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August 26, 2025

*Deadline for Rule Changes to be received by National Office
60 days before DOY Bod annual meeting. NSTRA Rules
Sec. 7.01*

September 1, 2025

NSTRA Office closed in observance of Labor Day

September 3-6, 2025

Endurance Trial – Dickinson, ND

October 1, 2025

*First day to accept change of region requests
NSTRA By-laws Art. 1, Sec. 111*

October 22-25, 2025

Dog of the Year – Amo, IN

November 1, 2025

Winter Trial Schedules due in the office

November 27-28, 2025

NSTRA Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1, 2025

*Regional Trial Schedules for winter are published on the
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December 25-26, 2025

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Dog of the Year	Jan 1
Garmin Invitational	
Trial of Champions & Amateur Trial of Champions	Jun 1
UKC Performance	Jul 1
Top Performance & Regional Eliminations	Sep 1
Purina Endurance	Nov 1

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Letter from the President

To start off, I would like to congratulate the Top Performance dogs of the 2024/25 season.

1st place goes to Etienne Lavoie and Kickapoo's Samuel Adams.

2nd place goes to Sara Throne and Crosswind's Envy A trip to the Train Station

3rd place was Lori Sprick and Black Magic Bobbi Sue

4th was Wayne Fishburn and Ragin Cajun Nike

There were some tight races in the top 10 dogs. There were a bunch of super nice dogs competing for those points this year. Congrats to all.

By the time this letter hits the magazine, phase one of the new website should be up and running. there's going to be a few phases implemented as time goes on. We wanted to make our site simpler to navigate and more user friendly not only for us members but to nonmembers as well. Hats off to Mitch Prowse and his committee' they have done an outstanding job and aren't finished yet. More to come on the website stuff as they sort out the details.

We have put together a Social Media Committee that will be in charge of gathering and posting NSTRA related media to the various sites. If you have region events, pictures, placements, video footage of your trials, drone footage, even pics and videos out practicing with your bird dog etc. please we need content to keep a flow of fresh media to the sites. This will help our organization grow. Contact Kara Laraway or the office if you have anything you would like to see put on our social media platforms. Facebook, Tik Toc, Instagram.

We are currently putting together a Marketing Committee and as of writing this letter, it is in the beginning stages of development. They will work together with the sponsorship committee to align us with additional sponsors.

We have an election coming up in October, and to save money, we will be using an electronic format. Don't forget to vote. The only way you will get a mailed ballot sent to you is by requesting that option through the office.

Trialing and hunting season is just around the corner. I wish everyone good luck and good hunting.

Scott Townsend



PLEASE SEND: Weekend Trial Report in a typed Word Document with the placement of photos clearly marked. PLEASE SEND the photos separately in jpg format with at least 300 dots per inch resolution.

The report and photos can be sent by email or uploaded to DropBox.

"Limit to weekend regional trialing in magazine will be 3 paragraphs - 300-400 words and 4 pictures".

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:

GARMIN INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL Formerly known as Quail Forever. 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.

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 nation 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.

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.

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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.

UNREGISTERED DOGS:

As of June 1, 2022 a dog cannot run in a NSTRA trial without a system-generated dog profile or record. A trial coordinator cannot create the record. National staff or officers can only create the record once registration papers are received in the NSTRA office. In addition, there remain many "unapproved" dogs in the system. Unapproved dogs shall not be entered to run in trials until proper paperwork is received and appropriate action to create the record is completed. 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.

NSTRA TRIAL DATES and QUALIFYING DATES

2025 Purina Endurance Classic Dickinson, ND September 3-6, 2025

The number of dogs in the trial shall be a maximum of one hundred twenty-eight. Region quotas will be determined based on number of trials held in each region June 1st to May 31st.

Entry into this trial is based on all open points earned within a dog's home region and placement points earned from qualifying rounds of a National Trial during the period of June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025.

2025 Dog of the Year Amo, IN October 22-25, 2025 Must run in 2025 regional

2026 Garmin Invitational Lake Wales, FL February 25-28, 2026

Qualification: Nov 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025 – All open points earned during the time frame except points earned from placements in the top 4 of a national championship trial or regional championship trial. Qualifying rounds do count. Entry is based on the number of points.

Trial of Champions Amo, Indiana April 22-25, 2026

Championship and is at least a 1x champion by February 1 of the current year. A dog can be a paid standby for this trial by achieving their Championship between Feb 1, 2026 and March 31, 2026.

Amateur Trial of Champions Amo, Indiana April 22-25, 2026

Amateur Championship by February 1, 2026, and is NOT an open champion. A dog can be paid standby for this trial by achieving their Amateur Championship between February 1, 2026 and March 31, 2026.

2026 UKC Performance classic. May 27-30, 2026.


Points earned from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. Dogs will be eligible to enter the trial based on open points earned from weekend trials only. All open points will count except those points earned during qualifying and final rounds of the National Championship and Regional Championship Trials.



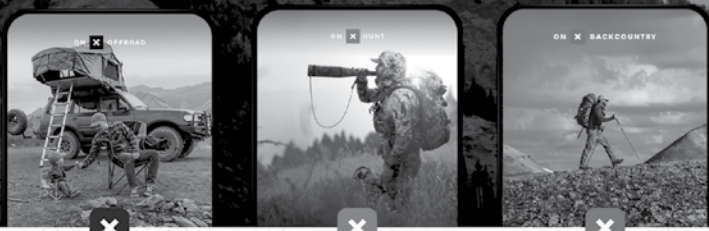
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Allen L. Greeling Sr.
February 5, 1934 - June 6, 2025

On June 6, 2025 one of the stalwarts of National Shoot to Retrieve in the Illinois Region passed away. Allen Greeling 91, was a member of NSTRA for over 45 years. During most of that time , almost to the end, Allen trialed extensively throughout the Midwest. To know Allen was to know about his love for his family, bird dogs, NSTRA trialing, judging and bird dog training.

Allen enjoyed a good cigar while judging and riding the four wheeler. Aside from being a fierce ,but fair competitor , after his retirement from “ real work” Allen trained bird dogs for the public. This came about as his fellow competitors always saw Allen handling well, well broke dogs and sought his training expertise. There was no one better at force breaking a dog. Most trials in the region would feature many dogs trained by Allen.

But what Allen enjoyed the most was encouraging youngsters to engage in field trialing, and in particular , NSTRA trialing. He was well known for selling well broke dogs to young folks at a very accessible price so they would be able to trial. He was always available , when asked, to share his advice and was responsible for many youngsters participating in NSTRA trials. A few years ago Allen was nominated by his peers in the region for the “ most distinguished member award”. He received that award and was very proud of it.

The Illinois region and NSTRA has lost a well respected and valued member. It comforts his friends and family to know that his life was a life lived to its fullest , always doing what he enjoyed the most , running and training dogs and serving his fellow men. Rest in peace, Allen. Enjoy the bird dogs of heaven.

You will be missed !!



2025 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR DOG OF THE YEAR TRIAL

WED-SAT	DATE October 22-25	LOCATION Amo, IN	ENTRY FEE \$175.00*
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*Dog's Registered Name: _____ Number: _____

Region: _____

Owner: _____ NSTRA # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: () _____

Email Address (for official notifications): _____

Handler: _____ NSTRA # _____

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Entry Deadline: Entries must be received by September 9, 2025

Four easy ways to enter:

- 1) Enter online at www.nstra.org/trial-registration
OR
- 2) E-mail your entry form to office@nstra.org with payment information
OR
- 3) Fax entries to 317-839-4197
OR
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- Entries taken by mail, fax, or email only on: Official National Trial Entry Form.
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- All payments will be processed upon receipt.
- Late Entry Deadline (Additional \$25.00): Tuesday, October 21, 2025
- Handlers: The handler drawn to run the dog must be the handler to run the dog if they are present at the trial. Substitutions can only be made in the case of illness or emergency subject to approval of the trial chairman.

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- 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).

Criteria for selection:

1. You may apply for this Scholarship if: A High School Junior or Senior **or** Any 1st or 2nd year College Student who is the child or grandchild of an "eligible NSTRA member"
2. For the purposes of this scholarship award "eligible NSTRA member" means the following: 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

Parent(s) name(s): _____ NSTRA Member #: _____ Region: _____

Parent(s) name(s): _____ NSTRA Member #: _____ Region: _____

GrandParent(s) name(s): _____ NSTRA Member #: _____ Region: _____

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Other References:

Name: _____ Address: _____ Contact #: _____

1. _____ (____) _____ - _____

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Officials for the trial were:

Trial Chairman: Brian Rebello
Trial Coordinator: Addison Throgmorton
Field Marshals: Cookie Anderson, Al Anderson
Bird Planter: Bo Marcum
Judges: Ariel Alvarez, John Cullen, Shane Tointon, Kevin Brien





We had some fantastic awards for our top 6 thanks to our incredible sponsors.

The Goodie bags for all the participants included a camo hat with the trial logo, flashlight donated by Moore Etc., and dog food donated by Purina.

Awards for our Top 6 included a Garmin 550 plus bundle, Dakota283 air crate, diamond plated double dog box from Dog & Hunt, a single hole diamond plated box from Nutter's Kennels, an Asher Pet Products backing dog unit, VezerCare supplements, 3 Cable Gangz systems and gift certificates, a Dakota283 dine and dash, Purina dog food, pullovers donated by Moore Etc.



We would like to welcome our brand-new sponsor Nutter's Kennels from West Liberty, Ohio and thank them for donating a single box kennel for one of the Top 4 placements.

Thank you to all our sponsors for their support!



The judges on A field Wednesday in round 1 were Ariel Alvarez and John Cullen and Cookie Anderson as field marshal and Bo Marcum as bird planter.

1st- Duplaton Prince Eddy

2nd – Ghost Point's Savannah

3rd- Tomokas Smokin Patch

May 28, 2025 A Field Round 1						
Brace	Dog	Region	Breed	Sex	Handler	Score
1	TRUE BLUE'S TRIPLE CROWN (MIGGY)	MI	GSP	M	KARA LARAWAY	533
1	MOORES EASTBOUND GUNSLINGING CALIFORNIA	IN	GSP	M	ZACHERY MOORE	786.5
2	MACY'S SHADOW CHEYENNE (CHEYENNE)	LST	ES	F	DALE HEATON	541
2	BDBD KIMBER'S TOO HOT TO HANDLE (KIMBER)	IL	GSP	F	DAVID SENTER	550
3	5C'S ELI'S TRIGGER FINGER (TRIGGER)	MI	GSP	M	ELI COKE	642.5
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4	TRUE BLUE'S JERSEY GIRL (JERSEY)	MI	GSP	F	KARA LARAWAY	614.5
4	HIROLLINS B K MONEYMAN (CASH)	AZ	EP	M	BRIAN REBELLO	330.5
5	SUPER SPORT'S PORTER (PORTER)	KY	BR	M	WM. ASHLEY MCCANDLESS	390
5	CROSSWIND SECOND CHANCE ABBY (ABBY)	MI	GSP	F	ILIE FETEA	660.5
6	MACY'S SHADOW ZIVA (ZIVA)	LST	ES	F	DALE HEATON	0
6	5 C'S ELI'S GRIM REAPER (REAPER)	MI	GSP	M	ELI COKE	640
7	TRUE BLUE'S CROSSWINDED JOLENE (JOLENE)	MI	GSP	F	KARA LARAWAY	640.5
7	DRENN MAE'S MAGGIE MAE (MAGGIE)	KY	ES	F	WM. ASHLEY MCCANDLESS	613
8	BOONE COUNTY WINE (WINE)	KY	BR	F	MYCHALIE MOORE	567
8	GOODALL'S WILLIE LITTLE GNAT (GNAT)	MN	BR	F	KRISTY GOODALL	606
9	KICKAPOO'S SAMUEL ADAMS (ADAMS)	CC	ES	M	ETIENNE LAVOIE	740.5
9	HEATON'S CASSIDY (CASS)	LST	ES	F	DALE HEATON	529.5
10	MAGGIE'S BIG'UN (BIG'UN)	GCT	BR	F	MAGGIE PARSLEY	454
10	BLUEGRASS RAMBLIN GAMBLER (ACE)	KY	BR	M	CLAY LITTLE	649
11	GET THEM UP PEPPER OF DAKOTAS (PEPPER)	MN	GSP	F	CHAD NORPEL	201
11	BLUEGRASS CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (ABBY)	KY	BR	F	JACK LITTLE	633.5
12	DUPLATON PRINCE EDDY (EDDY)	CC	ES	M	ETIENNE LAVOIE	887.5
12	BYE DOG 2 (BYE)				NEW MEMBER #1	0
13	GHOST POINT'S SAVANNAH (SAVVY)	IN	GWP	F	ERIC FORRESTER	865
13	MACY'S SHADOW RUSTY (RUSTY)	LST	ES	M	DALE HEATON	538
14	BOONE COUNTY SPICED RUM (SAILOR)	KY	BR	F	MYCHALIE MOORE	464.5
14	JT'S LETHAL WEAPON (RIGGS)	IN	GSP	M	JIM THOMAS	708
15	BYE DOG 1 (BYE)				NO MBR # FOR OLD DATA	0
15	DUPLATON BAD NEWS HARLAN (HARLAN)	KY	ES	M	CHARLES PAYTON	659
16	DRAGONPOINT T-BAG'N DIESEL (DIESEL)	SC	GSP	M	MITCH PROWSE	477.5
16	TOMOKAS SMOKIN PATCH (PATCH)	KY	ES	M	GREG WOOD	833.5



