only showcases the top performing dogs for the 2012/2013 trial season but also features the regional winners. This issue, more than any other, represents the versatility of NSTRA. From dedicated trailers who go out every weekend, travel to many regions and show the ultimate limits that bird dogs can attain, to the regional trailers that compete with their dogs on a limited basis but achieve the highest honor given by their region. Some of the dogs on these covers are famous in the NSTRA world and others are getting their"15 minutes" but all are essential to our organization.

Happy fall trialing!

Q: Why are dogs like phones?
A: Because they have collar IDs.

Your National Officers

Deadline for publication information is November 3, 2013

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October 1, 2013

First day to accept change of home region requests.

October 23-26, 2013

Dog of the Year Trial, Amo, IN

November 1, 2013

Spring Trial Schedules due in the office.

November 11, 2013

NSTRA Office closed in honor of Veteran's Day.

November 28 & 29, 2013

NSTRA Office closed for Thanksgiving

January 2, 2014

Deadline for Quail Invitational Entries. Last day to submit change of home region requests.

February 20-22, 2014

Quail Invitational Trial, Lake Wales, FL



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Am I mean to my dog?

By: Todd Kellam

Some would say I'm mean to my dog. Though I can't say I agree with their definition, I can't help but find some humor in what I would call, "teasing my dog". Remember when your third grade teacher explained that a boy only picks on a particular girl because he likes her? I like to think it's the same theory with our dogs.

How can you fail to appreciate the excitement your dog shows the moment she hears the working action of a shotgun, the "inadvertent" jingle of a dog bell or a practice blow on your favorite whistle or duck call? The satisfaction that is derived in seeing the conditioned response to one of the above "tests" must be similar to the simple joy experienced by a parent when a young child first shows signs of interest in one of his/her parent's main interests. If something so simple gives you such a quick fix of pure enjoyment, is it right to limit such satisfaction to accidental occurrence? I think not. You may catch me adjusting the bell collar, making sure that a gun is unloaded or freeing the pea in the "Roy Gonia" whistle at opportune moments, like when the dog is on the opposite end of the house soaking up some sun in front of the window.

Another so called cruel activity is teasing a dog with food. Come on, everyone is guilty of this one. Everyone has used food as reward for doing tricks. I'll tell you one thing, except for a marked retrieve into a pond with a long, clear approach, you would be hard pressed to find my two ten year old veterans of woods and waters show more enthusiasm than when they hear the potato chip bag crinkling out in the kitchen. (Always make sure you crinkle it a lot more than is really necessary.) In my opinion, the race is not only amusing; it can be justified by the good exercise it affords the dogs!

Is there really any harm to teaching the sit / stay command as you randomly toss popcorn around the living room? Just

remember, when your wife starts to argue that dog drool can be hazardous to both the living room carpet and your general well being, it is time to send the dog on its much anticipated retrieve. The "balancing food on the nose" routine is a parlor trick that I think is more suited to the poodle types than a distinguished gundog. However, it's hard to condemn the occasional guest at my house who tries this one, when I rarely pass up the opportunity to do so in homes with the presence of a poodle type. The bottom line is, teasing with food is not mean and is in fact no different than billboards advertising cold beer.

Have you ever been standing there on the skeet field at the club talking about how much harder right to lefts are than left to rights when some smart alec sneaks up from behind and lightly brushes your neck or your ear with a long fox tail weed to see you casually shoo away what you think is another annoying bug? Then, when it won't go away, you really start sidestepping and swatting as visions of killer bees run through your mind. It's great fun for everyone but the target. Since that's not considered mean to do that to people, why would it be considered mean for me to play a similar one on my dog?

Next time your favorite is sleeping within reach, take your finger and just barely brush the hair between their toes. I mean barely brush it. At first they'll just twitch a little. Then when you do it again, they move a little more to try to avoid the nuisance. They usually won't wake up and give you that not-this-stupid-game-again look until you do it three or four times. It may not be as hilarious as watching some tough guy swatting make believe bees but it is comical.

Mean to my dog? I guess you'd have to ask them. They still love me. ■

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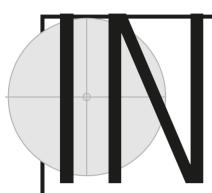
NSTRA has 31 regions that cover the lower 48 states and Central Canada.

Please visit out regions page to determine which region is the nearest for you. Should you need assistance to determind your region or any additional information is needed, feel free to contact the NSTRA office.



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Releasors expressly agree that this release, waiver, and laws of the State of, and that if any portion thereof is force and effect.			
In witness whereof, releasors have executed this relea	se at	the day and yea	ar first above written.



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RULE CHANGE:

The following rule change was voted on by the membership and approved. Changes to current rule are in bold. Please make note of this is your current rule books.

3.01 A back is defined as when the dog "sees" the other dog pointing, he stops and remains stationary until released by the judge and/or handler or if the pointing dog breaks into a hunting mode. 7/13 Back must be called by handler before judge can score a creditable back.

* In the event a handler is unable to see a dog backing, the judge will begin judging the back and advise the handler that his dog is backing.

The judge may hold the backing dog at his discretion. If the judge believes that the second dog did see the pointing dog and did not stop until after he smelled the bird, then a zero back score is awarded. 7/13

Interpretation: Same as find: if the judge is aware the dog is backing, do not disallow the back if handler fails to call back. 4/93

TOP PERFORMANCE:

The NSTRA Board of Directors voted to change the criteria of the Top Performance Award starting June 1, 2013. After much discussion and many suggestions, a revision was sent to the board to amend the original criteria. The following is the final criteria as approved by the NSTRA Board of Directors effective retroactively to June 1, 2013.

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Champions Certificates:

We have had many questions about the 1XCH certificates. Due to a problem in our database, the certificates have not been printing correctly. We are currently working on a complete overhaul to the database and as soon as it is fixed, we will be sending out the certificates. Watch for a notice here regarding the mailing.

UKC Registration:

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A. NATURE OF AWARD: National Shoot to Retrieve is offering an one time scholarship to any son or daughter of a NSTRA member in good standing who is enrolled in their junior or senior year of high school or their freshman or sophomore year of college that meets the selection criteria. Said monetary award shall be 80% of the amount raised at the prior year's fundraising event.

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;
- 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;
- 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:
- 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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February 20-22, 2014 Lake Wales, Florida Entry Fee: \$150

Entry deadline: January 2, 2014

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Address:					
City:	State: 2	Zip:			
Handler:					
CC#	Exp Date:	CVV code			
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All of us men and women that run dogs in NSTRA field trials have one thing in common, the desire to win field trials. Spending time with our buddies, the camaraderie that goes along with doing what we love has to be a close second, but unarquably the greatest reward has to be when we are able to do the things we love with our kids and grandkids. The Ralston family of the Bunker Hill, IL area is a prime

example of being successful with not only having great bird dogs, but having three generations of Ralston's handling those great bird dogs.

Herb Ralston's NSTRA career started with a field trial dog named Cox's Gentleman in 1985. Allen Greeling and Bob Bruckert showed Herb the ropes and helped him get his start with NSTRA field trialing. He then purchased a dog named R.R. Dot from Mr. Brukcert that he ran in trials. She would be the dog that Herb's son Brandon would get his first taste of NSTRA field trialing with in 1991. The Ralston family, as anyone that knows them can attest to are competitive by nature and the next dog they brought to the field was just as competitive, a dog named Bailey's Elhew Kate. Herb purchased Kate from Dennis Buhs in 1995. Together Brandon and Herb ran Kate from 1995 to her last recorded placement 11/30/2002. Kate racked up 14 championships; she also won the 1996 Dog of the Year trial (still advertised on an Illinois license plate) and those were probably not her biggest accomplishments. She was bred to Kevin Sprick's Black Magic Jake in 1999 and 2001, a cross that produced many NSTRA champions including 1XNCH 6XCh Jakes Keota Sport and 11XCh Kate's Shining Star. A field trial/ family tradition had been cemented at many different fields across the Mid-West.

Brandon's fire for NSTRA really got burning when they acquired a dog named Jake's Elhew Gypsy in 1998. Herb let Brandon do a lot

of the handling of Gypsy, together they racked up 9 championships until she was sold to Dick Hance in 2003. Brandon's interest in dogs carried him from the NSTRA fields to running coyote hounds, coon hounds and black labs. He even owns one of the world's smartest Patterdales!

At present day Herb and Brandon are running 3XCh Double R Grace and 1XNCH 4XCh Double R Streak owned by Herb's wife Kathy. Grace is out of Jake's Keota Sport and Streak is by Kate's Shining StarX2XNCH 21XCh Black Magic Blaze, the line of champions continues. Most importantly they have added a new handler to the mix, Devon Ralston, Brandon's son handled Streak to a 5-5 and a back finish in March of 2013 earning him his first field trial placement. Brandon's second son Keegan will turn 10 this year and is chomping at the bit to hang a plague on his wall too!

We all love our great sport of NSTRA and it's easy to get caught up in the numbers and statistics, but at the end of the day it's really about passing this great sport down to our kids and grandkids and preserving the things we hold dear. Congratulations to the Ralston's for all of their successes and thank you for carrying on this sport we all love.





IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER!

ENDURANCE CLASSIC:

The qualifications for the Endurance Trial have been changed as follows:

Entry into this trial is based on all open points earned from June 1 through May 31, except points earned from placements in the final "Top 4" of a National Championship trial or Regional Championship trial (qualifying rounds do count) plus any NSTRA open champion dog. Champion dogs will be accepted first in the case of a tie-breaker in regards to entries. No invitations will be sent. (Change voted on by the Board of Directors April 24, 2013)

TOP PERFORMANCE REPORTING:

This award is presented to the dog accumulating the most points from June 1 through May 31. During this time frame all points will count except those points earned during qualifying and final rounds of National Championship and Regional Championship Trials.

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.

QUAIL 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

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. All entries for this trial must be postmarked by March 11. No invitations will be sent.

UKC PERFORMANCE CLASSIC:

This year only, the qualification will be points earned from March 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. Weekend trials only, no qualification or final rounds of National Championship or Regional Championship trials.

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.

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.

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.





TOP PERFORMANCE

by Shaun Rydl

Quail Valley's Nose Knows

Adam Fellers, Owner Mid West Region

Is it physically possible for one dog to rack up 127 points in one trial season? Before this past year's competition in The Purina Top Performance award the answer would have been NO. 11X Champion Quail Valley's Nose Knows, a German shorthair female owned and handled by Adam Fellers created a new answer to that question. Not only did Nose rack up 127 Top Performance points, she racked up 12 more points in National trials and shattered Nolan's Last Bullet's record of 104 Top Performance points!

Nose started of the year strong coming off of a 1st runner up finish at the UKC Performance Classic trial in Waverly, NE. She didn't miss a beat along the way scoring points in every single month of the year. It didn't matter what the fields were like, who the judges or the bird planters were, thick or thin cover; it didn't matter if she rode in a truck or an airplane to the trial (and believe me she probably flew more than most of us did this past year); it didn't even matter if she slept in bed at the hotel or in the dog box; she was ready to run every single time on the ground! It didn't matter who was shooting the gun. I once overheard Adam say that Nolan could run her. (Fellers not Huffman) She scored points in NINE different states including Iowa, Nebraska, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and Utah . She took placements 74 times. She finished her year just as strong as she started it with a 2nd runner up finish at The Trial of Champions in Amo, IN and a strong finish in the month of May to celebrate only her 4th birthday on May 30th.

Nose was sired by Premier's Fancy Trail Blazer, who won this award twice



and was runner up once. She was 3rd runner up in the Top Performance standings last year and I don't think she has any plans of slowing down anytime soon. Any one that has been around Nose can attest to what a sweetheart she is and how humanly smart of an animal she is.

Not much more can be said about this dog that hasn't already been printed this past year. I'm sure it has been a whirlwind ride for Adam, Nikki, Nolan and Evan, Nose on the other hand seems to love every minute of it! Congratulations to Nose, Adam and the Fellers family for a record breaking year!

I need to finish this with a story, a story that I have had to eat crow about for the past couple years now and I don't see ending anytime soon. It takes place in the fall of 2011 near Pierce, NE. I was hunting with Adam, Adam's dad, Steve and Chad Collison. I had moved a covey of quail on this old dirt road behind one of Chad's family's farms. When we went back to see if we could pick up some action on singles, Adam let this young shorthair pup out. You guessed it, Nose. Dogs were on point everywhere and quail were flushing to the left and to the right. The funniest thing in the world happened that day that I've never seen happen before or since. Steve shot a quail and from out of nowhere Nose came, picked up the ejected shell from his shot gun and started shaking it like it was a live animal! I told Adam that I didn't think much of his pup and he should probably get rid of her. Can you imagine how I feel reading the texts from Adam after every trial saying "not bad for a little hull chaser"?

RUNNER-UPS



Ragin Cajun Zeus owned by Wayne Fishburn, Indiana

8X Champion Ragin Cajun Zeus owned, trained and handled solely by Wayne Fishburn from the Indiana region finished 1st Runner up in The Purina Top Performance standings in arguably the hottest contested battle ever for this award. With his 105 points, Zeus also bested the former record of 104 points held by Nolan's Last Bullet.

Zeus was almost unbeatable on the trial grounds of the Indiana region with 51 of his 59 placements being in his home region. Zeus also scored points in Kansas, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Kentucky. He ended the year with 11 firsts, 20 seconds and 12 thirds. In one three week stretch he racked up 28 points taking placements in 12 out of 16 braces. He also finished 2nd runner up in the Indiana regional championship.

Zeus comes by his bird finding ability by no accident. He is sired by Ruck's Broadway Mad Dash and Last Dance Lily whom are both perennial top ten Performance Award finishers.



Double R Streak owned by Kathy Ralston, Illinois

The Ralston family is well known in the Illinois region, and across the country for that matter, for their winning pointers. This year was no different although maybe not what they had planned. During the August 25th trial at Rooster Heaven in the Northern Illinois region, Brandon was just hoping for a placement from now 3X Champion Double R Streak to get her qualified for their regional trial. 70 points later, 68 of those towards the Top Performance award, Streak and Kathy Ralston finish 2nd runner up in this year's standings. You could say that after that first placement Streak went on a streak and started racking up points to pass many dogs ahead of her.

Streak is out of the cross between Blaze's Black Magic and Kate's Shining Star. Streak's handling duties were shared by Brandon, Herb and Devon Ralston along with Herb's adopted son Chad Callicot. Congratulations all!



Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash owned by Tom Rotundo, Northern Illinois

19X Champion Ruck's Broadway Mad Dash, owned and handled by Tom Rotundo from the Northern Illinois region, is no stranger to this award. Scoring 65 points this year (11-1sts, 11-2nds, 10-3rds and 8 4ths) put him in the 3rd runner up spot for 2013. This year, Dash was happy to sit back and watch he and Lily's young son Zeus have an outstanding year. With great young dogs like Zeus coming on in the various regions, it's getting tougher even for a veteran like Dash to earn placements. Turning 7 in May, this is the 6th consecutive year that Dash and Tom are in line to grab some hardware at the end of the year.

Dash is sired by 6XCH Brockway's Ruck Runner MH, UD, NA, NAJ and 4xCH Shooting Starr's Sassy Sami, MH In earning his 19XCH, a 1st in the 2013 NI Regional Elimination and a 5th runner up at the 2012 Dog of the Year trial, Dash continues to show outstanding year-round consistency and Tom is expecting to see similar results in 2013/14. Congratulations on another great year Tom and Dash!



Skipper's Bandit, owned by Shaun Rydl, Midwest Region

6X Champion Skipper's Bandit owned and handled by Shaun Rydl of the Midwest region finished the year with 47 points. Bandit started out the year by finishing 4th runner up in the UKC Performance Classic in June of 2012. He also finished 3rd runner up in the Midwest regional championship to help finish off his year.

