



National Shoot-To-Retrieve Field Trial Association Vol. 225 Purina Endurance 2021



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2021 PURINA ENDURANCE RUNNERS UP



**1st Runner-up
Harold Smith and
Pigeon River Sugar Daddy,
Indiana Region**



**2nd Runner-up –
Todd Hendrix and
Koda Bear Rusty's Bullet
Midwest Region**



**3rd Runner-up
Cody Echevarria and
Timber Creek's Wild
Blackjack Joker
Mid-North Region**

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Letter from the President



SPRING! is just around the corner and before you know it, regions across this country and Canada are trialing every weekend, regions conduct the culmination of the 21-22 trial season, and suddenly, the next trial season is upon us! An enduring cycle of traditions, progress, change, and reflection. We recently brightened your winter mailbox with the long delayed magazine featuring the 2020 National Purina Endurance Classic. After a lengthy fire and drought season last year, Lewiston received

“just enough” moisture in August to ensure NSTRA and Purina a successful venture among the Big Sky-MidNorth-Northwest regions and the King Colony. This magazine celebrates the 2021 National Purina Endurance Classic. Congrats to all!

If you've been around for a while and chaired a weekend trial or two, you may have noticed the evolution of trial reports from handwritten papers mailed to the office to an electronic system that records and tracks participant members, dogs, officials, scores, and earned points. As it was then, it remains the responsibility of the Trial Chairman/Trial Manager to ensure that this report is complete before submission. As it was then, we still receive many incomplete reports missing vital information. Although some have slipped through, the National Office staff are directed that they will NOT approve incomplete trial reports that sit in the queue.

The effect of chasing down incomplete and erroneous information is huge and prevents us from completing the multitude of tasks members expect. “Unapproved” trial reports impact reporting that triggers sending out CH certificates, lists for region high point, lists for eligible dogs for a regional CH, reports of eligible dogs for national trials, and data to track and qualify dogs for national awards. NSTRA needs YOU to properly complete trial reports.

If you are having difficulty obtaining information regarding a dog or a member, contact your Region President first. If you are having a technical issue setting up your trial or entering information during/ after the trial, contact National Secretary Nance Ceccarelli or National President Bill Sumpter – we can often help you out immediately during the evenings and weekends.

On a related note, unapproved dogs and expired members continue to plague reporting. All Trial Managers should double-check the “Details” tab in the lower left corner of your registration screen at three points in the process: when you setup the trial initially and begin to register dogs, before you attempt to draw the trial, and before you submit the trial after completing scores. What? You didn't know about the “Details” tab? This gives you a list of all expired membership of persons in your trial- including all officials and those “hidden” co-owners of dogs. If an official's credentials are expired, then you will not be able to select a “role” for that person.

The modifications to Rule 8.04 passed by a significant majority vote: 318 yes to 47 no. Previously, a dog only needed to be eligible for registry and we expected any placing dogs to provide paperwork to the National Office within 60 days or forfeit placements and points. This has not worked - -ever.



The National Officers decided to implement the rule beginning with the 22-23 trial season. **Beginning June 1st 2022, all dogs** must have registration papers on file at the NSTRA office **before** they can run in a NSTRA trial. Trial managers will no longer be able to enter a dog into a trial until the staff at the National Office create the dog record. The NSTRA National Officers and staff commit that all dogs' records will be created within one business day following receipt of the registration paperwork.

A couple of helpful tips: Submit your registration paperwork by USPS mail, fax, or email AND include a clear note of instruction that includes the dog's CALL name and the intended home region. If a dog is co-owned, ALL owners must be members of NSTRA. Documentation can be faxed (317-839-4197), emailed (office@nstra.org), or sent by mail (NSTRA, 203 N Mill St. Plainfield, IN 46168).

Some of us are noticing that when we look around at those running in trials, we realize that the time will come, sooner for some and later for others, when a good number of our members will no longer be able to compete. Now is a great time to introduce a new member to this wonderful game we enjoy. Take a person by the hand, show him what NSTRA is about, and help them through the "growing pains" we've all endured a-field.

Do you have
photos or a story to share with
fellow members?

We welcome articles, region
info and trial photos for our
publication!



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March 14, 2022
Deadline for entries into the Trial of Champions
Deadline for entries into the Amateur Trial of Champions

March 31, 2022
Deadline for Bids for Quail Forever Trial 2023
Deadline for Hall of Fame Nominees
Deadline for Distinguished Member Nominees

April 18, 2022
Deadline for entries into the UKC Performance Classic

April 27-30, 2022
Trial of Champions – Amo, IN
Amateur Trial of Champions – Amo, IN

May 1, 2022
Deadline for National Second Vice President and Secretary Nominees
Fall Trial Schedules due in the office

May 30, 2022
NSTRA Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

June 1-4, 2022
UKC Performance Classic – Waverly, NE

June 30, 2022
Scholarship Applications due in the office

July 4, 2022
NSTRA Office closed in observance of Independence Day

Applications to host the “National Quail Forever” trial are now being accepted. Criteria and bid sheets are available from staff at the national office. This trial is traditionally held in February each year. All applications must be received at the national office no later than March 31, 2022. Please contact your National Officer representative if you have any questions.



NSTRA MEMBERS - Important things to remember!

Reminders – check back often!

National trials are the responsibility of the National Officers with input from the Board of Directors and the local co-chairs of national trials. Criteria for entry, which may be subject to change, for the original 5 National Trials is available in the reference section of the Rule Book beginning on page 41, Section 11. If a particular national trial is subject to changes in the entry criteria, there will be notice provided on the official entry form, in the magazine, on the national website, and/or by email if available.

To enter a national trial, you may submit a hard copy official entry form and payment, OR you may scan and email an official entry form with payment information, OR you may send by facsimile and official entry form with payment information, OR you may enter and pay on-line on the website. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Please note that additional new national trials may be added from time to time and do not yet appear in the current Rule Book. Please contact your National Officer Representative or the National Office staff for additional information regarding such trials. The current list of National Trials is as follows:

QUAIL FOREVER, formerly known as Quail Invitational. This is a revolving trial generally held in February.

TRIAL OF CHAMPIONS. This trial is held in Amo, Indiana, in April.

NATIONAL AMATEUR TRIAL OF CHAMPIONS. This trial is held in Amo, Indiana, in April.

UKC PERFORMANCE TRIAL. This trial is a revolving trial generally held in June.

PURINA ENDURANCE CLASSIC. This is revolving trial generally held in September.

DOG OF THE YEAR. This trial is held in Amo, Indiana, in October.

NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP is a new trial (Dec 2020). The intent is to be a revolving trial.

TOP PERFORMANCE AWARD:

To be eligible:

*Dogs must have at least 20 open points accumulated in weekend trials between June 1 through May 31 of the applicable year. Once a dog is eligible,

a schedule of scoring is applied based on the results at regional elimination trials and National Trials

*The Performance Trial will be the beginning national trial each year, even if it ends prior to June 1 in order to keep the number of national trials the same each year.

*The Regional Elimination trial results used in calculating Top Performance Awards is the regularly scheduled regional elimination championship in the qualifying year/season (only one regional can count per year). Regionals scheduled or rescheduled to be held after June 1 will apply to the previous year. Each regional elimination will have a point value of 600 points. The value will drop 25 points per placement until the last dog or points run out (1 – 600, 2 – 575, 3 – 550, etc.). The placement for the regional eliminations is determined by the score of the last round in which the dog ran. In addition, 100 points will be awarded to the Champion, 75 for the second-place dog, 50 for the third and 25 for fourth.

*The National Trials results are calculated as follows: A dog must place in the top 32 dogs to receive a qualifying score from that trial. Each national trial will have a point value of 800 points. The value will drop 25 points per placement throughout the Saturday cut (1 – 800, 2 – 775, 3 – 750, etc.). The placement for the national trial is determined by the score of the last round in which the dog ran. In addition, 100 bonus points will be awarded to the Champion, 75 for second place, 50 for third and 25 for fourth.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS:

Hall of Fame nominations will be accepted in a rolling calendar throughout the year. Send these nominations to the national office, or to a national officer no later than March 31 of the year in which a dog is to be considered. Nominations of dogs to the NSTRA Hall of Fame are NOT “carried over” to following years. Plainly stated, a dog that does not get elected to the Hall of Fame in the year nominated must be re-submitted in order to be considered for election. The National Officers, in concert with the Board of Directors, make selections to the Hall of Fame each April.

TRIAL SCHEDULES:

Fall/winter trial schedules are due in the office by May 1. Spring/summer trial

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

SANCTION FEES:

Trial sanction fees are required BEFORE a trial packet is mailed and before a trial may be “approved” in the system. Please pay all sanction fees at least 4 weeks prior to your trial date to ensure prompt mailing of the packet and to ensure that the trial may be drawn in a timely manner.

TRIAL REPORTS:

Trial reports and results should be entered into the trial draw system as soon as possible after a trial and no later than 10 days after the trial date. Overall results will not be approved until the reporting is complete. First place points and championships will not be confirmed or awarded until the reporting is complete. (This includes receipt of all registration paperwork for placing dogs.)

HOME REGION:

Members requesting a change of Home Region must do so, in writing, through the National Office between the dates of October 1 and January 1.. *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 any time to request a change in their Home Region.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS:

Associate memberships are available to members’ spouses and children 18 years and under, still living at home. There must be at least one regular paid membership in the household to qualify. Associate members have the same rights as regular members with respect to participating in field trials (e.g., owning dogs, handling dogs, judging, bird planting, etc.). Associate member may not 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.

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Important things to remember (continued from previous page)

RULE CHANGES:

Proposed rule changes or new 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 and/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 new registration papers with the new owners' names to the office. The date of transfer will be the date shown on the registration papers.

FIRST TIME PLACEMENTS:

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

NSTRA DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS:

The NSTRA Distinguished Members award honors those extraordinary men and women whose contributions and achievements significantly helped develop, or continued to improve, the National Shoot to Retrieve Field Trial Association, Inc. This award will be presented annually at the Dog of the Year banquet. Nominations may be submitted at any time to the staff at the national office, to a National Officer, or to the current chair of the Distinguished Members Committee. A short description of the individual and their contributions to NSTRA should be sent to the national office. A picture of the individual should be included, if

available. Contact the NSTRA office for a list of criteria. The committee will review all Nominations and verify contributions. Decisions will be made not only by the information submitted but by any other information collected. The committee will make their decision by the April Board of Directors' meeting. A permanent plaque will be located at the NSTRA office with a smaller plaque awarded to the individual or their family if deceased.

**Effective June 1, 2022,
"A dog must be
registered with a
recognized registry and
registration sent to the
NSTRA Office
to enter any NSTRA
trial".**

**Be sure to get your
dogs registered!**

NSTRA MEMBERSHIP –
<http://nstra.org/forms/htm>

NSTRA has 31 regions across 48 states and Central Canada. Please visit the "REGIONS" page to determine which region is the nearest to you.

Should you need assistance, please contact the NSTRA office:

By telephone: 317-839-4059;

by email: office@nstra.org.