The judges on B field on Wednesday in round 1 were Shane Tointon and Kevin Brienen and Al Anderson as field marshal and Bo Marcum as bird planter.

1st- Nutt's Double N Ruff

2nd- Maggie's High Cotton

3rd- Crosswind's Envy A Trip to the Train Station

May 28, 2025 B- Field Round 1						
Brace	Dog	Regior	Breed	Sex	Handler	Score
1	RESA'S MOHAWK MAGGIE (MAGGIE)	IL	ES	F	JOHN RESA	677.5
1	HELM'S ANNIE (ANNIE)	MN	ES	F	KYLE HELMSTADTER	760
2	WDR BK BANDIT (BANDIT)	AZ	EP	M	BRIAN REBELLO	416.5
2	STAR'S PRIDE BRANDY (BRANDY)	IN	LS	F	JON BRONNENBERG	598.5
3	DUPLATON SHADOW OAK HOCKLEY (HOCKLEY)	FL	ES	M	ETIENNE LAVOIE	474.5
3	PHIPPS' MADE THE CUT (CUTTER)	MW	ES	M	RODNEY PHIPPS	459
4	BYE DOG ()				BYE ENTRY	
4	HEATON'S SHORT N STOUT (SHORTY)	LST	GSP	M	DALE HEATON	692.5
5	MAGGIE'S HIGH COTTON (COTTON)	GCT	BR	F	MAGGIE PARSLEY	851.5
5	GOODALL'S ROCKIN ANN O'WAR (COWPIE)	MN	GSP	F	KRISTY GOODALL	275.5
6	BDBD THE "BEAU" DACIOUS ONE (BEAU)	IL	GSP	M	DAVID SENTER	476
6	STERNDOGS MR (MR)	FL	GWP	M	GEOFF STERNER	389.5
7	REMI PEASLEY (REMI)	IN	GSP	F	CLIFFORD RILEY	588
7	REBEL'S LIVEWIRE BREE (BREE)	AZ	EP	F	BRIAN REBELLO	291
8	ROBERTS ROYAL TEKS TARZAN (TARZAN)	WTO	GSP	M	NATHAN TEKELL	801.5
8	BLUEGRASS BIG NEWS (SCOUT)	KY	BR	M	CLAY LITTLE	609
9	NUTT'S DOUBLE N RUFF (RUFF)	AR	ES	M	BO NUTT	874
9	BB TOP GUN MAVERICK (MAVERICK)	KY	EP	M	BRIAN BOALS	277
10	KONIGS BROCKWAY SINSY (SINSY)	OH	GSP	F	TOM ROTUNDO	603.5
10	DRAGONPOINT GOODALL BOONES FARM DAKOTA SKEETER (SKEETER)	SC	BR	M	MITCH PROWSE	286
11	CRIPPLE CREEKS IN AL'S HONOR (BUZZ)	VA	GSP	M	JODY BASS	424
11	5C'S WHITE LIGHTNING (MARSH)	MI	GSP	F	RYAN JOBST	563.5
12	TROUT'S REBEL JACK CASEY (JACK)	AZ	EP	M	BRIAN REBELLO	109
12	CROSSWIND'S ENVY A TRIP TO THE TRAIN STATION (RIP)	IL	GSP	M	SARA THORNE	828
13	BYE DOG 3 (BYE)				BYE ENTRY	
13	RHOADES WOODS CHEYENNE (CHEYENNE)	OH	BR	M	TIM RHOADES	618
14	KICKAPOO SIOUX TOMAHAWK (HAWK)	IN	ES	M	PETE ZELDENRUST	720.5
14	(BYE DOG)				BYE ENTRY	
15	ZIVA'S LINKED BERET (BERET)	LST	ES	M	DALE HEATON	593
15	GHOST POINT'S LETHAL WEAPON (RIGGS)	IN	GWP	M	ERIC FORRESTER	695



The judges for A field on Thursday in round 1 were Shane Tointon and Kevin Brien and Al Anderson as field marshal and Bo Marcum bird planter.

1st- Resa's Mohawk's Junior

2nd- Kickapoo's Ghost River Gold

3rd- Koda Bear Rusty's Bullet

May 29, 2025 A-Field Round 1						
Brace	Dog	Region	Breed	Sex	Handler	Score
1	J WELLS' WOLF PLAIN BROOKS RILEY'S CRUE - BEAU (BEAU)	IN	GSP	M	CLIFFORD RILEY	686.5
1	CROSSWIND SWEETWATER JENNA (JENNA)	IL	EP	F	SCOTT TOWNSEND	470
2	FORTS LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE (GENIE)	MW	ES	F	BILL SUMPTER	299
2	RHOADES WOODS DIXIE (DIXIE)	OH	BR	F	TIM RHOADES	440.5
3	PHILLIPS CHIP OFF THE OL HOWITZER (CHIP)	LST	GSP	M	DOUGLAS PHILLIPS	704.5
3	NUTT'S TRICKY RYDER'S SISSY (SISSY)	AR	ES	F	BO NUTT	312
4	RAGIN CAJUN NIKE (NIKE)	IN	GSP	F	WAYNE FISHBURN	765.5
4	CROSSWIND COPPERHEAD ROAD (COPPERHEAD)	MN	EP	M	CHAD NORPEL	287.5
5	ZIVA'S LINKED T REX (REX)	LST	ES	M	DALE HEATON	624
5	BLUEGRASS MY NAME IS EARL (EARL)	KY	BR	M	JACK LITTLE	745
6	FORECAST CALLS FOUR PAIN (CRAY)	GA	EP	F	SCOTT TOWNSEND	529.5
6	HK'S KNOCKIN' AT THE DOOR (KNOX)	WTO	GSP	M	NATHAN TEKELL	433
7	RUCK'S BROCKWAY FULL TILT (TILT)	OH	GSP	M	TOM ROTUNDO	604.5
7	KICKAPOO SIOUX'S CHIEF (CHIEF)	IN	ES	M	PETE ZELDENRUST	196
8	SADIE BEE LUCKY (SADIE)	OH	GSP	F	RON SIMMONS	459.5
8	CROSSWIND BLUELINE TUCKER (TUCKER)	MI	GSP	M	ILIE FETELEA	457
9	SKIPPER'S SMOKIN ADDIE (ADDIE)	KY	ES	F	GREGORY MULBERRY	625
9	KODA BEAR RUSTY'S BULLET (KODA)	MW	BR	F	TODD HENDRIX	805
10	OLE'S RUNNINRINGNECK BUCKNAKED DOZER (DOZER)	MW	GSP	M	BRIAN OLESEN	634
10	5 C'S SON OF K-OS (SONNY)	IN	GSP	M	EDWARD JOBST	545
11	BYE DOG 5 (BYE)				Bye Dog	
11	SKIPPER'S SMOKIN ALLY (ALLY)	KY	ES	F	GREGORY MULBERRY	458
12	CRIPPLE CREEKS MIGHTY CASEY (CASE)	VA	GSP	M	JODY BASS	488.5
12	STILLWATER KATE (KATE)	AR	ES	F	CRAY STRING	544
13	NUTTS TRUE BLUE ROCKING HOT SHOT (HUTCH)	AR	GSP	M	BO NUTT	310
13	KICKAPOO'S GHOST RIVER GOLD (GHOST)	CC	ES	M	ETIENNE LAVOIE	806
14	STERNDOGS NORTON MID-NORTHS JEPSON (JEPSON)	LST	GWP	M	GEOFF STERNER	465.5
14	KC'S CRYPTO CASH (CASH)	GCT	EP	M	KEN COPELAND	441
15	RUCK'S BROCKWAY CAIN (CAIN)	OH	GSP	M	TOM ROTUNDO	485
15	RESA'S MOHAWK'S JUNIOR (JUNIOR)	MW	ES	M	JOHN RESA	1000



The judges for B field Thursday in round 1 were Ariel Alvarez and John Cullen and Cookie Anderson as field marshal and Bo Marcum bird planter.

1st- Oles Runninringnecks Bucknaked Shiloh

2nd- Smith's Shadow Oak Colt

3rd- Ragin Cajun Hades

May 29, 2025 B-Field Round 1						
Brace	Dog	Region	Breed	Sex	Handler	Score
1	BOONES TRIGGER B (TRIGGER)	MI	GSP	M	THADDEUS TOWNSEND	639
1	SMITH'S SHADOW OAK COLT (COLT)	CC	ES	M	ETIENNE LAVOIE	804
2	BDBD ENVY CASH IS KING (TULSA)	NCN	GSP	F	SARA THORNE	467
2	DRAGONPOINT BAD NEWS VIPER (VIPER)	SC	GSP	F	MITCH PROWSE	700
3	COOPERS PENNY POT (PENNY)	MW	ES	F	THADDEUS TOWNSEND	787
3	CROSSWIND LITTLE MAN PAPPY (PAPPY)	MI	GSP	M	ILIE FETEA	311
4	GOODALL'S RUSTY LITTLE BULLET (FLY)	MN	BR	F	KRISTY GOODALL	613
4	PHIPPS MORNING SUNSHINE (SUNNY)	MW	ES	F	FINN GARTON	483
5	BILL'S BOY BROCK (BROCK)	MW	ES	M	BILL SUMPTER	465
5	RUCK'S BROCKWAY TWIST (TWIST)	OH	GSP	M	TOM ROTUNDO	672
6	GOODALL'S MAGNUM VELOCITY (CRICKET)	MN	BR	F	KRISTY GOODALL	330
6	CROSSWIND TRUCKIN DUTTON (DUTTON)	MI	GSP	M	THADDEUS TOWNSEND	576
7	STERNDOGS C-YA NORTON YOU SHOULDA PICKED ME	LST	GWP	M	GEOFF STERNER	474
7	DRAGONPOINT TURBO CHARGED RASCAL (TURBO)	SC	GSP	M	MITCH PROWSE	708
8	PHIPPS HEADLINER (HEDDY)	MW	ES	F	FINN GARTON	331
8	NUTTS BELLEA BOO HITGIRL (BELLE)	AR	GSP	F	BO NUTT	369
9	BAD NEWS PEERLESS KATE (KATE)	KY	ES	F	CHARLES PAYTON	494
9	LONG HOLLOW'S MONTANA SKY (SKY)	MN	ES	F	KYLE HELMSTADTER	463
10	BYE DOG ()				BYE ENTRY	
10	STERNDOGS HORN HIGH ACE DEUCE JOJO (JOJO)	MI	GWP	F	THADDEUS TOWNSEND	640
11	CROSSWIND JIM (JIMMY)	MI	EP	M	SCOTT TOWNSEND	674
11	NOT BAD FOR A BRITTANY (SORRY)	WI	BR	M	BILL SUMPTER	482
12	RAGIN CAJUN HADES (HADES)	IN	GSP	M	WAYNE FISHBURN	794
12	RHOADES WOODS BAILEY (BAILEY)	OH	BR	F	TIM RHOADES	298
13	OLES RUNNINRINGNECKS BUCKNAKED SHILO (SHILOH)	WTO	GSP	F	NATHAN TEKELL	815
13	BLUEGRASS APACHE OUTLAW (CHIEF)	KY	BR	M	JACK LITTLE	378
14	JAGERMISTERS RISE OF ATHENA (ATHENA)	SC	GSP	F	JORDAN PROWSE	723
14	TRICKY DICK FADED ROSE (ROSE)	AR	ES	F	JAMES STRING	537
15	NORMAN'S STORMIN ZORRO (ZORRO)	NI	ES	M	ZACH NORMAN	306
15	R B CARLY SUZANNE (CARLY)	IL	EP	F	RANDALL BROADY	642