Bandit is a 7 year old male out of Angie's Dogwood Skipper and Glover's Nikki.



Crosswind Micro Chip, owned by Scott Townsend, Michigan

4X Champion Crosswind Micro Chip owned by Scott Townsend of the Michigan region ended up in the 5th runner up spot with 44 points toward the Top Performance award. Undoubtedly the highlight of the year for Scott and Chip was winning the Quail Invitational in Lake Wales, FL. They followed up that performance with a first place win at the Michigan regional championship. All of this was completed in Chip's first year of trialing. Chip is a direct son of 17XCH and 3X NC Crosswind Truckin Fritz and a full sister to 5XCH and NC Classic Point Gretchen.



Double R Grace, owned by Kathy Ralston, Illinois

43 points for the second dog of Kathy Ralston's in the top ten. Double R Grace finishes the year with a 6th runner up finish. Grace's handling duties were split between Herb and Brandon this year. Grace racked up 9 firsts, 5 seconds and 6 thirds. Grace is out of Jake's Keota Sport and Shady Meadow Little Jo Penny



Iron Wills Impressive Emma Paullus, owned by Tom Paullus, Lone Star Region

2012/13 was another outstanding performance year for Emma as she picked up right where she left off last year finishing 6th in total point production nationally. This season, Emma accumulated 41 total points (9 first, 6 second, 5 third and 8 fourths), competing in six different regions including a first place at the 2012 Purina Endurance Qualification Round. Additionally, in 2012, Emma was awarded the Lone Star Region "High Point Dog" her second in 3 years. Emma, is an impressive dog that continues to be a great student of the game and one of the most competitive dogs who operates on all heart and desire to succeed. 2013 should be another outstanding year of trialing for Emma and Tom Paullus her owner/handler. Emma is a product of TGR's Impressive Iron Will and TGR's Impressive Maggie.



Bran's Rowdy Boy, owned by Clayton Ashmore, Florida Region

If you want to see the future of NSTRA, you have to look no further than this championship team! 2X Champion Bran's Rowdy Boy owned by Clayton Ashmore of the Florida region finished in the 8th runner up spot with 39 points. Rowdy comes from Quail Valley's Trooper and Pennstar Annie. Rowdy is Clayton's first dog that he has run on his own and should get an award for teaching Clayton about this game for the last two years. He is very loyal to Clayton and has traveled well this year placing in Florida, Indiana, Nebraska and 4 different trial grounds in Georgia. Clayton also handled Rowdy to a runner up finish in the Florida regional finals.



Redclay's Absolutely Justified, owned by Kevin Johnston, South Carolina

3X Champion Redclay's Absolutely Justified rounds out the top ten with 37 points and completed his 2nd and 3rd championship this year. AJ is owned and handled by Kevin Johnston of the South Carolina region. Kevin and AJ are always tough competition at any trial they compete in. He earned over half of his points in the Georgia region and the remainder in the South Carolina region where he finished third high point dog of the region. AJ also placed first in a qualification round at the Dog of the Year trial. AJ is a direct son of 15XCH Angie's Dogwood Skipper and 2XCH Tomoka's Smokin Ripley. He enjoys field trialing almost as much as he likes belly rubs and looks forward to both in the coming season!

Regional Elimination Trials throughout the country!



ALABAMA

March 11, 2013

Dianne Minton Sec/Treas

Alabama Region held its Region Elimination at Danny White's Hunting Preserve in Helfin, Alabama. The 16 dogs that made the cut on Friday were: Windy/ Wesley Downs, Pete/ Mike Markham, Marie/Billy Waldrep, Bruiser/ Bill Millians, Sage/ Ray Harper, Tubby/ Bill Millians, Rebel/Billy Waldrep, Patch/Billy Waldrep, Blaze/Billy Waldrep, Charlie/Bill Millians, Buddy/Bill Millians, Luke/Mike Markham, Sam/ Terry Ransone, Rocky/ Alan Holloman, Sugar/ Terry Ransone, Lucky/ Billy Waldrep.

On Saturday the six qualifying dogs were: "Sugar" ep/f/Terry Ransone, "Buddy" es/m/Bill Millians "Rocky" es/m/Alan Holloman, "lucky" es/m/ Billy Waldrep, "Pete" ep/m/ Mike Markham, "Blaze" es/m/Billy Waldrep.

Albama's Champion for 2012-2013 was "Pete" owner/handler Mike Markham. (This is Mike's 2nd year running.)

1st runner-up was "Sugar" / owner/handler Terry Ransome 2nd runner-up was "Blaze" / owner/handler Billy Waldrep

3rd runner-up was" Buddy"jowner/handler Bill Millians

Keeping everything running smoothly as, Field Marshall, was Mrs. Sharry Downs. Adam Downs did a great job planting birds. Our two judges, Jeff Welker and Jerry Daniels had to judge 19 braces, fighting snow- flakes, cold and windy weather.









The Alabama Region wants to thank Wesley Downs for his tireless dedication and hard workduring his term as President. Stepping into his shoes, our new President will be Alan Holloman. Bill Millians will serve again as Vice-president and I remain Sec/Treas for another year.

Our high point dog this year was "Hope" / owner-handler Russell Swafford. Most improved dog was "Sport" /owner Dianne Minton/handler Bill Minton.

The Alabama Region gave a special award "Sportsman and Rookie of the Year" to a young man, Marvin Bohannon. He is an assistant dog handler and has been a big help to our Field Marshal this year. Thanks Purina, our gracious sponsor, for furnishing dog food to our participants.



ARIZONA

Written By Steven Crabb

In Sonoita, Arizona, the Arizona State NSTRA Regional Trial was Held on March 1st and 2nd 2013 with Zane Mowers, from the Rocky Mountain Region, and Mike Porter, from the Sothern California Region, as the Trial Judges.

With 34 dogs starting, braced into 17—thirty minute braces, for Day 1 elimination rounds and the top 12 dogs were brought back to run on Saturday. K Nine's Coyote Ugly, aka Yotie, who was the only Brittany to run in this year, 2013 AZ State Regional Trial, made the top 12 which she was again braced for another 30 minute qualifying brace.

Yotie was drawn for the 1st brace of the second elimination round and came off the field with 5 finds and 5 retrieves, which qualified her as one of the top six dogs to compete in another round.

During her 3rd - 30 minute run off of the top 6 dogs she managed to be one of the top 2 scoring dogs putting her in the final hour run off to determine who would be the Regional Winner and/or Runner up for the AZ state Region.

There was about 45 minutes to relax and get ready for the final hour run off. By the time the hour run off began the outside temperature was pushing 80 plus degrees, subsequently Yotie was booted to help protect her paws from the ground, and the judges were a bit worried for Yotie because she was 30 days pregnant. It was discussed and agreed if Yotie showed any signs of fatigue/tiring she would be picked up. There was plenty of water barrels in the field for the dogs to cool themselves and saddle bags on the judge's horses had been filled with plenty of water, so dogs and handlers were set to go.

The hour final; Yotie and her brace mate Lindsey's Lil Max an English Pointer handled by Dave Hackman set out for their 60 minute brace. Yotie had a nice cast off and then settled into an effortless pace, which she maintained fluently for the hour brace. She scored on 3 birds with the last bird 30 second before the end of the brace which concluded the final hour with a score of 639 and her brace mate Max finished with a score of 560, this earned K Nine's Coyote Ugly, aka Yotie, the 2013 Arizona Regional Champion title.



2013 Az State Regional Champion 2012 Az State Regional 3rd Runner up 1x NSTRA CH K Nine's Coyote Ugly aka Yotie

2x NSTRA CH K Nine's Beeline Bullet x 1x NSTRA Ch Truckers Wildthing Bred and Handled By Arlette Hennessey



Yotie – Arlette Hennessey



Runner Ups: L to R

1st Max - Dave Hackman, 2nd Grimmy - Rocco Petrocco

3rd Lucky - Bob Henson, 4th Duke - Dave Hackman,

5th Candy - Brad Christenson



ARKANSAS/LOUISIANA

The Arkansas / Louisiana Region Elimination had a record sixty-one entries vying for the coveted championship April 13, 14, 2013. After two days of intense competition four year old pointer female DS Rail'en Rocker, owned and handled by Deion Sanders, emerged as the new champion. Judy certainly has a royal pedigree to go along with the win. She is out of Rock Acre Blackhawk with the dam being Guard Rail Aggravation. During the trial she could best be labeled as consistent. She always found enough birds to move on to the next round. Proving to be very mannerly and extremely responsive to her owner's wishes she was a pleasure to watch as well as handle. A true champion Judy and Deion will represent the AR/ LA region well where ever they go.

Festivities kicked off Friday night with a hamburger supper. Many handlers commented on the beautiful Casscoe, Arkansas grounds and clubhouse graciously provided by Carroll Evans. Carroll goes out of his way to provide the finest venue possible for the running of this most important trial.

Region Chairman Bo Nutt officated the Saturday morning preliminary rounds with cloudy skies, moderate temperatures and a light east wind. Scenting conditions were hot and cold during the day as the wind seemed to circle at times. Placements were as follows:

A Field

1st Franks Sir Sunshine – Robert Franks, 2nd Bella's Honkey Tonk Shadow David Hildebrand, 3rd Kylee's Secret Element – Brad Beech

1st Pay for View Jill - Scotty Johnson, 2nd Potter's Best Bet - Jimmy Potter, 3rd Cook Farms Lacey - Larry Cook

Saturday night members and their guests enjoyed a steak dinner provided by the region. Awards were handed out as follows:

Most Improved Dog of the Year: Huckleberry Faith, Bill Bracas, Amateur Dog of the Year: Mixers Bad River Nell, L.D. Moser, Sportsmanship Award: Phillip Reed,

Newcomer of the Year: John Branch. High Point Dog of the Year was Huckleberry Faith owned by Bill Bracas. Jill is quite a dog. She has a motor that just won't quit and a much above average nose. She can quickly put the hurt on her brace mate.

A new addition to the Championship trial was a Calcutta. Presided over by George Simpson and Bobby Green the Calcutta proved not only to be a terrific fund raiser for the region but a great deal of fun. With two Cajuns at the helm the reader can only imagine the scene.

Sunday morning dawned warm and partly cloudy. A short devotional was led by region secretary Robert Franks. Dogs advancing were as follows: Bet, Potter; Doc, Johnson; Sunny, Franks; Bud, Reed; Ellie, Beech; Jimbo, Cumbie; Puddin Head, Cook; Bud, Fox; Hawk, Moser; Luke, Oswalt, Sonny, Shockley, Mandi, Boyd; Judy, Sanders; Pat, Nutt; Pepper, Hildebrand; Jake, Cumbie, Lacy, Cook; Kate, Beech; Jack, Nutt; Champ, Boyd; Jackie, Simpson; McKayla, Potter; Penny, Evans; Jill, Nutt; Skeeter, Hildebrand, KK, Reed; Chip, Tipton; Jill, Johnson; Honey, Franks; Rock, Jones.

The six call back dogs after the first Sunday round were: Kate, Beech; Jill, Nutt/ Bracas; Mandi, Boyd; Pepper, Heldebrand; Jake, Cumbie; Judy, Sanders.

Placing fourth was Mandi Sue Edgin Boyd handled by Edward Boyd. Mandi hunted the field very thoroughly showing nice style and a good nose. She was very persistent in her efforts and all in all a very fine dog.

The third place dog was David Hildebrand's Bella'a Honky Tonk Shadow. Pepper is a showy very classy pointer. She hunts extreamly hard with a beautiful point. She covers the field in a prompt manner and always has some in reserve for hot days.

The runner-up went to Huckleberry Faith handled by Bo Nutt and owned by a fine gentleman, Bill Bracas. Faith is always a treat when ever on the ground and she proved no less at this trial. She is a very worthy runner-up and Region High Point Dog.



B Field Placements r to l, 1st: Pay for View Jill -Scotty Johnson, 1st: My Best Bet - Jimmy Potter Cook Farms Lacy - Larry Cook



Carroll Evans, Glen Cumbie, Louie Kirkendall, and Jim Kell enjoy a beautiful day.



Louie Kirkendall, steak cooker extraordinaire



David Hildebrand and Pepper. 3rd place in the finals.



Champion: Deion Sanders and Judy and runnerup Bo Nutt with Jill.



Phillip Reed, Sportsman of the Year



Amateur Dog of the Year: Mixers Bad River Nell, Champion - Judy and Deion Sanders L.D. Moser





John Branch receives the Newcomer of the Year Award





L to R: Martha Bauer (field marshal), Gary Bauer and Daisy (1st), Cindy Lyon (Judge), Mark Donovan and Tyke (2nd), Bruce Lyon (judge), Darlene Donovan and Louie (3rd, Mark handled), Kyle Donovan (bird handler), Bob Parker and Zoey (4th).

Is the number 13 really an unlucky number? For some it probably is but for others at the Big Sky NSTRA Regional Trial it was their lucky number. The Big Sky Region started its 13th Regional activities on Friday May 17th with a 13 brace Open/Novice trial. This trial was hosted by the Central Montana Pointing Dog Club. This is a pretty exclusive club basically consisting of Jon & Mel Edwards. Despite their small numbers they put on a great trial. The trial started off with 9 open braces in two fields. In the A Field, it was Tiger & Brent Underdahl at the top of the list followed by Goose & Doug Cartrwright in 2nd, Butch & John Attard in 3rd with one of our longest standing members in 4th; Macey & Jack Bell. In the B field it was Louie & Mark Donovan followed by Dixie & John Attard in 2nd and Tyke & Mark Donovan in 3rd. Katie & Kai Underdahl were 4th. The Open/Novice format has worked very well for the Big Sky Region this Spring. The competition has been stiff and the dogs have improved a lot over the season. It has brought us several new members and dogs, some of whom made it to their first regional trial. Winners in the amateur trial on A Field were Preacher/Jon Edwards, Flick/Don Luse, Callie/Mel Edwards, Ben/Ben Tiller. On B Field it was Skip/Scott Schissler, Preacher/Jon Edwards, Callie/Mel Edwards, and Cricket/Mike Sutich. With two placements Preacher became the first dog in the BSR to become an Amateur Champion.

The Regional Trial started on Saturday morning at 7:30. Judging were our long time, dear friends Bruce & Cindy Lyons from Northern California Region. Bruce and Cindy have been trialing with us even before we split off from the Northwest Region thirteen years ago. Bird planting would be the job of Kyle Donovan. This would be his first regional trial but everyone had confidence in this fine young man. The competition was stiff with most braces splitting the field. The only dog to find 4 birds was Poacher a great young wire hair owned & handled by Rick Hughes. He won the field with a nice score of 822.5. In 2nd place was Jon Edwards and Dixie, followed by Louie and Mark Donovan. In 4th place was Kai Underdahl & Katy. Kai is only 12 years old and is competing very well amongst the adults, some of whom have been trialing longer than he has been alive. You can bet that we will see more placements from this youngster and his fine young setter. Rounding out the top 16 dogs were Jim Wiitala with Otis & Polly, Melody Edwards with Buddy & Callie, Terry Courtright with Able & Major, Mark Donovan & Tyke, Gary Bauer with Daisy & Molly, Jon Edwards & Pepper, Doug Cartwright & Ruger, and John Attard & Cowboy.

With the first round of regionals in the bag, the members retired to the Great Falls Trap & Skeet Club for the traditional Saturday night banquet. After a great steak dinner the evening awards began with handing out trophies for the first round. Next was the 2012/2013 High Point award. This year the winner coming from the middle of the pack at the last trial was Daisy and Gary Bauer. This little setter came into the last trial with 7 points and finished the year at the top of the heap with 14. The Futurity Award is a traveling trophy that is sponsored by the Golden Triangle Sporting Dog Club. It goes to the highest placing dog on the high point list that was not a champion at the start of the season. Zoey and Bob Parker were this year's winners. Based on the history of the other futurity winners you can look for more great things from this very classy pointer. This year there was a High Point Amateur award and belt buckle sponsored by the Glacier Gun Dog Club. The winner was Mike Sutich and Cricket. The Big Sky Region is proud to have Mike running with us as he is trialing probably the only German Long Hair Pointer in NSTRA. The last award of the evening was an instructional T-shirt

for Gary Bauer. In the Billings trial Gary got firsthand experience with a black and white stripped critter. In all things good or bad there are usually lessons to be learned. The T-shirt will help Gary remember the lessons learned from this experience.