You must be a member of NSTRA in order to participate in

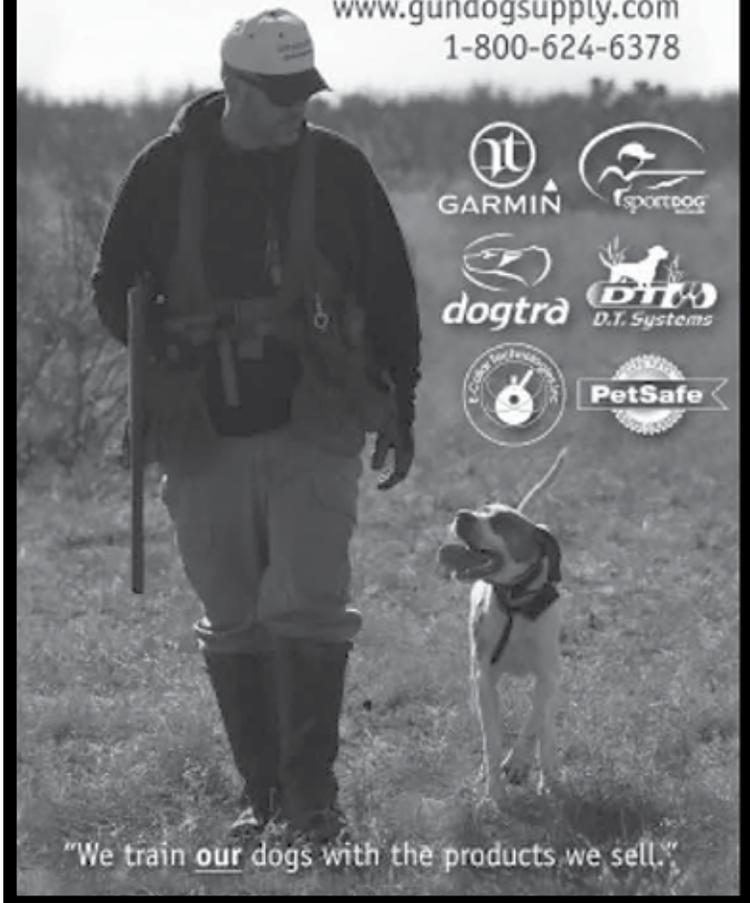
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2021 PURINA ENDURANCE CLASSIC

If you have never gone to the Purina Endurance trial in Montana, you are missing one of the best national trials that NSTRA has to offer. The scenery is absolutely beautiful. This is truly God's country! The camaraderie is great and everyone in the Big Sky, Mid North and Northwest regions are available and willing to help. Whether we needed a snack from Jean's trailer, ice, and water for the coolers, or even toilet paper, they were ready to jump on any request we had. They also have the best meals served and the Hutterite's put on a spread that would rival any restaurant or even mom's cooking.

If you are new to NSTRA, the Purina Endurance trial uses a beat-your-brace mate format. To move on to the next round of the trial, your dog must score higher than its brace-mate. There is no waiting around, watching the scores. You know right away if you are moving on or not. Many members prefer this format as the scent and weather conditions are the same for both dogs. Your dog may score well but if your brace-mate scores higher, you are still out. That happened twice in this trial where the #1 and #2 top scoring dogs were braced against each other. The #2 dog took a placement but did not move on: Wednesday, B field and Thursday, B Field.

The trial is called Endurance for a reason. On Saturday, the top two dogs will have competed in four ½ -hour braces prior to running the final hour. This is three times the amount a dog runs in a weekend double. You and your dog had better be in pretty good shape.



Water of the West

Due to the severe drought conditions in the Lewistown area, and the toll the pre-trial took on the original trial grounds, we had to move the national trial grounds to a different area. The Hutterite's have a lot of ground available to use and Marvin and his crew worked hard to convert the alfalfa fields into trial grounds. Previously the grounds had been used as pasture area and unfortunately, they had to move a dead cow from B field. This is a first for NSTRA!

The new trial grounds were large. B field was 9/10 of a mile long. Luck would play in to whether you moved on or not. Whichever way you chose to go, there could be the possibility that your birds were few and far between. Jr. Coke usually puts about 35 miles on his ATV in a whole trial. He had 10.8 miles in the first 2 braces and 41.9 in 10 braces. Now imagine walking all of that!

This year's chairperson, Nance Ceccarelli, was extremely organized and the people she chose to work the trial managed their respective duties with ease. They knew their jobs, oversaw their responsibilities, and took charge when needed. It was an effective team effort!!!

The judges were Doug Cartwright and Dan Seliger from the Big Sky region, Stan Perdue from the Georgia region, Paul McCawley from the Northwest region. Field Marshals were Samantha Hight from the Northern California – Nevada region and Jean Steiner from the Mid North region. Bird Handler was Jr. Coke of the Indiana region. Trial Coordinators were Julia Herwehe from the Indiana Region and Ginger Rogers from the Arizona region.

WEDNESDAY morning dawned clear and breezy. Good thing because it was going to be a hot day. After the National Anthem was played and the flag hoisted atop a John Deere tractor, the trial began. The wind picked up even more in the afternoon and it helped the dogs. They started finding more birds and many of the placements came from the middle of the day.

09-08-21 (A Field)

Brace	Dog	Handler		
1	HPD'S GO AHEAD, MAKE MY DAY (HARRY)	JON EDWARDS	487.5	
1	STOTTS PURDY BO FRECKLES (PURDY)	MIKE STOTTS, JR	631.5	*
2	CROSSWIND TRUCKIN NEVADA (JAEGER)	RICHARD HIGHT	535	*
2	BADLANDS LOKI LITTLE PANTS (LOKI)	DARLENE DONOVAN	454	
3	TAYLOR'S REX FOXY ANGEL (ANGEL)	RUSS TAYLOR	642.5	*
3	R R SHAMROCK'S REVENGE (HONDO)	RICHARD BERTINETTI	500	
4	TREASURE STATE SHOT ROCK (ROCK)	BRENT UNDERDAHL	449.5	*
4	BLUEGRASS BIG NEWS (SCOUT)	CLAY LITTLE	443	
5	DOC'S JOHN HENRY HOLLIDAY (HENRY)	DALE HEATON	819.5	*
5	TOMOKA'S SMOKIN HUNTER (SPEC)	GREG WOOD	513	
6	JAGERMISTERS PEPPER DEM BIRDS (PEPPER)	MITCH PROWSE	456.5	
6	HENSON'S DESERT GOLD (GOLDIE)	BOB HENSON	635	*
7	BLACK FOREST SAM (SAM)	CHRIS COOPERRIDER	783	*
7	ELECTRIC SHADOW (SPARKY)	DALE HEATON	289.5	
8	GOODALL'S ROCKIN ANN O'WAR (COWPIE)	KRISTY GOODALL	375	*
8	BLUEGRASS APACHE OUTLAW (CHIEF)	JACK LITTLE	122.5	
9	OUTLAW WILLIE LITTLE PANTS (WILLIE)	DARLENE DONOVAN	938.1	*
9	JAX OF ALL TRADES (JAX)	SCOTT SILVERNAGEL	341	
10	TAYLOR'S BIG BUD (BUDDY)	RUSS TAYLOR	135	
10	COUNTRY LANE JACKSON (JACK)	ELDEN MILLER	969	*
11	JAZZMANIAN DEVIL DOT (JAZZ)	TODD HENDRIX	273	
11	TIMBER CREEK'S WILD BLACKJACK JOKER (BLACKJACK)	CODY ECHEVARRIA	515.5	*
12	SKIPPER'S SMOKIN ALLY (ALLY)	MIKEAL MULBERRY	486.5	*
12	HPD'S OUTLAW JOSEY WALES (JOSEY)	JON EDWARDS	436	
13	DARKO II VOM FUCHSBERG (GUNNER)	TAD BROWN	418	
13	CROSSWIND PERFECT POISON (SCOTT)	RICHARD HIGHT	684.5	*
14	HISTEP ODAN'S SNIPSNAP VIKING EMBER (ODAN ROSE)	DALE IKUTA	468	
14	4-RS ROYAL SADDLE'S SECRET (JOJO)	NATHAN TEKELL	766	*
15	TRUE BLUE'S 105 HOWITZER (HOWI)	JAMIE LARAWAY	618.5	*
15	SOUTHWIND RAIN BO (RAIN)	MIKE STOTTS, JR	511.5	
16	HILDEBRAND GAUGE (GAUGE)	BO NUTT	603.5	*
16	DRAWDOOW'S GILLDOBBY (GILBEE)	JOSH WOODWARD	360.5	

* Denotes those dogs moving on.

Field Marshal
Judges

Samantha Hight
Doug Cartwright
Paul McCawley

Placements for Wednesday A Field were:

1	County Lane Jackson	Elden Miller	969
2	Outlaw Willie Little Pants	Darlene Donovan	938.1
3	Doc's John Holliday	Dale Heaton	819.5
4	Black Forest Sam	Chris Cooperrider	783

Finds	Southwind Rain Bo (Rain)	88
	Tomoka's Smokin Hunter (Spec)	
Back	Jazzmanian Devil Dot (Jazz)	68
Obedience	R R Shamrock's Revenge (Hondo)	86
Retrieves	Skippers Smokin Ally (Ally)	88
Ground	RR Shamrock's Revenge (Hondo)	86



09-08-21 (B Field)

Brace Dog	Handler			
1	SDF'S MISS ARTEMIS (MISSY)	J	AMES WIITALA	453.5
1	GOODALL'S RUSTY LITTLE BULLET (FLY)		DEAN GOODALL	456.5 *
2	GINGER'S MAD MAX (MAX)		BOB HENSON	566 *
2	ERIN'S TYRANT (BO)		JOSH WOODWARD	272
3	KYLIE'S FLATLAND CLOWN CAKE (BEN)		NOAH SHERIFF	465
3	CASPER T FRECKLED GHOST (KLAUS)		SHANE TOINTON	509 *
4	SKIPPER'S SMOKIN WEED (ANNIE)		FRANK ROWE	360 *
4	HK'S KNOCKIN' AT THE DOOR (KNOX)		DALE ROBERTS	194
5	SOUTHERN RAIL TANK (TANK)		JEREMY CLOUD	593.5 *
5	THREE DEVILS YNOT LADY COLT (PISTOL)		DAVY CAVEN	117
6	BURROAKS TICK (TICK)		SHANE TOINTON	633 *
6	SKIPPER'S SMOKIN ADDIE (ADDIE)		MIKEAL MULBERRY	369
7	5C'S OLIVIA'S ROWDY K-OS (K-OS)		EMILY COKE	308 *
7	BEELINE CHASIN TAIL (BEAU)		NOLAN HUFFMAN	286
8	TALL OAKS TIFF (TIFF)		SHANE TOINTON	195
8	KICKAPOO SIOUX TOO (SIOUX)		ROGER PARIENT JR	793.5 * 4th
9	STERNDOG'S SAGEBRUSH SAVAGE (SAGE)		TAD BROWN	502.5
9	NUTT'S RISING SUN MURPHY (MURPHY)		BO NUTT	683 *
10	TWIN RIVER SHINING BRIGHT (SHINE)		RICHARD BERTINETTI	813 2nd
10	STERNDOG NORTON'S SALTY JEAN'S BEAN (BEAN)		GEOFF STERNER	987 * 1st
11	GOODALL'S FIRST BULLET (BUG)		KRISTY GOODALL	620.5 *
11	CLOUD'S BAYOU CLARA ANN (CLARA)		JEREMY CLOUD	456
12	BURR OAKS PANDA (PANDA)		SHANE TOINTON	488
12	JAGERMISTERS RISE OF ATHENA (ATHENA)		MITCH PROWSE	669 *
13	BLU'S PEPPERWILL CHLOE (CHLOE)		NATHAN TEKELL	686.5 *
13	MACY'S SHADOW ZIVA (ZIVA)		DALE HEATON	680.5
14	WINDJAMMER'S SNAP-E CLEMENTINE (CLEMENTINE)		CHARLES ASHER	140.5
14	KODA BEAR RUSTY'S BULLET (KODA)		TODD HENDRIX	791 *
15	TWIN RIVER JETSON (JET)		PHILIP CHANDLER	797.5 * 3rd
15	BLACK FOREST FLASH (FLASH)		CHRIS COOPERRIDER	424.5
16	HENSON'S DESERT PRINCE (PRINCE)		BOB HENSON	385
16	TOMOKA'S SMOKIN MAMA'S BOY (BO)		GREG WOOD	623.5 *