1st- Ragin Cajun Nike

2nd- Crosswind Jim

3rd- Ghost Point's Lethal Weapon

May 30, 2025 A-Filed Round 2						
Brace	Dog	Region	Breed	Sex	Handler	Score
1	HELM'S ANNIE (ANNIE)	MN	ES	F	KYLE HELMSTADTER	638
1	OLE'S RUNNINRINGNECK BUCKNAKED DOZER (DOZER)	MW	GSP	M	BRIAN OLESEN	652
2	KICKAPOO'S GHOST RIVER GOLD (GHOST)	CC	ES	M	ETIENNE LAVOIE	735
2	BLUEGRASS MY NAME IS EARL (EARL)	KY	BR	M	JACK LITTLE	534
3	BOONES TRIGGER B (TRIGGER)	MI	GSP	M	THADDEUS TOWNSEND	805
3	NUTT'S DOUBLE N RUFF (RUFF)	AR	ES	M	BO NUTT	320.5
4	RESA'S MOHAWK'S JUNIOR (JUNIOR)	MW	ES	M	JOHN RESA	553
4	BLUEGRASS CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (ABBY)	KY	BR	F	JACK LITTLE	644.5
5	5 C'S SON OF K-OS (SONNY)	IN	GSP	M	EDWARD JOBST	309.5
5	OLE'S RUNNINRINGNECKS BUCKNAKED SHILO (SHILOH)	WTO	GSP	F	NATHAN TEKELL	477.5
6	STERNDOGS HORN HIGH ACE DEUCE JOJO (JOJO)	MI	GWP	F	THADDEUS TOWNSEND	482
6	5 C'S ELI'S GRIM REAPER (REAPER)	MI	GSP	M	ELI COKE	799
7	STILLWATER KATE (KATE)	AR	ES	F	CRAY STRING	485
7	DRENNA MAE'S MAGGIE MAE (MAGGIE)	KY	ES	F	WM. ASHLEY MCCANDLESS	775
8	MOORES EASTBOUND GUNSLINGING CALIFORNIA KID (PANCHITO)	IN	GSP	M	ZACHERY MOORE	476
8	CROSSWIND JIM (JIMMY)	MI	EP	M	SCOTT TOWNSEND	859
9	MAGGIE'S HIGH COTTON (COTTON)	GCT	BR	F	MAGGIE PARSLEY	701.5
9	R B CARLY SUZANNE (CARLY)	IL	EP	F	RANDALL BROADY	399
10	RUCK'S BROCKWAY CAIN (CAIN)	OH	GSP	M	TOM ROTUNDO	464
10	BLUEGRASS BIG NEWS (SCOUT)	KY	BR	M	JACK LITTLE	353
11	TOMOKAS SMOKIN PATCH (PATCH)	KY	ES	M	GREG WOOD	687
11	GHOST POINT'S LETHAL WEAPON (RIGGS)	IN	GWP	M	ERIC FORRESTER	809.5
12	CROSSWIND'S ENVY A TRIP TO THE TRAIN STATION (RIP)	IL	GSP	M	SARA THORNE	787
12	PHILLIPS CHIP OFF THE OL HOWITZER (CHIP)	LST	GSP	M	DOUGLAS PHILLIPS	521
13	STAR'S PRIDE BRANDY (BRANDY)	IN	LS	F	JON BRONNENBERG	434
13	JAGERMISTERS RISE OF ATHENA (ATHENA)	SC	GSP	F	JORDAN PROWSE	524
14	JT'S LETHAL WEAPON (RIGGS)	IN	GSP	M	JIM THOMAS	510
14	KICKAPOO'S SAMUEL ADAMS (ADAMS)	CC	ES	M	ETIENNE LAVOIE	490
15	TRICKY DICK FADED ROSE (ROSE)	AR	ES	F	JAMES STRING	706.5
15	ROBERTS ROYAL CALIFORNIA DREAMIN (CALI)	WTO	GSP	F	NATHAN TEKELL	465
16	DRAGONPOINT BAD NEWS VIPER (VIPER)	SC	GSP	F	MITCH PROWSE	532
16	RAGIN CAJUN NIKE (NIKE)	IN	GSP	F	WAYNE FISHBURN	860.6



1st- Crosswind Truckin Dutton



2nd- Crosswind Second Chance Abby



3rd- Ruck's Brockway Twist

May 30, 2025 B-Field Round 2						
Brace	Dog	Region	Breed	Sex	Handler	Score
1	CROSSWIND TRUCKIN DUTTON (DUTTON)	MI	GSP	M	THADDEUS TOWNSEND	998.5
1	HEATON'S SHORT N STOUT (SHORTY)	LST	GSP	M	DALE HEATON	370
2	TRUE BLUE'S CROSSWINDED JOLENE (JOLENE)	MI	GSP	F	KARA LARAWAY	446
2	REMI PEASLEY (REMI)	IN	GSP	F	CLIFFORD RILEY	637.5
3	RUCK'S BROCKWAY TWIST (TWIST)	OH	GSP	M	TOM ROTUNDO	745.5
3	BAD NEWS PEERLESS KATE (KATE)	ky	ES	F	CHARLES PAYTON	424.5
4	J WELLS' WOLF PLAIN BROOKS RILEY'S CRUE - BEAU (BEAU)	IN	GSP	M	CLIFFORD RILEY	459
4	5C'S ELI'S TRIGGER FINGER (TRIGGER)	MI	GSP	M	ELI COKE	593
5	FORECAST CALLS FOUR PAIN (CRAY)	GA	EP	F	SCOTT TOWNSEND	446
5	KICKAPOO SIOUX TOMAHAWK (HAWK)	IN	ES	M	PETE ZELDENRUST	671
6	DUPLATON PRINCE EDDY (EDDY)	CC	ES	M	ETIENNE LAVOIE	533
6	KONIGS BROCKWAY SINSEY (SINSEY)	OH	GSP	F	TOM ROTUNDO	552
7	5C'S WHITE LIGHTNING (MARSH)	MI	GSP	F	RYAN JOBST	319
7	KODA BEAR RUSTY'S BULLET (KODA)	MW	BR	F	TODD HENDRIX	617
8	ROBERTS ROYAL TEKS TARZAN (TARZAN)	WTO	GSP	M	NATHAN TEKELL	678
8	ZIVA'S LINKED T REX (REX)	LST	ES	M	DALE HEATON	508
9	CROSSWIND SECOND CHANCE ABBY (ABBY)	MI	GSP	F	ILIE FETEA	812
9	SMITH'S SHADOW OAK COLT (COLT)	CC	ES	M	ETIENNE LAVOIE	467
10	RAGIN CAJUN HADES (HADES)	IN	GSP	M	WAYNE FISHBURN	701
10	DRAGONPOINT TURBO CHARGED RASCAL (TURBO)	SC	GSP	M	MITCH PROWSE	304.5
11	RESA'S MOHAWK MAGGIE (MAGGIE)	IL	ES	F	JOHN RESA	312
11	DUPLATON BAD NEWS HARLAN (HARLAN)	KY	ES	M	CHARLES PAYTON	683.5
12	CRIPPLE CREEKS MIGHTY CASEY (CASE)	VA	GSP	M	JODY BASS	282
12	TRUE BLUE'S JERSEY GIRL (JERSEY)	MI	GSP	F	KARA LARAWAY	627.5
13	GHOST POINT'S SAVANNAH (SAVVY)	IN	GWP	F	ERIC FORRESTER	478
13	GOODALL'S RUSTY LITTLE BULLET (FLY)	MN	BR	F	KRISTY GOODALL	324
14	BLUEGRASS RAMBLIN GAMBLER (ACE)	KY	BR	M	JACK LITTLE	613
14	RUCK'S BROCKWAY FULL TILT (TILT)	OH	GSP	M	TOM ROTUNDO	290
15	COOPERS PENNY POT (PENNY)	MW	ES	F	THADDEUS TOWNSEND	307
15	RHOADES WOODS CHEYENNE (CHEYENNE)	OH	BR	M	TIM RHOADES	284
16	ZIVA'S LINKED BERET (BERET)	LST	ES	M	DALE HEATON	231.5
16	SKIPPER'S SMOKIN ADDIE (ADDIE)	KY	ES	F	GREGORY MULBERRY	628

We Started out Saturday with our Top 32 battling it out in Round 3, then Round 4 with Top 16, followed by Round 5 Top 8, then Round 6 Top 4 and finishing out with Round 7 The Final Hour!!



The 5th Runner Up Was Crosswind Jim (call name Jimmy) owned and handled by Scott Townsend. Jimmy is a 9-year-old English Pointer male out of sire Mahoney's Magic Jack and dam Singleshot Cinnamon. He has earned 235 total NSTRA open points with 148 first place points. Congratulations to Scott and Jimmy.



The 4th Runner up was Roberts Royal Teks Tarzan (call name Tarzan) owned by Dale Roberts handled by Nathan Tekell. Tarzan is a 3-year-old German Shorthair Pointer male. He has Earned 36 total NSTRA open points with 17 first place points. Congratulations Dale, Nathan and Tarzan.



The 3rd Runner up was Duplaton Bad News Harlan (call name Harlan) owned by Chuck & Robin Payton handled by Chuck Payton. Harlan is a 6-year-old English Pointer male out of sire Smith's Shadow Oak Caffrey and dam Kickapoo's Dakota. He has 26 Total NSTRA open points with 9 first place points. Congratulations Chuck, Robin and Harlan.



The 2nd Runner up was Kickapoo's Ghost River Gold (call name Ghost) owned and handled by Etienne Lavoie. Ghost is a 2-year-old English Setter male out of sire Smith's Shadow Oak Caffrey and dam Kickapoo Sioux Too. He has earned 61 Total NSTRA open points with 40 First place points. Congratulations to Etienne and Ghost.



The Final Hour

Todd Hendricks and Koda came out on top with seven finds/retrieves and 1 back to equal 1,310.3. Greg Mulberry and Addie finished second with two finds/retrieves to equal 475.5.



1st- Runner up was Skipper's Smokin Addie owned and handled by Greg Mulberry. Addie is a 6-year-old English Setter female out of sire Tomoka's Smokin Bomb and dam Shouse Dogwood Abby. She has earned 144 total NSTRA open points with 90 first place points. Congratulations to Greg and Addie.



The 2025 UKC Performance Classic Champion was Koda Bear Rusty's Bullet owned and handled by Todd Hendricks. Koda is a 7-year-old Brittany out of sire Footluce Louie Little Pants and dam Goodall's First Bullet. Koda has earned 104 Total NSTRA open points with 64 first place points. Congratulations to Todd and Koda!