Sunday morning started with nice cool weather for the dogs. It looked like it would be another day for good scenting. There were 16 dogs competing in 8 braces but only 6 would advance to the semifinal round. Just like on Saturday most braces were splitting the field. The 6 dogs advancing were Louie & Tyke-Mark Donovan, Zoey-Bob Parker, Ruger-Doug Cartwright, Otis- Jim Wiitala, and Daisy-Gary Bauer.

While the quarter final braces were going on there was another trial going on in the B Field. This trial was a resurrection of the Big Sky Open. This is a trial that had been started early the Regions life but has not been held for a couple years. This year the top 4 dogs were Piper/Bauer, Tiger/Underdahl, Tyke/Donovan, and Rusty/Donovan.

After the first round of braces were done in both fields everyone headed to the tent for a great lunch served by the Cartwright girls; Beth, Amber, and Leigh; Kari Underdahl, Sissy Girtman, Unhi O'Neil, and Marie Sutich. This was followed by our annual regional meeting and election of officers. Stepping up to the plate was Jon Edwards for President, Rick Hughes for Vice President and Mike Bartholomew as a director. Finishing their duties as officers and stepping down was Doug Cartwright as President, Jack Bell as Vice-President and Ole Netteberg as Director. Plans were made for the upcoming regionals and then the meeting was closed to go back to running dogs.

Tension and expectations were high as there were six dogs left and four would be "in the money" after the semifinal round. The top two dogs would run off in a one hour brace. After the three braces were completed it would be a Brittany and an English Setter in the final hour. Mark and his young Brit Tyke would duke it out with Gary Bauer and his young setter Daisy. Both dogs have been on a roll finding lots of birds so everyone knew it would be an exciting brace. The fans were certainly not disappointed. The action started fast and furious in the A field. After clearing out the expected 5 birds in that field they both headed to the B field. It was a back and forth brace with both dogs scoring quickly. At about the 25 minute mark the score was 5 -5 to 4-4 and a back with Daisy in the lead. Both handlers headed to the last corner of the B field where they thought the last bird was hiding. Who ever found this bird would likely be the regional champ. Daisy found the bird first to make it 6 to 4 and a back. On the way back with the bird on the retrieve, Daisy pointed a 7th bird. It was certainly a lucky day for Daisy and Gary. This left the handlers and their dogs to wander around for 30 more minutes with no birds in the field. In the end it was a great hard fought brace with two very classy dogs and two experienced handlers. When it was all over no one could argue that the two best dogs of the weekend had ended up in the final brace. Congratulations to Gary and Daisy on being our 13th Champion and to Mark and Tyke on being First Runner up. 2nd runner up was Mark Donovan and Louie with Bob Parker & Zoey as the 3rd runner up. With that the 13th annual BSR Regionals was in the history book. Goodbyes were said and everyone headed out for the summer.





Gamble's Little Joe owned by Sharon Gamble



Trial winners from the Elimination trial on Saturday, 1st Slim Pickins & Ed Ford, 2nd Gambels Hoss & Travis Crossland, and 3rd Prime Time Cookie and Danny Shepherd



3rd runner up Appalachian Chug and Steve Wallace receiving prizes from Dixie Region President Ed Ford, Jr.



Regional winners, Gambels Little Joe and Jeff Gambel, Gater and Gary Drinnen, Gambels Zach and Travis Crossland, and Chug and Steve Wallace.



2nd runner up Gambels' Zach and Jeff Gamble.



1st runner up Snake Island Navigater and Gary Drinnen.



Regional Champion Gambels Little Joe and Jeff Gambel receiving Quail mounting donated by Greg Whitaker, presented by Ed Ford, Jr.



Gambels Little Joe and Jeff Gambel receiving winnings for Regional Champion.



2012-2013 Dixie Region Presiden Ed Ford, Jr. passing the torch on to 2013-2014 Dixie Region President Jerry Daniel.



FLORIDA

April 6-7, 2013 Submitted by: Sharron Watson

As the two finalists came off the field for the Florida Regional it's a real rarity that the winner has tears in his eyes, wishing he would have lost. Well that's what Sam Ashmore was feeling after winning the Florida Regional with his English Pointer, Clayton's "Whiskey" Shot. Sam had the pleasure of being part of a father-son final hour run off with his son, Clayton and his English Setter, Bran's "Rowdy" Boy in a very tight race going back and forth throughout the hour. However in the end Sam and Whiskey bested Clayton and Rowdy 1,027 to 892. Clayton, who turned 17 y.o. in March is turning into quite a handler and has had just an awesome year this season. Mom Nancy really didn't know who to cheer for because she was a winner either way, but she was proud as heck of her son. So all in all not a bad regional for the Ashmore's; Whiskey as regional winner, Rowdy regional runner up and in the #9 dog of the performance award, and Cooper as regional high point and tied for the 13th position in the performance. Yup, not too shabby of a year for the Ashmore's.

Now, the Ashmore weren't the only ones in the final grouping. Neal Willis who, thankfully, has made a great recovery from his accident earlier this year, came back with not one, but two of his dogs in the final four. In the 2nd runner up spot Neal had his English Pointer, Miles; and in the 3rd runner up spot, again it was Neal and his English Pointer, Tux; who has been handled by Donny Layton throughout the season and has done a fine job with him. The 5th and 6th spots respectively were Ariel Alverez and his EP-Bell and George Sterner IV with his WH-Oscar. Special thanks to the judges, Will Heddon and Jim Mahoney, bird planter extraordinaire, Gatorman, a/k/a Gene Pritchett from the Georgia Region; and, keeping things moving right along, was Marilyn Frank-Cunningham who was our Marshal for the weekend. Thanks to all of them and everyone else who helped out throughout the weekend with the meals, goody bags, prizes, kitchen duty and anything else that needed to be done.



Marilyn Cunningham presents buckle to Neal Willis for his dog Tux,handled by Donny Layton

1st. Brandy and Sam Ashmore with Whiskey 2nd. Clayton Ashmore with Rowdy 3rd. Neal Willis with Miles, 4th. Donny Layton, handler, Neal Willis owner, with Tux





Marilyn Cunningham presents second runner up trophy and buckle to Neal Willis, owner and handler of Miles.



Neal Willis with his 2nd and 3rd runner up dogs Miles and Tux. Neal handled Miles and Donny Layton handled Tux for Neal.



Sam, Brandy, Nancy & Clayton



GEORGIA

We met at RB and Gary Garrett's Gold and Grass Farm in Ball Ground, GA, 16/17 March, for the Georgia Regional Championships. The last few days were warm and many were hoping for some cool weather. When the sun came over the hill, it was still in the high 30's and the shorts-wearing crowd were re-thinking the strategy. The heavy dew and cool temps were perfect for a field trial, and then a light breeze came up, making the scenting even more outstanding. We drew the trial at 0700 and braces started immediately after that, with Ed Murdock and Sugar and Randy Schultz and Cap leaving the line at 0800.

Throughout the day, with a short break for lunch, the competition was stiff. All the dogs did a good job and most of the handlers managed to keep errors to a minimum. (Did he really turn his dog loose to have it pick the bird up?). At the end of the day, Keith Koon and his Skeeter (p/f) managed, not only First Place, but her first Championship! (Something tells us this will be the first of many!). Second went to Ed Murdock and Sugar, third to Gene Pritchett and Snicker.

That evening, after all the stories (some true), we got down to the serious business of electing officers and awarding outstanding performance throughout the year. RB Garrett was elected to President, with his brother, Gary, Vice President. Angela Healan was too tired to protest when we voted her is as Secretary/Treasurer for the 20th year in a row. (See, we told you it would only be a two year commitment.).

High Point Dog went to Tripp and Jeffery Keck. High Point Female went to Skeeter and Keith Koon. Most Improved Dog was Taz and Brandon Pritchett. Rookie of the Year is Bill Green (we are lucky to have him) and Sportsman of the Year is Dale Aldridge. Dale is also this year's Scott Clark Award recipient (signifying someone who will go the extra mile for NSTRA and/or the Region). Judge of the Year is Corey Perdue. Bodie Ray and David Healan were elected as Directors at Large.

Sunday weather was more of the same. Perfect, as we broke out the sun block but kept the jackets close in the morning. The competition was still fierce. In fact, by the Final Hour, we had a first for the Georgia Region, a father/son final hour brace. I'm not doing the research, but there is a possibility it might be the first in NSTRA. Johnny Murdock and Bo and Ed Murdock and Sugar took to the fields and didn't show any mercy, at all. In the end, youth had a slight advantage as JOHNNY MURDOCK and BO earned the title of Georgia Region Champion! Second was Ed Murdock and Sugar, Third - Jeffery Keck and Tripp (the 2011 and 2012 Champion), Fourth- Ricky Gunnyon and Smoke! Corey Perdue planted birds, Wesley Downs (Alabama) and Gary (TN) judged. Thank you all for making this possible!





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GULF COAST

On the weekend April 6 & 7, 2013 the Gulf Coast held their regional elimination at the Giddings Trial Grounds in Giddings, TX. As people came out Friday to examine the grounds they noticed that we were going to have plenty of cover and space to make the braces exciting. This year's regional consisted of 32 dogs that had been entered to try and win the championship.

We started the trial at 7:30 a.m. with nice weather and temperatures projected for the weekend. The judges for the trial were Rob Martin and Martin Ueltschey and the bird planter Josh Martin. As the braces were ending some handlers knew if their dog was advancing or not while some had to sweat for a few braces as their dog was on the bubble. We broke after the 8th brace to eat a great lunch prepared by Pete Saineghi and his wife, which everyone enjoyed. Then we started back up and finished the day and had the 16 dogs advancing to Sunday. The dogs that placed during the qualification were as follows:

1st Place — Dixie / Pete Saineghi 2nd Place — Ginger / Pat Conn 3rd Place — Kloey / Kris Sparks 4th Place — Pepper / Ugene Olson

That evening we held the regional banquet at nice steak house and had a Calcutta to bet on which dogs we felt had the best chance at the regional. Without Pete being the auctioneer the region would not have made near the money they did, so thank you Pete for another job well done.

Sunday we started the trial at 7:30 a.m. and ran through the 8 braces to figure out who was advancing to the top 6. The odds of these dogs all advancing were very slim because we had 6 breeds represent the top 6 in our region. Those dogs were as follows:

Mallory (GSP) / Scott & Marylyn Thomas Kloey (Vizsla) / Kris Sparks Ginger (Brittany) / Pat Conn Socks (GWP) / T.C. Morrow Levi (EP) / Lee Monlezun Dixie (Setter) / Pete Saineghi

We broke for another great lunch prepared by Marylyn Thomas after the braces had been drawn for the top 6. The braces were as follows:

1 – Levi / Monlezun 1 – Mallory / Thomas 2 – Socks / Morrow

3 – Kloey / Sparks

2 – Ginger / Conn 3 – Dixie / Sainegh



L to R TC Morrow with Socks Pete Saineghi with Dixie Scott Thomas with Mallory Kris Sparks with Kloey

TC Morrow (L) Winner with Socks. Pete Saineghi (R) 1st runner up with Dixie



After the 3 braces had been run we knew who was going to be in the final hour championship run. Those two dogs were Socks / Morrow and Dixie / Saineghi.

The two dogs representing the Gulf Coast in the championship run had fought and competed against top competition the entire weekend to be in the position they were in. Dixie, a 6 ½ year old English Setter female owned and handled by Pete Saineghi had the top score in the qualification round and the top 6 and deserved to be in the final hour. Socks, a 3 year old VC German Wirehaired Pointer female owned and handled by T.C. Morrow who placed 3rd in last year's regional championship, was something special this weekend. She just had a litter of 7 puppies 3 weeks before the regional. She was consistently finding enough birds to advance each round and made it to the final hour.

We turned the dogs loose at around 4:00 p.m. for their one hour run to see who would be crowned this year's regional champion. When both handlers and dogs came off the field we knew who was the regional champion. Congratulations to T.C. Morrow and Socks. This win also gave Socks her 1X NSTRA Championship. The winners were as follows:

Regional Champion – VC Southpaw Socks Morrow / T.C. Morrow
1st Runner-Up – Tomoka Pete's Dixie / Pete Saineghi
2nd Runner-Up – Impressive Mallory / Scott and Marylyn Thomas
3rd Runner-Up – Rebel Rouser Smokin Bandieta / Kris Sparks
4th Runner-Up – Monlezun's Perfect Fit / Lee Monlezun
5th Runner-Up – Conn's Ginger Snap / Pat Conn

Everyone in the region would also like to thank Scott Thomas, Pete Saineghi, and Doug Neyer for putting on this wonderful trial. Without you this would have never been possible. Thank You.



INDIANA

The Indiana Region Elimination Trial was held on April 6th and 7th at Pike County. We want to thank the members at Pike County for hosting the trial and Big Thanks to Judges Rick Bertinetti and Ed Dooley and Bird planter Steven Cunningham they did a great job. It was a weekend of great competition and fun. At the end of the weekend Jeff Moore's little Brandy was on top beating out Roger Parient's Ranger dog in a very competitive match that went back and forth bird for bird between the two. Brandy is a little Brittney female with giant heart that would not be denied even after several episodes of cancer over the years. Jeff stated he was going to Pike County to win the Region and that he did.

Top four 1st Boon County Brandy owned and handled by Jeff Moore 2nd Kickapoo Jack's Little Ranger owned and handled by Roger Parient 3rd Ragin Cajun Zeus owned and handled by Wayne Fishburn 4th Clowns Last Laugh owned and handled by Scotty Bruer.



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LONE STAR

The Lone Star Region held its regional championship on March 23 & 24, 2013 at beautiful Richland Chambers Lake in Corsicana, Tx. The lakefront property owned by Frank Dunn (a special supporter of the Lone Star Region) had never been used as a trial grounds before. People arrived early on Friday to look at the new property and field to prepare for a fantastic trial. The weather was beautiful with cool mornings and warm afternoons. Thirty-one dogs qualified for the regional with seventeen handlers. In fact, two of the handlers Dale Folmar & Philip Webster were competing in just their second trial having qualified in an amateur trial earlier in the month. The judges for the trial were Bill Riddle and Buzz Taylor and the bird handler was Martin Ueltschey. After Saturday's competition where the top 16 dogs advanced to the next round, a steak dinner was catered for Lone Star's annual meeting in which the region's high point dog was announced - congratulations to Tom Paullus and his dog IRON WILLS IMPRESSIVE EMMA PAULLUS (7X NSTRA Champion) with 27 points. Dale Heaton's Dakota Trek was the 1st runner-up for high point dog with 21 points.