Field Marshal
Judges

Jean Steiner
Stan Perdue
Dan Seliger

Placements for Wednesday B Field were:

1	Sterndog Norton's Salty Jean's Bean	Geoff Sterner	987
2	Twin River Shining Bright	Richard Bertinetti	813
3	Twin River Jetson	Philip Chandler	797.5
4	Kickapoo Sioux Too	Roger Parient, Jr.	793.5

Obedience	Sterndog Norton's Salty Jean's Bean (Bean)	66.5
Ground	Twin River Jetson (Jet)	87.5
Back	Blu's Pepperwill Chloe (Chloe)	72
Finds	Casper Freckled Girl (Klaws)	90
	Burr Oaks Tick (Tick)	
	Twin River Shining Bright (Shine)	
	Twin River Jetson (Jet)	
Retrieve	Goodall's First Bullet (Bug)	95

T **HURSDAY** morning was overcast and hot. Our breeze died down and it was going to be the hottest day of the trial. The judges switched so that there would be a different pair on the fields.

09-09-21 (A Field)

Brace	Dog	Handler		
1	5C'S TRIGGERED DEMON (DEMON)	J. MICHAEL WAYNE	795.3	*
1	SIPE'S MOLLY GIRL (MOLLY)	DAVID SIPE	403.5	
2	CLOUD'S BAYOU CASH (BUCK)	JEREMY CLOUD	322	
2	STOTTS'S SKIPPING STELLA (STELLA)	MIKE STOTTS, JR	526	*
3	STERNDOGS KOOKUS NIKKI (NIKKI)	TINA STERNER	968	*
3	BLUEGRASS MY NAME IS EARL (EARL)	JACK LITTLE	74	
4	DRAGONPOINT CALI FORNIA'S BEST (CALI)	MITCH PROWSE	469	
4	NORTONS STERNDOG MORROW POINT (MORROW)	GEORGE STERNER III	673	*
5	SHADOW'S MOUNTAIN FERGIE (FERGIE)	DONIVAN STIR	330	
5	TEKOA MOUNTAIN WILSON (WILSON)	MIKE OUCHIDA	556.5	*
6	R R SHADOW'S REVENGE (BEAU)	RICHARD BERTINETTI	371	
6	RUGER'S DANCIN DIVA (DIVA)	CODY ECHEVARRIA	623	*
7	TOMOKA'S SMOKIN BIGRED (BIG RED)	GREG WOOD	825.3	*
7	SHADOW BO'S BEACH BOY (RED)	JERRY YOUMANS	519.5	
8	COUNTRY LANE HANK (HANK)	ELDEN MILLER	444	
8	TOINTON'S PISTOL ANNIE (ANNIE)	SHANE TOINTON	630.5	*
9	BILL'S BOY BROCK (BROCK)	BILL SUMPTER	366.5	
9	PIGEON RIVER SUGAR DADDY (SUGAR DADDY)	HAROLD SMITH	771	*
10	SHADOW'S ACE (ACE)	SCOTT SCHWIMLEY	703	*
10	5C'S WHITE LIGHTNING (MARSH)	J. MICHAEL WAYNE	316	
11	WINDSWEPT RIDGE'S POD'S LITTLE SIS (PODETTE)	DAVID DEATON	617	*
11	HENSON'S RAPID DESCENT (RAP)	BOB HENSON	604	
12	KICKAPOO'S JACK'S PRODIGY (ROOSTER)	ROGER PARIENT JR	572.5	*
12	FORT'S BIRD ANGEL (BREE)	BILL SUMPTER	368.5	
13	SAVAGE'S BLACK MAMBA (AVA)	DENNIS ZAREMSKI	302	
13	HOOTIE DE L'ETOILE DU NORD (HOOTIE)	JIM THOMPSON	435	*
14	FOOTHILLS GOOD OL BOY ("W")	DAVID DEATON	627	*
14	STERNDOG'S TWERKIN' MERKIN (MERKIN)	R. BRUCE LYON	526.5	
15	5C's FRANCIS PICOT TRAIN (FRANCIS)	J. MICHAEL WAYNE	441	
15	PALOUSE PRAIRIE JACK FLASH (JACK)	JERRY YOUMANS	609.5	*
16	RUN TRUE PATRIOT (RIO)	NANCE CECCARELLI	343	
16	HOWARD'S RAMBLIN ZIP (ZIP)	RODNEY HOWARD	639.1	*

Field Marshal
Judges

Samantha Hight
Doug Cartwright
Dan Seliger

Placements for Thursday A Field were:

1	Sterndogs Kookus Nikki	Tina Sterner	968
2	Tomoka's Smokin Bigred	Greg Wood	825.3
3	5c's Triggered Demon	Michael Wayne	795.3
4	Pigeon River Sugar Daddy	Harold Smith	771

Obedience	Sterndogs Kookus Nikki (Nikki)	66.5
Ground	Tomoka's Smokin Bigred (Bigred)	85.5
	Pigeon River Sugar Daddy (Sugar Daddy)	
Back	Shadow's Ace (Ace)	75
Find	Sterndogs Kookus Nikki (Nikki)	91
Retrieves	Sterndogs Kookus Nikki (Nikki)	90
	Norton's Sterndog Morrow Point (Morrow)	
	Tomoka's Smokin Bigred (Bigred)	



09-09-21 B Field)

Brace	Dog	Handler		
1	TRUE BLUE'S JERSEY GIRL (JERSEY)	KARA LARAWAY	480	*
1	GHOST POINT'S NORTON MARVIN'S TUB (TUBBS)	ERIC FORRESTER	281	
2	CROSSWIND NEVADA'S ICE COLD YETI (YETI)	CODY HIGHT	599	*
2	RAGENBRITTS BIG CASEY (CASEY)	RICKEY RENEGAR	436.5	
3	BECKLEYS GREMLIN (ABBY)	HAROLD SMITH	804.5	*
3	RAWDIN'S LONE TREE JACK (JACK)	JOHN RAWDIN	469	
4	KICKAPOO JACK'S RANGER (RANGER)	ROGER PARIENT JR	287.5	*
4	GOODALL'S WILLIE LITTLE GNAT (GNAT)	KRISTY GOODALL	279.5	
5	EXPRESS YOURSELF (JENNY)	NATHAN TEKELL	728.5	*
5	FORRESTER'S LITTLE CECELIA (CICI)	ERIC FORRESTER	171.5	
6	SAGE OF THE PRAIRIE (SAGE)	KATIE JOLLIFF	455	
6	CLOUD'S CARD CUTTING GUS (GUS)	JEREMY CLOUD	761.1	*
7	HPD'S TINY DANCER (TEENY)	JAMES WIITALA	196	
7	NATTY DREAD DU TEN BAR RANCH (NATTY)	JIM THOMPSON	562	*
8	RESA'S STEVIE (STEVIE)	DEAN GOODALL	825.6	
8	BEELINE BULLET'S BOSSMAN (BOSSMAN)	NOLAN HUFFMAN	880	*
9	SILVERBUCKLE MOJO (JOEY)	DAVY CAVEN	256.5	
9	HENSON'S ARNOLD (ARNOLD)	BOB HENSON	365.5	*
10	ROBERTS ROYAL MADAM MYA (MYA)	DALE ROBERTS	652	*
10	TREASURE STATE POLKA DOT (DOTTY)	BRENT UNDERDAHL	350	
11	FC AFC MH BROWN'S SUBLIME INDIANA TEMPLE OF DOOM (INDIE)	ROSS BROWN	721.5	*
11	TAYLOR'S WHISTLING DIXIE (DIXIE)	RUSS TAYLOR	289	
12	CLARK'S WHITE SHADOW (BLANCO)	ROBERT CLARK	607.5	*
12	TWIN RIVER TESSA (TESSA)	PHILIP CHANDLER	518.5	
13	SKEDADDLE WARPAINT (TUCKER)	DERIC FLETCHER	296	*
13	BLUEGRASS RAMBLIN MAN (AUGGIE)	JACK LITTLE	280	
14	DRAGONPOINT TURBO CHARGED RASCAL (TURBO)	MITCH PROWSE	574	
14	RUNNIN J OUTLAW (CLYDE)	TINA STERNER	656.5	*
15	ARNIE'S LIL HARLEY (HARLI)	NANCE CECCARELLI	215	
15	4-RS ROYAL RAIDER (RAIDER)	DALE ROBERTS	480	*
16	5C'S ELI'S TRIGGER FINGER (TRIGGER)	EMILY COKE	261	
16	JORGE DES QUI COULE HANNAHATCHEE (JORGE)	JIM THOMPSON	442	*

Field Marshal
Judges

Jean Steiner
Paul McCawley
Stan Perdue

Placements for Thursday B Field were:

1	Beeline Bullets Bossman	Nolan Huffman	880
2	Resa's Stevie	Dean Goodall	825.6
3	Beckley's Gremlin	Harold Smith	804.5
4	Cloud's Card Cutting Gus	Jeremy Cloud	761.1

Obedience	Kickapoo Jack's Ranger (Ranger)	73
Ground	True Blue's Jersey Girl (Jersey)	86
	Roberts Royal Madam Mya (Mya)	
Back	Resa's Stevie (Stevie)	70
Finds	True Blue's Jersey Girl (Jersey)	85
	Rawdin's Lone Tree Jack (Jack)	
	Roberts Royal Madam Mya (Mya)	
Retrieve	Beeline Bullet's Bossman (Bossman)	88

FRIDAY morning had a haze from a forest fire. The sun looked like a red ball. The dry and smoke was making everyone cough or have a scratchy throat, but it didn't seem to affect the dogs at all. Judges were switched again.