With Todd Hendrix

How did you get started in NSTRA?

We purchased our first dog from Big Red Brittany's in Pierce NE. Scott introduced us to NSTRA and I later met Aaron Hunt through a mutual friend at Rock Creek and was hooked even though I did not have a clue of what I was doing.

What was the name of your first dog and did you raise it yourself?

Our first NSTRA dog's name was Dazzlin Diamon Dot aka Sadie. We raised her from a 6-week-old puppy and Mike Rost helped train her.

Did you raise and train Koda by yourself? We raised Koda from a puppy that we purchased from Kristi and Dean Goodall and Scott/Thad Townsend trained her.

How did you prepare for the UKC Championship?

I kept Koda in shape allowing her to run at least 4 times a week. It was a busy time for us since our daughter Paige was getting married right after.

Did you do anything different for the UKC run than you do for your weekend runs?

No- we approach every trial with the mindset of we are going to do our best and win every brace we can.

Which was the toughest brace during your week at the UKC?

All the braces were tough and competitive, but the toughest brace was against Eric Forrester. He is a great competitor. It was a battle the whole brace. Koda got the 5th planted bird and that was her 3rd bird, he got a back and it was 2 and a back to 3. A little later in the brace his dog went on point and Koda threw a 71 back and that was the difference.

When did you actually think you had a chance at winning the championship?

When Koda pointed her 5th bird in the final hour I thought Greg only had 2 so I was hopeful at that point we had enough.

Who has helped/influenced you the most in NSTRA?

There have been many people over the years who have helped me. I'd like to thank my wife Natalie for always supporting me and our dogs even though she doesn't get to many trials she is always cheering us on. I would like to thank Thad/Scott Townsend for training and giving Koda the foundation she needed to be competitive and successful. I would also like to thank Mike Rost for always being there to help me with all my dogs and teaching me how to keep the dogs sharp. I would like to thank Kristi and Dean Goodall for providing us with such a cool little dog.

What would you tell a new handler the best way to prepare for a championship trial?

Treat it like a regular trial and try not to be nervous, have fun meeting all the other people from other regions.

What is your favorite memory from the 2025 UKC Championship?

I have competed for so many years and have come close so many times. It was so nice to see so many people who stayed and watched the final hour and to hear them clapping and cheering for me when I came off the field, but the memory I will always have and remember, is when I bent over and leaped up Koda with tears in my eyes, and my daughter Paige calling later and saying Jazz was there with you dad.



Old People Stories

by: Randy Schultz



Vern grew up on a small farm in Nebraska, one of seven children. He is the only surviving child. He told me about each one of his siblings, how one married and had all girls, and one had all boys, with amazement in his voice. He told me about life on the farm. He told me about the Oregon Trail, how it cut through their farm, and how you can even see the ruts left in the dirt. Once he and his sister had to go out and double feed the cows when a particularly bad blizzard was settling in. He was about 10 and his sister was 12. The cows were about 5 miles away. After they rolled the hay off the back of the old truck, they headed back to the house and realized the road was drifted over and they couldn't see it. In addition, they couldn't see through the windshield with the snow and ice sticking to it. So, Vern got out on the running board, while his sister drove, and he gave her directions. They ended up driving across the pasture, into the teeth of the storm, to a cross fence, then driving the fence line a mile until they hit a road that was protected in the river bottom. Vern got down and pulled the staples from the barbed wire post so they could drive through the fence and on to the road and make their way home. He said his feet were frostbitten so bad, the bottom layer of skin came off a week later. He

said it hurt pretty bad, and he lost all the skin off the bottom of his feet.

One day, Vern rode their mule, Bob, to the County Fair. He asked to enter the race, and was told, "Sure, we have room, kid." So, Vern rode Bob to the track. It was a money race, and money was hard to come by back then. He got some looks riding Bob, the mule. He and Bob were in the gaggle of Quarter Horses when they hit the start line. The Pace Horse veered off the course and the horses took off. Vern was riding bareback with no bridle, and when the horses took off, Bob took off too and Vern went off the back and hit the ground. He got up, dusted himself off and watched as riderless-Bob won the race by three lengths. The people in the stands were cheering and laughing in equal parts. They'd never seen a mule run like that. Vern was hoping he'd made some money, but they said no. Only First Place got money, and they had a rule about riderless mules, or horses for that matter.

In Wisconsin, one beautiful Fall day, we made it back to the old church that was now a Bed and Breakfast. I noticed across the road was an old log

cabin. It was squat and low with thick logs, no windows, and a large plank door with a locked chain holding it closed. There were old apple trees scattered about and grown-up pastures and either side of a nice creek. I asked the proprietor about it at dinner. He said, "There's a story about that old place. It hasn't been lived in for over 80 years. We don't own that place, but wish we did. The family won't sell it, but they won't live there, either. The last time anyone lived there was back in the 1920's." The old man that lived there was the town hermit. His wife died, and, after that, he only showed his face to take apples to town to sell, or maybe a cow or two, and, then to buy whatever he needed to live for the next month or two. One winter, it was especially cold. In Wisconsin, not far from the Lake, that's saying something. A blizzard blew in and stayed longer than most. Snow totals were epic, so much so that people were forced to stay inside, and horseback rides or even sleigh rides to town were dangerous. This wasn't unusual and those Wisconsin people took it in stride. This time, however, just getting to the dairy barns to feed and milk the cows was risking frostbite. Eventually, the storm slackened, and the temperature climbed slowly during the day to the balmy mid-teens. The townsfolk began to peek out the doors, dig themselves out, and make their way to the store, or bar, and the farmers began to cut their way along trails to get to town. After a few weeks, someone noticed the old man hadn't made an appearance. Once again, not that unusual. Finally, the mailman was able to get down the old, dirt road and make his rounds. He had mail for the church. He stopped by the old hermit's cabin, across the road, and banged on the door. Inside, he found the old man frozen stiff, in the bed, with the fireplace bare and not a stick of firewood left. The ground was so frozen, they couldn't bury him on his land until Spring. I forgot to ask what they did with the body until then.

Montana was an open-range state back when Gerald's grandfather homesteaded his 40 acres. Granddad and his wife built a house and barn and had they had a few cows and were making it all work. They had a nice little creek that ran by the house, and they had a big garden. The cows and deer and coons, and everything else that lived around there, loved that garden. So, he and his wife fenced it off, along with a portion of the creek. After all, it was his land. One fine, Montana summer day, Granddad was tending garden when four cowboys from the nearest cattle ranch rode up on him. They informed him the fence needed to come down, because their cows couldn't access the water. My impression, given by the grandson of the Granddad, was one of typical Montana farmer bullheadedness with a dash of grit thrown in. Words were spoken, replies were given. Before long, Granddad was lassoed and dragged out of the garden, the fence was torn down, and the garden was trampled. Granddad survived the beating, but the garden didn't, and that was food they needed to survive. They managed to get to town, 10 miles away, to report it to the Sheriff, but it made no difference. The cowboys were named, but amazingly, they never left the ranch that day according to the foreman. It was a hard winter that year, but Gerald and his family were living proof they not only made it but thrived.

I was quail hunting with a rancher, on his land, in New Mexico. The ranch was in the Llano Estacado, a vast, waterless grassland in western Texas and eastern New Mexico. It was flat as a board, and before it was settled in the late 1890's, riders would get turned around in the

trackless plain and die of thirst. Two events finally allowed the area to be settled. One, the Comanches were finally settled in the 1880's, largely due to the Army being equipped with repeating rifles and pistols. Secondly, the Chicago Aeromotor windmill became widely available, allowing access to the water locked below the caleche (rock) layer. Now, cows had water and the best grass in the world. The rancher's family arrived about then and homesteaded the land and were very successful. We talked about cattle and branding and all the interesting stuff I had questions about. He told me about how his grandfather and father would, every year, join with other ranchers and have a real cattle drive to the rail head in Lubbock. I asked about fences. He said riders went ahead and the fences came down. He said his father was ecstatic when the railroad came to town.

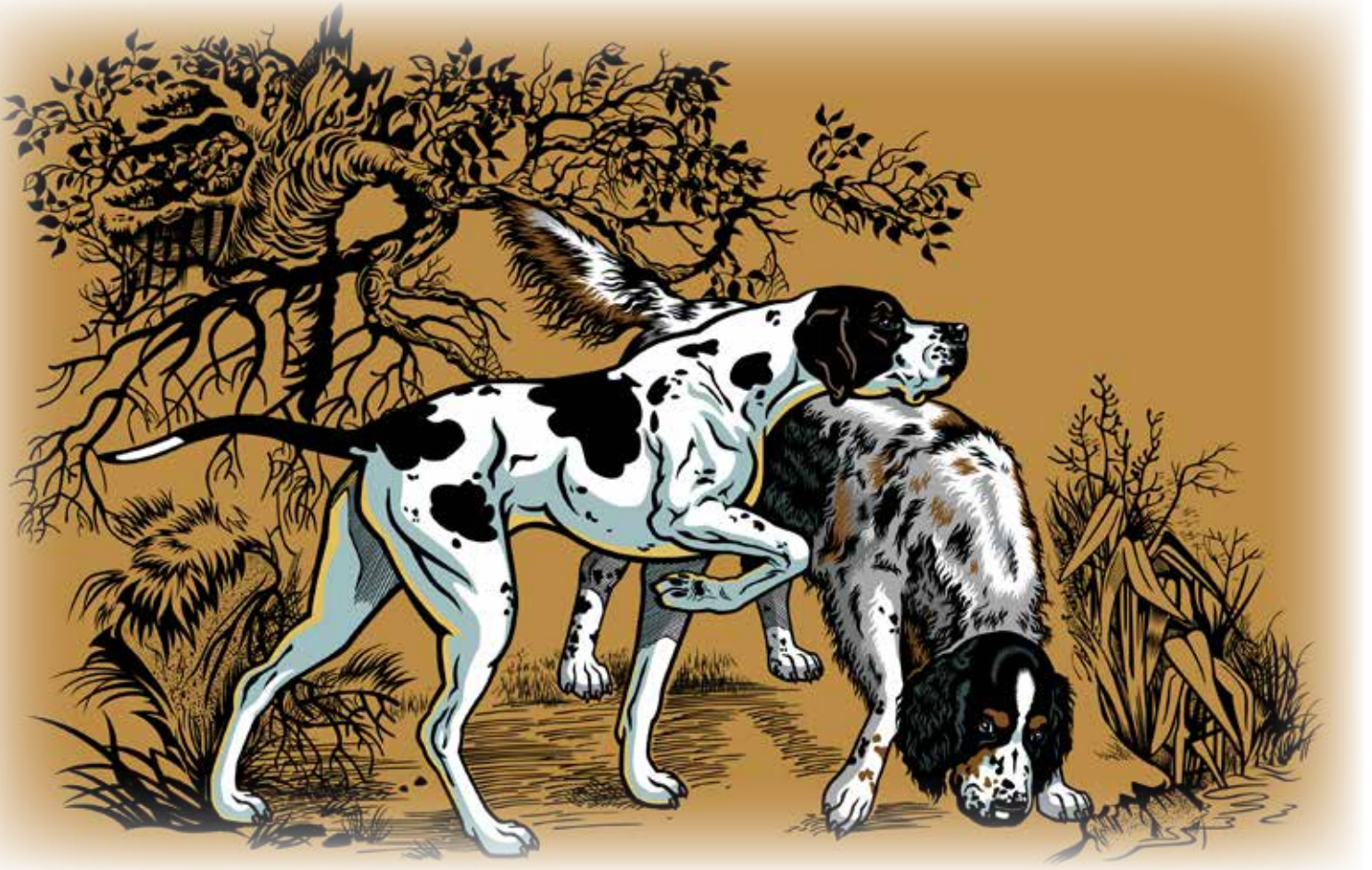
40 miles west of the ranch is the Mescalero Ridge, a long escarpment that runs north-south. It bounds the Llano Estacado on the westside. The drop-offs are severe, and the Comanche would use the ridge to escape from the Army pursuers, using trails down and up only they knew. In the 1920's, a young couple stood on the ridge and looked over miles of sand dunes in the direction of Roswell. They had a brand-new car and figured they could drive across the dunes to Roswell and be there by lunchtime. They were found weeks later, nearly mummified in the hot, dry air.

