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## Indiantown Gap Trials

By ERNIE SANIGA

**T**HE Indiantown Gap Club ran its annual spring trial April 10-15 at the Keystone Bird Dog Trust grounds near Petersburg, Pa. Purina supported the trial and has our thanks.

The trial was run by Merv Eisenhart, chairman since 1991. He is helped mostly by Art Hower, Greg Strausbaugh and Keith Thomas. We also thank Bob Reed for driving the dog wagon.

Mary Tracy runs the kitchen which is open from lunch through dinner, the dinners provided by Wayne and Gail Stover, R. B. and Brigit Powell, Greg Stausbaugh and Barb Wharton, and Karen Saniga.

Judges for the Open Shooting Dog Classic were men who have judged major stakes here before: George Habecker and Dave Hughes. Many champions were handled by them and our other judges.

The Open Derby was judged by Roger Boser and Joe McHugh. The Amateur Shooting Dog Stake had Merv Eisenhart and George Tracy in the saddles, while Joe and Jeanette Tracy judged the Amateur Derby.

Not being present during the stake I relied instead on a post announcement interview with the judges for their report of the running.

### THE WINNERS AND OTHERS

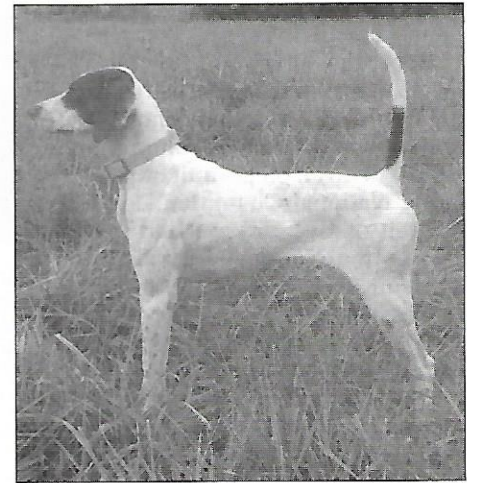
Judges Habecker and Hughes concurred. "This was a good stake. We picked three dogs that ran with intelligence. All three were classy running and straight up on point, and all used the wind right. There wasn't any scouting to round them up either.

"Our Big Bully ran around noon when the wind was really blowing. There was not much bird work before he ran or

after he ran but he had a bunch — seven is our count. Erin's Boxcar Willie had five finds on a better day for finding birds. Sukara's Come Home Jessie had a very good day, too. Jessie had eight finds, pretty much a race and bird work that were flawless.

"We had many good dogs in this trial but the closest to the winners was the setter Octavio. He ran with intelligence and style. We had him down for four finds."

High Drive Rocky had five finds and finished. Richfield Finnegan was up with a mistake. Land Cruiser Scout was lost at 31. Wildflower did not finish; neither dog had game. Sugarknoll Snow



### CHISLED IN STONE

First in the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake

Warning was lost at 16. Chisled In Stone had two finds and finished.

Our Big Bully was paired with Mt. View Decision Maker. Bully had seven finds. Decision Maker had two. Both dogs finished.

Panther Creek Snapshot had a back and then a mistake. Great River Ice had four finds and finished. Enhancement Tess backed Great River Class' one find.

Richfield Silver Belle had an unproductive and was lost. Grand Heritage Motion tallied three finds and then was lost. Buffalo Bull had an unproductive and then a find with a mistake at 43. Gladiator's Golden Nuggett moved on the back at 43.

The Thrill Is Back had three finds and an unproductive. Avalon Creek had a back and then an absence. Maple Valley Cowgirl had a find and then a long absence. Great River Razor had a back and then was up. Calico's Dyno Mite racked up five finds and finished. Bracemate White Spider erred early.



**TRIPLE G DOMINATOR'S GIRL**  
Second in the Keystone Open Derby  
Classic

Big'N'Rich also had five finds and finished, while High Drive Windstorm was up at the half. Moonlight Magic had a find and then was lost. Erin's Boxcar Willie notched five finds and finished.

Enhancement Trey scored four finds and a back, while Sugarknoll War Paint had two finds. Both finished.

Calico's Catch N Release had a find and then two unproductives. Written In Stone made a mistake and his bid ended.

Misty Acres Abby had a find but did not finish. Octavio had four finds and finished. Great River Dominator had three finds and an unproductive. Heritage had four finds. Both finished.



**DOMINATOR'S LEGACY**  
First in the Keystone Open Derby Classic

classy, forward races and intense work on game, Legacy with three finds, Girl with two. Two good dogs out of an especially good litter. Third was Easy Motion, good on the ground, too, but rougher. He had two nice finds and an unproductive.

**Judges: Roger W. Boser and Joe McHugh**  
**KEYSTONE OPEN DERBY CLASSIC —**  
**15 Pointers and 2 Setters**

- 1st—DOMINATOR'S LEGACY, 1624151, pointer male, by Great River Dominator—Ladywood's Pippi. Dillon Shaffer & Ted & Joan Foust, owners; Jeanette Tracy, handler.
- 2d—TRIPLE G DOMINATOR'S GIRL, 1624485, pointer female, by Great River Dominator—Ladywood's Pippi. Bill & Cathy Guffey, owners; Jeanette Tracy, handler.
- 3d—EASY MOTION, 1628888, pointer male, by Heritage—Great River Queen. Art Hower, Jr., owner; Mike Tracy, handler.