09-10-21 A Field

Brace	Dog	Handler	Total
1	4-RS ROYAL SADDLE'S SECRET	NATHAN TEKELL	472
1	PALOUSE PRAIRIE JACK FLASH	JERRY YOUMANS	566.5 *
2	NORTONS STERNDOG MORROW POINT	GEORGE STERNER III	615 *
2	FC AFC MH BROWN'S SUBLIME INDIANA	TEMPLE OF DOOM ROSS BROWN	536
3	GOODALL'S ROCKIN ANN O'WAR	KRISTY GOODALL	359.5
3	PIGEON RIVER SUGAR DADDY	HAROLD SMITH	534.5 *
4	STERNDOGS KOOKUS NIKKI	TINA STERNER	447
4	ROBERTS ROYAL MADAM MYA	DALE ROBERTS	477.5 *
5	HOWARD'S RAMBLIN ZIP	RODNEY HOWARD	360.5
5	FOOTHILLS GOOD OL BOY DAVID	DEATON	439.5 *
6	KICKAPOO'S JACK'S PRODIGY	ROGER PARIENT JR	602.5 *
6	SOUTHERN RAIL TANK	JEREMY CLOUD	446
7	HENSON'S ARNOLD	BOB HENSON	280.5
7	STOTTS PURDY BO FRECKLES	MIKE STOTTS, JR	792.8 *
8	KICKAPOO SIOUX TOO	ROGER PARIENT JR	459
8	WINDSWEPT RIDGE'S POD'S LITTLE SIS	DAVID DEATON	463 *
9	TOMOKA'S SMOKIN MAMA'S BOY	GREGORY KNIGHT WOOD	365.5
9	TRUE BLUE'S 105 HOWITZER	JAMIE LARAWAY	668.5 *
10	BLU'S PEPPERWILL CHLOE	NATHAN TEKELL	446
10	NATTY DREAD DU TEN BAR RANCH	JIM THOMPSON	581 *
11	BURROAKS TICK	SHANE TOINTON	130.5
11	GINGER'S MAD MAX	BOB HENSON	277.5 *
12	RUGER'S DANCIN DIVA	CODY ECHEVARRIA	557
12	5C'S OLIVIA'S ROWDY K-OS	EMILY COKE	686.5 *
13	OUTLAW WILLIE LITTLE PANTS	DARLENE DONOVAN	593 *
13	DOC'S JOHN HENRY HOLLIDAY	DALE HEATON	509
14	TAYLOR'S REX FOXY ANGEL	RUSS TAYLOR	521.5 *
14	SKEDADDLE WARPAINT	DERIC FLETCHER	541
15	CROSSWIND TRUCKIN NEVADA	RICHARD HIGHT	718 *
15	HENSON'S DESERT GOLD	BOB HENSON	492
16	GOODALL'S RUSTY LITTLE BULLET	DEAN GOODALL	389
16	HILDEBRAND GAUGE	BO NUTT	665 *

Field Marshal Samantha Hight
Judges Doug Cartwright
Stan Perdue

Placements for Friday A Field were:

1	Stotts Purdy Bo Freckles	Mike Stotts, Jr.	792.8
2	Crosswind Truckin Nevada	Richard Hight	718
3	5c's Olivia's Rowdy K-os	Emily Coke	686.5
4	True Blue's 105 Howitzer	Jamie Laraway	668.5

Obedience	FC AFC MH Brown's Sublime Indiana Temple of Doom(Indie)	65
Ground	Hildebrand Gauge (Gauge)	84
	Crosswind Truckin Nevada (Jaeger)	
Back	Skedaddle Warpaint (Tucker)	71
Finds	Robert's Royal Madam Mya (Mya)	91
Retrieve	FC AFC MH Brown's Sublime Indiana Temple of Doom(Indie)	85
	Stotts Purdy Bo Freckles (Purdy)	
	Windswept Ridge's Pod's Little Sis (Podette)	



09-10-21 B Field

Brace	Dog	Handler	Total
1	TOINTON'S PISTOL ANNIE	SHANE TOINTON	598.5
1	CLARK'S WHITE SHADOW	ROBERT CLARK	645.5 *
2	4-RS ROYAL RAIDER	DALE ROBERTS	809.6 *
2	CROSSWIND PERFECT POISON	RICHARD HIGHT	359
3	STERNDOG NORTON'S SALTY JEAN'S BEAN	GEOFF STERNER	595 *
3	JAGERMISTERS RISE OF ATHENA	MITCH PROWSE	457
4	5C'S TRIGGERED DEMON J.	MICHAEL WAYNE	342.5
4	SHADOW'S ACE	SCOTT SCHWIMLEY	610.5 *
5	CASPER T FRECKLED GHOST	SHANE TOINTON	781.5 *
5	CROSSWIND NEVADA'S ICE COLD YETI	CODY HIGHT	291
6	BECKLEYS GREMLIN	HAROLD SMITH	329
6	TRUE BLUE'S JERSEY GIRL	KARA LARAWAY	686.5 *
7	TREASURE STATE SHOT ROCK	BRENT UNDERDAHL	439 *
7	TWIN RIVER JETSON	PHILIP CHANDLER	343
8	TEKOA MOUNTAIN WILSON	MIKE OUCHIDA	256.5
8	COUNTRY LANE JACKSON	ELDEN MILLER	610.5 *
9	NUTT'S RISING SUN MURPHY	BO NUTT	498.5
9	KODA BEAR RUSTY'S BULLET	TODD HENDRIX	772 *
10	RUNNIN J OUTLAW	TINA STERNER	190
10	TIMBER CREEK'S WILD BLACKJACK JOKER	CODY ECHEVARRIA	663.5 *
11	SKIPPER'S SMOKIN WEED	FRANK ROWE	699
11	SKIPPER'S SMOKIN ALLY	MIKEAL MULBERRY	838.6 *
12	HOOTIE DE L'ETOILE DU NORD	JIM THOMPSON	407
12	BLACK FOREST SAM	CHRIS COOPERRIDER	595 *
13	TOMOKA'S SMOKIN BIGRED	GREGORY KNIGHT WOOD	653 *
13	KICKAPOO JACK'S RANGER	ROGER PARIENT JR	464.5
14	EXPRESS YOURSELF	NATHAN TEKELL	431.5 *
14	BEELINE BULLET'S BOSSMAN	NOLAN HUFFMAN	217.5
15	GOODALL'S FIRST BULLET	KRISTY GOODALL	456 *
15	JORGE DES QUI COULE HANNAHATCHEE	JIM THOMPSON	419.5
16	CLOUD'S CARD CUTTING GUS	JEREMY CLOUD	452.5
16	STOTTS'S SKIPPING STELLA	MIKE STOTTS, JR	510.5 *

Field Marshal
Judges

Jean Steiner
Paul McCawley
Dan Seliger

Placements for Friday B Field were:

1	Skipper's Smokin Ally	Mikeal Mulberry	838.6	
2	4-RS Royal Raider	Dale Roberts	809.6	
3	Casper T Freckled Ghost	Shane Tointon		781.5
4	Koda Bear Rusty's Bullet	Todd Hendrix	772	

Field Marshal
Judges

Jean Steiner
Paul McCawley
Dan Seliger

Obedience	Beeline Bullet's Bossman (Bossman)	67.5
Ground	Twin River Jetson (Jet)	86
Back	Beeline Bullet's Bossman (Bossman)	70
Finds	Skipper's Smokin Weed (Annie)	90
Retrieve	Goodall;s First Bullet (Bug)	84
	Kickapoo Jack's Ranger (Ranger)	
	Skipper's Smokin Weed (Annie)	

SATURDAY is sunny and much cooler. Had a little dust settling rain shower and the skies cleared for a beautiful day with a little breeze. Again, the judges were switched but would remain the same until the final hour. Round 3 would be 8 braces on each field, with a lunch break following.

09-11-21 A Field (Rnd3)

Brace	Dog	Handler	Total	
1	CLARK'S WHITE SHADOW	ROBERT CLARK	462	
1	TOMOKA'S SMOKIN BIGRED	GREGORY KNIGHT WOOD	702.5	*
2	WINDSWEPT RIDGE'S POD'S LITTLE SIS	DAVID DEATON	252.5	
2	STOTTS PURDY BO FRECKLES	MIKE STOTTS, JR	612.5	*
3	TRUE BLUE'S JERSEY GIRL	KARA LARAWAY	522	*
3	GINGER'S MAD MAX	BOB HENSON	327	
4	STOTTS'S SKIPPING STELLA	MIKE STOTTS, JR	672.5	*
4	CASPER T FRECKLED GHOST	SHANE TOINTON	454	
5	OUTLAW WILLIE LITTLE PANTS	DARLENE DONOVAN	567.5	*
5	ROBERTS ROYAL MADAM MYA	DALE ROBERTS	273	
6	SKEDADDLE WARPAINT	DERIC FLETCHER	605.5	*
6	STERNDOG NORTON'S SALTY JEAN'S BEAN	GEOFF STERNER	507	
7	GOODALL'S FIRST BULLET	KRISTY GOODALL	593	*
7	SHADOW'S ACE	SCOTT SCHWIMLEY	534	
8	BLACK FOREST SAM	CHRIS COOPERRIDER	616	*
8	NATTY DREAD DU TEN BAR RANCH	JIM THOMPSON	540	

Field Marshal
Judges

Samantha Hight
Doug Cartwright
Paul McCawley

09-11-21 B Field (Rnd 3)

Brace	Dog	Handler	Total	
1	PALOUSE PRAIRIE JACK FLASH	JERRY YOUMANS	447.5	
1	PIGEON RIVER SUGAR DADDY	HAROLD SMITH	537.5	*
2	COUNTRY LANE JACKSON	ELDEN MILLER	356.5	
2	NORTONS STERNDOG MORROW POINT	GEORGE STERNER III	592	*
3	TIMBER CREEK'S WILD BLACKJACK JOKER	CODY ECHEVARRIA	624.5	*
3	SKIPPER'S SMOKIN ALLY	MIKEAL MULBERRY	449.5	
4	FOOTHILLS GOOD OL BOY	DAVID DEATON	449	*
4	TRUE BLUE'S 105 HOWITZER	JAMIE LARAWAY	287	
5	HILDEBRAND GAUGE	BO NUTT	319	
5	KICKAPOO'S JACK'S PRODIGY	ROGER PARIENT JR	599.5	*
6	TREASURE STATE SHOT ROCK	BRENT UNDERDAHL	521.5	
6	5C'S OLIVIA'S ROWDY K-OS	EMILY COKE	865.1	*
7	CROSSWIND TRUCKIN NEVADA	RICHARD HIGHT	654	*
7	EXPRESS YOURSELF	NATHAN TEKELL	327	
8	KODA BEAR RUSTY'S BULLET	TODD HENDRIX	483	*
8	4-RS ROYAL RAIDER	DALE ROBERTS	427	

Field Marshal
Judges

Jean Steiner
Stan Perdue
Dan Seliger



Round 4 would be the top 16 dogs running 4 braces on each field. This is where it starts getting real tough on the dogs and handlers.