Other stories about log flumes in the Wyoming Big Horn Mountains, one-room-school-houses in the Dakotas, hand-dug irrigation canals in Idaho, Indian petroglyphs in the Texas panhandle, Pony Express stations in New Mexico, and vast ranches stretching from Arizona deep into Mexico are only a few of the tales related to me by the interesting people I meet while chasing my Brits across the country. I look forward, every year, to meeting them and hearing more stories about the hardy and tough individuals that settled this country back in the day.



Word Salad

Trainin' Dogs with Rick Smith & Sharon Potter



We talk too much.

There, we said it. But we're human, and that's what humans do. We talk all the time, and we use our hands all the time. The problem is that our dogs don't do either of those. Well, technically they can push with their paws and they can whine or bark, but neither of those are their normal go-to behaviors. They're usually a last resort when their normal body language isn't getting results. And we'd prefer them not to not use those behaviors – nobody likes a barking dog, unless he happens to be alerting us to a strange person approaching our house, and we don't much care for being shoved and pushed by paws either.

So why the constant human chatter from us? Our dogs don't speak or understand English or Spanish or German or French or any other human language. Sure, they learn a few words and that translates to "when my human makes this sound, it means I should perform this action." It's not technically understanding the actual language. What we humans are really doing is talking to ourselves when we're constantly talking to our

dogs. We're telling ourselves, out loud, what we want the dog to do, or at least we hope he will do. That's problematic for several reasons.

First, we tend to repeat words over and over in the hope the dog will figure it out and comply. And when he doesn't respond as we planned, we say it again. Louder. From there, frustration builds on both sides as the human gets annoyed and the dog gets distracted from whatever he's trying to learn because he senses the human's frustration. After a while, all the verbal word salad becomes white noise to the dog, and he learns to ignore it. That just makes everything worse because now we have a dog that has been conditioned to not pay attention to anything we say. All they hear is Blahlahblah.

Second, we're often inconsistent with the language we use. Dogs respond best to simple, one-word commands. We tend to want the dogs to learn far more words than they need to ever understand. Keeping it clean and simple works best. If you've been reading this column for a while, you'll recall that the training method we use is called the **Silent Command System** and uses very few words.

The three basic skills a dog has to perform are the foundation of all training:

* Go with you
* Come to you
* Stand still

Once your dog is trained to do those three, everything else is built on that.

Here's an example of how just a few simple commands work best. Let's say your dog likes to jump up on people with his paws. What we usually hear people say is, "No! Down! Off!" and more often than not, it's all three words, like one of them will magically get the dog back on the ground. The dog rarely has been trained to respond to any of those, and they really aren't necessary for the dog to learn. If the dog knows how to stand still – meaning all four feet on the ground and not moving – a simple, "Whoa" tells the dog to stand still. If the dog doesn't respond, we can correct him for ignoring our cue to stand still. And if he's standing still with all four paws firmly on the ground, he isn't jumping on anybody. (As an aside, it's better to teach the dog not to jump on people in the first place. That's a body language and respect issue rather than a command problem.)

When training a dog to respond to any of the three things we mentioned (go with you, come to you, stand still), teach the skill first and only give it a name or command when the dog is responding well without the command. We want to form an association between the sound we make and the action the dog is doing. That can't happen if the dog isn't doing what we want.

Let's say we have a young dog that needs to understand how to come when called. Without the dog on a checkcord in the early stages, we have no way to control the dog's actions, and it's too soon to use the e-collar. Imagine we've got that dog on a checkcord and he's distracted and trying to go toward something interesting rather than to us. If we start pulling the dog in and saying, "Here" repeatedly and the dog is still pulling away and focused on going elsewhere, what connection are we making with that repeated verbal command? The better way to teach is to give repeated light tugs on the checkcord while saying nothing. When the dog focuses on you and comes toward you, use your verbal command, just once and not repeatedly. That connects the dots between the action the dog is performing and the sound you made while he was doing the right thing. A good habit begins to form.

We rarely use any sort of verbal commands because the dogs respond best to watching our body language. That's their way of communicating, and they're really good at it. When people start talking all the time, their dogs tune them out – there's no reason to pay attention to you because they know where you are. In the field our dogs are supposed to work out to the front and in the direction we're moving. There's no need to constantly tell them when to turn and where to go to look for birds. As they cover ground, they check in by swinging back in our direction or glancing over to see where we are; if well-trained they should change direction when we do.

Once someone has learned to stay quiet in the field, it will be very hard to hunt with another person who is constantly yelling and directing their dog. All that talking is distracting the dog from his job, and that reflects back to what we said earlier. A non-stop barrage of "hunt 'em up let's go come on get in there hunt 'em up atta boy hunt 'em up hey over here hunt 'em up" becomes white noise to our dogs, and they learn to ignore it and us. Once they've decided to ignore us, they tend to self-hunt. When that happens, the verbal word salad from the human becomes louder and more frustrated, which doesn't help anything. Sure, we're excited to be out hunting with our dogs, and much of the chatter we throw at the dog is once again talking to ourselves about what we want the dog to do; but it doesn't help the dog one bit.

One of my favorite sayings is: "*Silence is golden, and duct tape is silver,*" which is a joking sort of reminder that there are ways to keep quiet. If you really put the time and effort into training your dog well, the verbal commands you'll need will be minimal, if needed at all. Your dog can keep his attention on finding birds to point, and you can relax and not feel like you have to micromanage or encourage your dog with a lot of word salad. Trust us when we say that just being out hunting is all the encouragement our dogs need. They live for it. Stay silent and watch the dog do his magic. Your dog will appreciate it, and both you and him will benefit in the long run.

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FORTS LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE	6/28/2025	1	Open	English Setter	SUMPTER, BILL	PROLE, IA
HELM'S ANNIE	6/29/2025	2	Open	English Setter	HELMSTADTER, KYLE	WILLISTON, ND
MULBERRY'S SMOKIN RICKY	6/22/2025	2	Open	English Setter	ZELDENRUST, PETE	WHEATFIELD, IN
SMOKE SIGNAL VON SCHROEDER	6/21/2025	1	Open	English Pointer	SCHROEDER, JAMES	PHOENIX, AZ



FIRST TIME PLACEMENTS

Class	Registration Name	Trial Date	Breed Name	Sex	Last Name	City
Amateur	PIGEON RIVER TONY	6/21/2025	English Pointer	M	SMITH, HAROLD	HUDSON, IN
Amateur	STRANGE BREW	6/22/2025	English Setter	F	BOALS, BRIAN	CORBIN, KY
Amateur	COURBOIS JOYCE	6/28/2025	Brittany	F	ROBITAILLE, TOMMY	FOSSAMBAULT SUR LE LAC, QC
Open	DUPLATON OSCAR	6/28/2025	English Setter	M	LEVESQUE, LUC-ANDRE	LEVIS, QC



NSTRA NATIONAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Dean Goodall

– Candidate for Secretary, National Shoot to Retrieve Association

My name is Dean Goodall, and I'm honored to run for the office of National Secretary with NSTRA. I've been a proud member of the Mid North Region since 2001, and over the past 7–8 years, I've rarely missed a national event. My commitment to this organization runs deep, and I'm ready to step into a leadership role that supports both our membership and the future growth of the sport.

Throughout my time in NSTRA, I've had the privilege of serving on two regional boards and have served on the National Hall of Fame Committee. I also serve as a judging instructor for the Mid-North Region, and I've led judging clinics in other regions. In addition, I have judged three regional championship events. Alongside my fellow Mid-North members, I'm proud to host the 2025 Purina Endurance Trial in my hometown of Dickinson, ND, where we're committed to holding for the next two consecutive years.

Professionally, I work as a drilling fluids engineer for ExxonMobil, a role that demands organization, attention to detail, and diplomacy — all skills that translate directly to the duties of NSTRA Secretary. Before that, I coached high school football, which included winning a state championship with my team, where I learned firsthand the importance of leadership, preparation, and team dynamics.

My experience within NSTRA is broad and hands-on. I'm fortunate to have trialed in nearly every region of the country, especially during the COVID years when my job required me to work over the road. During this time, I made weekend stops to run dogs, connect with members of different regions, and gain insight into the unique ways regions operate. Those experiences have given me a national perspective and a network that I would bring to this position.

In addition to my organizational involvement, my own dogs have consistently placed in the top 4 at national trials, reflecting not only my personal dedication but also a deep understanding of the game's structure and standards.

Looking ahead, my goals include:

- Growing the sport through expanded social media, television, and video coverage
- Improving the judging presentation and evaluation process to ensure consistency and quality across all regions

NSTRA has given me a lot over the years, and now I'd like to give back by serving as your National Secretary. I believe my blend of experience, dedication, and vision for the future makes me well-suited for the role — and I'd be honored to earn your support.

Sincerely,
Dean Goodall

Mary Kay Kunza

– Candidate for Secretary, National Shoot to Retrieve Association

My name is Mary Kay Kunza, and I'm honored to announce my candidacy for National Secretary of the National Shoot to Retrieve Association (NSTRA). I've been a proud member of NSTRA since 1996, and I've remained deeply committed to this organization and its mission for nearly three decades.

I became a licensed judge in 1998 after completing my judging apprenticeship with Gene Stremming. At the end of that apprenticeship, Gene gave me a piece of advice that has stayed with me ever since: "Judging is just like parenting—you must be consistent." I've never forgotten those words, and I continue to apply that philosophy not only in judging but in all aspects of my life, both personally and professionally. Since becoming a judge, I've had the privilege of officiating over 100 trials, including five Regional Championships and one National Trial. I've also field marshaled several National events, experiences that have given me a deep appreciation for the level of dedication and integrity our sport requires.

Currently, I'm serving my third two-year term as Secretary of the Illinois Region, where I focus on maintaining accurate records, facilitating effective communication, and supporting the smooth operation of regional events. I also serve on the National Sponsor Committee, helping to build and sustain partnerships that benefit the NSTRA community at large.

Professionally, I bring over 20 years of Human Resources management experience, with a strong background in communication, organization, conflict resolution, and policy compliance. These skills directly support the responsibilities of the National Secretary position and help me bring a thoughtful, member-focused approach to leadership.

If elected, I will be committed to:

- Providing timely and accurate documentation of all board meetings and correspondence;
- Ensuring consistent, transparent communication between national and regional levels;
- Supporting the work of the National Sponsor Committee;
- Upholding fairness, respect, and—above all—consistency in everything I do.

NSTRA has been a defining part of my life for nearly 30 years, and it would be a true honor to serve this great organization as your next National Secretary. I respectfully ask for your support and your vote.