Saturday evening after dinner, a Calcutta was conducted for the top 16 dogs with Frank Dunn as auctioneer. The dogs advancing to Sunday were:

1st - Toebee Montana to Texas, O/H Dale Heaton - 783

2nd - Llano's Lelani, O/H Tom Paullus - 717

3rd - Skipper's Precious Girl, O/H Bobby Clark - 680.5

4th - Sadie Beth Autry, O/H Heath (Daniel) Autry - 649

Earl, O/H B J Thompson

Ella, O/H Barry Godwin

Mary, O/H Greg Carnley Daisy, O/H Jim Selby Macy, O/H Dale Heaton Missy, O/H Dave Morgan Ike, O/H Donnie Jacobs

Ellie, O/H Philip Webster Ike, O/H Donnie Jacobs
Trek, O/H Dale Heaton Cowboy, O/H Dustin Nelson

Stormy, O/H Dale HeatonLevi, O/H Dave Morgan

Sunday morning was again cool & windy when the top 16 dogs started the trial as we made our way to the final 6 dogs:

Llano Lelani, O/H Tom Paullus Heaton's Electric Macy, O/H Dale Heaton Toebee Montana to Texas, O/H Dale Heaton Homeplace Blu Genes, O/H Dave Morgan Joe's Fiddler Missy, O/H Dave Morgan

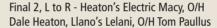
Joe's Fiddler Missy, O/H Dave Morgan
Tenacious Urban Cowboy, O/H Dustin Nelson

After a rest, Lani & Macy were off the line for the final competition. After the hour was up, we still did not know if we had a



Final 6, L to R: Heaton's Electric Macy, O/H Dale Heaton, Toebee Montana to Texas, O/H Dale Heaton, Joe's Fiddler Missy, O/H Dave Morgan, Homeplace Blu Genes, O/H Dave Morgan, Tenacious Urban Cowboy, O/H Dustin Nelson, Llano Lelani, O/H Tom Paullus







Final 4,L to R - Homeplace Blu Genes, O/H Dave Morgan — 3rd RU, Toebee Montana to Texas, O/H Dale Heaton — 2nd RU Heaton's Electric Macy, O/H Dale Heaton - Champion Llano Lelani, O/H Tom Paullus — 1st RU

regional champion. Heaton's Electric Macy came out on top with the highest points, but had not backed during any of the braces (no zeros scored – just no opportunity). The judges & bird planter observed as the backing scenario was setup. The dog went on point, Macy was turned lose running in the general direction of the pointing dog. Macy backed immediately when she saw the pointing dog. Dale breathed a sigh of relief and the Heaton's Electric Macy was awarded 2013 regional champion.

All the placements were:

Heaton's Electric Macy, O/H Dale Heaton - Champion

Llano Lelani, O/H Tom Paullus — 1st runner-up

Toebee Montana to Texas, O/H Dale Heaton – 2nd runner-up

Homeplace Blu Genes, O/H Dave Morgan – 3rd runner-up

It was a great trial with perfect weather and a little excitement in the end.



MICHIGAN



Final 4





Mo-Kan banquet



Final 4

The MOKAN Regional Elimination Trial was held on April 20 and 21, 2013 near Sterling Kansas. We had 48 dogs participating in two fields. The weather was clear and dry and it was a great weekend for field trialing.

The regional champion for the second year in a row went to High Flyin Fancy and Alan Shick. Mr. Bob Power was second runner-up with Power's Gun Slinger. Second runner-up was Rocking G's Dazzling Diamond owned and handled by Norm Kermmoade. Third runner-up went to Buddy's Buster II handled and owned by Jim Doughty. The officers and members of the MOKAN Region would like to thank the following persons for their monetary gifts and time devoted to make our regional trial a financial and organizational success: Ann and Kyle Kopfmann, Mark Gillespie and Brad Goddard.



MIDNORTH

May 24th, 2013 Prairie Pothole Lodge Oakes, North Dakota

Abundant rainfall provided lush fields and pools of water in the vast fields that makeup the grounds that are the Prairie Pothole Lodge in Oakes, North Dakota. This wild game oasis is the annual host to NSTRAs Mid North Regional Championship.

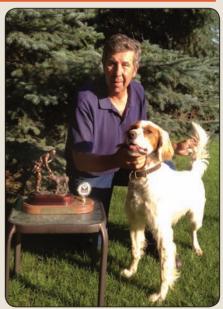
Once again, twenty-four of the qualified dogs and their respective handlers elected to vie for the title of 2013 Mid North Champion. There were varied ages and levels of experience among all of the competitors; men and dogs!

The preliminary round got going quickly as North Dakota native Josh Woodward and his GSP Drawdoow posted a 4/4 and a back (826.5) in the first brace against Mark Donahoe's GSP, Mocha. The second brace featured two North Dakota products (Norton/Dahlstrom) and GWPs (Cosmo/Gable) but unfortunately, none of these teams advanced. A couple of veteran handlers (Elden Miller and Chuck Ludolph) brought with them their newest ES prospects to the line in the third brace. Miller's Hank bested Ludy's Pepper with an impressive 3/3 (753.0) and advanced to the next round. Mike Ryan (Frankie/Brit) and Dean Goodall (Cajun/GSP) split the field 2/2 in the fourth brace. Miller and Ludolph squared off again in the fifth brace and respectively brought their high-powered Setters Jake (718.0) and Willy (643.0) to the gate. The bout was action packed for all thirty minutes and when time was called each had enjoyed a successful 3/3 and a back and advanced to the next round! Two GSPs faced off in brace six with Mike Leane's Beau (3/3 661.5) besting Donahoe's Maverick(2/2 500.5). Liane's score moved him on. The seventh brace included Bob Dalager's Brit Blue and Norton's GSP Eli. The two teams split the field 2/2 and was highlighted by Blue's 90 point find on the first bird. Dave Northamer and his GWP Tate challenged Miller's seasoned ES Buck in the eighth brace and they too split the field 2/2, neither advancing. Ryan's GSP Sadie faced the Region's High Point Dog, Elle, George Eberle's snappy little Brit in the ninth brace. The GSP capitalized on a rare off day for the Brit and put 3 on the card versus Elle's lone find. Unfortunately, neither team advanced. Braces ten (Goodall/ Abbey vs. Dafnis/Lizzie), eleven (Norton/Ruby vs. Ryan/Ella) and twelve Dafnis/Topaz vs. Ludolph/Duke) saw all 2/2 splits with exception be-ing Goodall's young GSP Abbey putting 3/3 on her card. In spite of the quality work and effort, none of these tandems accumulated enough points to move on. The semi's look like this:

Drawdoow/Woodward - 826.5 Jake/Miller - 718.0 Willy/Ludolph - 643.0 Hank/Miller - 753.0 Beau/Liane - 661.5 Duke/Ludolph - 565.5



Elden Miller with the 2013 NSTRA Mid North Region Champion, Jake and his hardware.



Elden Miller with the 2013 NSTRA Mid North Region Runner-up, Hank and his hardware.

(bested Mike Ryan's GSP Sadie in order to break tie for 6th place)

The first brace of the semi's was contested by Ludolph's Willy and Miller's Hank. Once again, these two teams put on a thrilling display of speed, grace and composure. Hank's better manners and back proved to be the deciding difference in the 2/2 dual. (Hank—556.5 vs. Willy's 468.5)

Next to the line were Josh Woodward and his imposing bird threat Drawdoow and Miller's formidable Jake. The two classy training friends didn't disappoint when it mattered either. Experience won out in this brace with Jake seemingly putting a bird on the card with each cast he made. The stylish Setter put 4/4 and a back against the GSPs 2/2. (Jake - 915.5 vs. Drawdoow - 479.5)

The third and final brace posed Liane's Beau against Ludy's Duke. As conditions became hot, the dogs struggled and clean finds were difficult to achieve. Neither dog had his best brace but advancing to this round was plenty to be proud of. (Beau - 481.5 vs. Duke - 388.0)

The North Dakota statesman, Elden Miller advanced both of his fine bird dogs to the finals in 2013. It was "youthful promise" versus "tried and true" as Hank and Jake squared off for the hour finale. Elden promptly requested the handle of his friend Josh Woodward to take the reigns of young Hank while he chose to lead Jake. Both men would be under the watchful and knowledgeable eyes of the dog's registered owner: Elden's popular wife Carol.

From the onset, Josh's challenging task was apparent. Hank seemed a bit confused with his requests to go with Woodward while Elden and Jake were in the field. As one could imagine, retrieves and handling were obstacles the two would face throughout the hour brace. What was easy for all to see was how accomplished these two Setters were at finding birds. Grace-ful and calculated, they each worked the field with precision like movement and only stopped when encountering bird scent. Erect tails and high heads signaled another find. As each handler made his way to them, the dogs only grew more confident in the fact that the quarry was in front of them as their feathered tails indicated. For Josh and Hank, they produced this activity three times, producing impressive Find scores that averaged over 84. The Retrieves were another matter as young Hank couldn't overcome his loyalty to Elden, each time presenting his owner with the quail instead of returning to his handler. The old boys, Elden and Jake, were busy themselves without Hank's retrieve interruptions. Ol' Jake decided to show his young kennel mate how this game works and produced SEVEN FINDS, SEVEN RETRIEVES and threw in a BACK for good measure! Thus eliminating any confusion for the pup as to who was still the big dog in the boxes of said Elden and Carol Miller! It was a proud moment for the Miller's and a popular win among the masses. These two are as supportive and gracious as any Region could hope for in members and we're proud to call them ours despite their frequency at National trials as well as their ventures into the Big Sky Region.

Congratulations to all of those that qualified and competed in this year's Mid North Regional Elimination/Championship trial, your participation throughout the year is enjoyed and appreciated. A big congratulations to the Miller's for their most impressive showing while winning the titles of Champion and Runner-up.

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MIDSOUTH



Elimination Placements 1st — LJ with Chuck Tash 2nd — Kate with Bill Moore 3rd — Jack with Steve Jaspering



2013 Regional Winner, June owned by Chuck Tash



Rookie of the Year Jimmy Meredith



Final Six - Ron Becker — Judge, Ed Stackens, Field Marshal, Ron Huels, Judge 1st June with Chuck Tash 2nd Waco with Angela Autry, James String, Bird Handler 3rd LJ with Steve Jaspering holding for Chuck Tash 4th Dick with Richard Mullins holding for Bill Moore 5th Kate with Bill Moore 6th Macie with Steve Autry



2013 Winner and Runner Up, June with Chuck Tash Winner and Waco with Angela Autry Runner Up.



High Point Dog Jacket, Kate owned by Bill Moore



MIDWEST

Ward's Sadie is the Mid-West Top Dog

The lowa Gun Dog Association (IGDA) was host of the Mid-West Regional trial in Osceola, lowa, May 18 and 19. The half foot of snow was gone from two weeks earlier. Saturday and Sunday met us with eighty plus degrees and a steady breeze.

The trial went off without a hitch due to the great volunteers and supporters of NSTRA, the region, and IGDA. The members of IGDA worked hard to get the grounds in national caliber condition. Regional President Bill Sumpter, Regional Vice-President Todd Hendrix, IGDA President Eric Bowen, and IGDA Vice-President Rod Phipps, spent all kinds of hours and cell phone minutes as they kept things in order. The usual hog roaster, Charlie Strawn received the unfortunate news on Friday that his father passed away. As said before around IGDA, we are a family. Our thoughts and prayers are with Charlie and his family. Terry Prenosil took over the roasting duties with help from Kevin Schlarbaum and John Johnson. There is nothing like a slow roasted lowa hog. As usual, the lunches prepared by Jackie Schlarbaum and Lisa Karnes for both days were better than restaurant quality. The plates were heaped full to begin with and dog licked clean when put away.

The dogs were expertly judged by Jack Glover of the Show-Me region, Frank Llano of the Illinois region, and Kyle Kopfmann and Brad Goddard of the Mo-Kan region. Bo Marcum from the Mo-Kan region was in charge of the bird handling. Thank you to these men for making the trip to Osceola. Marshals were Dawn Dewey and Kahl Sesker. Dawn is always there to volunteer for marshal duties.

A special thank you goes to all of the prize contributors including Purina, Boyt, and Roosterwear. Their support helped all of the handlers have a little more spring in their step at the end of a hot weekend.

The Winners

According to the current national standings, some of the best dogs in the nation such as Adam Feller's Nose and Shaun Rydl's Bandit are from the Mid-West region. With a total of 50 dogs running, ending up the champion is a tall task.

Saturday A Field

1st	Copper/BR male	Rod Phipps
2nd	T-Bone/GSP male	Paul Phipps
3rd	Sadie/BR female	Todd Hendrix
4th	Bo/Pointer male	Bill Dubs
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1st	Joe/Pointer male	Mike Rost
2nd	Champ/BR male	Eric Bowen
3rd	Taz/BR male	Bill Sumpter
4th	King/GSP male	Bruce Murphy

On Sunday, eight braces on each field were run. The top three dogs from each field were headed to the finals with the sun beating down on the dogs and handlers.

Sunday A Field Top Three Scores

Chilly	ES/female	Rod Phipps	809	
Copper	BR/male	Rod Phipps		797
Miller	GSP/male	Wade Hanson	705	
Sunday B Field Top	Three Scores			
Bandit	ES/male	Shaun Rydl		837.5
Sadie	GSP/female	Terry Ward	832.5	
Во	Pointer/male	Mike Rost	660.5	
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Final Six Pairings

Sadie and Bo were paired in the first brace. Sadie scored a 651 with a 3/3. Bo scored a 350.5 with a 1/1 and a back.

Copper and Miller faced each other in the second brace. Miller scored a 632 with a 3/3. Copper scored 313 with a 1/1.

Chilly and Bandit had the third brace. Chilly scored a 457 with a 2/2. Bandit scored a 386 with a 1/1 and a back.

Championship Round

The finals were set with Wade Hanson's shorthair, Black Forest Five O'clock Miller Tyme. Miller is out of Black Forest Miller and Black Forest Clown. Terry Ward's shorthair, Buck Eye Sadie, was the other half of the brace. Sadie's sire is MRT's Bingo Buck and the dam is Bok's Texas Tornado II. Both dogs had a 4/4 and it came down to the scoring. Sadie topped Miller, 850.5 to 804. Congratulations to Terry Ward and the 2013 Mid-West Regional winner, Buck Eye Sadie.



Regional Placements - Sadie - Terry Ward First Runner Up - Miller - Wade Hanson Second Runner Up: Chilly - Rod Phipps (Bev Phipps) Third Runner Up: Bandit - Shaun Rydl Fourth Runner Up: Bo - Bill Dubs (Mike Rost) Fifth Runner Up: Copper - Rod Phipps



Blind: Wade Hanson, Mike Rost, Shaun Rydl, Rod Phipps, Terry Ward



Saturday A field, 1.Copper - Rod Phipps, 2.T-Bone Paul Phipps, 3. Sadie - Todd Hendrix Handler Mike Rost



Saturday B field, 1. Joe - Mike Rost 2. Champ - Eric Bowen 3. Taz - Bill Sumpter



Winner Terry Ward with Sadie and Rooster wear donating a jacket.



MISSOURI SHOW-ME

On April 6, 2013 the MO Show-Me Regional Elimination Trial was held at Bob (White) Brown Trial grounds in Madison, MO. Thanks to Lonnie Jones, Mark Kohlberg and various crews, our beautiful new building (with a spectacular viewing tower) was completed and it provided us more comforts and conveniences than anyone could ask for.

Our judges Donnie Parker and Bo Nutt did an outstanding job as did Brandon Ralston planting our birds. Waneta Stevenson was our Field Marshall in which she did a yeoman's job of keeping the trial going.

The morning got underway with 18 dogs/handlers competing in the Qualifying Rounds in hopes to be called back for the top six.

After lunch, the top six dogs started their braces and then on to the Final Hour. Congratulations to Resa's Mazie owned and handled by John Resa as the 2013 Region Champion AND 2012-2013 Region Hi-Point winner.

1st Runner-up honors went to Kohlberg's Bossman, owned and handled by Jack Glover. Jack and Boss did a great job and we congratulate them on a great effort.

2nd Runner-up, Double R Jack, owned and handled by Curt Beckley.

3rd Runner-up, Blaze's Black Magic, owned and handled by Chad Calicott.

4th Runner-up, Blaze's Magic Jack, owned and handled by Curt Beckley.

5th Runner-up, Stark's Blufftop Daisy, owned and handled by Shon Stark.

Congratulations to ALL handlers and dogs who competed in this year's Regional. Your hard work and perseverance is admirable.

