

Open Shooting Dog Winners. From left: Rocky Point Lilly with Doug McMillen, Backcountry Bella with Chris Catanzarite and Timberdoodle Hobo with Dave Blakley.



Open Puppy Winners. From left: Montana Soo with Gary Dowdy, Montana Rod Too with Nick Mellon and Marshall Tucker with Dave Honhold.

Greensburg Pointer and Setter Club

By MIKE HUSENITS

THE annual spring field trial sponsored by the Greensburg Pointer and Setter Club was a highly competitive and successful event the weekend of April 27-28 at the Beaver Valley Pointer and Setter Club grounds near Rochester, Pa. The club drew a fine entry of 62 dogs in a combination of U. S. Complete walking stakes and Open horseback stakes.

Weather conditions were ideal on Saturday with sunshine and cool temperatures; Sunday was the same most of the day before heavy cloud cover arrived.

Trial Chairman Chris Catanzarite handled the pre-trial arrangements and was on site from start to finish. K. R. Graham, Dick Krieger, Dr. Tom Mains and Jennifer Mains all contributed to the well-managed operation. K. R. and Dick handled the kitchen chores and the Mains family seeded the course with birds. The two young Mains boys rode the four-wheeler with their Dad, offering wise advice as to where birds should be released. Thanks to Chris and Anita Howerton for furnishing the winners' photos.

Purina and Pat Lamantia helped sponsor the event and provided plenty of high quality products for the winners as well as hats for most attendees.

The Greensburg Club is rich in history, organized in 1955 by Ken B. Graham, Wake Murray, Bill Pyle, Bap Coquilliard, Lee Harold, Dick Weinschenker and John Taylor. During the 1960s and '70s Pennsylvania farm land produced pheasants by the thousands and bird hunters galore. The club membership swelled and events would see 100 to 150 attendees on a regular basis. Today the pheasants are gone and a handful of faithful members carry on.

Mike Husenits is club president. K. R. Graham is secretary/treasurer. Chris

Catanzarite is trial chairman and Dr. Tom Mains and Dick Krieger serve as committee members.

For over five decades Greensburg held field trials at the Conemaugh River Dam basin near Blairsville, Pa., but had to seek new grounds in 2009 due to severe reductions in mowing and maintenance by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, which has complete control of the federally owned Conemaugh River basin acreage. Fortunately, Beaver Valley owns their grounds and due to the hospitality of Al McKinney and club members they not only make it possible to hold trials but are enthusiastic hosts, welcoming all participants with open arms.

These so-called weekend trials are important. They serve as the foundation and springboard for many newcomers to bigger and better things. Most dogs competing at higher levels got their start at weekend events.

The judging team consisted of several veteran bird dog men. Gary Pritts did yeoman's service and was in the saddle two extra long days, judging all seven stakes. The club appreciated his expertise and attentiveness. Al McKinney is always willing to help out, new hip and all. Your reporter pitched in to judge one stake. Mark Hill handled the Amateur walking stakes and the Open Shooting Dog with Gary. Al Fazenbaker rode for the horseback Derby.

Thanks to all for a job well done.

THE WINNERS

Saturday started early with the Open Walking Puppy. Two promising pointer pups owned and handled by Gary Dowdy dominated the stake. Montana Soo took first and Montana Rod Too took second by impressing the judges with extreme wide range efforts, show-

ing a willingness to handle and swing to the front, Soo just a bit wider. Third went to Marshall Tucker, pointer male that demonstrated promise with an industrious forward race with plenty of eye appeal.

Chris Catanzarite won first and second in the Open Walking Derby with Backcountry Polly and Backcountry Tornado, respectively. Both are fast and a pleasure to watch as they tear through the country with a most stylish way of going. Polly had three mannerly finds and a back to take the blue. Tornado had two finds and a fast paced race, not quite as forward as the winner. Third went to Natural Redline, red setter that hunted forward with a workmanlike effort, a dead bird find and two others where Red demonstrated advanced manners and extreme pointing style.

