



Open Shooting Dog Winners. From front left: Backcountry Sid the Kid with Al McKinney, Flushing Whip Roger Ramjet with Al Fazenbaker and Backcountry Bella with Chris Catanzarite. Standing: Ed Bartlett, Bill Augenbaugh, Debra Fazenbaker and Judge Mark Hill.

Greensburg Trials

By MIKE HUSENITS

THE Greensburg Pointer and Setter Club held its annual fall field trial September 8 near Rochester, Pa., on grounds owned by the Beaver Valley Pointer and Setter Club. A change of venue was necessitated by the fact that the usual Greensburg grounds near Blairsville, Pa., are not currently usable due to drastic mowing policy changes instituted by the Pennsylvania Game Commission the past two years — a most unfortunate happening for all field trialers since the Blairsville grounds are among the best available on the Ohio-Pennsylvania circuit.

The club received a gratifying entry of 30 dogs in the four advertised walking stakes. The horseback handling stakes were canceled due to lack of entries.

Active club members on hand to help and ensure a successful running included President Mike Husenits, trial Chairman Chris Catanzarite, Secretary K. R. Graham, Tom Mains and Dick Krieger. Also assisting in any way possible was veteran Al McKinney who provided his quad for bird planting.

Tom Mains, Dave Park and Al McKinney handled the bird planting and K. R. Graham and Dick Krieger manned the kitchen, keeping everyone well fed.

Visitors and participants included Al and Deb Fazenbaker, Chris and Anita Howerton, Kevin and Shelly Klein, Norm Meeder, Brian Ralph, Dave Park, Craig Hazelett, Joe Kusmierczyk, Al McKinney and Bill Augenbaugh.

Nestlé Purina continued their program of notable support to field trials with much appreciated product distributed to the winners. Thank you Pat Lamantia, Bob West and the entire Purina staff.

After an unusually hot week, a cold front moved through on Friday bringing cooler temperatures and much needed rain to the region. By noon on Saturday the rain stopped, allowing for an enjoyable afternoon for running bird dogs.

The club appreciates the time and effort put forth by our team of judges.

Local German Shorthair enthusiast Mark Hill was in the saddle all day for every stake. Mark teamed with Al McKinney for the Puppy Stake, Dave Park for the Derby and Open Shooting Dog and your scribe for the Amateur stake.

The program kicked off with the Open Walking Puppy, which was won by Backcountry Penny. A close second was Good Luck Charlie. The littermates sailed through the country with a stylish way of going and were ever mindful of their handlers. Penny had the slight edge in overall range and forwardness.

First in the Open Walking Derby went to Backcountry Polly on the strength of a far-flung forward ground heat combined with above average fall Derby bird work. Natural Redline was second with a stylish race, not quite as forward as the winner's but well sustained from start to finish. Red pointed with high rigid style and demonstrated acceptable Derby manners. Backcountry Penny, still of puppy age, ran a classy race at medium to wide range and pointed her birds in a stylish manner with solid intensity to earn her spot in the winners' circle.

Seemingly, birds were everywhere for the Shooting Dog Stakes as each and every winner came up with multiple well handled finds. First in the Open was Backcountry Sid the Kid, a first year shooting dog that ran the course to the limits and handled game with all the style and manners one could ever expect. Roger Ramjet was braced with the first place dog and matched the winner on bird-finding and handling but was not



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners. From front left: Mains Gypsy with Tom Mains and the Mains boys, So What with Al McKinney and Little Miss Behaven with Dave Park. Standing: Judge Mike Husenits, Chris Catanzarite, Shelly Klein and Judge Mark Hill.



Open Derby Winners. From front left: Backcountry Polly with Chris Catanzarite, Natural Redline with Bill Augenbaugh and Backcountry Penny with Al McKinney. Standing: Judge Mark Hill and Debra Fazebaker.

quite as wide in overall ground coverage. Backcountry Bella, littermate to the first place dog, was third with a stylish forward ground heat and polished bird work, a little shorter in range overall.

Mains Gypsy took first in the Amateur Walking Shooting Dog with a classy forward ground heat, three stylish finds and two backs. Gypsy maintained contact

with her handler and made her way to all the likely objectives, sustaining her pace from start to finish. So What was second on the merits of a forward workmanlike ground heat, three mannerly finds, a stop to flush and an unproductive. Little Miss Behaven won third with a forward race, somewhat in and out patterned, and three mannerly finds, Misty moving slightly

on one find but steadfast for the shot.

Rochester, Pa., September 8 — One Course

Judges: Mark Hill and Al McKinney

OPEN PUPPY — 4 Pointers

- 1st—BACKCOUNTRY PENNY, 1629922, female, by Mac's Silver Dollar—Backcountry Dolly. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.
- 2d—GOOD LUCK CHARLIE, 1643208, female, by Mac's Silver Dollar—Backcountry Dolly. Dave Park, owner and handler.

Judges: Mark Hill and Dave Park

OPEN DERBY — 5 Pointers

and 1 Irish Setter

- 1st—BACKCOUNTRY POLLY, 1629923, pointer female, by Mac's Silver Dollar—Backcountry Dolly. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.
- 2d—NATURAL REDLINE, 1627460, Irish setter female, by Justified—Solitaire. William Augenbaugh, owner and handler.
- 3d—BACKCOUNTRY PENNY, 1629922, pointer female, by Mac's Silver Dollar—Backcountry Dolly. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 6 Pointers, 1 Setter and 3 Irish Setters

- 1st—BACKCOUNTRY SID THE KID, 1622094, pointer male, by Serious Threat—Mackenzie. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.
- 2d—FLUSHING WHIP ROGER RAMJET, 1595852, Irish setter male, by Breakstone—Flushing Whip Flash Edition. R. A. Fazebaker, owner and handler.
- 3d—BACKCOUNTRY BELLA, 1622118, pointer female, by Serious Threat—Mackenzie. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

Judges: Mark Hill and Mike Husenits

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG — 8 Pointers and 2 Setters

- 1st—MAINS GYPSY, 1581122, pointer female, by Elhew Fibber McGee—Hampshire's Bella. T. M. Mains, owner and handler.
- 2d—SO WHAT, 1592616, pointer female, by Calico's Thrillology—Blackhill's Gabie. Allen McKinney, owner and handler.
- 3d—LITTLE MISS BEHAVIN, 1593401, pointer female, by Thunder Rolls—Wind Dancers Galeforce. Dave Park, owner and handler.

Flashback...

Turning back the clock 47 years to the fall of 1965, Baldwinsville, N. Y., and the ninth running of the National Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship which drew 42 pointers, 12 setters and 2 Brittans. Posing the winner at left is Don D. Coursey with Rip of Harwood; Dr. Alvin H. Nitchman shows the runner-up, Strawberry Fly. Standing, from left: Henry P. Davis, who judged; Mary Coursey, Harold S. Crane, judge; Ticky Hare, Matilda Nitchman, and Dr. James Hare, who owned the winner. Other handlers at the trial included: Arthur Bean, Carl Beattie, Carl Barkley, Bill Conlin, David Grubb, Harvey Jordan, Everett L. Kirk, Mike Seminare, and Luther Smith, and amateurs John Asfeld, John Evans, Allen Bartholomew, Richard C. Shear, and Robert G. Wehle.