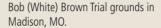
Our special thanks to Ralph and Markie Niemeyer, Jerry Van Strien, Kevin and Lori Sprick, Bruce Damrell, Scott Schwimley, Mary Kay Kunza, Lonnie and Georgeanna Jones for all the roles you played in making the Regional memorable.





Mazie Resa









NORTHERN CALIFORNIA/ NEVADA

Once again the Northern California / Nevada NSTRA members and their qualified dogs journeyed to Green Gulch Ranch in Vinton, California for their chance at the 2013 first place Regional buckle. We had a great weekend planned, opening with a single trial on Friday. Bruce Lyon and Trooper, Dale Ikuta and Gunner, Frank Rowe and Abby took the placements and wondered if they had peaked too soon! Absent from the winners circle was Riley, who had taken first in her last three runs. I guess she just didn't want to win with out "Dad", Milo Smith. Milo could not run her as he had to go to work to pick up his final papers (and check!) as he headed into the wonderful world of RETIREMENT! Congratulations!!!

Saturday morning field marshal Samantha Hight got things rolling. Bob Thompson and JIm Wall of the Southern California Region came to judge. There was a decent breeze and conditions seemed good for bird scenting. However, things are not always what they seem and the birds proved pretty tough to come by. Our bird handler (Scott Logan), a veteran of the game and expert bird planter, assured the handlers that "Yes, I am actually putting the birds in the field". But as the day wore on it became evident that a clean two bird run would get you into the final 6. The top six dogs advancing to the next round were: Cash/ Deric Fletcher, Sage/ Doug Brown, Gunner/ Dale Ikuta, Riley/ Milo Smith, Abby/ Frank Rowe and Ike/ Deric Fletcher.

As we started the next round with the final 6 it was evident that scenting had not improved. Riley (Milo Smith) was the only dog of the top 6 scoring 2 birds. Two other dogs, Abby (Frank Rowe) and Ike (Deric Fletcher) each scored 1/1/B - but it was just that kind of weekend - they were tied! During a run off to see which of these dogs would advance, Abby edged lke for the right to compete in the final hour. Gunner (Dale Ikuta) claimed fourth place. So here's the stage for the finals: Two very young dogs. One a pointer, one a setter. One from the east side of the Sierras, one from the West. Neither had ever been in a Regional Final before. Both dogs hunted their hearts out, but Riley did what she has been doing the last half of the season - beating everyone! Wait a minute - not so fast. Throughout the trial, including the final brace, Riley was, lets say, reluctant to back. Oooops! So one more hurdle remained before she could claim the title of Regional Champion. Riley did not look concerned, but Milo sure did! But with the whole gallery looking on Riley drilled a great back during her "one last chance". We had a winner! That's gonna be a tough weekend to beat, Milo. Retire from work on Friday, then win the Regional on Saturday!. Well played, my friend, well played. After such a long day we headed to the Green Gulch clubhouse for a quick region meeting followed by a great Tri-Tip dinner. At dinner the High Point trophy was presented, this year going for the first time to a German Wirehair, Trooper and Bruce Lyon with 17 points. Drifter, a Pointer owned by Tina Forrester wasn't far behind and Riley was gaining quickly! Sunday served up another single trial. Ike and Deric Fletcher Placed first (a day late), Speedy and Jlm Rienstra took second. Darby and Richie Hight placed third. All in all it was a great weekend. Thanks again to the Harrisons of Green Gulch Ranch for providing such a great venue, to Sam Hight Field Marshal, Scott Logan Bird Handler, Bob Thompson and Jim Wall, Judges. They all did great jobs and more importantly were great company (well Margaret Thompson and Joanne Wall were anyway).



Our Illustrious Staff - Jim Wall, Sam Hight and Bob Thompson



Milo Smith and Frank Rowe 'relaxing' before the hour run-off



Congratulations Winners! Riley/ Milo Smith, Abby/ Frank Rowe, Ike/ Deric Fletcher and Gunner/Dale Ikuta



NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Northern Illinois held their regional on June 5th where our friends from the frozen tundra agreed to give our dogs their most undivided attention. As we ran through the field and the top six dogs were tallied, we couldn't help but notice last years' runner up was in the top six again along with some new faces; Mike Roach, Brian Camper w/Smitty; Roger Robak, and maybe not new face but a long time coming Ricky Hubbard. So we broke for lunch and got right back to trailing. Our final hour brace mates would be Smitty Camper and Dash Rotundo. When the final hour came to a close Dash had won. It was a Great Day for Tom and Dash.

On behalf of the NINSTRA Board we would like congratulate Tom and Dash and also a big thanks to all our members and Purina

Final Round Tom Rotundo w/Dash



Top Six Pictures Front row left to right Rick Hubbard w/rocky; Brian Camper w/smitty; Tom Rotundo w/Dash; Romeo Rumshi w/Jody; Roger Robak w/ Lucy; Mike Roach w/Vader Back Row left to right Bird planter; Steve Rossman Judge: Mike Lesley Judge: John Holder



NORTH WEST

Regional Qualifying Trial, Saturday, 18 May 2013



L to R Matt Huston — 1st Place / Cage Mike Stotts - 2nd Place / Cici Paul Schneider – 3rd Place / Hearty Rob Proctor - 4th Place / Reilly



Final Six / Judges / & Marshall L to R, Ron Park - Judge, Charles Warren - Marshall, John Peacock-Judge, Final Six – Mike Smith, Arnie Sullivan, Steve Witz, Mike Stotts, Randy Oswald, & Matt Huston



Left - 2nd Place Steve Skipworth



Right - 1st Place, Paul Schneider



Regional Winner - Mike Smith / Max



L to R - Mike Stotts / Cici — 5th Place Randy Oswald / Rosie – 4th Place Matt Huston / Cage — 3rd Place Arnie Sullivan / Kal – 2nd Place Mike Smith / Max - 1st Place

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OHIO

May 4, 2013 brought 48 dogs to Wayne Coon Hunters in Wooster Ohio to compete in the NSTRA Ohio Region Elimination Trial. Thanks to the foresight and exceptional effort of NSTRA member Rex Messner and his crew, the grounds were perfect for our trial. Thank you Rex for making sure we had a great field to have our trial on.

Sunshine and cool breezes greeted the dogs and handlers. The bird handler had a full field and plenty of cover to plant birds. Of course judges, field marshals, and bird planter along with the handlers, dogs and spectators made a fantastic trial.

Young Mikey Akey won the A field with his Amateur dog, Kobe, who is out of their breeding from Killbuck Elhew Kansas. Dolly, who I believe was the oldest dog that ran, is owned and handled by Rod Howard and took a 2nd in her qualifying field. Mandy took 3rd handled by Harold Smith and owned by Randy Cunningham and 4th was Doc, handled by Junior Shouse and owned by Randy Cunningham.

Derek Plyler's wirehair Mindy took a first in the A field, followed by Dillon, owned and handled by Bob Vibonese Sr and Sammie, owned and handled by Dick Motz and then Josie, owned and handled by Don Stir.

Saturday night we feasted on a great dinner cooked by NSTRA member Bob Vibonese, Jr. and his crew. Great job Bob, everyone had full bellies at the end of the meal. Awards for the day and season were presented along with drawings for items donated to the club.

Sixteen dogs moved on to run the first 8 braces on Sunday. Once again mother nature was smiling on us and provided a beautiful day to run dogs. Out of the results from those braces, the top six dogs to run for the Region Championship were Doc, handled by Junior Shouse and Abby, handled by Harold Smith, both of these dogs are owned by Randy Cunningham, Clover, owned and handled by Mark Rudd, King, owned and handled by Jim Mahoney, Dillon, owned and handled by Bob Vibonese, Sr. and newcomer Buddy, owned and handled by Gerry Idlett.

The top two dogs from the top six dogs were Doc, handled by Junior Shouse and owned by Randy Cunningham and Clover, owned and handled by Mark Rudd. Doc, a well seasoned NSTRA dog and Clover, a young dog just starting her career, kept the gallery on the edge of their seats by each getting a find and retrieve, seemingly taking turns. Judges reported back the status of each dog to the very end, and Doc was able to produce the last bird to win the Region Championship! Thank you both handlers and dogs for providing such an exciting end to the trial! We are all looking forward to next season and enjoying our dogs and companionship of fellow bird hunters.



Regional Winner



Final Breakaway



Top 6



Group 2





The Cook



OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma's 2013 Region Elimination was held April 6th in Elreno Ok at the historic Fort Reno. It was 2 days of great weather and compitition from a 30 dog trial with intense compitition with a new Champion being crowned. 2x CH Rawhides Blazin Lucy Lu owned and handled by Jerimy Pence. First runner up 1xCh Ridge Run's Dixieland Princess owned and handled by Roman Carothers.

2nd runner up Rockin G's Warhead owned and handled by John George. 3rd runner up 6xCH Rockin G'S Uodibar Rusty owned and handled by John George (not pictured) were 4th runner up Pence's Hook Line and Sinker owned and handled by Jerimy Pence and 5th runner up Great West Ace Gunner owned and handled by Roman Carothers to round up the top six



L to R Lucy with Jerimy Pence, Princess with Roman Carothers, Boomer with John George, and Rusty with David Lacey

Lucy and Jerimy waiting in the blind for the final hour

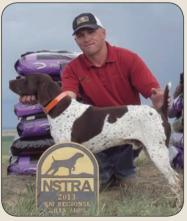




Lucy with Jerimy Pence winners



ROCKY MOUNTAIN



Regional Champion Lance MacLennan with Tui



Top Six - L to R Champion: Lance MacLennan with Tui

1st Runner-up: George Brook with Fancy 2nd Runner-up: Paul Mawhorter with Nixon

3rd Runner-up: Kurt Lang with Jett 4th Runner-up: Wayne Baker with Buck

5th Runner-up: Gerry Woelfel with Gunner



Side Trial Sat May 18 B Field Side Trial Winners: 1st-Lance MacLennan with Tagg, 2nd-Andy Taylor with Athena and 3rd-Mark Pace Sr. with Bart



Regional Qualifier Sat May 18 A Field Regional Qualifier Winners: 1st-Mike Weis with Diamond, 2nd-Lance MacLennan with Tui and 3rd-Charlie Golden with Henry



May 25, 2013 at Lockwood Valley. We would like to thank our judges, Deric Fletcher and Richie Hight from Northern California. We also would like to thank our field marshal, Mike Porter and our bird planter, Ron Knesal. We had twenty four dogs competing for the top six spots. We had Pudelpointers, German Shorthairs, English Setters, Brittanys, and German Wirehairs. The top two dogs, our champion and our first runner up are brothers.

Our champion was Lazy Heart Walle (Walle) owned and handled by Timm Cleaver. Our first runner up was Jagermeister's Doc Holiday (Doc) owned and handled by Robert Thompson. Our second runner up was Brutus Vom Worrellhaus (Brutus) owned and handled by Robert Worrell. Our third runner up was LCM's Gustel (Gustel) owned and handled by Lisa McNamee.

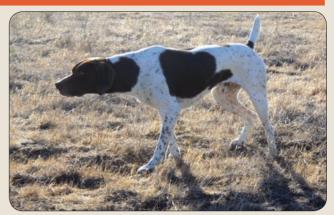
Congratulations to all of our four-legged athletes and their handlers!! Keep up the good trialing!

The Southern Ca. Region would like to give special thanks to the California Deer Association for their continuous support during our 2012 season. We would also like to thank their president Ryan Smith and all their members for all their support, and contributions to our club.

For the past 2 years the Avenales Sportsman's Club, and their president Larry Smith, have also been a contributor to our Southern Ca. Region. They have helped us purchase our Regional belt buckles for our regional winners.

There are also two very special guys that have given their time to cook our banquet dinner and lunch during our regional trial. They are Frank and Dick from the deer association. They have given up their Memorial weekends to cook for us for the past two years. All of the banquet meal was donated by the California Deer Association. Their contributions to our club have helped us tremendously for the past two years.

All of the Southern California Region members would like to say thank you for keeping our region strong and profitable.



Champion Lazy Heart Walle (Walle) owned and handled by Timm Cleaver.





SOUTH CAROLINA







VIRGINIA

The Virginia Regional Elimination Trial was held April 6-7, 2013 at Taylor Farms in Erwin, NC preceded by an Open Trial held April 5, 2013. This trial was originally scheduled to be held in Front Royal, VA but due to a late snow storm and lack of cover, the location was hastily changed. Kyle Taylor was gracious enough to offer the use of his field trial ground and facilities. Kyle, his father David Taylor, his grandfather Bobby Taylor and their wives helped organize the banquet and provided us with a hot breakfast each morning. The Virginia Region is very grateful to the Taylor family.

We started the weekend running the open trial on Friday April 5. Eddie Green and Stan Perdue were our judges and Corey Perdue was our bird planter. At the end of the day, 1st place was awarded to Dave Jackson and Pinkie, 2nd place to Steve Whittington and Zip, and 3rd place to Jimmy Kirkman and Diamond. After the trial

we enjoyed a nice dinner and had a short meeting presided over by President Ted Purdie. Ted presented the High Point Trophy to Jody Bass (handler) and Matthew Bass (owner). Their dog Brave secured this honor with 19 points.

<u>Sunday morning started out with eight braces to determine the final six dogs who</u> were:

Zip- Steve Whittington

Molly- John and Chase Cogar (owners)/ Mike Barker (handler)

Buck- Don Bowyer

Stormy- Jim Hill

Diamond- Jimmy Kirkman

Lucy- Kyle Taylor

At the end of the final, the following dogs placed as follows:

2013 Regional Winner- Molly owned by John and Chase Cogar/ handled by Mike Barker

1st Runner Up- Diamond/ Jimmy Kirkman

2nd Runner Up- Buck/ Don Bowyer

3rd Runner Up- Lucy/ Kyle Taylor

4th Runner Up- Zip/ Steve Whittington

5th Runner Up- Stormy/ Jim Hill

The Virginia Region would like to thank all participants that helped make this a successful Regional. We would also like to thank Ted Purdie in particular, our outgoing Regional President. Ted has shouldered this responsibility for the past two years. Those of you who have held this job know it requires time and organizational skills. Thanks Ted for your hard work. The new slate of officers for the next two years is Bernie Davis- President, Steve Whittington- Vice-President, Ken Sikes- Secretary, and Christy Hill-Treasurer/Web Keeper.



Jody Bass w/his son Matthew Bass kneeling and Brave, high point dog with 19 points.



Molly handled by Mike Barker and owned by John and Chase Cogar also became a 1x champion with this regional win.

Mike Barker handler & Mike Barker handler & Mike Barker handler & Mike Barker handler & Mike Barker handler



Final winners: Judges Eddie Green, Stan Perdue, bird planter Cory Perdue 3rd RU Kyle Taylor & Lucy, not pictured 2nd RU Don Bowyer & Buck, 1st RU Jimmy Kirkman & Diamond, 2013 VA Regional winner, Mike Barker handler & Molly owned by John &

Chase Cogar.

FINAL SIX
Back L to R Jim Hill,
Jimmy Kirkman, Kyle
Taylor. Front L to R
Don Bowyer, Mike Barker
(handling John & Chase
Cogar's dog), and
Steve Whittington.





WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Regional Elimination Trial was held on Saturday, May 18th, and Sunday May 19th of 2013. Saturday was a balmy day in the mid 70's and sunny, but it was humid and the scenting wasn't at its best. Our intrepid four —legged best friends didn't mind though. To them it was another great day of hunting birds! The field started with 32 entrants getting pared down to the top 16 scoring dogs and their handlers. Saturday placements were: John Holder and Walker (EP) with 844 for 1st place, Travis Tointon and Astro (GSP) with 822 for 2nd place, Shane Tointon and Ziggy (ES) with 746.5 for 3rd place and Shane Tointon and Magic (EP) with 716.5 for 4th place.

