

#### A POSTSCRIPT

**B**ACK in the spring of 2012 the NBHA wrote a letter and submitted a grant application to the AFTCA 20th Century Fund in behalf of Camp Robinson. The 20th Century Fund graciously included Camp Robinson in the grant approvals this year. It was mentioned to the AFTCA if in fact they approved this that the NBHA would reciprocate in an equal donation. We're not sure if our request had any contributing factor for the 20th Century Fund but the Arkansas Fish & Game Commission received funding from not only the 20th Century Fund but also from the NBHA and Arkansas Amateur Field Trial Association to enhance the courses. This was a great help to get some clearing done that was long overdue.

On Friday at lunch break between the second and third braces of the second series Roger Martin was presented a check in the amount of \$1,500 and an embroidered "Stone Creek" jacket in appreciation of the many years for the help he and his team have helped at the facilities and also kept our customary date for our National Championships the second week in March. Their efforts should not go unrecognized. Camp Robinson is a great facility and a true asset to ALL of the field trial community.

We had a brief scare in the sixth brace of the Derby. Bracemates took a hard left when the course went to the right. Scouts were dispatched. A few moments later a horse was charging across the field without rider or saddle. Team Minard's scout (Neal Minard) was missing. Riders were off with a big scare. Neal was quickly seen walking back with saddle in hand. Fortunately on his abrupt dismount to catch the dog he fell on a soft muddy ground. The cinch strap broke when the horse spooked. We were all thankful he was just a little sore and spirits were a little dampened.

Also in one of the shooting dog braces handler had asked for the tracker. Ronnie Miller was dispatched to gather up Jimfork's Jackson. A short time later another scout had to be sent out to gather up Ronnie's horse that left him with the dog.

Oh and we can't forget about Travis Wheat turning into the shooting range and getting his truck and trailer stuck around 9:00 p. m. Yes he called the trial chairman (me) to pull him out. So much for the early bedtime. I didn't want to get stuck also so I contacted Oscar Whitt and he was kind enough to loan me his two-horse trailer to get the horses and dogs to camp. I loaned him my truck and sent him on his way for the night. The next

day Steve Schiber and Mike Sandifer went to finish the job getting his truck and trailer. Steve noticed he didn't have the 4-wheel drive hubs locked in. Travis drove the truck out. I think it was just an Aggie moment for poor Travis.

We have to compliment all the NBHA sponsors. Purina steps up to the plate for the NBHA every year. A quick poll at this event we found a large (almost all) of the NBHA participants do support their fine products. Tri-Tronics is another great NBHA sponsor donating not only product to this event but to all our championships. Garmin also this year offered us some help with product purchases for even more prizes to the winners. We were able to acquire the new "Alpha" unit for the runner-up. Christie Enterprises helped us too with a new Trooper Saddle for the champion. Gun Dog Supply also donated their gift certificates for participants. Our hats go off to ALL of the NBHA sponsors and a very grateful "Thank You" goes out to each and every one of them. Stone Creek Hound and Hunting Supplies were also gracious to offer us discounts for the judges' event jackets. Initial Design Embroidery from Wisconsin did all of our event embroidery.

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## NBHA Northeast Regional Open Shooting Dog Championship

By GREG BLAIR

**T**HERE is a saying in Wisconsin that if you do not like the weather just wait an hour and it will change. Well, we have been waiting for months and finally got a nice reprieve. The snow and ice stopped, somewhat warmer weather finally came and dried up the grounds. Thank you Mother Nature! The 2013 NBHA Northeast Regional Championship was held April 4-7 at the Pine Island Wildlife Area near Portage, Wis. These are some nice, relatively flat grounds with sufficient water and the opportunity to really show a dog.

The host of this Championship is the Twelve O'Clock Field Trial Club. We would like to thank our national sponsors Purina, Tri-Tronics, Christie Enterprises, Gun Dog Supply and Gun Dog Central. Without their support our trials would not be as successful as they have been . . . thank you!

The Twelve O'Clock FTC has also secured Trophy Athletic, a Milwaukee, Wis., business, to provide our awards at a substantially discounted rate. They have been a loyal supplier for years and we are grateful to have them aboard.