Sincerely,
Mary Kay Kunza

NATIONAL SHOOT TO RETRIEVE

Scorecard

Region: AZ

Blose and Friends Saturday Single - 6/21/2025 Field A

June 21, 2025 - RED TANK, AZ

Judges: KARL VON WOLFF / CHAD MATTHEWS

First Place: 0xCH CARNAHAN'S NOT JUSTA HOUSE DOG JUSSIE (SS40818204, GSH/F, by LOST PRAIRIES WINNING FORMULA - LOST PRAIRIES IMPRESSIVE RISING SUN) BRIAN CARNAHAN, FLAGSTAFF, AZ

Second Place: 0xCH HIROLLINS B K MONEYMAN CASH (1687485, EP/M, by WIGGINS MISS STELLA - FASTFORWARD'S B K GUNNER) BRIAN REBELLO, CHANDLER, AZ

Third Place: 0xCH WHISKEY GIRL VON SCHROEDER WHISKEY (1703437, EP/F, by -) JAMES SCHROEDER, PHOENIX, AZ

Blose and Friends Saturday Single - 6/21/2025 Field A

June 21, 2025 - RED TANK, AZ

Judges: KARL VON WOLFF / CHAD MATTHEWS

First Place: 1xCH SMOKE SIGNAL VON SCHROEDER SMOKE (1703436, EP/F, by -) JAMES SCHROEDER, PHOENIX, AZ

Second Place: 0xCH CARNAHAN'S NOT JUSTA HOUSE DOG JUSSIE (SS40818204, GSH/F, by LOST PRAIRIES WINNING FORMULA - LOST PRAIRIES IMPRESSIVE RISING SUN) BRIAN CARNAHAN, FLAGSTAFF, AZ

Third Place: 0xCH HIROLLINS B K MONEYMAN CASH (1687485, EP/M, by WIGGINS MISS STELLA - FASTFORWARD'S B K GUNNER) BRIAN REBELLO, CHANDLER, AZ

Blose and Friends Sunday Single - 6/22/2025 Field A

June 22, 2025 - RED TANK, AZ

Judges: BRAD MONELL / TREVOR SCOTT

First Place: 0xCH CROSSWINDS JESSE JAMES JENNY (1702760, EP/F, by - CROSSWIND JIM) ROCCO PETROCCO, PHOENIX, AZ

Second Place: 0xCH WHISKER BRISKET BRONCO BERGER BRISKET (SS37268405, GWH/M, by -) JERRY SULLIVAN, PARKS, AZ

Third Place: 0xCH PONDEROSA'S ROYAL ZOEY ZOEY (SS36445003, GSH/F, by ROBERTS ROYAL MADAM MYA - HK'S KNOCKIN' AT THE DOOR) BRAD CHRISTENSEN, PRESCOTT, AZ

Blose and Friends Sunday Single - 6/22/2025 Field A

June 22, 2025 - RED TANK, AZ

Judges: BRAD MONELL / TREVOR SCOTT

First Place: 2xCH CACTUS PATCH'S CHAPO LOCO CHAPO (1697081, EP/M, by XTREME'S COPPER PENNY - HIMAD PATTON RIVER) CJ HAMILTON, FLORENCE, AZ

Second Place: 0xCH CROSSWINDS JESSE JAMES JENNY (1702760, EP/F, by - CROSSWIND JIM) ROCCO PETROCCO, PHOENIX, AZ

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Region: CC

DuPlaton June trial dbl - 6/28/2025 Field A

June 28, 2025 - STE-CROIX, Quebec, Canada

Judges: CHIMENE GENEST / SALVATORE SICONDOLFO

First Place: 0xCH ARAGORN VOM SAINT-LAURENT ALCOR (240671, DR/, by -) YAN CHIASSEON, ST-THEODORE D'ACTON, QC

Second Place: 0xCH DUPLATON TARGET TARGET (1699823, ES/M, by DUPLATON BLANCHE - SMITH'S SHADOW OAK CAFFREY) KEN TREMBLAY, PORTNEUF-SUR-MER, QC

Third Place: 0xCH COURBOIS JOYCE JOYCE (JE4082341, BR/F, by MIRA DE KRONNELLAR FDJ -) TOMMY ROBITAILE, FOSSAMBAULT SUR LE LAC, QC

DuPlaton June trial dbl - 6/28/2025 Field A

June 28, 2025 - STE-CROIX, Quebec, Canada

Judges: CHIMENE GENEST / SALVATORE SICONDOLFO

First Place: 3xCH KICKAPOO'S GHOST RIVER GOLD GHOST (1705111, ES/M, by KICKAPOO SIOUX TOO - SMITH'S SHADOW OAK

CAFFREY) ETIENNE LAVOIE, LAKE WALES, FL

Second Place: 0xCH ARAGORN VOM SAINT-LAURENT ALCOR (240671, DR/, by -) YAN CHIASSEON, ST-THEODORE D'ACTON, QC

Third Place: 5xCH DUPLATON PRINCE EDDY EDDY (1683405, ES/M, by KICKAPOO'S DAKOTA - SMITH'S SHADOW OAK CAFFREY) ETIENNE LAVOIE, LAKE WALES, FL

DuPlaton June trial dbl - 6/28/2025 Field B

June 28, 2025 - STE-CROIX, Quebec, Canada

Judges: DOMINIQUE DEMERS / JONATHAN GAGNE

First Place: 0xCH DUPLATON OSCAR OSCAR (F1710640, ES/M, by - TOMOKA'S SMOKING SHINER BOCK) LUC-ANDRE LEVESQUE, LEVIS, QC

Second Place: 0xCH DUPLATON LUIGI RIGHETTI LUIGI (1699184, ES/M, by DUPLATON BLANCHE - SMITH'S SHADOW OAK CAFFREY) KENTREMBLAY, PORTNEUF-SUR-MER, QC

Third Place: 0xCH DARKWATERS FANCY NYX (LA4241195, BPS/F, by -) MELANIE DEMEULES, LEVIS, QC

DuPlaton June trial dbl - 6/28/2025 Field B

June 28, 2025 - STE-CROIX, Quebec, Canada

Judges: DOMINIQUE DEMERS / JONATHAN GAGNE

First Place: 6xCH KICKAPOO'S SAMUEL ADAMS ADAMS (1692770, ES/M, by KICKAPOO SIOUX TOO - SMITH'S SHADOW OAK CAFFREY) ETIENNE LAVOIE, LAKE WALES, FL

Second Place: 9xCH SMITH'S SHADOW OAK COLT COLT (1666970, ES/M, by STINNETT'S COMANCHE BELL - SHADOW OAK BO) ETIENNE LAVOIE, LAKE WALES, FL

Third Place: 0xCH DUPLATON OSCAR OSCAR (F1710640, ES/M, by - TOMOKA'S SMOKING SHINER BOCK) LUC-ANDRE LEVESQUE, LEVIS, QC



DuPlaton June trial dbl - 6/29/2025 Field A

June 29, 2025 - STE-CROIX, Quebec, Canada
Judges:CHIMENE GENEST / MANON CHAMBERLAND

First Place: 0xCH DARKWATERS FANCY NYX (LA4241195, BPS/F, by -) MELANIE DEMEULES,Lévis, QC

Second Place: 0xCH DUPLATON LUIGI RIGHETTI LUIGI (1699184, ES/M, by DUPLATON BLANCHE - SMITH'S SHADOW OAK CAFFREY) KEN TREMBLAY,PORTNEUF-SUR-MER, QC

Third Place: 0xCH ONPOINT'S MADE TUFFER TUFFY (HG4095640, VIZ/F, by -) KEVIN LAVOIE,kenilworth, ON

DuPlaton June trial dbl - 6/29/2025 Field A

June 29, 2025 - STE-CROIX, Quebec, Canada
Judges:CHIMENE GENEST / MANON CHAMBERLAND

First Place: 0xCH VIZSLAVILLANAYA JEDIWARRIOR RM REMY (DA645108, VIZ/M, by -) MARK CLEM,HAMILTON, ON

Second Place: 0xCH DARKWATERS FANCY NYX (LA4241195, BPS/F, by -) MELANIE DEMEULES,Lévis, QC

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Second Place: 0xCH DARKWATERS FANCY NYX (LA4241195, BPS/F, by -) MELANIE DEMEULES,Lévis, QC

Third Place: 0xCH DUVALIN EIDER EIDER (FC746975, GR/M, by -) STEEVE BLAIS,SEPT ILES, QC

DuPlaton June trial dbl - 6/29/2025 Field B

June 29, 2025 - STE-CROIX, Quebec, Canada
Judges:DOMINIQUE DEMERS / JONATHAN GAGNE

First Place: 6xCH KICKAPOO'S SAMUELADAMS ADAMS (1692770, ES/M, by KICKAPOO SIOUX TOO - SMITH'S SHADOW OAK CAFFREY) ETIENNE LAVOIE,LAKE WALES, FL

Second Place: 0xCH DUPLATON TARGET TARGET (1699823, ES/M, by DUPLATON BLANCHE - SMITH'S SHADOW OAK CAFFREY) KEN TREMBLAY,PORTNEUF-SUR-MER, QC

Third Place: 3xCH KICKAPOO'S GHOST RIVER

GOLD GHOST (1705111, ES/M, by KICKAPOO SIOUX TOO - SMITH'S SHADOW OAK CAFFREY) ETIENNE LAVOIE,LAKE WALES, FL

Region: IN**GVCC June Trial - 6/21/2025 Field A**

June 21, 2025 - WAVERLY, IN

Judges:RANDALL BROADY / SARA MOORE

First Place: 0xCH MY WAY DAMNIT DAN DAN (1705166, ES/M, by -) CHARLES McCLAIN,PENNVILLE, IN

Second Place: 0xCH PIGEON RIVER TONY TONY (1697639, EP/M, by - CROSSWIND JIM) HAROLD SMITH,HUDSON, IN

Third Place: 0xCH BB TOP GUN MAVERICK MAVERICK (1706714, EP/M, by - CROSSWIND JIM) BRIAN BOALS,CORBIN, KY

GVCC June Trial - 6/21/2025 Field A

June 21, 2025 - WAVERLY, IN

Judges:RANDALL BROADY / SARA MOORE

First Place: 2xCH MULBERRY'S SMOKIN RICKY RICKY (1704669, ES/M, by - TOMOKA'S SMOKIN BOMB) PETE ZELDENRUST,WHEATFIELD, INDIANA

Second Place: 1xCH JT'S LETHAL WEAPON RIGGS (SS35500202, GSH/M, by GAMBLES CIRCLE-N-SILK - BIG CHIEFS DREAM WEAVER) JIM THOMAS,MOORESVILLE, IN

Third Place: 5xCH RAGIN CAJUN HADES HADES (SS23399506, GSH/M, by RAGIN CAJUN ATHENA - TC'S GET LUCKY LOU) WAYNE FISHBURN,INDIANAPOLIS, IN

GVCC June Trial - 6/21/2025 Field B

June 21, 2025 - WAVERLY, IN

Judges:JEFF CAGLE / KEN MCNABB

First Place: 0xCH MY WAY DAMNIT DAN DAN (1705166, ES/M, by -) CHARLES McCLAIN,PENNVILLE, IN

Second Place: 0xCH MYWAY TALKIN' FROGG FROGG (F1708561, LS/F, by MY WAY SNOW BABE -) CHARLES McCLAIN,PENNVILLE, IN

Third Place: 0xCH FUZZY DOG AGAINST THE WIND HAZEL HAZEL (R326-573, GR/F, by -) RICHARD O'CONNELL,BLOOMFIELD, MI

GVCC June Trial - 6/21/2025 Field B

June 21, 2025 - WAVERLY, IN

Judges:JEFF CAGLE / KEN MCNABB

First Place: 5xCH RAGIN CAJUN HADES HADES (SS23399506, GSH/M, by RAGIN CAJUN ATHENA - TC'S GET LUCKY LOU) WAYNE FISHBURN,INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Second Place: 0xCH MY WAY DAMNIT DAN DAN (1705166, ES/M, by -) CHARLES

McCLAIN,PENNVILLE, IN

Third Place: 1xCH STERNDogs HORN HIGH ACE DEUCE JOJO JOJO (SS08214708, GWH/F, by STERNDogs SPANKY IS A FROZEN FLYER -) SCOTT BROWN,GRAND BLANC, MI

GVCC June Trial - 6/22/2025 Field A

June 22, 2025 - WAVERLY, IN

Judges:JEFF CAGLE / KEN MCNABB

First Place: 0xCH PIGEON RIVER TONY TONY (1697639, EP/M, by - CROSSWIND JIM) HAROLD SMITH,HUDSON, IN

Second Place: 0xCH MYWAY TALKIN' FROGG FROGG (F1708561, LS/F, by MY WAY SNOW BABE -) CHARLES McCLAIN,PENNVILLE, IN

Third Place: 0xCH 5 C'S SON OF K-OS SONNY (SS20988304, GSH/M, by 5C'S EM'S RAGIN PRINCESS - 5C'S OLIVIA'S ROWDY K-OS) EDWARD JOBST,INDIANAPOLIS, IN