09-11-21 A Field (Rnd 4)

Brace	Dog	Handler	Total	
1	STOTTS PURDY BO FRECKLES	MIKE STOTTS, JR	679.5	*
1	FOOTHILLS GOOD OL BOY	DAVID DEATON	290	
2	TIMBER CREEK'S WILD BLACKJACK JOKER	CODY ECHEVARRIA	813	*
2	5C'S OLIVIA'S ROWDY K-OS	EMILY COKE	189	
3	SKEDADDLE WARPAINT	DERIC FLETCHER	360	
3	STOTTS'S SKIPPING STELLA	MIKE STOTTS, JR	845.5	*
4	CROSSWIND TRUCKIN NEVADA	RICHARD HIGHT	209	
4	GOODALL'S FIRST BULLET	KRISTY GOODALL	766	*

09-11-21 B Field (Rnd 4)

Brace	Dog	Handler	Total	
1	KODA BEAR RUSTY'S BULLET	TODD HENDRIX	609	*
1	NORTONS STERNDOG MORROW POINT	GEORGE STERNER III	137	
2	BLACK FOREST SAM	CHRIS COOPERRIDER	543.5	
2	PIGEON RIVER SUGAR DADDY	HAROLD SMITH	641	*
3	TRUE BLUE'S JERSEY GIRL	KARA LARAWAY	632	
3	KICKAPOO'S JACK'S PRODIGY	ROGER PARIENT JR	687	*
4	OUTLAW WILLIE LITTLE PANTS	DARLENE DONOVAN	528	
4	TOMOKA'S SMOKIN BIGRED	GREGORY KNIGHT WOOD	718	*

Round 5 is the top 8 dogs running 2 braces on each field.

09-11-21 A Field (Rnd 5)

Brace	Dog	Handler	Total	
1	TOMOKA'S SMOKIN BIGRED	GREGORY KNIGHT WOOD	446.5	
1	KODA BEAR RUSTY'S BULLET	TODD HENDRIX	574	*
2	STOTTS PURDY BO FRECKLES	MIKE STOTTS, JR	459	
2	TIMBER CREEK'S WILD BLACKJACK JOKER	CODY ECHEVARRIA	740	*

09-11-21 B Field (Rnd 5)

Brace	Dog	Handler	Total	
1	STOTTS'S SKIPPING STELLA	MIKE STOTTS, JR	640	*
1	GOODALL'S FIRST BULLET	KRISTY GOODALL	564	
2	PIGEON RIVER SUGAR DADDY	HAROLD SMITH	651	*
2	KICKAPOO'S JACK'S PRODIGY	ROGER PARIENT JR	181.5	

Round 6 is the top 4 dogs running 1 brace on each field. This will determine the placement for the 3rd and 4th place dogs.

09-11-21 A Field (Rnd 6)

Brace	Dog	Handler	Total	
1	STOTTS'S SKIPPING STELLA	MIKE STOTTS, JR	678	*
1	TIMBER CREEK'S WILD BLACKJACK JOKER	CODY ECHEVARRIA	426	

09-11-21 B Field (Rnd 6)

Brace	Dog	Handler	Total
1	KODA BEAR RUSTY'S BULLET	TODD HENDRIX	432.5
1	PIGEON RIVER SUGAR DADDY	HAROLD SMITH	615.5 *

With a very short break (enough time to open-up the 2 fields and plant 10 birds) the final hour began. Since the fields were so large, the gallery was spread out over a mile. It was difficult to keep up with the numbers. At the end of the hour, it was 5/5 to 4/4 with Mike Stotts and Stella the winner.
(Insert Excel Table 09-11-21 Final Hour)

09-11-21 Final Hour

Brace	Dog	Handler	Total
1	STOTTS'S SKIPPING STELLA	MIKE STOTTS, JR	947.2 *
1	PIGEON RIVER SUGAR DADDY	HAROLD SMITH	805.5

Field Marshals Samantha Hight
 Jean Steiner
Judges Doug Cartwright
 Paul McCawley

Awards

Each entrant received a jar of Marionberry jelly courtesy of Mike Ouchida, a blaze orange cap, a shirt donated by the Big Sky Region, a commemorative pin and a nice embroidered Ogio bag to carry it all home in. In addition, the winner receives dog food and a jacket from Purina, an electronic collar from Garmin, gift certificates from Dogs Unlimited, Red Haw Supply, and Gun Dog Supply. They also receive a G3 Kennel courtesy of Dakota 283, Supplements from Ramard, Inc., and a diamond plate dog box from QC Supply (Deer Creek). This year's Purina Endurance winner will also receive a trophy, belt buckle and a portrait by Ross Young courtesy of NSTRA.

The runners-up will receive dog food and a jacket from Purina, gift certificates from Garmin, Dogs Unlimited, Red Haw Supply and Gun Dog Supply, and supplements from Ramard, Inc. Nstra will award the trophies and the belt buckles.

Winner – Mike Stotts, Jr. and Stotts' Skipping Stella, Northwest Region

Stella is a 5-year-old English Setter female out of Skipper's Bandit and Sure Shot Sadie. Within her lineage are some fine dogs, two of which are NSTRA Hall of Fame dogs, Angie's Dogwood Skipper and Glover's Nikki. She is a 1X NSTRA CH with 38 points, 21 of which are first place points. She received her championship in April of 2021. Her first amateur points came in May of 2019 and her open points the following December. The way she performs, we will be seeing more of her in the future.
Congratulations! Mike and Stella

1st Runner-up – Harold Smith and Pigeon River Sugar Daddy, Indiana Region

Harold and Sugar Daddy are no strangers to field trialing. Previously this year, Sugar Daddy had placed 9th at the Trial of Champions and 10th at the UKC Performance Classic. It was likely that he would finish well at the Purina Endurance and making the final hour was just that. This 3X NSTRA CH was sired by Ragin Cajun Zeus and whelped by Beckley's She Had It Coming. There was a great Indiana crowd cheering Harold and Sugar Daddy on during the final hour.

2nd Runner-up – Todd Hendrix and Koda Bear Rusty's Bullet, Midwest Region

Todd has placed preciously during the past few years, but this was Koda's first foray into national trial placements. A 4-year-old Brittany female she is out of local dogs Footluce Louie Little Pants and Goodall's First Bullet. A 1X NSTRA Ch and a 1X AmCham she has 37 open points with 28 first place points. She



previously had earned 15th at this year's UKC Performance Classic.

3rd Runner-up – Cody Echevarria and Timber Creek's Wild Blackjack Joker, Mid-North Region

As the newcomer to the group, Cody had some big shoes to fill. In addition to all his jobs as Mid-North region president and assisting with putting on this trial, he needed to be able to focus and guide Blackjack into his 3rd runner-up placement. He did a fantastic job with both duties. This 3-year-old German Shorthair is a 2X NSTRA Ch and a 1 X AmCham. He was also the 2021 Mid-North regional winner. Blackjack was sired by Java's Joker and whelped by Ruger's Dancin Diva.

Fun facts:

Nance put 3 redheads together on A field: Julia, Ginger and Samantha. That was a force to be reckoned with. However, seeing Samantha and Julia running across the field to rescue Ginger after she tripped over a rock, was not the epitome of grace or speed. They picked her up, Ginger was fine, and everyone had a good laugh. Thanks to Nance Ceccarelli for running herself ragged to make sure to provide food for the starving officials. And for making sure we had mayonnaise!

The heat and breeze/wind affected everyone, including a few dogs. Russ Taylor's dog Angel had a nice find when it was determined she had found a water bottle. Maybe she was telling Russ she was thirsty?

Sometimes the judges write comments on the scorecards in case a question is asked. In addition to the regular flagging, steps, self-relocation, etc., we had some unusual comments that you just don't find in many trials.

Huns

Plays w food

1.5-mile head race

Stubble

In addition to the above-mentioned Huns (Hungarian Partridge) we also had coveys of sharp-tailed grouse and a young mule deer that had to be rousted from the trial grounds every day.

NSTRA wants to thank the following:

- Marvin and Sara Hofer and the Hutterites for hosting us and providing the best hospitality for us.
- The region presidents, Jim Wiitala (BSR), Cody Echevarria (MN) and Jeremy Lessman (NW) for organizing the trial and pitching-in to keep us supplied with whatever we needed.
- Dean Goodall for organizing and chairing the pre-trial.
- Ginger Rogers for stepping in at the last minute to assist with the coordinator responsibilities.
- Jean Steiner and her "wonder-trailer" full of any and every-thing needed to run a field trial.



JR Coke birdplanter



Waiting for the Hunt

**Endurance Classic
9-8-21 to 9-11-21
Profit & Loss Statement**

Revenues:

Entry Fees:	\$20,527.00
Less Refunds	- 361.15
Sponsorship	1,900.00
Donations	2,535.00
Total Revenues:	<u>\$24,600.85</u>

Expenses:

Goody Bags	\$8,777.36
Trophies	447.00
Buckles	509.00
Jackets	576.52
Patches	163.00
Birds	3,900.00
ATV Rental	1,386.00
Grounds	500.00
Fixtures/Port-A-Pots	228.00
Compensation Officials	
Bird Handler	400.00
Field Marshall	400.00
Judges	1,200.00
Trial Coordinator	<u>500.00</u>
	2,500.00
Travel Officials	
Bird Handler	1702.34
Field Marshall	659.79
Judge	482.00
Trial Coord.	<u>1,527.24</u>
	4,371.37
Lodging Officials	
Bird Handler	553.25
Field Marshall	536.20
Judge	0
Trial Coord.	<u>439.92</u>
	1,529.37
Meals	859.95
Total Expenses:	<u>\$25,747.57</u>

Total loss: \$1,146.72





BSR Region President Annie Shores



Darlene Donovan BSR



Kara Laraway, MI Region



Mike Stotts and Purdy





Pick a pair of Pointers



Tina and George Sterner with Garth



Left to right: Jean/Marshal; Dan & Stan/Judges; Samantha/Marshal; Judges Doug & Paul; JR/bird handler

FINAL 4

**STOTTS'S SKIPPING STELLA
 PIGEON RIVER SUGAR DADDY
 KODA BEAR RUSTY'S BULLET
 TIMBER CREEK'S WILD BLACKJACK JOKER**

**MIKE STOTTS, JR
 HAROLD SMITH
 TODD HENDRIX
 CODY ECHEVARRIA**

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Ty and Emily Coke



Bill Sumpter



*In the Blind
Nance Ceccarelli & Harold Smith*



Mike Stotts Cody Echevarria



Mike Stotts and Stella. "So you say I'm running again"



The cool down



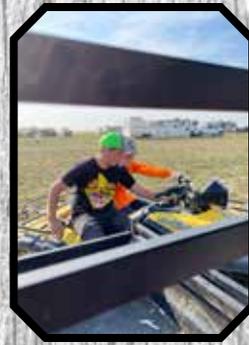
*Kristi Goodall, Kara Laraway, Emily Coke,
Nance Ceccarelli, Darlene Donovan, Tina Sterner*



*Jean Steiner(Marshal), Daniel Seliger(Judge), Stan
Perdue(Judge), Samantha Hight(Marshal), Doug
Cartwright(Judge), Paul McCawley(Judge), and
JR Coke(bird handler)*



Cody Echevarria, Annie Shores, Jeremy Lessmann



Bean and Ava Sterner



Darlene Donovan and Willie



Cody Echevarria and Black Jack





Darlene Danovan and Richie Hight



Loki



Darlene Danovan and Willie



Darlene Donovan and Willie



Elden Miller with Jack and Russ Taylor with Bud



Elden Miller and Russ Taylor



Elden Miller and Russ Taylor



John Edwards with Josey and Mikeal Mulberry with Ally



Doug Cartright Danny Seliger, Tina Sterner with Nikki and Jack Little with Earl



Shane Tointon and Elden Miller



Cody Echevarria and Diva



Nathan Tekell and Mia



Nikki Sterner



Rodney Howard with Zip, David Deaton with "W", and Rose Mulberry



"W"



Stella



Black Jack





Hutterite girl.