At the conclusion of the first day of trialing the club members proceeded to the Hickory Hills Country Club for happy hour and celebrating. All the members did a great job in donating prizes for our banquet door prize drawing and selling raffle tickets for the cash raffle. The meal was an excellently prepared feast of broasted chicken, sirloin tips in gravy, salad, vegetable, fresh baked bread, mashed potatoes and a refreshing dessert of devil's food cake with mint ice cream! A great time was had by all who attended.

Sunday dawned bright and very warm. The wind had decided to show up also, although scenting seemed to get worse and the dogs were feeling the humidity. The top 16 dogs competed for a spot in the sweet six. After a short break to draw braces for those six dogs and their handlers, the competition really heated up. The top two at the end of those three braces came down to Shane Tointon with Ziggy and Chuck Vande Hei with Ricochet. After an exciting 1 hour run, Ziggy was the winner with 1106.75 points! Ricochet placed as 1st runner up with 546 points, Jack and Kevin Brienen placed as 2nd runner up with 384.5 points and Jen and Steve Rossman places 3rd runner up with 384 points.

of the Wisconsin region for making this year's trial a huge success and loads of fun!

<u>Place</u>	Dog	Handler	Score
1	Ziggy	Shane Tointon	1106.75
2	Riochet	Chuck Vande Hei	546
3	Jack	Kevin Brienen	384.5
4	Jen	Steve Rossman	384



Standing – Jim Kroeschel, Kevin Brienan, Rick Hubbard, Clark Williams, Shane Tointon, Holly Kisner Seated Steve Rossman, Chuck Vande Hei

Congratulations to all the dogs and handlers who placed and to all the members.



L to R: Regional judge: Rick Hubbard (N IL region), Keith Gierl, WI club member, Shane Tointon, WI club member. "Hanging out and talking dogs at the regional banquet!"



Saturday elimination trial placement award presentations.



Saturday placement winners..... L to R: 1st Place:John Holder with Walker/844 points, 2nd Place: Travis Tointon with Astro/822 points, 3rd Place Shane Tointon with Ziggy/746.5 points.



L to R: Back row: Rick Hub-bard -Judge (NI region), Jim Kroeschel - bird planter (IL region), Holly Kisner - Judge (NI region)

L to R: Front row: Champion: Ziggy with Shane Tointon, 1st runner up: Ricochet with Chuck Vande Hei, 2nd runner up: Jack with Kevin Brienen, and 3rd runner up: Jen with Steve Rossman



WEST TEXAS





2013 WTX Champion Tomoka's Smokin J R



Final 6 handlers in the Blind (L-R Ronnie Burnett Wes Barr Rick Smith Nathan Tekell Jamisen Hancock)

In the Blind for the Final Hour Judges Rob Martin and Buzz Taylor FM Brenda Barr Handlers Jamisen Hancock and Wes Barr



Kari Hudson handling Shooter WTX 2013







Nathan Tekell and R U high point buckle



New stop watches for the officials (Josh Martin and Rob Martin)



Rick Smith and Wes Barr to the line



The Winners (R-L Buzz Taylor Wes and J R Ronnie posing with White Rick and Ace Jamisen and Knock Rob Martin and Josh Martin)



The WTX Ladies in their Derby hats - L-R Lisa Burnett, Barbara Hudgens, Penny Montgomery, and Brenda Barr

The WTX Region held its Regional Elimination trial and awards banquet May 4-5, 2013 in Winters, TX at the grounds of Nathan and Teresa Tekell. The weather couldn't have been more perfect.

The event started Friday night with the BOD meeting and conducting the business of the Region at a local Restaurant in Winters. The Trial began at 8:00 AM Saturday morning with Field Marshall Brenda Barr gathering the Handlers into the Blind for the first brace. Judges Rob Martin and Buzz Taylor, from the LST region, prepared themselves for a day of officiating as Bird Handler Josh Martin, also from LST, released the birds. The day went smoothly as Brenda with the help of Lisa Burnett kept the trial moving at a steady and rapid pace including a short Lunch break. During the trial several games including a blind Calcutta was held with proceeds benefiting the winners as well as the WTX Region.

The Theme of the trial this weekend was the Kentucky Derby coinciding with the running that afternoon. Hats worn by the ladies and the traditional Mint Julep's was a part of the after trial festivities. Several gathered around the TV at Wes Barr's camper to watch the running cheering on the Horses and riders on a very muddy track. That evening a catered meal served by Stephanie and Edd Mangrum was enjoyed by all as the regions awards were presented. High point Honors went to Tomoka's Smokin J.R. with R.U. High point to Tek's Bitsy Boo. WTX Hall of Fame Honor's were presented in an emotional moment to 2 deserving dogs, Casta Tall Shadow and Tomoka's Smokin Blu. Joe Bond and Penny Montgomery, the dog's respective owners, were present to accept this highest honor. The WTX Region also has a Derby Dog of the Year for our younger upcoming stars. This year there was a tie for that honor between Barr's Smokin White Hot, Ken Copeland owner, and Tek's Handsome Jack, owned by Joe Bonds and Nathan Tekell. After the awards a spirited tournament of Horse Shoes was played and conversation and good times for all.

Sunday Morning at 7:30 AM sharp, the first of 8 braces went to the line to find the top 6 scoring dogs for the run off right after lunch. The Top Six scoring dogs that morning were Tomoka's Smokin J.R., Tek's Molly Brown, Barr's Smokin Lumenok, Barr's Smokin White Hot, Barr's Smokin Moonshine R'Miley, and Kings Panhandle Ace. These six dogs were drawn for Three 30 minute braces to determine the top 2 scoring dogs for the final hour and to determine who the 2nd and 3rd runner up's would be. The top scoring competitors making it to the final hour was Tomoka's Smokin J.R., handled by Wes Barr and owned by Wes Barr and Greg Wood, and Barr's Smokin White Hot handled by Wes Barr and owned by Ken Copeland. Since Wes handled both Dogs in the preliminary rounds, Jamisen Hancock stepped up to do handling honors for Barr's Smokin White Hot.

J.R. prevailed in the Final hour to garnish his 3rd WTX Region Championship. Congratulations to all the dogs, owners, and Handlers for a wonderful and successful Regional Elimination trial. Rounding out the Top four Barr's Smokin White Hot 1st RU, Kings Panhandle Ace 2nd RU, Rick Smith owner/handler, and Barr's Smokin Lumenok 3rd RU, Jamisen Hancock owner/handler

A special thanks to some special folks for donating prizes, Water, Ice, chairs and above all their help to make this a big success. Lisa and Ronnie Burnett donated bird bags for each person owning or handling dog and Stop Watches as gifts for judges, Randy Jordan for cases of water and hauling chairs and tables all the way from Lubbock, and Steve Beasley for cases of water and a big cooler of ice enjoyed by all. Mike Shepherd was a tremendous help by marking the boundaries and filling the water tubs for the trial. The WTX region is very fortunate to have folks like Teresa and Nathan Tekell for hosting this event.

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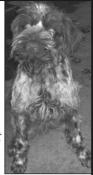
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Dear Boomer,

Dear Boomer.

I've been "laid off" for three months and money is tight for me right now. My son, daughter, and I need hunting gear for this fall. I have catalogs from the big retailers but I can't afford to outfit the three of us with everything we need. Do you have any tips for low cost hunting gear?

Signed, Van Lingle



Boomer is our coontributing editor.
Send in your questions!

Dear Van

The most important hunting gear I can think of is the bucket Glenn Savage uses to bring me food and water everyday. Second to the food in importance is the latch on the cage. If I can't take Glenn hunting, he won't do well. Below are some tips that Glenn passed along!

The perfect hat for upland game hunting must be blaze orange of course. The best hat(s) for upland game hunting has to be warm but can't be too warm for those early season days when the temperatures are above fifty degrees.

Glenn's favorite head gear is a blaze orange baseball cap covered by a blaze orange stocking cap. This combination meets all the requirements for safety, adaptability, warmth, and moisture management. One can take off the outer cap for marking a starting point for a search for downed birds. If the weather is too warm, one hat or the other can be pocketed. The baseball cap makes a nice dog bowl for watering a dog. Or, one can pull the knit cap over one's ears and neck if the weather is cold and windy. Best of all, the ball cap and stocking cap combo is very reasonabgly priced and durable.

For the best price on a baseball style blaze orange or camouflage hat, contact Glenn at gsavage@consolidated.net. Glenn will share your information with Wayne Rosenthal. In return for your contact information, Wayne Rosenthal, 98th District Illinois Rep. will send you a hat for free!

Gloves are an important item because of the added warmth they provide and because of the protection they offer from briars and stickers. Thin insulation coupled with leather is a winning combination. Discount lumber stores have the best buys on gloves and a wide choice, offering good value for less than ten dollars a pair. Avoid jersey gloves and other knit gloves as they are weed seed magnets.

Instead of a brand name hunting jacket, a nylon jacket with a fleece lining makes a good hunting coat. The nylon jackets with heavier nylon threads don't attract weeds seeds, and can fend off rose thorns and other field hazards. With layers of long underwear (polypropylene is best) one can perspire freely and stay warm. Of course, one should wear a vest or outer covering with enough blaze orange to comply with Illinois law.

Good hunting pants are harder to come by. However, good reinforced work pants can work when worn with long underwear.

Foot wear is the hardest to find at reasonable prices. One needs a sturdy leather boot with a waterproof lining and possibly some insulation in the lining. In a pinch, a heavy wool sock covered by thin dry cleaner's plastic or thin can liner can be covered by an oversized tennis shoe and keep a hunter comfortable all day.

Glenn suggested you visit some yard sales and see if you can find some used out door gear. He said he has found some good buys on fishing rods and reels and some duck decoys. Be sure to ask whoever is having the yard sale if they have any hunting clothes. For some reason, folks don't put hunting clothes out in yard sales very often

Sincerely, Boomer



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11th - 58th PLACE

	DOG	PTS.	REGION	OWNER
11	TOMOKA'S SMOKIN GUN	36	KY	GREG WOOD
12	TROUBLE DOC WALKER'S JAX	32	FL	DANA WALKER
13	TT'S SOUTHERN SPORT	30	SCR	TERRY TAYLOR
14	BUDDY'S MINI-COOPER	30	FL	SAM ASHMORE
15	RESA'S MAZIE	30	MSM	JOHN RESA
16	LAST DANCE LILY	30	NI	TOM ROTUNDO
17	SMOKE CREEK'S OSCAR IV	29	FL	GEORGE STERNER IV
18	LANSDELL'S NORTHWIN RASCAL	28	MI	SANDRA LANSDELL
19	BOONE COUNTY BRANDY	28	IN	JEFF MOORE
20	BECKLEY'S ELHEW PANIC BUTTON	27	IN	HAROLD SMITH
21	REDCLAY'S BELLE STARR	27	SCR	LINDA LOWE
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25	TROOPER'S BOY TRIPP	24	GA	JEFFREY KECK
26	SHOUSE DOGWOOD ABBY	24	ОН	RANDY CUNNINGHAM
27	TOKEENA ARCHIE	24	SCR	JEFF JOYNER
28	COOLHAND BLAZEN JILL	24	KY	JOHN DAVIS, SR.
29	RESA'S DIAMOND GIRL	23	VA	JIM KIRKMAN
30	TOMOKA'S SMOKIN J.R.	23	WTX	WESLEY BARR
31	LANSDELL'S NORTHWIN DUKE	22	MI	SANDRA LANSDELL
32	BLUE RIDGE MANDY	22	ОН	RANDY CUNNINGHAM
33	COPPER'S ELHEW BULL	22	KY	JIM HARMON
34	RAWHIDE COVEY DOCTOR	22	AZ	CLIFTON "MIKE" KITCHENS
35	HI POINTS DIRTY WHITE GIRL	22	ОН	COLTON COIL
36	BLAZE'S BLACK MAGIC	21	MSM	CHAD CALICOTT
37	COPPER'S HONKY TONK KOBIE	21	IL	CINDY BERTINETTI
38	MAC'S SUPER BEAR	21	IN	ROBERT FELIX
39	WESTWINDS MIGHTY MOE	21	ОН	BOB VIBONESE
40	FOOTLUCE LOUIE LITTLE PANTS	21	BSR	MARK DONOVAN
41	TEK'S BITSY BOO	21	WTX	NATHAN TEKELL
42	MONITEAUS OZARK REBEL	20	FL	SAM ASHMORE
43	RAWLINGS BEDTIME BUGSY	20	IN	HENRY ZELDENRUST
44	BOONE COUNTY BEER	20	IN	JEFF MOORE
45	MOTZ'S SAMSON	19	ОН	DICK MOTZ
46	PIGEON RIVER MAXIMUS	19	IN	HAROLD SMITH
47	SKIPPER'S DOGWOOD TOBY	19	KY	MARK SHOUSE
48	IMPRESSIVE MALLORY	19	GCT	SCOTT THOMAS
49	REBEL ROUSER SPARKS	19	NI	RODGER ROBAK
50	FRANKS SIR SUNSHINE	18	AR	ROBERT FRANKS
51	M H MCGEE'S DRAMATUDE	18	NW	MATTHEW HUSTON
52	HUCKLEBERRY FAITH	18	AR	BILL BRACAS
53	PAY PERVIEW'S JILL	18	AR	SCOTTY JOHNSON
54	HIGHTOWER BUD	18	KY	DARRELL DAVIS
55	CRIPPLE CREEK NO FEAR	18	VA	JODY BASS
56	VANDE HEI'S RITZI'S BOUNCIN BACK	18	WI	CHUCK VANDE HEI
57	FLATLAND'S WILD THING TAZ	18	GA	BRANDON PRITCHETT
58	FOUR RIVERS CACHE	17	AR	CURTIS FUTCH

59th - 107th PLACE

59	CLAYTON'S WHISKEY SHOT	17	FL	SAM ASHMORE
60	SONNY FLATS 24K	17	AR	AL FORBES
61	WEATHERED STONE'S SURE SHOT		SCR	ALAN HIGHAM
62	RAWHIDES BLAZIN LUCY LU	16	OK	JERIMY PENCE
63	BRONCO SPRINGS BAYLEE	16	SC	BILL JAMES
64	STONE MATRIX KATE	16	MS	BILL MOORE
65	SMOKIN HOT FANNIE	16	WTX	LISA BURNETT
66	THAT OLE VOODOO DOG	16	MW	FRANK DOWNS, M.D.
67	BARR'S SMOKIN SASSY	16	WTX	JAMISEN HANCOCK
68	CITY SLICK LEO	16	GCT	JASON HYLER
69	GROUSELANDS HOKIE	16	VA	STEPHEN WHITTINGTON
70	LYON'S INTREPID TROOPER	16	NCN	R. BRUCE LYON
71	JO JO'S MAGIC MACI	15	IL	CINDY BERTINETTI
72	SNAKE'S KING COBRA	15	ОН	JIM MAHONEY
73	MOONSHINE'S SLATE CREEK JOE	15	MW	MICHAEL ROST
74	PEND OREILLE'S PIPER	15	BSR	GARY BAUER
75	GAMBLE'S MOSSY CREEK MR. SQUINCE	15	SCR	STEVE CRUMLEY
76	M&W'S MILLER TIME DE LACOUR	15	KY	TOM MCCANDLESS
77	VINN'S HONKY MAGIC	14	WI	SHANE TOINTON
78	TRICKY DICK DUKE	14	MN	CHUCK LUDOLPH
79	TRICKY DICK TOO	14	MS	BILL MOORE
80	JAKE'S MACI'S BABE	14	NI	NICK TZELEPIS
81	PEPPER POINT CASPER	14	NW	BILLY RICHARDSON
82	MACI'S MAGIC CARTER	14	IL	CINDY BERTINETTI
83	BARR'S SMOKIN MOONSHINE R'MILEY	14	WTX	RONNIE BURNETT
84	ROCKIN G'S DIXIELAND FRITZIE	14	OK	JOHN GEORGE
85	MADISON RIVER DAISYMAE	14	BSR	GARY BAUER
86	TOEBEE MONTANA TO TEXAS	14	LST	DALE HEATON
87	WEATHERED STONES MURRAY	14	SCR	CHERYL HIGHAM
88	M&M'S SOUTHFIELD CASH BETS BIER	14	IL	MICHAEL MORTON
89	REYNOLDS DOC HOLLIDAY	14	IL	TIM REYNOLDS
90	TUSCANOLA'S BEAR	13	SC	KARLA WEBER
91	CLASSIC POINT GRETCHEN	13	MI	JOHN GRIFFITHS
92	BLACKACRE RAIL HAWK	13	MW	FRANK DOWNS, M.D.
93	DOUBLE R JACK	13	KY	JUNIOR SHOUSE
94	TINA'S TREAD TRACKER	13	KY	BOB HARDIN
95	ROCKIN G'S UODIBAR RUSTY	13	OK	JOHN GEORGE
96	NIKKI'S SKIPPIN NEWT	13	LST	ROBERT CLARK
97	NIKKI SUE NIKKI	13	MSM	MARK KOHLBERG
98	BURR OAKS STOLI	13	WI	TRAVIS TOINTON
99	SMOKE ALARM'S TORPEDO	13	LST	DUSTIN NELSON
100	CROSSWINDS MYA	13	MI	TODD CRAVEN
101	THREE OAKS TENACIOUS TANNER	13	GCT	SCOTT THOMAS
102	GERTY COACH'S FAST BREAKING ZOE	13	MN	MICHAEL JEPSEN
103	KICKAPOO'S LIL CLOWN	13	IN	ROGER PARIENT JR
104	QUAIL VALLEY'S JADE	13	FL	SAM ASHMORE
105	PALOUSE PRAIRIE JACK FLASH	13	NW	JERRY YOUMANS
106	BRACKIN'S BOBBED WHITE BIRDIE GIRL	13	LST	MIKE BRACKIN
107	ROCKIN G'S WARHEAD	13	OK	JOHN GEORGE