This year we were proud to have secured two well respected and successful judges for our NBHA Championship. Blake Kukar of Dancyville, Tenn., has campaigned champions in the all-age arena: Ch. Shadow's Tennessee Kate, Ch. Survivor's Little Bill, Ch. Ard Righ Justina, to name a few. If it is out at his place in ND/SD or in western Tennessee, Blake is a hardworking amateur that knows what it takes to be a bird dog first and a champion as well. Our other judge was Rod Lein. Rod is also an amateur who has produced winners and champions in his own right. Rod has won from the woods to the barrens. His Ch. Elec-

tric Belle won the Region 19 Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship, run on the Namekagon Barrens, and his Ch. Beaver Creek Lucy took the runner-up title. Thank you Blake and Rod for your time and watchful eyes on our dogs! It was very unfortunate that Blake experienced a terrible bout with the flu for the entire week. We would have loved to spend more time with him, but I am sure he was happy to get home and spend a few nights in his own bed.

The Championship drew 30 shooting dogs from Iowa, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin. The accompanying Derby drew 22 dogs with a total of 14 different handlers. We cannot thank the owners and handlers enough for entering their dogs. We always look forward to opening our arms to new handlers and this week's efforts went a long way in accomplishing this.



**NBHA National Open Derby Winners. Front (l-r): Ken Tolbert with Cracker Jack A, Oscar Whitt with White Liar and Ken Sauer with K C's Shamrock. Standing: Judge Fred Smith, Mr. Charles Aston, Judge Dickie Sorrell, Nancy McQuary, Melissa Sauer and Ronnie Miller.**

Conditions had changed somewhat after the lunch break. It was warmer no doubt. Whip scored the first find of this brace at 41 just over the mountain back in a stand of brush to the right. Whip had another stand at 46 but Minard was unable to produce a bird. Maddie had a stand at 53 but Oscar was unable to produce the bird. Maddie somewhat lost her punch and was collared. Whip had another stand at 54, another unproduc-

ive. Minard was informed that Whip's performance wasn't moving any previous contenders. At 59 the judges also informed Oscar that Maddie was not really in contention.

This event was concluded when the winners were named. Erin's Sweet Alabama (Polly) was named National Open Champion, and Sand Mountain Sprit (Mariah) earned runner-up. Both dogs have had successful year(s) in the



**NBHA National Open Puppy Winners. Front (l-r): Bruce Minard with Hifive's Syka, Bobby Taylor with Taylor's Anewone and Larry Carpenter with Foggy Bottom Peaches. Standing: Jenny Minard, Neal Minard, Jerry Snow, Mildred Taylor, Mike Otinger, Glenn Cumbie, Kenny Snow, Judge Ronnie Miller and Brett Francis.**

NBHA. Polly had just won the ABH. Open National Championship the week before in Waco, Tex. If you happen to meet Mike Sandifer of Lexington, Tex. (owner-handler), Oscar Whitt of Attalla, Ala., (Mike Otinger, owner from Alabama) congratulate these fine individuals for their effort and their dogs' accomplishments.

**Camp Robinson, Ark., March 5 — One Course**  
**Judges: Fred Smith and Dickie Sorrell**  
**NBHA NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**[One-Hour Qualifying Series; 90-Minute Finals] — 25 Pointers and 5 Setters**

**Winner—ERIN'S SWEET ALABAMA, 1615748, pointer female, by Game Time C—Kraftsman's Frankie. Mike Sandifer, owner and handler.**  
**Runner-Up—SAND MOUNTAIN SPRIT, 1601277, pointer female, by Attitude's High Finance—Pinehill Elhew Joy. Mike Otinger, owner; Oscar Whitt, handler.**

### OPEN DERBY

The eighteen Derby prospects that are to become shooting dogs next season showed great potential. Not all were able to have bird contact but all possessed the range and speed that will be required to advance to the next level in their careers.

In the first brace Cracker Jack A, owned by Mr. Charles Aston of Gallatin, Tenn., and handled by Ken Tolbert, took first place honors. Second was White Liar, owned by Marty Robinson of Waco, Ga., and handled by Oscar Whitt, running in the third brace. Third place was awarded to K C's Shamrock, owned and handled by Ken Sauer.