*Dale Heaton, Greg Wood, Doug Cartwright
Quail Setters*



Elden with a Setter



Shane Tointon, Mikeal Mulberry, Gregory Wood



*Oldies but Goodies from the NW.
Davy Caven and Jerry Youmans*



Geoff Sterner, Bean and bird



Kristy Goodall, Brit.



Scenery, Paul McCawley judge, Mike Stotts handler.





Jean Steiner MN., Stan Perdue GA., and Dan Seliger BSR



The cool down



A bird in the hand



Champion's Bench



Our Future

PRETRIAL



*NW members Meki Porter, Nance Ceccarelli,
Pretrial placements*



*Qualifier Round 1 and 2.
Elden, Darlene Donovan, and Dale Heaton*



*Qualifier Round 1 and 2
Rick Bertinetti and Tina Sterner*



*Qualifier Round 1 and 2
Tina Sterner, Gregory Wood, and Tyler Coke*



*Qualifier Round 1 and 2.
Nolan Huffman, Dean Goodall, and Tyler Coke*





Qualifier and Pretrial winners



Qualifier and Pretrial



Qualifier and Pretrial





Qualifier round and pretrial



Mike Stotts and Darlene Donovan



Cunningham Classic Belt Buckle award to Dale Ikuta (NCN) from Mikeal Mulberry 1st VP



Cody Echevarria



*Final Four
Mike Stott, Harold Smith, Todd Hendrix,
Cody Echevarria*



*Harold Smith
Runner up Champion*



*Mike Stotts
CHAMPION*

In Memoriam

Ray Hopkins

I remember the first time I met Ray Hopkins at a Championship Trial in Indiana, where he was judging the Championship venue. At that time, Ray was judging many trials. I believe John Verling was also judging with Ray. To make the story short, we had a good trial and great judging. I was very pleased to learn that Ray also ran dogs and judged in the Virginia Region each weekend. We became friends that week and remained friends throughout Ray's time with NSTRA and beyond. I believe that other than our founding fathers, Ray probably accomplished more for our sport than any other member ever has or will in the future.

I began marshalling championship trials when Lyle Jordan and Ron Robertson were in office. Prior to that time, I believe Lucy Duncan was the only woman field marshal. It was a great time for the sport, and I met many people, who became lifelong friends. For several years I marshalled most of the championship trials until one day I was asked to run for office. Bob had always said women should stay home and bake cookies; but after several guys came to him and gave their opinions, he relented and I ran for secretary. Ray was 1st vice-president at the time. Also there was an understanding that a National Officer could not be a trial official. So, Ray and Richard Savas invented the title of "Trial Coordinator," so I could do both jobs. My point in telling you all of this is to let you know that Ray Hopkins had my back from day one. He usually beat me to the trials and stayed behind me each day making sure rules were upheld and that I was doing the job correctly.

It wasn't long until Ray had the idea of a NSTRA database, which would replace and update our file system on 3x5 file cards. Tom Copella, a friend and co-hort of Ray's, worked with Ray and me to create a program that worked and worked well. After each trial, Ray would take what we had learned we were doing wrong to Tom; and they would work that week to make it better for the next. This cooperative effort placed us way ahead of our times as far as birddog associations.

For awhile, Ray was also over the Rules Committee, and he presided over that part of the BOD's meetings. At a later time, he wrote applications and interpretations for the rulebook, which are still intact today.

There were many other areas of NSTRA that Ray

worked in and at one time was even in charge of the office personnel and their duties. Ray served under several presidents, including: Marvin Spiller, Jim Mahoney, Bob Cunningham and Wes Barr. He served from 1995 thru 2004 and perhaps longer, but there are no records beyond this. Ray always worked as 1st vice president. When asked to run for President he always answered that he could accomplish more as 1st Vice than as President.

Ray was 80 when he passed away peacefully on Thursday April 15, 2021 surrounded by his family. He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on June 19, 1940 to the late Raymond and Mildred Hopkins. Ray later married Charlotte, his wife of 60 years who survives and children Jay, Sean Lee and Scott. He left 3 grandchildren Hailey, Sean Lee Jr. and Sadie and 2 daughter-in-laws, Dee and Katie.

Ray retired from the United States Navy as a Lieutenant, after serving for 20 years and in 2019, he retired from Civil Service. Not one to sit still, Ray had many hobbies including fishing, coin collecting, his gun and knife collection, working in the yard and on his grapevines and pedaling his bicycle hundreds of miles for the American Diabetes Association. Ray was laid to rest in the Veteran's Cemetery in Suffolk, VA.

Two epitaph's which were read on one item from Ray's funeral were as follows:

"The Happiest of people don't necessarily have the BEST of everything; they just make the BEST of everything that comes along their way."

"The measure of a man is not the NUMBER of servants he has but the number of PEOPLE HE SERVES."

Both hold true for Ray Hopkins, a servant of the United States, his family, and NSTRA. You are missed Ray. A true friend and colleague.



*In Memoriam
Dylan Thorstad*

The Mid North would like to express our deepest sympathies to Elden and Carol Miller and their family on the loss of their grandson, Dylan Thorstad



*Wishing you peace to
bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and
loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*

Beginning With the End in Mind

by: Randy Schultz, Georgia Region



My friend and I worked a trail in the grouse woods of Wisconsin. We left the trucks a mile back, and walked along the two-track while the dogs worked either side of the former logging road. The day was pleasant, but a bit too warm for the dogs. Temperatures in the 70's were nice for hiking or swilling margaritas on a beach, but for working dogs, it bordered on hot. October in Wisconsin brought warm and humid, or thunderstorms, or snow and sleet- or all the above, on any given day. The combination of Ruffed Grouse, thick forest, abundant hunting land, and good friends kept me coming back year after year in October- the finest month of the year. I had Shack (NSTRA CH/GA REG. CH Flyboy Ace's Bullseye (Brit/M)) on the ground, and he worked either side of the trail while we walked and talked.

Grouse hunting consisted of a long nature walk interrupted by the frantic rush getting to a dog on point, followed shortly by the roar of wings as a brown or gray bomber launched off the forest floor headed for safety. Today was no different, and as Shack crossed the trail, I gave him a blast from the whistle and extended my arm, pointing at a stand of trees 100 yards off the trail. He glanced up and took off in the direction I pointed, as we returned to our captivating discussion about the merits of ejectors versus

extractors. A minute later, my gps pager beeped, and I knew Shack was pointed. I turned and started walking with intention to the stand of trees, while checking my watch for his position. Sure enough, the dog was 67 yards away, on point. I learned, long ago, to move quickly to a dog pointing a Ruffed Grouse. Those birds will many times walk off under a point, until they reached a comfortable distance, and then the bird would flush away. We split up slightly as we approached, and my friend saw Shack first. He set himself up, said he was ready, and I walked toward the pointed dog, aiming for a point about 20 yards in front. The gray bird launched from behind a tree away from me, but it put him directly in front of my partner. It was a deadly mistake, as both our 28 ga. doubles barked at the same time. The bird tumbled onto the soft lichen floor under the planted pines. Shack was on the dead bird immediately, and made a good retrieve to my hand. I pondered the situation, and glanced up and my partner, "Nice shot!" I said, and I tossed the bird to him. "I'm pretty sure I was behind him. Besides, you shot just a split second in front of me. Your bird." He agreed. And so it went throughout the day.

The big Brit was near perfect that day, and my partner commented on it. "Thank you," I said. "He did have a pretty

good day.” Shack, as an adult, was the culmination of years of learning from past mistakes. I learned to start training a puppy while still young with the end result always in mind. When they were just little puppies, fighting for the wet food, just weaned from momma, I would start quietly clapping my hands, and build up to louder noises over the weeks. They would associate loud noise with pleasure. I taught them obedience, whistle and voice commands, to recognize objectives, to retrieve with speed and style to hand (no dropping the bird early in the excitement), and steadiness on point regardless of shots, yelling, or ATVs roaring by. I taught them to back, and all the other little things that enabled a dog to compete in NSTRA. And, after all that, many trials, and a few hundred dead quail, perhaps by the age of two, I would load them in the back of the truck and we would head to Montana, South Dakota, Idaho, Oklahoma, or any number of other western states, and I would show them what a bird dog was born, bred, and trained to do. By the time Shack smelled his first wild bird, he already had a solid base of what it meant to be a bird dog. It wasn’t a stressful time at all. I already knew how he would do, because for two years I trained him with the end in sight.

It wasn’t always that way. My first dogs were a Brit male and a female Setter. I was learning about bird hunting. It was an obsession with me. I had 2000 acres of Georgia clear cut to hunt. The land held numerous coveys of Bobwhite Quail, and any given day, the dogs would find four or five coveys. Those two dogs and I would hunt from dawn ’til dusk 50-60 days every year. After a few years, we had the coveys named. I was the only bird hunter on the property. Life was good. Then, I read an ad in the Georgia Market Bulletin about “Have Fun With Your Bird Dog!”, and “More Action per Acre!”. The next weekend, I was in the north Georgia mountains, looking up a gently sloping field as a man rode a horse around the field dropping quail in the grass. I remember thinking, “How tough can it be? You have 30 minutes to find just five birds? And, they are all right there?” It did not go well for us. Rocket (Brit) found three birds pretty quick. I shot at and missed all three. He chased the last one into the woods, and I could hear him in there flushing that bird over and over again, as time ran out. The judge (on horseback, as well) said, “Don’t worry, it’ll get better!” I appreciated, but didn’t need, his encouragement. I was hooked! That was in 1992.