GVCC June Trial - 6/22/2025 Field A

June 22, 2025 - WAVERLY, IN

Judges:JEFF CAGLE / KEN MCNABB

First Place: 2xCH MULBERRY'S SMOKIN RICKY RICKY (1704669, ES/M, by - TOMOKA'S SMOKIN BOMB) PETE ZELDENRUST,WHEATFIELD, INDIANA

Second Place: 3xCH TOMOKA'S SMOKIN HUNTER SPEC (F1682466, ES/M, by TOMOKA'S SMOKIN X-RATED - TOMOKA'S SMOKIN BIGRED) LARRY ANDERSON, JR.,GEORGETOWN, OH

Third Place: 6xCH KONIGS BROCKWAY SINSY SINSY (SS03063902, GSH/F, by SHOOTING STARR'S TINKER BELL - RUCK'S BROCKWAY MAD DASH) TOM ROTUNDO,OKEANA, OH

GVCC June Trial - 6/22/2025 Field B

June 22, 2025 - WAVERLY, IN

Judges:EDWARD JOBST / ALEXUS MOORE

First Place: 0xCH MOORES EASTBOUND GUNSLINGING CALIFORNIA KID PANCHO (SS40931005, GSH/M, by - TC'S GET LUCKY LOU) ALEXUS MOORE,SHERIDAN, IN

Second Place: 2xCH MULBERRY'S SMOKIN RICKY RICKY (1704669, ES/M, by - TOMOKA'S SMOKIN BOMB) PETE ZELDENRUST,WHEATFIELD, INDIANA

Third Place: 0xCH PIGEON RIVER TONY TONY (1697639, EP/M, by - CROSSWIND JIM) HAROLD SMITH,HUDSON, IN

GVCC June Trial - 6/22/2025 Field B

June 22, 2025 - WAVERLY, IN

Judges:EDWARD JOBST / ALEXUS MOORE

First Place: 0xCH PIGEON RIVER TONY TONY (1697639, EP/M, by - CROSSWIND JIM) HAROLD SMITH,HUDSON, IN

Second Place: 0xCH BB TOP GUN MAVERICK MAVERICK (1706714, EP/M, by - CROSSWIND JIM) BRIAN BOALS,CORBIN, KY

Third Place: 0xCH STRANGE BREW BREW (F1723094, ES/F, by -) BRIAN BOALS,CORBIN, KY

Region: MN

Mobridge Trial - 6/28/2025 Field A

June 28, 2025 - MOBRIDGE, SD

Judges:LOGAN WICKENHEISER / ADAM PAINE

First Place: 0xCH L'N L SINFAD'S COPPER SAGE (1682663, EP/M, by SINFAD'S DIRTY NELLIE - STEPHENS BRIGHT COPPER) THOMAS DAFNIS,MOBRIDGE, SD

Second Place: 0xCH MK'S DOUBLE R SADIE SADIE (F1714224, EP/F, by DOUBLE R LIZ - TWIN RIVER JETSON) MARK KOHLBERG,ST. LOUIS, MO

Third Place: 0xCH WINDY SAGE UNBRIDLED SPIRIT DERBY (1700985, PUD/F, by -) SARAH BULLOCK,PINE BLUFF, WY

Mobridge Trial - 6/28/2025 Field A

June 28, 2025 - MOBRIDGE, SD

Judges:LOGAN WICKENHEISER / ADAM PAINE

First Place: 1xCH WINDY SAGE HIGH ROLLER RIKKO (1680203, PUD/M, by -) SARAH BULLOCK,PINE BLUFF, WY

Second Place: 6xCH COUNTRY LANE JACKSON JACK (1660576, ES/M, by MILRUN SALLEY - SECOND CHANCE SCOOPY) ELDEN MILLER,WILLISTON, ND

Third Place: 0xCH L'N L SINFAD'S COPPER SAGE (1682663, EP/M, by SINFAD'S DIRTY NELLIE - STEPHENS BRIGHT COPPER) THOMAS DAFNIS,MOBRIDGE, SD

Mobridge Trial - 6/28/2025 Field B

June 28, 2025 - MOBRIDGE, SD

Judges:DAVE WICKENHEISER / CAMERON COLE

First Place: 0xCH CROSSWIND COPPERHEAD ROAD COPPERHEAD (SS42791101, EP/M, by - CROSSWIND JIM) CHAD NORPEL,WILLISTON, ND

Second Place: 0xCH L'N L SINFAD'S COPPER SAGE (1682663, EP/M, by SINFAD'S DIRTY NELLIE - STEPHENS BRIGHT COPPER) THOMAS DAFNIS,MOBRIDGE, SD

Third Place: 0xCH WICK'S MEDORA MEDORA (SS27879102, GSH/F, by - WICKS WILD GOOSE CHASE) JOHN WICKENHEISER,KINDRED, ND

Mobridge Trial - 6/28/2025 Field B

June 28, 2025 - MOBRIDGE, SD

Judges:DAVE WICKENHEISER / CAMERON COLE

First Place: 0xCH GOODALL'S MAGNUM VELOCITY CRICKET (SS40540304, BR/F,

by THE HIGH VELOCITY DIAMOND - JUST CALL ME BOONE'S SHADOW) KRISTY GOODALL,DICKINSON, ND

Second Place: 3xCH BILL'S BOY BROCK BROCK (1686843, ES/M, by R'N'R HOTSHOT PEPPER - PHIPP'S LINKING THE PAST) BILL SUMPTER,PROLE, IA

Third Place: 1xCH FORTS LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE GENIE (1704923, ES/F, by PHIPPS SUMMER SPECIAL - TOMOKA'S SMOKIN BOMB) BILL SUMPTER,PROLE, IA

Mobridge Trial - 6/29/2025 Field A

June 29, 2025 - MOBRIDGE, SD

Judges:JOHN WICKENHEISER / JEAN STEINER

First Place: 0xCH CROSSWIND COPPERHEAD ROAD COPPERHEAD (SS42791101, EP/M, by - CROSSWIND JIM) CHAD NORPEL,WILLISTON, ND

Second Place: 0xCH TKO SINFAD'S TOUCH OF CLASS YAHTZEE (SS42255103, GSH/F, by -) THOMAS DAFNIS,MOBRIDGE, SD

Third Place: 0xCH MK'S DOUBLE R SADIE SADIE (F1714224, EP/F, by DOUBLE R LIZ - TWIN RIVER JETSON) MARK KOHLBERG,ST. LOUIS, MO

Mobridge Trial - 6/29/2025 Field A

June 29, 2025 - MOBRIDGE, SD

Judges:JOHN WICKENHEISER / JEAN STEINER

First Place: 2xCH HELM'S ANNIE ANNIE (1699136, ES/F, by RESA'S MOHAWK'S JILL - POWER'S EASY MONEY) KYLE HELMSTADTER,WILLISTON, ND

Second Place: 5xCH KODA BEAR RUSTY'S BULLET KODA (SS01010701, BR/F, by GOODALL'S FIRST BULLET - FOOTLUCE LOUIE LITTLE PANTS) TODD HENDRIX,ARLINGTON, NE

Third Place: 0xCH LONG HOLLOW'S MONTANA SKY SKY (1703280, ES/F, by -) KYLE HELMSTADTER,WILLISTON, ND

Mobridge Trial - 6/29/2025 Field B

June 29, 2025 - MOBRIDGE, SD

Judges:LOGAN WICKENHEISER / ELDEN MILLER

First Place: 0xCH NOSE UPYER KILT FERGUS FERGUS (1699689, ES/M, by SKEDADDLE SMOKIN SKIPPER - SKEDADDLE'S KINGPIN) CAMERON COLE,NEWELL, SD

Second Place: 0xCH CYA-TO-MORROW'S DRAMA DRAMA (SS42227504, GWH/F, by -) SHANE TOINTON,ORONOCO, MN

Third Place: 0xCH L'N L SINFAD'S COPPER SAGE (1682663, EP/M, by SINFAD'S DIRTY NELLIE - STEPHENS BRIGHT COPPER) THOMAS DAFNIS,MOBRIDGE, SD

Mobridge Trial - 6/29/2025 Field B

June 29, 2025 - MOBRIDGE, SD

Judges:LOGAN WICKENHEISER / ELDEN MILLER

First Place: 0xCH NOSE UPYER KILT FERGUS FERGUS (1699689, ES/M, by SKEDADDLE SMOKIN SKIPPER - SKEDADDLE'S KINGPIN) CAMERON COLE,NEWELL, SD

Second Place: 3xCH BILL'S BOY BROCK BROCK (1686843, ES/M, by R'N'R HOTSHOT PEPPER - PHIPP'S LINKING THE PAST) BILL SUMPTER,PROLE, IA

Third Place: 2xCH HELM'S ANNIE ANNIE (1699136, ES/F, by RESA'S MOHAWK'S JILL - POWER'S EASY MONEY) KYLE HELMSTADTER,WILLISTON, ND

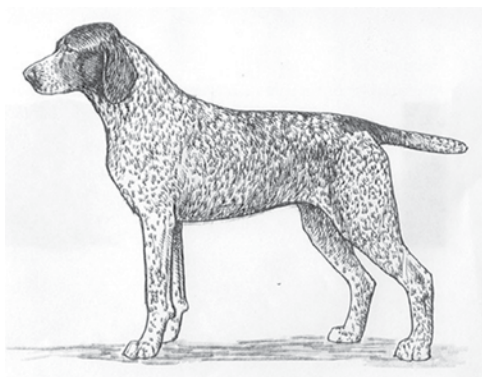


MEET THE GUN DOGS PART 4

Gun dogs or bird dogs are types of hunting dogs developed to assist hunters in finding and retrieving game. The term hunting dog is broad and includes all breeds and skills of hunting canines, but "gun dogs" refers to canines that are trained to work alongside a loud firearm while hunting or retrieving game.

The UKC offers registration for dogs divided into 8 Groups. One of these is the Gun Dog Group. In Vol 234 and Vol 235 we visited some of these breeds to become more acquainted with them. The UKC registers 63 breeds in the Gun Dog Group. In this issue we will continue exploring "Gun Dog" breeds. FYI, "Braque" means pointing dogs in French.

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Braque Francais de Grande Taille

Gun Dog Group

The goals and purposes of this breed standard include: to furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world; and to act as a guide for judges.

Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on

the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

History

There are two types of French Pointing Dogs: the large size, which are known as the Gascogne type; and the smaller size, which are known as the Pyrenean type. The Braque Francais, De Grande Taille is a large sized Gascogne type breed, originally from the Southwest of France and the Central Pyrenees.

The Braque Francais De Grande Taille was recognized by the United Kennel Club in 2006.

General Appearance

A Braque type pointing dog of medium proportions and noble appearance, powerful, strong and robust but not overly heavy. The females are finer. The skin is supple and loose.

Head

Substantial, but not too heavy.

SKULL

Almost flat or very slightly rounded, with a slight median furrow. No prominence of occiput. The stop is moderate.

MUZZLE

Somewhat shorter than the skull. Broad and rectangular, sometimes convex in profile. The topline of the skull and muzzle are slightly divergent. The lips are pendant.

TEETH

The Braque Francais, De Grande Taille has a complete set of evenly spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors or level bite.

Disqualifications: Overshot or undershot bite.

NOSE

Broad, brown in color, with well opened nostrils.

Disqualification: Split nose. Pronounced lack of pigment on the nose.

EYES

Deeply set and well opened, with a frank expression. Chestnut brown or dark yellow in color.

Disqualifications: Entropion, ectropion, or pink spots on the eyelids.