### NBHA OPEN DERBY — 12 Pointers and 6 Setters

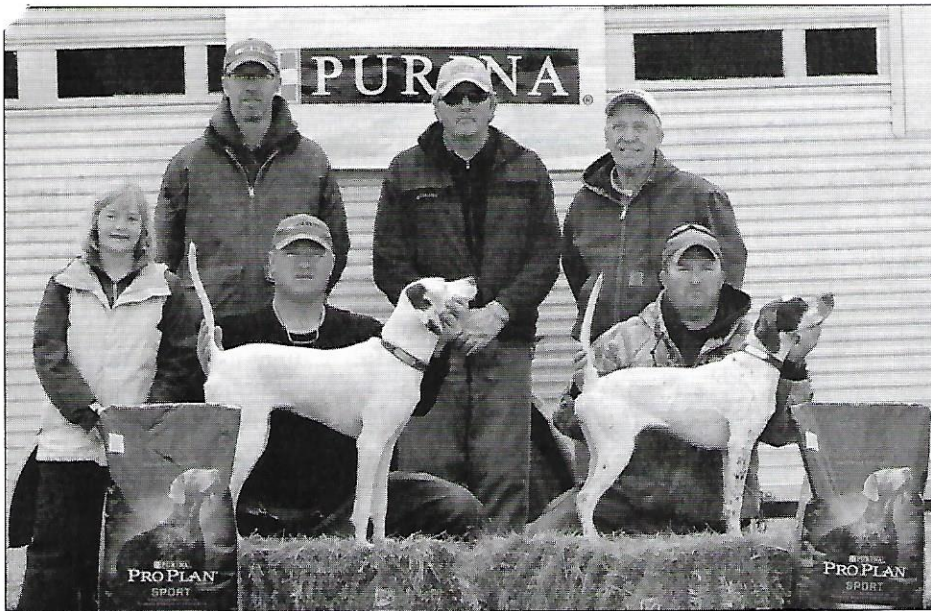
- 1st—CRACKER JACK A, 1630425, pointer male, by Eboga Cracker Jack—Hot Pepper Pearl. Charles Aston, owner; Ken Tolbert, handler.
- 2d—WHITE LIAR, 1647034, pointer male, by Attitude's High Finance—Miss Fibber McGee. Maryt Robinson, owner; Oscar Whitt, handler.
- 3d—K C'S SHAMROCK, 1647841, pointer male, by Erin's Stoney River—Erin's Little Fibber. Ken Sauer, owner and handler.

### OPEN PUPPY

The Open Puppy drew fourteen dogs. We really saw some spirited dogs. All possessed fast ground speed with plenty of range. I'm sure we'll see all of them as Derbies in the upcoming fall season. First place was awarded to a nice young dog from "Team Minard", Hifive's Syka (pronounced Suka), owned by Hifive Kennels and handled by Bruce Minard. Second place was bestowed to Taylor's Anewone that showed a snappy ground race. Placed third was Foggy Bottom Peaches, owned by Joe Zimmer; Larry Carpenter ran this fine setter.

**Judges: Ronnie Miller and Steve Schiber**  
**NBHA OPEN PUPPY — 5 Pointers and 9 Setters**

- 1st—HIFIVE'S SYKA, 1644367, pointer female, by Dateline Black List—Hifive's Wrangler. Doug Bauman, owner; Bruce Minard, handler.
- 2d—TAYLOR'S ANEWONE, 1646422, setter male, by Kozican's Six Pop Gun—Taylor's Swift Shakota. Bobby Taylor, owner and handler.
- 3d—FOGGY BOTTOM PEACHES, 1645720, setter male, by Shadow Oak Bo—Carpenter's Last Jett. Joe Zimmer, owner; Larry Carpenter, handler.



**Championship Winners.** Front (l-r): Reagan Moisson, Dale Creek Chelsea with Mike Duvall and Crow Creek Sugarbaby with Buck Daniels. Behind: Judge Greg Blair, Judge Rod Lein and Ken Black.