Because my dogs were primarily hunting dogs, they were accustomed to near total freedom when I turned them loose. That was the crux of my problem- now, after all that freedom, the bird dogs had to learn a few things. For example, Ruby, the Setter, learned to back on her own. Rocket, on the other hand, didn’t much care for

the backing thing, so I fought to keep him on the other side of the field during a trial. Many a time, I did the “walk of shame” with my leashed Brit as we were summarily ejected for interference. When a bird flew out of bounds, they both chased it. Then, I chased them into the woods and pulled them back into the field, reminding them all the while to stay in bounds. It was a constant battle. One I lost nearly every time. One opposing handler immediately understood the situation, and she would wait until Rocket saw her dog on point. Then, she would kick the bird near the judge, call safety, and watch my dog chase it out of bounds, while hers held steady. Then, she had the field to herself for at least ten minutes! It would have been easy to get frustrated and blame the judges, other handlers, the rules, everyone but myself. But, I knew it was me and my dog training. Those two dogs were replaced by others and things got marginally better. Many dogs later, I conceived the plan to raise a NSTRA dog from the start. I would teach them the basics to be successful in a NSTRA trial when they were young, when it was easy. All bird dogs, trial dogs or not, can benefit from field trial discipline.

NSTRA is not hunting. It’s a game. But, it’s a game that teaches a dog fundamentals, boundaries, limits, and obedience. It teaches them to quarter, to watch for other dogs, other handlers, to ignore outside influences, and to put a maximum effort into finding birds right off the line. In deference to the handler who would have my dog chase a bird out of bounds, my dogs are also taught what “leave it” means, and a low, guttural “Anch! Anch!” sound means “you’d better turn around RIGHT NOW!” Every single command I teach for NSTRA is applicable to bird hunting. Yes, there are other things they need to know (leave the Javelina, cows, porcupines, and skunks alone, and don’t jump off 30’ rock cliffs), but a NSTRA-trained dog can easily transition into bird hunting. The reverse is often, frustratingly, not the case. We have all seen it.

NSTRA is unique in that regard. It can be a life-long dedication to making a better bird dog. The result is a multi-purpose dog, that can successfully field trial one day, and point Bobwhites and Pheasant in a Kansas wheat field the next. Visualizing what you want the dog to be and training for the NSTRA field trail is a great way to start a dog on a lifetime of success in the field, whether on the trial grounds or on the prairie.



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New Champions

Registration Name	Date Awarded	Breed	Last Name	City
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CANYON VIEWS SIDNEY	1/17/2022	English Pointer	HAYCRAFT, SHANNON	EL PASSO, TX
GATOR'S ACE OF SPADES	1/16/2022	German Shorthair	BLOSE, BILL	SCOTTSDALE, AZ
HPD'S GO AHEAD, MAKE MY DAY	1/17/2022	German Shorthair	EDWARDS, JON	LEWISTOWN, MT
KING'S COURT HANK	1/8/2022	English Setter	GARRETT III, R.B.	BALL GROUND, GA
MARTIN MILL JAKE	1/22/2022	English Setter	MILLIANS, WILLIAM	MORELAND, GA
PRINCE'S ELHEW BETTY GRACE	1/9/2022	English Pointer	PRINCE, CHAD	PARAGOULD, AR
STERNDOG'S TWERKIN' MERKIN	1/15/2022	German Wirehair	LYON, R. BRUCE	FAIRFIELD, CA
2 TIME				
GOODALL'S FIRST BULLET	1/15/2022	Brittany	GOODALL, KRISTY	DICKINSON, ND
T T'S SOUTHERN JANE	1/15/2022	English Setter	HILAND, CHARLES	CANTON, GA
3 TIME				
RAWHIDE PERFECT STORM	1/8/2022	German Shorthair	MCCRORY, PATRICK	ORANGE, CA
WINDSWEPT RIDGE'S CLAY BIRD	1/9/2022	Brittany	MOREHEAD, WESTEN	WESTMINSTER, SC
6 TIME				
SHADOW'S ACE	1/30/2022	English Setter	SCHWIMLEY, SCOTT	FORISTELL, MO
8 TIME				
TWIN RIVER TESSA	1/16/2022	English Pointer	CHANDLER, PHILIP	PAXTON, IL
13 TIME				
STERNDOG NORTON'S SALTY JEAN'S BEAN	1/29/2022	German Wirehair	STERNER, GEOFF	WAXAHACHIE, TX



New Amateur Champions

Registration Name	Date Awarded	Breed	Owner	City, State
KUNZA'S TRICKY LITTLE HAWK	9/25/2021	English Setter	KUNZA, MARY KAY	SILEX, MO
KUNZA'S COPPER CASING	9/26/2021	English Pointer	KUNZA, J.B.	SILEX, MO
DUPLATON BAD NEWS HARLAN	1/1/2022	English Setter	PAYTON, CHARLES	LAGRANGE, KY
GHOST POINT WILSON'S MAGNOLIA	1/1/2022	German Wirehair	FORRESTER, ERIC	SOLSBERRY, IN
FLYBOY NAVY BLUE	1/8/2022	Brittany	SCHULTZ, RANDY	GRIFFIN, GA
LCM'S JAGER	1/8/2022	Pudelpointer	LEE, JEFF	TUSTIN, CA
DONNCHADH THE BRUCE	1/9/2022	English Pointer	SAUER, PATRICK	GREENVILLE, TX
KICKAPOO'S DOT COM	1/9/2022	English Setter	STERNER, TINA	GUNNISON, CO
MOONSHINES TROUBLE	1/9/2022	English Pointer	ASHMORE, SAM	Dover, FL
PONCIANO'S BANZAI LEXI	1/9/2022	German Shorthair	PONCIANO, RON	RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA
ROSIE B	1/9/2022	English Setter	BANUELOS, NELSON	NORCO, CA
BUTTONWOOD SWAMP BOOGIEMAN	1/15/2022	Brittany	SAMUELS, MARTIN	SHERIDAN, IN
PINEYWOODS FEARLESS RAY DONOVAN	1/15/2022	German Shorthair	HUFSTETLER, HAROI	BRONWOOD, GA
ALWAYS ON MY MIND NELSON	1/16/2022	German Shorthair	JONES, DENNIS	WATERFORD, MI
BARR'S HIGH COUNTRY TANGO	1/17/2022	English Setter	BROOKS, CRAIG	MIDLAND, TX
TROOPER'S EAGLE SCOUT	1/22/2022	German Wirehair	LYON, R. BRUCE	FAIRFIELD, CA
ZENZI ZINGHA	1/22/2022	German Wirehair	JOHNSON, HOMER	TUSKEGEE, AL
CROSSWINDS RAWHIDE GHOST	1/29/2022	German Shorthair	CARLSON, PAT	CANTON, MI
TRICKY DICK DIXIE DIANE	1/29/2022	English Setter	MOORE, BILL	SELMER, TN
OTTER CREEK SKYE BLUE	1/30/2022	Brittany	BROCKINTON, TERR'	WARD, AR
WILSON'S PARTY GIRL IS FINER THAN PEACH BRANDY	1/30/2022	German Wirehair	BROWN, TAD	ARLINGTON, TX



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FIRST TIME PLACEMENTS

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Registration Name	Sex	Breed	First Name	Last Name	Class	Trial Date	Region
GAMBLE	M	English Pointer	JEFF	GAMBLE	Open	1/1/2022	DX
SHADOW RIDGE PATTY	F	English Setter	TIM	PARKER	Open	1/8/2022	VA
MARTIN MILL BENNY	M	English Setter	WILLIAM	MILLIANS	Open	1/15/2022	AL
GARRETT'S HIGHWAYMAN WAYLON J	M	German Shorthair	BRIAN	GARRETT	Open	1/22/2022	FL
TROUT'S APACHE STASH	M	English Pointer	JOHN	TROUT, JR.	Open	1/29/2022	AZ
MACHINE BLUE	M	German Shorthair	STEVE	ETHIER	Open	1/30/2022	MI
CROSSTIE SUPER DIESEL	M	English Pointer	JIM	MARKS	Amateur	1/1/2022	IN
ZIVA'S LINKED BERET	M	English Setter	DALE	HEATON	Amateur	1/8/2022	LST
FLAT BRANCH STUB	M	English Pointer	WILLIAM "DON"	MARKHAM	Amateur	1/8/2022	AR
KITTY	F	English Setter	JEFF	CAGLE	Amateur	1/8/2022	SCR
WINDSWEPT RIDGE'S TIME PIECE	M	Brittany	GARY	RAMSEY	Amateur	1/8/2022	SCR
ZIVA'S LINKED T REX	M	English Setter	DALE	HEATON	Amateur	1/8/2022	LST
CANOEWATER NEKAS BENTBRIDGE	F	German Shorthair	ALAN	GREVE	Amateur	1/8/2022	SO
DIXIE	F	English Setter	RYAN	HALL	Amateur	1/8/2022	AR
TRICKY DICK DIXIE DIANE	F	English Setter	BILL	MOORE	Amateur	1/8/2022	MS
PONDEROSA PISTOL PETE	M	German Shorthair	CLIFTON "MIKE"	KITCHENS	Amateur	1/8/2022	AZ
PHILLIPS KICKAPOO SHADOW	F	English Setter	DOUGLAS	PHILLIPS	Amateur	1/8/2022	LST
FRANKS BUDDY RUPP	M	English Pointer	ROBERT	FRANKS	Amateur	1/9/2022	AR
HYDE'S MOHAWK DIXIE	F	English Setter	JERRY	HYDE	Amateur	1/9/2022	AR
OUR GIRL DAISY	F	English Pointer	DAVID	FIELDS	Amateur	1/9/2022	GA
MILLERS DIESEL POWERED GUNNER	M	German Shorthair	KYLE	MILLER	Amateur	1/15/2022	OH
MAJOR GAME ON BAILEY	M	German Shorthair	RANDY	DOMBROWSKI	Amateur	1/15/2022	AZ
WINDCHIME'S ROLL ON MISSISSIPPI	M	German Shorthair	CLAY	JOHNSON	Amateur	1/15/2022	GA
CREEK'S WILD EAGLE	M	German Shorthair	JOSEPH	GIACOMONI	Amateur	1/16/2022	OH
HIMAD PATTON RIVER	M	English Pointer	RON	HORN	Amateur	1/16/2022	AZ
NOBLE CREST I'M ALWAYS A PRO	M	Pudelpointer	CANDIS	AMASALIAN	Amateur	1/23/2022	SC
RESA'S MOHAWK MAGGIE	F	English Setter	JOHN	RESA	Amateur	1/29/2022	MW
SCHILLING'S BRIARPATCH	M	German Shorthair	JIM	ANDERSON	Amateur	1/29/2022	AL
PRINCE'S COOPER CLYDE	M	English Pointer	CHAD	PRINCE	Amateur	1/29/2022	AR
HBS WILDMAN WILLIE	M	German Shorthair	HEATH	BLANKENSHIP	Amateur	1/29/2022	AR
FOURECAST CALLS FOR PAIN	F	English Pointer	MARK	DOBERSCH	Amateur	1/30/2022	GA
TALL OAKS FINN	M	English Setter	SHANE	TOINTON	Amateur	1/30/2022	WI



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College: _____ Current Level: _____ GPA: _____

Required Submissions for the application packet:

- A. Evidence of strong academic performance including: Official transcripts to date from high school or other academic institutions, official documentation of class rank, GPA, ACT/SAT scores, etc.
- B. Evidence of enrollment in (or acceptance to) an accredited academic/technical college or institution.
- C. Three letters of recommendation from academic advisors or teachers specifically addressing your academic achievements and abilities.
- D. Using a separate document or multiple documents, please provide the following information:
 - 1. Describe your involvements in school and community activities as fully as possible.
 - 2. Describe your role or roles, any offices held, awards received, or notable participation in those school and communities activities.
 - 3. Write an essay (3-5 pages) that outlines your involvement and connections to NSTRA and how your parents' or grandparents' participation in NSTRA impacted your life. You may also wish to include in this essay information about what NSTRA means to you, your relationship with dogs and/or bird hunting, your thoughts about sportsmanship, and how this particular scholarship benefits you in your future academic endeavors.
 - 4. You may also submit letters of recommendation from other NSTRA members (in addition to your letters from academic advisors or teachers).