The Open Walking Shooting Dog winner was Rocky Point Lilly, classy moving setter female handled by Doug McMillen that hunted every jump from start to finish, pointing with rock solid intensity and 12 o'clock style on multiple well handled finds. Second went to Backcountry Bella on the merits of a well applied ground effort and multiple stylish and mannerly finds. Timberdoodle Hobo, a lightly marked setter male, took third with dug up bird work he handled in expert fashion but fell just a little short on overall range.

The Amateur Walking Shooting Dog had Little Miss Behavin, pointer female owned and handled by Dave Park, taking the blue ribbon with a forward far reaching ground race and perfect manners on her birds. A close second was Hilo Sugar Tin, pointer female owned and handled by Chris Howerton, with a stylish snappy race and statuesque intensity on birds.



Open Derby Winners. From left: Backcountry Polly with Dave Park, Backcountry Tornado with Chris Catanzarite and Natural Redline with Bill Augenbaugh. Standing is Mike Husenits.

The Amateur Walking Derby blue ribbon went to Hilo Southern Tea, pointer female owned and handled by Chris Howerton, on the merits of an attractive ground effort combined with acceptable Derby manners on game. Hombre, pointer male owned and handled by Tom DeRosa, placed second with a smooth well handled race and solid bird work.

The Open (horseback) Shooting Dog Stake is named in honor of Hall of Fame member and Pittsburgh native Herbert H. Cahoon. Herb attended and reported field trials for over 50 years, helped organize several clubs and contributed colorful writings about bygone dogs and personalities in *The American Field* journal. Herb had a penchant for stirring up friendly controversy and did so always with a smile.

Marty Wohlgamuth brought his pointer male Creekside Willie over from Ohio to take the blue ribbon by virtue of an outstanding show of forward reaching ground work, style and polished bird work. His bracemate, Spitfire's Auggie Dog, pointer male owned and handled by Jeff Phelps, took second with a very wide race where he demonstrated fine handling response on the turns and nailed his birds with pin-point accuracy and sky-kissing style. Third went to Backcountry Hoss, pointer male owned and handled by Chris Catanzarite to a forward ground race that wasn't quite as wide as the higher placed dogs. His extreme style on point with up-lifted head and tail draws attention as he stands birds with nary a letdown.

The Open (horseback) Derby is named in honor of another Western Pennsylvania great, Henry Caruso, Sr.,

the Mt. Pleasant professional trainer who helped this reporter and several others get started in field trials back in the early 1960s. Henry solved many problems customers had with their dogs by devising a customized training plan for each individual trainee.

Chris Catanzarite dominated the stake with the same two pointer females that took first and second in the walking Derby. Backcountry Polly placed first and Backcountry Tornado, second. Both had fast stylish ground heats and superior bird work, Polly a bit more consistent. Lucy of Hunter Ridge was third on the merits of solid bird work but not quite as wide in range.

Rochester, Pa., April 27 — One Course

Judges: Al McKinney and Gary G. Pritts

OPEN PUPPY — 8 Pointers and 3 Setters

- 1st—MONTANA SOO, 1647446, pointer female, by Montana Bud—Montana Missy. Gary Dowdy, owner and handler.
- 2d—MONTANA ROD TOO, 1647560, pointer male, by Montana Bud—Montana Missy. Gary Dowdy, owner and handler.
- 3d—MARSHALL TUCKER, 1648838, pointer male, by The Lobbyist—Gailen's Silver Girl. Josh, Jeremy & Dave Honhold, owners; Dave Honhold, handler.