REGION: AZ

AZ REGION A/F

July 20, 2013 - KENDRICK PARK, AZ Judges: Ron Horn\Randy Caryl

First Place: 1xCH Saddleback's Butch (1609117, EP/M, by Timberlakes Mr. Victor-Timberlakes Miss Molly) Patty Horn, Surprise, AZ Second Place: 0xCH K Nine's Jack (SR61851105, BR/M, by K Nine's Beeline Bullet-Trucker's Wild Thing) James Garrett, Coolidge, AZ

Third Place: 0xCH Henson's Desert Prince (1642609, ES/M, by Tomoka's Smokin J.r.-Red Hot Chili Lilly) Bob Henson, Coolidge, AZ

AZ REGION B/F

July 20, 2013 - KENDRICK PARK, AZ Judges: Clifton "mike" Kitchens\David Hackman

First Place: 1xCH Rebel's Ramblin Ruby (1613679, EP/F, by Santan's Elhew Max-Trout's Rose Mary) Brian Rebello, Taylor, AZ Second Place: 1xCH Trout's Elhew Emma (1613694, EP/F, by Santan's Elhew Max-Trout's Rose Mary) John Trout, Jr., Globe, AZ Third Place: 0xCH Carnahan's Ruby Tuby Teapot (SR63725806, GSH/F, by General Fancy Blue Dax-Black Forest Shooter's S Jade) Debbie Carnahan, Flagstaff, AZ

AZ REGION A/F

July 21, 2013 - KENDRICK PARK, AZ Judges: Randy Dombrowski\Randy Caryl

First Place: 3xCH Santan's Elhew Max (1564443, EP/M, by Yellow Rose Doc-Miss Elhew Grover) Brian Rebello, Taylor, AZ Second Place: 0xCH Lindsey's Lil Rex (1612236, EP/M, by Angel's High Moon-Last Chance Ella) David Hackman, Vail, AZ Third Place: 2xCH Rock's Grimm Reaper (1612042, ES/M, by Henson's Desert Zoro-Henson's Desert Blubeary) Mary Petrocco, Phoenix, AZ

AZ REGION B/F

July 21, 2013 - KENDRICK PARK, AZ Judges: Brad Christensen\Todd Zondlo

First Place: 1xCH Trout's Elhew Emma (1613694, EP/F, by Santan's Elhew Max-Trout's Rose Mary) John Trout, Jr., Globe, AZ Second Place: 2xCH Rawhide Covey Doctor (SR48253706, GSH/M, by Sweet Money-Kowas Rawhide Darling) Clifton "mike" Kitchens, Show Low, AZ

Third Place: 1xCH Rebel's Ramblin Ruby (1613679, EP/F, by Santan's Elhew Max-Trout's Rose Mary) Brian Rebello, Taylor, AZ

AZ REGION A/F

August 24, 2013 - KENDRICK PARK, AZ Judges: Ron Horn\Arlette Hennessey

First Place: 1xCH Major Gabby Ponderosa (SR32516301, GSH/F, by Fc Afc Teton's Saragosa Sly-Ponderosa's Misty) Randy Dombrowski, Glendale, AZ

Second Place: 0xCH Ponderosa's Rex (SR32516303, GSH/M, by Tetons Saragosa Sly-Ponderosa's Misty) Brad Christensen, Prescott, ΑZ

Third Place: 4xCH Henson's Desert Catfish (1602384, EP/M, by Stephens Bright Copper-Sunny's Free Sue) Bob Henson, Coolidge, AZ

AZ REGION B/F

August 24, 2013 - KENDRICK PARK, AZ Judges: Steven Crabb\Randy Caryl

First Place: 0xCH Carnahan's Ruby Tuby Teapot (SR63725806, GSH/F, by General Fancy Blue Dax-Black Forest Shooter's S Jade) Debbie Carnahan, Flagstaff, AZ

Second Place: 0xCH Henson's Desert Prince (1642609, ES/M, by Tomoka's Smokin J.r.-Red Hot Chili Lilly) Bob Henson, Coolidge, AZ Third Place: 1xCH Saddleback's Butch (1609117, EP/M, by Timberlakes Mr. Victor-Timberlakes Miss Molly) Patty Horn, Surprise, AZ

AZ REGION A/F

August 25, 2013 - KENDRICK PARK, AZ Judges: Steven Crabb\Arlette Hennessey

First Place: 4xCH Henson's Desert Catfish (1602384, EP/M, by Stephens Bright Copper-Sunny's Free Sue) Bob Henson, Coolidge, AZ Second Place: 0xCH Henson's Jewel (1609499, EP/F, by Fiddlin's Main Ingredient-Buds Twisted Sister) Bob Henson, Coolidge, AZ Third Place: 1xCH Major Gabby Ponderosa (SR32516301, GSH/F, by Fc Afc Teton's Saragosa Sly-Ponderosa's Misty) Randy Dombrowski, Glendale, AZ

REGION: BSR

BIG SKY REGION A/F July 28, 2013 - GREAT FALLS, MT Judges: Maureen Goodrich\Fred Rauch

First Place: 0xCH Sugg's Royal Princess (SR56020201, BR/F, by Shambo's Dark Shadow-Smoked And Peppered Kate) Lisa Hedstrom, Wilton, ND

Second Place: 0xCH Chelsea Big Sky Sunrise (SR48567006, GSH/F, by Wilhelms Turbo Diesel-Jusmin Dixieland Sunrise) Joseph O'neal, Great Falls, MT

Third Place: 0xCH Pleasant View X Rated (1619134, ES/M, by Boomer's X Rated-Macy's High Limit) Leroy Rathbun, Glendive, MT

BIG SKY REGION A/F AMATEUR

July 28, 2013 - GREAT FALLS, MT Judges: John Attard\Mark Donovan

First Place: 0xCH Von Weider's Hntr Bizzy Ben (SR67823805, BR/M, by Bucktown's Bonito Shadow-Bucktown's Stayin Bizzy) Benjamin Tiller, Helena, MT

Second Place: 0xCH Kanzakaws Big Sky (1598417, GR/F, by De Jac's Eres Ty-Wayfarer's Winter) Therese Good, Ravalli, MT

Third Place: 0xCH Studley Joe Drawdoow Jh (SR66714012, GSH/M, by Mr Drawdoow Jh-Little Miss Priss Iii) Josh Woodward, Epping, ND

'BIG SKY REGION B/F

July 28, 2013 - GREAT FALLS, MT Judges: Martha Bauer\Joel Cartwright

First Place: 1xCH Mighty Tyke Little Pants (SR50751005, BR/M, by Montana's Rusty Little Pants-Montana Shambos Shadow Dancer) Mark Donovan, Bozeman, MT

Second Place: 9xCH Stotts Royal Diamond (1563619, ES/F, by Rising Sun Mike-Max's Pride) Mike Stotts, Jr, Nine Mile Falls, WA Third Place: 5xCH Footluce Louie Little Pants (SR37183804, BR/M, by Montana's Rusty Little Pants-Julry's Autumn Dream) Mark Donovan,

Bozeman, MT

REGION: FL

CFFT A/F

July 13, 2013 - LAKE WALES, FL Judges: James Carver\Rick Trezona

First Place: 0xCH Kyle's Miss Bell (1603880, EP/F, by Stephens Bright Copper-Flat Branch

Nellie) Ariel Alvarez, Naples, FL

Second Place: 2xCH Smoke Creek's Oscar Iv (SR49552601, GWH/M, by St. Croix's Easy Money-Smoke Creek's Luschi) George Sterner Iv, St Cloud, FL

Third Place: 0xCH Willis Elhew Tuxedo (1618888, EP/M, by Nymark-Nymark Elhew Gold) Neal Willis, Daytona Beach, FL

CFFT D/F AMATEUR

July 13, 2013 - LAKE WALES, FL Judges: James Carver\Rick Trezona

First Place: 0xCH Pinehill Pretty Girl (1612170, EP/F, by Pinehill Matador Damascus-Pinehill Elhew Cindy) Rick Trezona, Homestead,

Second Place: 0xCH Trouble Doc Walker's Jaxson (1649426, EP/M, by Trouble Doc Walker's Jax-Rail's Rambling Annie) Dana Walker, Lake Wales, FL

Third Place: 0xCH Just Plain Joe (SR70573805, BR/M, by Butch's Second Chance-Butch's Blusilk's Reba) Phillip (butch) Butler, Lake Wales, FL

CFFT B/F

July 14, 2013 - LAKE WALES, FL Judges: James Carver\Ralph Harrell

First Place: 2xCH Smoke Creek's Oscar Iv (SR49552601, GWH/M, by St. Croix's Easy Money-Smoke Creek's Luschi) George Sterner Iv, St Cloud, FL

Second Place: 0xCH Miracle On The Hudson (SR62545501, BR/M, by M&w's Higher PowerMccandless's De La Cour Prissy) Phillip (butch) Butler, Lake Wales, FL

Third Place: 1xCH Victoria's Mia (1610190, ES/F, by Max's Brown Bomber-Wilma Jean) Robert Gammella, Sunrise, FL

CFFT B/F

July 14, 2013 - LAKE WALES, FL Judges: James Carver\Ralph Harrell

First Place: 0xCH Just Plain Joe (SR70573805, BR/M, by Butch's Second Chance-Butch's Blusilk's Reba) Phillip (butch) Butler, Lake Wales, FL Second Place: 0xCH Pending (PENDING, OTH/F, by -) No Mbr # For Old Data, , Third Place: 0xCH Pending (PENDING, OTH/F, by -) No Mbr # For Old Data, ,

August 3, 2013 - LAKE WALES, FL Judges: James Carver\Ralph Harrell

First Place: OxCH Bright Copper Sissy (1643906, EP/F, by Hogans Black Snake Shadow-Shouse Dogwood Molly) Dana Walker, Lake Wales, FL

Second Place: 1xCH Victoria's Mia (1610190, ES/F, by Max's Brown Bomber-Wilma Jean) Robert Gammella, Sunrise, FL

Third Place: 2xCH Smoke Creek's Oscar Iv (SR49552601, GWH/M, by St. Croix's Easy Money-Smoke Creek's Luschi) George Sterner Iv, St Cloud, FL

CFFT AMATEUR

August 3, 2013 - LAKE WALES, FL Judges: James Carver\Ralph Harrell

First Place: 0xCH Sterdog Norton's Salty Jeans Bean (SR73685301, GWH/F, by Fancy Feather Saltyfoote-Thunderhill's Ricochet) Geoff Sterner, St Cloud, FL

Second Place: 0xCH Just Plain Joe (SR70573805, BR/M, by Butch's Second Chance-Butch's Blusilk's Reba) Phillip (butch) Butler, Lake Wales, FL

CFFT

August 4, 2013 - LAKE WALES, FL Judges: James Carver\Bruce Van Vliet

First Place: 1xCH Victoria's Mia (1610190, ES/F, by Max's Brown Bomber-Wilma Jean) Robert Gammella, Sunrise, FL

Second Place: 1xCH High Finances Shadow (1599953, EP/M, by Attitude's High Finance-My Angel Reba) Linda Tindale, Tampa, FL

Third Place: 0xCH Kyle's Miss Bell (1603880, EP/F, by Stephens Bright Copper-Flat Branch

Nellie) Ariel Alvarez, Naples, FL

REGION: IN

CBDC A/F

Crosslanes, WV

August 3, 2013 - AMO, IN Judges: Jim Mcadams\Gary "wayne" Fishburn

First Place: 2xCH Blue Ridge Mandy (1629215, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Randy Cunningham,

Second Place: 19xCH Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash (SR34909102, GSH/M, by Brockways Ruck Runner-Shooting Starr's Sassy Sami) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH

Third Place: 2xCH Shouse Dogwood Abby (1622068, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Randy Cunningham, Crosslanes, WV

CBDC B/F

August 3, 2013 - AMO, IN Judges: Richard Bertinetti\Russ Taylor

First Place: 0xCH Hard Hitting Winchester (R221-441, GSH/M, by Bi's Rockin Ruger-Bi's Savage Sara) Chris Sanders, Alvaton, KY Second Place: 2xCH Boone County Beer (SR58850301, BR/F, by Mccandless Titlest Driver-Beeline Bravado Easy Money) Jeff Moore, Whitestown, IN

Third Place: 0xCH Mac's Fancy Little Vegas (1629155, EP/F, by Pigeon River Bull-Beckley's Black Sunshine) Bev Mcadams, New Ross, IN

CBDC A/F

August 4, 2013 - AMO, IN Judges: Jim Mcadams\Jim Marks

First Place: 4xCH Norman's Tekoa Storm (R234093, ES/M, by Tekoa Mountain Patriot-Tekoa Mountain Belluka) Jim Norman, Tuscola, IL

Second Place: 0xCH Mac's Fancy Little Vegas (1629155, EP/F, by Pigeon River Bull-Beckley's Black Sunshine) Bev Mcadams, New Ross, IN Third Place: 1xCH Norman's Stormin Ringo (R238014, ES/M, by Norman's Tekoa Storm-Master Mohawk Kate) Jim Norman, Tuscola, IL

CBDC B/F

August 4, 2013 - AMO,IN

Judges: Joe Dunigan\Matthew Chase Dunigan

First Place: 3xCH Copper's Honky Tonk Kobie (1612584, EP/M, by Swift Rock Copper-Honky Tonk Chaz) Cindy Bertinetti, Carlinville, IL Second Place: 8xCH Last Dance Lily (SR51235702, GSH/F, by Harrisons Sun Blue Tungsten-Suiters Lady Bella) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH

Third Place: 19xCH Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash (SR34909102, GSH/M, by Brockways Ruck Runner-Shooting Starr's Sassy Sami) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH

CBDC B/F

August 17, 2013 - AMO, IN

Judges: Gary "wayne" Fishburn\Tom Terhune

First Place: 0xCH Kickapoo Jack's Scout (1646543, ES/M, by Kickapoo's Jackpot-Kickapoo's Little Sis) Roger Parient Jr, Lizton, IN Second Place: 19xCH Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash (SR34909102, GSH/M, by Brockways Ruck Runner-Shooting Starr's Sassy Sami) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH