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Field First Aid 101

Tailgate & Vital signs
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Hopefully as you read, weather is holding with a good outlook across the country for the remainder of bird season... if so make the best of it and get out there, you can read this later when the snow piles and the wind blows. If the snow and cold has you waiting for a lull, give it a quick read now, may come in handy.

Any case, not being an expert myself, I've gathered some practical information on "Field First Aid", stuff we need to know, some from books but mostly through talking with veterinarians who train and hunt with dogs.. no big words just good solid information to help us better care for our dogs....

Not planning that any of us become clinicians only that we might recognize an emergency and know what to do as care for the small stuff or in preparation for transporting to the nearest veterinarian. We'll also point out items for a basic first aid kit and tips on preventative care while hunting and training.

TAILGATE INSPECTION

If you've followed any of my writing you'll know I highly recommend standing our dogs on the tailgate after each hunt or training session.. to look and feel them over, stem to stern, checking for cuts, bruises, grass-awns etc. A quick 'tailgate' check provide a way to find and care for the small stuff before it becomes 'big stuff'

VITAL SIGNS

Whether we're simply monitoring our dogs well-being during the hunt or as an attempt to appraise a more serious situation.

Being familiar with "vital signs" and how to monitor them are key, example; pulse, temperature, breathing rate, and what's normal in each case are essential indicators.

I suggest you read this section then practice on your dog, you'll gain confidence, accuracy and have a better idea of what's normal for your dog at different levels of activity.

TEMPERATURE

The average normal healthy dog's temperature at rest should be 101 degrees Fahrenheit plus or minus half a degree.

During or shortly after hard work it's not uncommon to find your dog's temperature at 104, 105 or higher, at this point most recommend you rest the dog and take measure to cool him.. while continuing to monitor temperature. After 5 to 10 minutes of rest you should see a drop towards normal body temperature.

In general, higher temperatures may indicate, heat stress or other disorders while a lower than normal temperature is often a sign of shock or hypothermia.

Temperature is taken with a rectal thermometer, before insertion be sure to lubricate it with petroleum jelly, lift and hold the dog's tail, while you insert the thermometer into the anus with a gentle twisting motion. The thermometer must stay in place until it indicates an accurate reading, during this time continue to hold the dog's tail and the thermometer.

HEART RATE

Normal pulse for an adult dog is 70 to 160 heartbeats per minute, while a puppy's may be up to 220. The easiest way I found to check pulse is on the Femoral Artery, it's the large artery that runs down the inside of the back leg.

Use your finger tips to locate the artery, high up near the center of the thigh where it meets the body. Although you can do this while the dog is standing, I like to lay him on his back. Once you've located the artery, I've found counting the number of heart beats in a fifteen second period and multiplying by four less of a battle than holding for a full minute and results in an accurate enough count for our purpose.

As I mentioned earlier, with practice you'll gain confidence and develop a feel of what's normal for your dog at various levels of activity.

Heart rate is a good way to monitor your dog's progress during exercise. In general, a dog in proper "field condition" has a lower heart rate during exercise and faster recovery times than do unprepared dogs.

RESPIRATORY RATE

Normal breathing rate for dogs range between ten and thirty breaths per minute. Check your dog and make note of what's normal for him. Realize that after activity panting at an accelerated rate is normal, take note here as well. Simply watch or feel his chest as it expands taking air into the lungs, count the number of breaths in a fifteen second period then multiply the count by four giving "respiratory rate" or breaths per minute.

An injured dog's respiration can be hard to determine, veterinarians suggest we hold a feather or tissue near the nose, so you'll notice even the slightest breath.

HOW TO MUZZLE A DOG

Pet care books and common sense recommend we muzzle injured dogs before tending to them. Even the best mannered and trained dogs will bite when injured often without realizing. So let's take some time to learn how to safely apply a muzzle.

Our concerns are keeping the dog from nipping or biting yet the muzzle shouldn't be overly tight... While muzzles are commercially available, a flat strip of cloth or gauze will do very well. Simply loop the material over the nose just behind the "K-9" teeth catching the lower jaw, bring the ends down under and make a half hitch to hold the jaws together. Next bring the ends around the neck just below his ears and tie off behind his head in a bow knot.

WOUNDS

A bruise or closed wound shouldn't be underestimated because the skin and hair coat may be intact, this type of wound can be deceiving. Whether caused by a direct or glancing blow, the full extent of

Quickly take measures to control bleeding and otherwise prepare the dog for immediate transportation to a veterinarian. (See control bleeding and shock)

If the chest cavity is punctured, identified by a sucking sound at the wound as air goes in and out, you have to seal it so the dog can breathe. Cover the area with a cloth and apply pressure until the noise stops then wrap with tape. If there's an object protruding from the hole, leave it for your veterinarian to remove.

While transporting, never give the dog food or water. Cover him to maintain body heat as a measure against shock.

SHOCK

Shock is lack of adequate blood flow to meet the body's needs.

The body is trying to correct this loss by speeding up the heart, constricting vessels and conserving fluid in circulation. If allowed to continue, vital organs begin to shut down for lack of oxygen, shock becomes self-perpetuating and can cause death.

Shock can be caused by dehydration, heat stress, infections, hemorrhage and related trauma. Some symptoms are a drop in body temperature, lethargy, cold extremities, pale gums and mucus membranes and a rapid but weak pulse.

Once diagnosed, remove the cause if possible, calm the dog and help him assume a comfortable position and cover him with a blanket while he's transported for help.

HEAT STRESS

Heat stress is often caused by a lack of common sense on our part, overworking fat or poorly conditioned dogs on warm days, not being attentive to fatigue, lack of water or shade, are examples, but the leading cause of death is the result of dogs left unattended in cars on warm days.

Early symptoms are less body and tail action, increased panting, As the problem progresses you'll notice aggravated panting, salivation, a panicky expression, the gums become dark red, and the dog has problems with coordination. All the results of elevated body temperature, our primary goal is to reduce body temperature.

When these symptoms are noticed, flush the mouth with cool water removing saliva and allowing the dog to drink small amounts of clean, cool water. Immerse the dog in cool water if possible or at least use wet rags, or available water to cool the under parts, most importantly mouth/throat and tongue. Cooling these areas cools the circulating blood which in turn helps to cool the brain and body core. In advanced cases, seek a veterinarian's assistance immediately ...

EYE CARE

Your dog's eyes should be checked periodically during the hunt, or at least at the end of each day. Weed seeds and debris lodged under the lids can cause irritation or eye corneal ulcers.

By carefully spreading the upper and lower lids you can see the entire eye. Pay special attention to the "third eye lid", It's actually a second lower lid, and the inside corners there is likely signs of trapped debris. If debris is present, try flushing it free with a stream of saline. If that doesn't

work, try to blot it out with a cotton ball soaked in saline. Caution: don't wipe, only blot softly, wiping can scratch the eye causing more damage. When the eye is cleared, you can apply steroid free antibiotic ophthalmic ointment .

If there's any question of damage or the material can't be removed, apply the ointment and see a veterinarian as soon as possible.

FIRST AID KIT

Before closing we have some suggestions on what you might want to have ready in a "First Aid Kit". Your veterinarian or pharmacy should have these items on hand. For a box to keep things organized a fishing tackle box works well.

Items should include a roll of gauze, gauze pads, roll of adhesive tape, betadine scrub, Betadine ointment, scissors, a nail clipper, forceps, saline solution and dispenser, cotton balls, q-tips, rectal thermometer, steroid free ophthalmic antibiotic ointment.

Hopefully this article will serve as an every day aid to maintaining your dog's health and well-being at home and while training and hunting, and you're never faced with severe problems.



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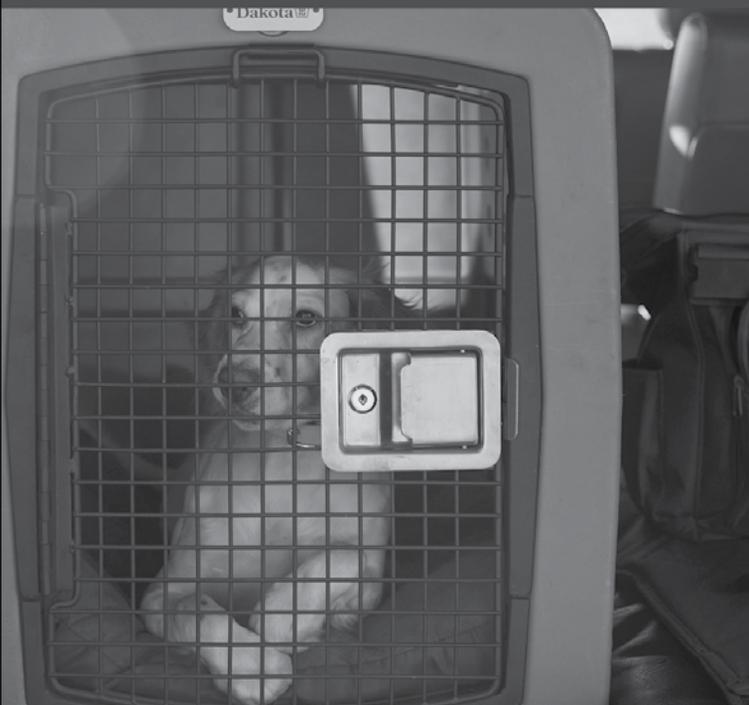
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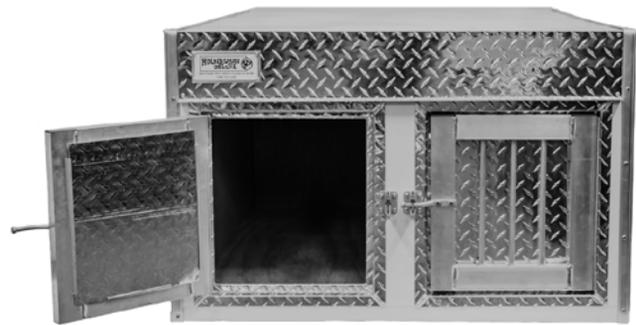
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