EARS

Medium length, set at eye level, and not too broad at the base. Slightly folded, and rounded at the tips. Must reach to the rear edge of the nose leather.

Neck

Of good length and slightly arched. There is always a slight dewlap.

Forequarters

The shoulders are very muscular, and moderately oblique. The upper arm is strong and well muscled.

FORELEGS

Long, straight and vertical.

Body

The chest is broad and deep to the elbow. The ribs are well rounded. The back is strong and straight, sometimes a bit long, but always well supported. The loin is short, muscular and slightly arched. The croup is slightly oblique. The belly is flat with only slight tuck up.

Hindquarters

Very straight and vertical, with fleshy, muscular thighs. The hocks are moderately angulated and the rear pasterns are short.

Feet

Nearly round with tight, well arched toes. The nails are strong and the pads are thick and fleshy.

Tail

Set off the natural line of the croup. Generally docked, but a natural tail or a natural bob are not a fault.

Disqualification: Complete absence of a tail.

Coat

Rather thick and well furnished, finer on the head and ears.

Color

Chestnut brown, either solid or mixed with

white. With or without ticking or roaning or tan markings.

Height

Height at the withers for males is 23 inches to 27 inches. For females, it is 22 inches to 26.5 inches. Preferred size is 24-25 inches.

Disqualifications

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism.

Overshot or undershot bite.

Split nose.

Pronounced lack of pigment on the nose.

Entropion, ectropion, or pink spots on the eyelids.

Complete absence of a tail.

The docking of tails and cropping of ears in America is legal and remains a personal choice. However, as an international registry, the United Kennel Club is aware that the practices of cropping and docking have been forbidden in some countries. In light of these developments, the United Kennel Club feels that no dog in any UKC event, including conformation, shall be penalized for a full tail or natural ears.

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welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

HISTORY

There are two types of French Pointing Dogs: the large size, which are known as the Gascogne type; and the smaller size, which are known as the Pyrenean type. The Braque Francais, De Petite Taille is a small sized Pyrenean type breed, originally from the South West of France and the Central Pyrenees. The Braque Francais De Petite Taille was recognized by the United Kennel Club in 2006.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

A Braque type pointing dog of medium proportions and noble appearance, not heavy but sufficiently muscled. The females are finer. The skin is tighter than on the Gascogne type.

HEAD Substantial, but not too heavy.

SKULL - Almost flat or very slightly rounded, with a slight median furrow. No prominence of occiput. The stop is moderate.

MUZZLE - Somewhat shorter than the skull. Broad and rectangular, sometimes convex in profile. The topline of the skull and muzzle are slightly divergent. The lips are less pendant than on the Gascogne type.

TEETH - The Braque Francais De Petite Taille has a complete set of evenly spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors or level bite.

Disqualifications: Overshot or undershot bite.

NOSE - Broad, brown in color, with well opened nostrils. Disqualification: Split nose. Pronounced lack of pigment on the nose.

EYES - Deeply set and well opened, with a frank expression. Chestnut brown or dark yellow in color. Disqualifications: Entropion, ectropion, or pink spots on the eyelids.

EARS - Medium length, set on above the eye line, and not too broad at the base. Barely folded and rounded at the tips. Must end one inch short of the nose leather.

NECK

Of good length and slightly arched. There may be a slight dewlap.

FOREQUARTERS

The shoulders are muscular and moderately oblique. The upper arm is strong and well muscled. **FORELEGS** - Long, straight, and

vertical.

BODY

The chest is broad and deep to the elbow. The ribs are well rounded. The back is strong and straight, sometimes a bit long but always well supported. The loin is short, muscular and slightly arched. The croup is slightly oblique. The belly is flat with more tuck up than the Gascogne type.

HINDQUARTERS

Very straight and vertical, with fleshy, muscular thighs. The hocks are moderately angulated, and the rear pasterns are short.

FEET

Nearly round with tight, well arched toes. The nails are strong, and the pads are thick and fleshy.

TAIL

Set off the natural line of the croup. Docked or natural or a natural bob. Disqualification: Complete absence of a tail.

COAT

Fine, and short.

COLOR

Chestnut brown, either solid or mixed with white. With or without ticking or roaning or tan markings.

HEIGHT

Height at the withers for males is 18.5 inches to 23 inches. For females, it is 18.5 inches to 22 inches. Preferred size is 19.5-21.5 inches.

DISQUALIFICATIONS (A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.) Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid. Viciousness or extreme shyness. Albinism. Split nose. Pronounced lack of pigment on the nose. Overshot or undershot bite. Entropion, ectropion, or pink spots on the eyelids. Complete absence of a tail.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!!

- 1. Where did you hear about NSTRA/what was the appeal of NSTRA for you?**
- 2. What breed of dog will you be trialing/what is your background with bird dogs?**
- 3. Will your family be a part of the association/attending trials with you?**
- 4. Anything else you would like to include?**

Austin Coalson

- 1. I heard about NSTRA from my father who used to take us to trials back in the early 2000s when we lived in Colorado*
- 2. I own two german shorthair pointers who have been my introduction to the pointing breeds, previously I hunted behind labs.*
- 3. My wife and our first expected little boy will absolutely be joining in the fun as soon as he is old enough to tag along.*
- 4. Looking forward to soaking up as much training knowledge as possible while giving my hounds a chance to compete and do more of what they love year round.*



Robert Fletcher

1. *From members of my local bird dog club, CFFT @ Lake Wales, FL*
2. *GSP (is there any other?)*
3. *Both boys off @ college and will join when they are home (seldom as they have other priorities right now)*
4. *I enjoy more than a day working my dog, whether it's a training day or wild bird hunting*



Jeff Nelson

1. *Known about it for for years, just didn't have time to get involved. Mostly through hunting contacts.*
2. *2 German Shorthaired Pointers*
3. *My Wife, she takes the pictures*
4. *Recently moved to Georgia. Looking forward to getting involved with the dogs and meeting like minded hunters.*

Rebecca Walseman

1. *I heard about NSTRA when looking for competition/training to help with training/conditioning of my puppy but unfortunately was too far away. We had a dairy farm and the closest chapter was states away. When we sold the dairy and hit the road with our dog. I looked up NSTRA and chose a region that we would be close to and were interested in exploring. I contacted the chapter, they were wonderful. They said hey we are having a trial at this location, come on out and check it out. My husband and I spent the weekend meeting new people, being shown the ropes and it actually felt like we were instantly welcomed into a large family. Late that weekend I joined NSTRA, sent in my dogs' info and we are set to start with a judging seminar followed by an amateur only trial the following day. Wish us luck.*
2. *Our dog is a four year old Brittany.*
3. *I am hoping my husband will be involved.*
4. *My boys are all out of the house, we have 2 in the Navy and the other is in welding school, but they all loved to help train her. They all were my shooters. They will all want to hear about our adventures.*

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Double R Streak
Brandon Ralston - IL
Year Inducted 2022



Eagle Becky
Bill Hickey - Rocky Mountain
Inducted in 2023.
Owned and Handled by Bill Hickey.

Becky was a 13x Champion with 3 Regional Championships, won a National Championship and placed in the top 4 of 3 National Championships. Submitted by Marilyn Cunningham



Skipper's Bandit
Shaun Rydl - Midwest
Inducted in 2023.

Skipper's Bandit passed away in February 2023 at the age of 16 ½ years old. He was one of the best wild bird dogs and companions you could ask for. He spent his retirement running loose at Buzzard Roost kennels keeping an eye on his offspring. Bandit was a 10x Nstra champion owned by Shaun Rydl. He was purchased from Ed Murdock in the spring of 2010 as a "dog that wasn't going to make a field trial dog" and ran until his retirement in the fall of 2016 at the Purina Endurance trial, he took a qualifying placement and made the final 16 cut of that trial. Bandit was out of Hall of Fame parents Angie's Dogwood Skipper and Glover's Nikki, quite possibly one of the best Nstra litters to hit the ground, 5x Treasure State Tiger Woods, #x Nikki's Skippin Rox' 5x Nikki's Skippin Newt and 7x Glover's Reco. Bandit placed in the top 8 of many national trials, 5th a couple of times before he finally got his first final four, a third at the 2013 UKC Performance trial and a fourth at the 2015 DOY. He was 3rd in the 2014 High Performance standings and was in the top ten in 2013. Bandit won the Midwest regional championship trials in both 2011 and 2014 always



Rucks Brockway Mad Dash
Tom Rotundo - OH
Year Inducted 2022



Tomokas Smokin Gun
Greg Wood/Jimmy Kirkman - KY
Year Inducted 2022



Last Dance Lily
Tom Rotundo - Ohio
Inducted in 2023.

Owned and Handled by Tom Rotundo.
 Last Dance Lily in a 15x Champion.
 Submitted by John Gillespie



running national championship caliber bracemates and handlers. He finished with 16 HOF qualification points. His field trial career was cut short in the spring of 2015 when he was hit by a car and underwent surgery that included plates and screws in his left rear leg. He was able to come back and score 14 additional championship points after the accident. He was known at the trials for his high headed pretty points and his hard hitting backs. He had a knack for knowing if he needed another bird or whether to follow his bracemate for a back. Probably his biggest accomplishment is what he has given back to the sport through his offspring.



Sterndog Norton's Salty Jean's Bean
Geoff Sterner - Lone Star Texas
Inducted in 2024



Ragin Cajun Zeus
Wayne Fishburn - Indiana
Inducted in 2024. Ragin Cajun Zeus Owned and Handled by Wayne Fishburn. Zeus had many accomplishments during his lifetime including, 2014 Indiana Regional Champion, 2015 Purina Endurance - 3rd Place, 2015 Dog of the Year - 3rd Place, 2015 Top Performance - 4th Place, 2016 Top Performance - 4th Place, 17X Champion Submitted by Tom Rotundo

Owned and handled by Geoff Sterner. Beans accomplishments are as follows: 2018 Purina Performance Award Winner 2018 UKC Performance Classic 3rd Runner-Up 2015 Quail Invitational 1st Runner-Up 13X NSTRA Champion 3X regional champion (Lonestar 2016, 2018, 2020) Bean was also Lonestar region High Point winner in 2019 and 2021. Submitted by Tad Brown



Crosswind Mirco Chip
Scott Townsend - Michigan
Inducted in 2024.

"Chip" was owned and run by Scott Townsend. He was whelped on 8/27/2009, his dam is Ricadea Reba's Mac and his sire is Crosswind Truckin Fritz (HOF). Chip was a force to be reckoned with, and if it wasn't for a career ending injury - I know he would have accomplished more. His record speaks for itself, but what makes Chip stand out is his lasting legacy. His direct offspring have gone on to win: 5 NSTRA National Championships, numerous National Top 4 Finishes, Regional Championship Winners &

Runner-ups, and countless NSTRA Champions. Continuing his legacy are his grand progeny with, 1 National Championship, 2 Amateur National Champions, National Top 4 finishes and NSTRA Champions. It is rare for a dog to not only have a successful career, but to produce dogs that can win at a National level as well. Chip will be one of those dogs whose name will be forever recognized on a pedigree. If you ever got the chance to see Chip run, you could see the heart he had along with the intelligence it takes to win. I got to spend a lot of time with Chip, he really was humanlike. He welcomed everyone that came to Crosswind Kennel, only if they were willing to pet him - nonstop! Chip made an impact to a lot of people by producing dogs that touched their lives. He will always hold a special place in our hearts. Submitted by Kara Laraway

NSTRA Hall of Fame

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Nominations are accepted from November 1 through March 31 of each year. Each nomination is scored according to the current point system and the two top scoring dogs are chosen from among the nominations for the award. To qualify for the NSTRA Hall of Fame, a dog must accumulate 13 points through any combination of the following:

National Trial Win 8 points

National Final Four (2-4) 5 points

Top Performance Win 6 points

*Top Performance Final Four (2-4) 5 points
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