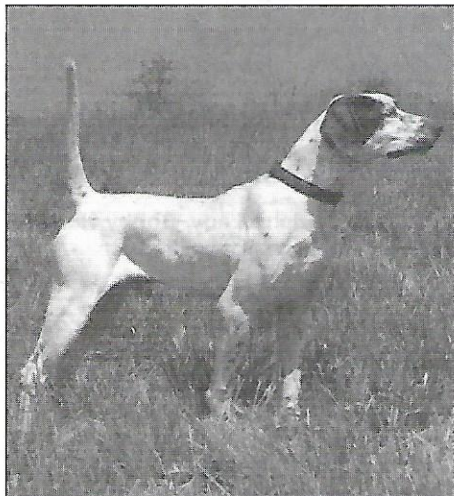
**AMATEUR STAKES**

The winner of the 27-dog Amateur Shooting Dog Stake was Joe McHugh's Chisled In Stone in Jeanette Tracy's string. She had a big, fast, swinging race, never off an objective, and scored three

times, all with style and perfect manners. Her finish was over a mountain. Gun Runners Ruby Jet won second for Stephen Boyer. She, too, was all class and had a great race with three pretty finds and a pair of backs. Annabull won third with a three-find, one back and one unproductive effort.

Patty Maier made her handling debut in style with Keith Thomas scouting. Her little setter Scuba made its presence known along with a bunch of others.

Roger Boser won the Amateur Derby with Rendition which had a bright, smooth and ranging race with three perfectly handled finds. Serious Investment was the third place winner in the United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity with six finds in his hour and a half at Hoffman! He is a son of one of the great bird-finders, the recently retired Ch. Serious Threat. Investment had a strong effort on the ground and two sharp finds. Covey Up Nate, a winning Derby from Jeanette's string of big winning littermates, was third with a dug-up find and a fast classy race.



**OUR BIG BULLY**  
First in the Keystone Open Shooting Dog Classic

Waiting Til Midnight had a find and then suffered a pair of unproductives. Sukara's Come Home Jessie had eight finds, finished and earned third.

The Lobbyist had a back then was up. Enhancement Alice June had one find and an unproductive and was up as well. Erin's War Creek was down with Klee's Handsome Hank which had an unproductive. Both dogs were up at 30. R J's Carbon Copy had two finds and a back. Klee's Shooting Star tallied one find. Both dogs were up early. Dominator's Legacy had a find and was up at 30.

**Petersburg, Pa., April 10**

**Judges: George Habecker and Dave Hughes**  
**KEYSTONE OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC**  
**[One-Hour Heats] — 37 Pointers and 6 Setters**

- 1st—OUR BIG BULLY, 1595545, pointer male, by Bulltown—Impressive Lady Sue. Ernie & Karen Saniga, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.
- 2d—ERIN'S BOXCAR WILLIE, 1596400, pointer male, by Erin's Tin Soldier—Twin Lakes Savannah. Greg Strausbaugh & Charles Gatuso, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.
- 3d—SUKARA'S COME HOME JESSIE, 1585576, setter female, by High Mark—Sandland Bell. Ted & Joan Foust, owners; Jeanette Tracy, handler.

**KEYSTONE OPEN DERBY CLASSIC**

Jeanette Tracy handled pointer littermates Dominator's Legacy and Triple G Dominator's Girl, which won the blue and red ribbons, respectively. Each had



**ERIN'S BOXCAR WILLIE**  
Second in the Keystone Open Shooting Dog Classic



**RENDITION**  
First in the Amateur Derby

**Judges: Mervin Eisenhart and George Tracy**  
**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG — 21 Pointers,**  
**3 Setters and 3 Irish Setters**

- 1st—CHISLED IN STONE, 1621999, pointer female, by Stone Free—Enhancement Tess. Joe McHugh, owner and handler.
- 2d—GUN RUNNERS RUBY JET, 1619794, pointer female, by Covey Up Johnny—Maple Valley Starlight. Stephen Boyer, owner and handler.
- 3d—ANNABULL, 1595568, pointer female, by Bulltown—Impressive Lady Sue. Ernie & Karen Saniga, owners; Ernie Saniga, handler.

**Judges: Joe McHugh and Jeanette Tracy**  
**AMATEUR DERBY — 6 Pointers**  
**and 1 Irish Setter**

- 1st—RENDITION, 1627352, Irish setter male, by Touchstone—Solitaire. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.
- 2d—SERIOUS INVESTMENT, 1628790, pointer male, by Serious Threat—Mackenzie. Greg Strausbaugh, owner and handler.
- 3d—COVEY UP NATE, 1623692, pointer male, by Great River Dominator—Ladywood's Pippi. Keith Thomas, owner and handler.