Third Place: 4xCH Norman's Tekoa Storm (R234093, ES/M, by Tekoa Mountain Patriot-Tekoa Mountain Belluka) Jim Norman, Tuscola,

CBDC C/F

August 17, 2013 - AMO, IN Judges: Jim Mcadams\Jim Marks

First Place: 0xCH Zeldenrust's Tyler (1650818, EP/M, by Copper's Honky Tonk Kobie-Rick's Magic Flirt) Henry Zeldenrust, Wheatfield, IN Second Place: 0xCH Emmas Crosswind Kicken Axe (SR56582902, GSH/M, by Fc Afc Cadens Ruger Weltmeister-Crosswind Moody Blues) Emma Coke, Coatesville, IN

Third Place: 19xCH Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash (SR34909102, GSH/M, by Brockways Ruck Runner-Shooting Starr's Sassy Sami) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH

CBDC A/F

August 18, 2013 - AMO, IN

Judges: Jim Mcadams\Gary "wayne" Fishburn

First Place: 19xCH Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash (SR34909102, GSH/M, by Brockways Ruck Runner-Shooting Starr's Sassy Sami) Tom

Rotundo, Orient, OH

Second Place: 0xCH Zeldenrust's Tyler (1650818, EP/M, by Copper's Honky Tonk Kobie-Rick's Magic Flirt) Henry Zeldenrust, Wheatfield, IN

Third Place: 2xCH Blue Ridge Mandy

(1629215, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Randy Cunningham, Crosslanes, WV

CBDC B/F

August 18, 2013 - AMO, IN

Judges: Joe Dunigan\Matthew Chase Dunigan

First Place: 1xCH Norman's Stormin Ringo (R238014, ES/M, by Norman's Tekoa Storm-Master Mohawk Kate) Jim Norman, Tuscola, IL Second Place: 19xCH Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash (SR34909102, GSH/M, by Brockways Ruck Runner-Shooting Starr's Sassy Sami) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH

Third Place: 0xCH Zeldenrust's Tyler (1650818, EP/M, by Copper's Honky Tonk Kobie-Rick's Magic Flirt) Henry Zeldenrust, Wheatfield, IN

IN REGION A/F

August 24, 2013 - BROOKVILLE, IN Judges: Sam Chandler\Zachery Moore

First Place: 2xCH Shouse Dogwood Abby (1622068, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Randy Cunningham, Crosslanes, WV

Second Place: 0xCH Ragin Cajun Athena (1646894, GSH/F, by Ragin Cajun Zeus-Wild Thing O'riley) Angie Fishburn, Indianapolis, IN Third Place: 8xCH Last Dance Lily (SR51235702, GSH/F, by Harrisons Sun Blue Tungsten-Suiters Lady Bella) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH

IN REGION B/F

August 24, 2013 - BROOKVILLE, IN Judges: Jr Coke\Sara Moore

First Place: 2xCH Boone County Beer (SR58850301, BR/F, by Mccandless Titlest Driver-Beeline Bravado Easy Money) Jeff Moore, Whitestown, IN

Second Place: 8xCH Last Dance Lily (SR51235702, GSH/F, by Harrisons Sun Blue Tungsten-Suiters Lady Bella) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH

Third Place: 1xCH Outrageous Behavior (R233991, EP/M, by Stephens Bright Copper-Vance's Elhew Bee) James Boomershine, Indianapolis, IN

REGION: MI

MI REGION A/F

July 13, 2013 - HUDSON, IN Judges: Ken Loveday\Kari Diane Fox

First Place: 0xCH Ruck's Brockway Mick (SR72791602, GSH/M, by Premier's Kid Brock N Brody-Tc's Gentle Ginger) Tom Rotundo, Orient,

Second Place: 1xCH Gator's Feather Chaser (R234163, GSH/M, by Crosswind Truckin Fritz-Crosswind Dee Dee) Sharon Gates, Farmington

Third Place: 2xCH Vande Hei's Ritzi's Bouncin Back (SR57318205, BR/F, by Beeline Bullet's Proof-Vande Hei's Put'n On The Ritz) Chuck Vande Hei, De Pere, WI

MI REGION B/F

July 13, 2013 - HUDSON, IN Judges: Mike Kibby\Corey Clark

First Place: 2xCH Lansdell's Northwin Rascal (1614979, ES/M, by Lansdell's Northwin Duke-Teeka Hightail Wilson) Sandra Lansdell, Troy, MI Second Place: 1xCH Ruck's Brockway Repeat (SR58558404, GSH/M, by Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash-Last Dance Lilv) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH Third Place: 2xCH Shouse Dogwood Abby (1622068, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Randy Cunningham, Crosslanes, WV

MI REGION A/F

July 14, 2013 - HUDSON, IL Judges: Richard Chamberlain\Kari Diane Fox

First Place: 2xCH Blue Ridge Mandy (1629215, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Randy Cunningham, Crosslanes, WV

Second Place: 1xCH Ruck's Brockway Repeat (SR58558404, GSH/M, by Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash-Last Dance Lily) Tom Rotundo, Orient, OH Third Place: 2xCH Shouse Dogwood Abby (1622068, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Randy Cunningham, Crosslanes, WV

MI REGION B/F

July 14, 2013 - HUDSON, IN Judges: Dale Sinclair\Pat Carlson

First Place: 0xCH Rhoades Woods Loki (SR57015106, BR/M, by Maxwell's Blew By You li-K Nine's Peek-a-boo) Tim Rhoades, Montpe-

Second Place: 0xCH Flying Under The Radar (1648709, EP/M, by Killbuck Bolt Action-Bailey Jo Diamond) Christopher Ritter, Romulus, MI Third Place: 2xCH Shouse Dogwood Abby (1622068, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Randy Cunningham, Crosslanes, WV

MI REGION A/F

August 10, 2013 - HUDSON, IN Judges: Richard Chamberlain\Pat Carlson

First Place: 3xCH Mulberrys Major Philmore (1615810, ES/M, by Nick's Major Contender-Mulberrys Grace) Mikeal Mulberry, Corinth, KY

Second Place: 0xCH Andre's The Rowdie Man
Can (SR65996204, GSH/F, by Rs's Crosswind Ram
Rod-Classic Point Gretchen) Bob Andre, Troy, MI

Third Place: 19xCH Ruck's Brockway Mad
Dash (SR34909102, GSH/M, by Brockways Ruck
Runner-Shooting Starr's Sassy Sami) Tom Rotundo,
Orient, OH

MI REGION B/F

August 10, 2013 - HUDSON, IN Judges: Dale Sinclair\Mike Kibby

First Place: 2xCH Shouse Dogwood Abby (1622068, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Randy Cunningham, Crosslanes, WV

Second Place: 2xCH Blue Ridge Mandy (1629215, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Randy Cunningham, Crosslanes, WV

Third Place: 0xCH Vande Hei's Ritzi's Final Encore (SR66949904, BR/F, by Beeline Bullet's Oxidation-Vande Hei's Put'n On The Ritz) Chuck Vande Hei, De Pere, WI

MI REGION A/F

August 11, 2013 - HUDSON, IN Judges: Crystal Nichols\Dean Gilbert Jr

First Place: 2xCH Skipper's Dogwood Toby (1623744, ES/M, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Mark Shouse, Paint Lick, KY Second Place: 0xCH Flying Under The Radar (1648709, EP/M, by Killbuck Bolt Action-Bailey Jo Diamond) Christopher Ritter, Romulus, MI Third Place: 0xCH Crosswinds Semi Auto Hank (R232691, GSH/M, by Crosswinds Auto Roy-Crosswinds Schatzie Roy) Mackenzie Carlson, Canton, MI

MI REGION B/F

August 11, 2013 - HUDSON, IN Judges: John Griffiths\Scott Townsend

First Place: 0xCH Spm Kona Sunset (SR50376702, GSH/F, by Rb Crosswinds Ramrod-Crosswind Cannonball) Sean Mcgivern, Perrysburg. OH

Second Place: 2xCH Shouse Dogwood Abby (1622068, ES/F, by Angie's Dogwood Skipper-Cumberland Lady) Randy Cunningham, Crosslanes, WV

Third Place: 0xCH Leaping Lucy Lou (1599612, ES/F, by Second Chance Scooby-Harvest Meadow Lady) Gary Rhein, Columbus, MI

UT REGIONAL FINAL

August 10, 2013 - VERNAL, UT Judges: John Peacock\Ron Park

First Place: 0xCH Bret's Tictac Chicken Weasel (1619551, ES/M, by Chukar-Notta Zilch Zero) Bret Wonnacott. Sunset. UT

Second Place: 0xCH Blue Collar Bron (SR42683702, GWH/M, by Heidi Wolf Benelli-

Black Canyon Gin) Art Trujillo, Ogden, UT **Third Place:** 0xCH Top Gun Call Name Maverick (SR63626403, GSH/M, by Nafc Nagol Fc Afc Prairies Edge Tip-Top Gun Jetta Ii Mh) Mark Donahoe, Hamel, MN

UT REGIONAL QUALIFICATION

August 10, 2013 - VERNAL, UT Judges: John Peacock\Ron Park

First Place: 0xCH Bret's Tictac Chicken Weasel (1619551, ES/M, by Chukar-Notta Zilch Zero) Bret Wonnacott, Sunset, UT

Second Place: 0xCH Walter Mickey Heaton (SR69982801, GSH/F, by Heaton Mickey-Red Rocks Little Lizzy) Shaun Heaton, Orem, UT **Third Place:** 0xCH Blue Collar Diesel

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FIRST TIME PLACEMENTS

Registered Name	Placement	Breed Sex	Owner Nam	e City and State
TRIAL FORMAT: AMATEUR				
JR'S A MAZE N BLUE	6/15/2013	German Shorthair	M ROBINSON	N, JOHN TAYLOR, MI
JUST PLAIN JOE	7/13/2013	Brittany	M BUTLER, F	PHILLIP (BUTCH) LAKE WALES, FL
TROUBLE DOC WALKER'S JAXSON	7/13/2013	English Pointer	M WALKER,	DANA LAKE WALES, FL
OUTFOX BABLES SCARLET GUNNER	6/16/2013	German Shorthair	F FOX, KARI	DIANE JONESVILLE, MI
ANDRE'S THE ROWDIE MAN CAN	6/16/2013	German Shorthair	F ANDRE, B	OB TROY, MI
G W'S DOODAH MAN	6/15/2013	German Shorthair	M RYNE, ED	NEW HUDSON, MI
TRIAL FORMAT: OPEN				
FIFTH GEAR HARLEY	6/2/2013	English Pointer	M PERSINGE	ER, STEVE AUSTIN, MN
VANDE HEI'S RITZI'S FINAL ENCORE	6/2/2013	Brittany	F VANDE HE	I, CHUCK DE PERE, WI
OTIS MY MAN	6/2/2013	English Pointer	F ZIMMERM	AN, BILL OCONOMOWOC, WI
GRASSY LAKE SYDNEY	6/2/2013	English Pointer	M HOLDER,	JOHN RIO, WI
EAGLE ZIP DE PLUM CREEK	6/8/2013	Brittany	M CARRIER,	JACQUES LAVAL, QC
GAULOIS DU COPPER SPUR	6/9/2013	Brittany	M BROWN, T	HOMAS BEACONSFIELD, QC
ROSSMAN'S FANCY HIJINX SFR	6/1/2013	German Shorthair	F ROSSMAN	I, VICKI MILWAUKEE, WI
RUN-N-GUN BLACK EYED PETE	6/22/2013	English Pointer	M ABNEY, DA	AVID OXFORD, OH
SUGG'S ROYAL PRINCESS	7/28/2013	Brittany	F HEDSTRO	M, LISA WILTON, ND
K NINE'S JACK	7/20/2013	Brittany	M GARRETT,	JAMES COOLIDGE, AZ
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Potential Signs of Cancer in Your Gun Dog

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Many people do not realize that cancer is not just a human condition — it affects our pets as well. In fact, cancer is the number one disease-related killer of gun dogs. Vets tell their clients to be constantly on the lookout for the following signs. While these symptoms are "not" purely indicative of cancer, if a gun dog begins to exhibit them you should visit your veterinarian immediately. Just like with people, the earlier cancer is caught the better.

10. Lumps and Bumps

Not all lumps and bumps on or under your gun dog skin will be cancerous, but there is no way to know for sure without getting your veterinarian involved – this is especially important if the lump is not resolving itself or is growing in size. A needle biopsy is commonly done and a veterinary pathologist can let you know if the cells are cancerous or not.

9. Abnormal Odors

Offensive odors from your gun dog's mouth, ears, or any other part of your pet's body, should be checked out. Oftentimes cancers of the mouth, nose, or anal regions can cause such foul odors.

8. Abnormal Discharges

Blood, pus, vomiting, diarrhea, or any other abnormal substance being discharged from any part of your treasured pet's body should be checked out by your veterinarian. In addition to that, if your gun dog's abdomen becomes bloated or distended it could be a sign of an accumulation of abnormal discharge within the body.

7. Non-Healing Wounds

If your pet has wounds or sores that are not healing, it could be a sign of infection, skin disease, or even cancer.

6. Weight Loss

Cancer is among the list of diseases that can cause weight loss in a pet. If you notice sudden weight loss in your gun dog (and it is not currently on a diet), along with other signs from this list, be sure to mention it to your veterinarian.

5. Change in Appetite

Gun Dogs do not stop eating without a cause. While a lack of appetite does not automatically indicate cancer, it is still something to be discussed with your veterinarian. Oral tumors can also cause difficulty or pain when eating or swallowing.

4. Coughing or Difficulty Breathing

Coughing or abnormal breathing can be caused by heart disease, lung disease, and also cancer. Cancer can metastasize through the lungs and cause these symptoms.

3. Lethargy or Depression

If you notice your pet is not acting like itself – sleeping more, less playful, less willing to go on walks or to exercise – this can also be a sign of cancer. Once again, lethargy or depression is not a symptom confined to cancer, but an accumulation of any of these signs is reason enough to speak with your veterinarian.

2. Changes in Bathroom Habits

Changes in your pet's urinary or bowel habits – difficulty using the bathroom, frequent bathroom use, blood in urine or stool – these are all potential signs of cancer.

1. Evidence of Pain

Limping or other evidence of pain while the pet is walking, running, or jumping is mostly associated with arthritic issues or joint or muscle diseases, but it can also be a sign of cancer (especially cancer of the bone).

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ILLINOS REGION



Winner - Kim Turner and Flirt's Tuff Lou

The Illinois Regional Trial was held March 24 -25, 2013, and what an interesting weekend it was. The old saying "if you don't like St. Louis weather stick around a day, it will change", and change it did, from a beautiful day on Saturday to freezing rain, sleet and 8 inches of snow on Sunday. A total of 52 dogs participated in the Illinois Regional this year. Taking first place was Kim Turner with Lou, second place was Roger Drake's Chub dog handled by Rick Bertinetti, third place was Rick Bertinetti with Carter and fourth place

was Mike Morton with Cash. Of noteworthly significance is that neither of the two dogs, Lou or Chub, in the championship run had earned a placement point during the year. Lou was a participant in the Regional by virtue of being a Champion. Chub is a two year old male pointer without any placement points whatsoever. He was a fourth place bye dog that got in when Rick Bertinetti's poor Kobie dog came up lame. Special thanks to all of the participants, judges, trial officials and other helpers who braved the weather and made the Illinois Region Elimination Trial a success once again.



Field Marshal Jack Morton



Final 2 and officials



Danny Hampton, Rick Bertinetti, 1st Runner Up Chub and owner Roger Drake



Final 6



Final 4 - 1st, Kim Turner & Lou, 2nd, Roger Drake and Chub, 3rd, Rick Bertinetti and Carter, 4th, Mike Morton and Cash

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