Judges: Mike Husenits and Gary G. Pritts

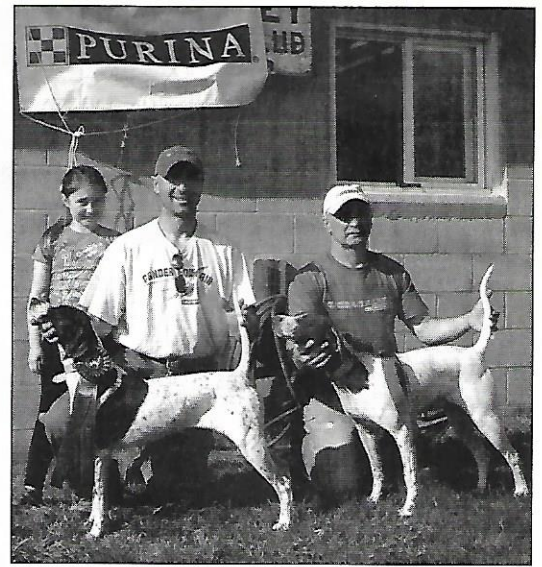
OPEN DERBY — 6 Pointers, 2 Setters and 1 Irish Setter

- 1st—BACKCOUNTRY POLLY, 1629923, pointer female, by Mac's Silver Dollar—Backcountry Dolly. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.
- 2d—BACKCOUNTRY TORNADO, 1629924, pointer female, by Mac's Silver Dollar—Backcountry Dolly. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.
- 3d—NATURAL REDLINE, 1627460, Irish setter female, by Justified—Solitaire. William Aughenbaugh, owner and handler.

Judges: Al McKinney and Gary G. Pritts

OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 6 Pointers and 4 Setters

- 1st—ROCKY POINT LILLY, 1609245, setter female, by Shady Hills Billy—Grouse River Princess. Steve Swauger, owner; Doug McMillen, handler.
- 2d—BACKCOUNTRY BELLA, 1622118, pointer female, by Serious Threat—Mackenzie. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners. From left: Little Miss Behavin with Dave Park and daughter and Hilo Sugar Tin with Chris Howerton.

- 3d—TIMBERDOODLE HOBO, 1622640, setter male, by Springfield's Orvis—Timberdoodle Ohso Bad. Dave Blakley, owner and handler.

Judges: Mark Hill and Gary G. Pritts

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG — 5 Pointers

- 1st—LITTLE MISS BEHAVIN, 1593401, female, by Thunder Rolls—Wind Dancers Galeforce. Dave Park, owner and handler.
- 2d—HILO SUGAR TIN, 1615257, female, by Erin's Tin Soldier—Snakefoot's Fearless Sugar. Chris Howerton, owner and handler.

AMATEUR DERBY — 4 Pointers and 1 Setter

- 1st—HILO SOUTHERN TEA, 1643402, pointer female, by Fire Field Hybrid—Crestline Sadie. Chris Howerton, owner and handler.
- 2d—HOMBRE, 1630038, pointer male, by Night Hawk—Shotgun Elhew Attitude. Tom DeRosa, owner and handler.

HERBERT H. CAHOON OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC — 9 Pointers, 3 Irish Setters and 1 German Shorthair

- 1st—CREEKSIDE WILLIE, 1619605, pointer male, by Weber's Little Bullet—Elhew Oconee Jill's Princess. Martin Wohlgamuth, owner and handler.
- 2d—SPITFIRE'S AUGGIE DOG, 1607381, pointer male, by Elhew Sinbad—Elhew Gracie. Jeff Phelps, owner and handler.
- 3d—BACKCOUNTRY HOSS, 1610435, pointer male, by C Tan's Scyther—Coal River Sky. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.

Judges: Al Fazenbaker and Gary G. Pritts

HENRY CARUSO OPEN DERBY — 6 Pointers, 1 Setter and 2 Vizslas

- 1st—BACKCOUNTRY POLLY, 1629923, pointer female, by Mac's Silver Dollar—Backcountry Dolly. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.
- 2d—BACKCOUNTRY TORNADO, 1629924, pointer female, by Mac's Silver Dollar—Backcountry Dolly. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.
- 3d—LUCY OF HUNTER RIDGE, 1646247, Vizsla female, by Tsavo's Mynameis Earl—Cleo of Hunter Ridge. T. L. Krajewski, owner; Jeff Phelps, handler.

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