Judges Lein and Kukar named Crow Creek Sugarbaby, two-year-old pointer female, as this year's champion. She is owned by Illini Ken Black, bred by Jim and Fran Brown and her early development was under the whistle of trainer Buck Daniels. Sugar ran in the fourth brace on the first day, which proved to be a tough day for the dogs. Only Sugar and one other dog, Romeo's Attitude (Waite), had multiple bird contacts on this day due to very dry conditions. Sugar had finds at 35 and 52 and handled them with adult-like manners. Her fast and fancy style coupled with her strong finish and ease of handling really set her apart from the other competitors, and kept you watching for the entire 60 minutes.

Pointer female Dale Creek Chelsea was named runner-up for owner-handler Mike Duvall of Janesville, Wis. Chelsea ran on the second day in the brace just before lunch and had finds at 30, 36 and 47. In the eyes of the judges, what set Chelsea apart from the other dogs was her large cast through the horseshoe field and her ability to push to the front into the wind. At the end of that cast is where she secured her third and final find. After a lengthy walk Duvall flushed, all was in order and she was sent on to finish strong.

Saturday dawned with the three final braces left to run. Due to his terrible illness, Blake Kukar was unable to complete the judging assignment. The reporter completed the stake in his place. On that morning prior to the start Kukar and Lein had their top two dogs selected and no other dogs came close to replac-

ing Sugar or Chelsea from their respective positions.

The judges felt that others in consideration for the Championship were: Daniels Dixie Chick (Daniels), Romeo's Attitude (Waite) and Otis My Man (Zimmerman). Otis may have knocked them both off their spots if it wasn't for the unfortunate bird mishap near 55.

**Portage, Wis., April 3 — One Course**  
**Judges: Greg Blair, Blake Kukar and Rod Lein**  
**NBHA NORTHEAST REGIONAL OPEN**  
**SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**[One-Hour Heats] — 30 Entries**  
**Winner—CROW CREEK SUGARBABY,**  
 1625643, pointer female, by Elhew Sinbad—  
 Zumbro Gi Gi. Ken Black & Frances Brown,  
 owners; Ken Black, handler.

**Runner-Up—DALE CREEK CHELSEA,**  
 1566444, pointer female, by Klosters Super  
 Bullet—Dale Creek Maggie. Mike Duvall,  
 owner and handler.

#### OPEN DERBY

The accompanying Derby drew nearly twice as many entries as last year.

First place went to Winkleman's Little Sugar (Mike Duvall), pointer female with three finds and a wide reaching race. Second was awarded to Zansett Simply Red (Waite), red setter male with three finds handled with adult-like manners and a strong finish. Rounding out the placements was Dale Creek Mickey Finn (Waite), setter male that also finished well, accentuating his broke find.

Several Derbies showed great potential but these three stood above the others.

Again we would like to thank all the owners and handlers who came and put their dogs on the ground. We appreciate them all. It would not be appropriate to close this article without thanking the many Twelve O'clock Field Trial Club members who took on responsibilities throughout the entire week. We could never have pulled this off without all your help. Thank you and we look forward to opening our arms again next year!

**Judges: Bill Borchardt and Rod Lein**  
**NBHA OPEN DERBY — 22 Entries**  
 1st—WINKELMAN'S LITTLE SUGAR,  
 1630957, pointer female, by Winkleman's  
 Rebel Yell—Cranie's Pepper Dot. Joe &  
 Mike Duvall, owners; Mike Duvall, handler.  
 2d—ZANSETT SIMPLY RED, 1643777, Irish  
 setter male, by Kevin's Kosmo Kramer—  
 Lucille O'Ryan. Stan Zdanczewicz, owner;  
 Tom Waite, handler.  
 3d—DALE CREEK MICKEY FINN, 1643322,  
 setter male, by Abbylane Redd—Abbeybreeze  
 Pearl. David Mathews, owner; Tom Waite,  
 handler.



**Open Derby Winners.** Front (l-r): Winkleman's Little Sugar with Mike Duvall, Zansett Simply Red with Tom Waite and Dale Creek Mickey Finn with Dave Hourihan. Standing: Greg Blair, and Judges Rod Lein and Bill Borchardt.