



H. H. CAHOON OPEN SHOOTING DOG WINNERS

In foreground, from left: Whippoorwill's Rita with Leroy Cook; Bearcat with John Campoli and Whiterock S Cris with J. R. Williams. Standing: Dick Smith, Dr. Roger Boser and Susan Dzubinski.



AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG WINNERS

From left to right: Desperado, first, with Dr. Roger W. Boser; George Scagline, judge; N X S, second, with Bob Walters; Ken Davis, judge; and Global Assault, third, with Dick Smith.

Greensburg Trials

By MIKE HUSENITS

NOW in year No. 39 of operations, the Greensburg Pointer and Setter Club did themselves proud the weekend of April 9-10 by staging one of their most successful trials on record.

Weather conditions were tolerable on Saturday with cool, dry air and sunny skies. The winds blew ill on Sunday, temperatures falling into the 30s with rain, cold and generally miserable conditions.

K. B. Graham, Mr. Greensburg Pointer and Setter Club, did yeoman's service as field trial chairman, taking care of all the pre-trial arrangements, accepting entries, conducting the drawing and all the other necessary details.

Several club members were on the scene to lend a hand. The food and beverage crew consisted of Roy VonBriel, K. R. Graham, Rich English and Wayne Fullerton. Their efforts in the tiny kitchen area of the club-owned trailer kept all in attendance well fed and watered for sure. Club treasurer Bill Pyle took care of the bookkeeping. President Darren Hamm and Tony Demarino helped set up and dismantle the headquarters area. Ron Breckenridge, Jim Guy and John Campoli made sure the birds were planted properly, and also handled the marshalling duties.

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Additionally, a silver bowl is inscribed with the name of the dog chosen as "Best of Winners" of the entire trial. Since judges are sometimes not the same for all stakes, the chosen "best" is picked by general consensus of judges, reporter and club officials. This year's winner was Jackee, red setter female owned and handled by Dr. Roger Boser for her outstanding performance in winning both Derby stakes.

THE WINNERS

The first couple braces of the Open Derby offered little but fast running dogs in pursuit of strong flying quail. Then along came Jackee, fleet footed contender that literally tore the course apart with blazing speed, taking time out to point quail four times along the way. On each she demonstrated high intense pointing style and perfect manners at flush and shot on all but one find, then only slight movement. Mystic Rail's Sequel, second, had a rangy forward race and four good finds on quail. On two the classy female was steady to wing and shot, on the other two—just a couple of jumps. Upper Decker won third with a medium range ground race and two steady finds and a lone unproductive. Beyond the three placed dogs the judges had little to ponder.

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Jackee turned in a phenomenal Derby effort to take the top spot in the Amateur Derby. The fleet stylist was forever to the front and in all the right places. Jackee notched five letter perfect finds with nary a letdown at flush or shot. In the opinion of many, her effort was good enough to be a contender in titular competition. Upper Decker was second for owner/handler Bill Kimble with a forward medium range race, three steady finds with good style and two unproductives. Kaygee's Billie Jack took third with a strong race directed to likely objectives. Jack looked good on his first find, pointing with style and remaining planted for flush. On his second, the temptation was too much.

The Amateur Shooting Dog is always a hard fought battle. Dr. Boser made it four placements in a row with his red speed demon named Desperado, which wooed the judges with a masterful forward hunting effort and three finds. On each the big red stylist stood with high rigid intensity and letter perfect manners. N X S was a close second with a medium to wide range effort and three mannerly finds, the first coming at 10 on a big covey along treeline. His finish was strong and to the front—strength to spare. Global Assault took third with a smart ground effort and two finds, Assault standing both with bold stature and polished manners. Others turning in worthwhile efforts in the order of appearance. Bo with a pair of finds, Foxie with a wide race and three finds plus a back. Whippoor-

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Greensburg has utilized the federally owned, state of Pennsylvania-maintained grounds near Blairsville since 1955. This area offers an ideal testing site for the modern day shooting dog competitor. The nearly level course layout offers long straightaways with edges to test a dog's willingness to range, weedy thickets and wooded area with cover to test willingness to hunt and a few tight turns to test handling ability. Over the years, the record verifies that dogs which have won at Greensburg have gone on to win on the major shooting dog circuit, many in titular competition.

Judges for the Open stakes and Amateur Derby were Matt Mensch of Seven Valleys, Pa., and Bob Walters of Patriot, Ohio. Matt is a seasoned veteran of many judging assignments. Bob enjoyed considerable success on the circuit with his winning pointer named Black T Rex. These men carried out the prescribed duties with honesty and integrity, giving their undivided attention to each and every contestant and elevating those most deserving to the winners' circle. Ken Davis and George Scagline braved wicked weather elements on Sunday to scrutinize the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake. Both have been here before and did a great job in picking the winners.

A fine array of silver and gold plated rotating trophies are awarded to the winners. Each trophy is a tribute to dedicated past members of the field trial world. The Open Derby is named in memory of Henry Caruso, Sr. The Open Shooting Dog for the "Sage of Ben Avon", H. H. Cahoon. The Amateur Derby for Chuck Mullens and the Amateur Shooting Dog in memory of A. J. McMullen.

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The featured H. H. Cahoon Open Shooting Dog winner was Whippoorwill's Rita, class personified black marked pointer female co-owned by Dick Smith and Tom Moore, handled by Smith. Early on Rita showed fire and desire with a torrid pace that carried to the extremes. Once settled, Rita maintained a fine hunting effort, hitting all the objectives and handling nicely to the fore. Her bird work included four letter-perfect finds, one on a pile of feathers. Her finish was strong and out front. Bearcat, a red setter male owned and handled by Dr. Roger Boser, was second. His effort included a strong breakaway and cast to the right corfield bottom. Bear making the long swing and back in front at 10. A sky-kissing natural back was recorded at 12, then likewise perfect finds at 14 in island thicket, 20 and 24 in the big bottom. Bear was powerful and still willing to go at time. Whiterock S Cris, smooth-gaited setter female owned by J. R. Williams and Don Grubbs, handled by Henry Caruso, Jr., was third by virtue of a far-reaching forward race and three mannerly quail finds, the first at 11 on the backwoods favorite treeline, Cris found standing. The second contact came at 16 beyond pine thicket and the final at 25 in the finishing bottom.

Beyond the three named winners and in the order of running, these had impressive efforts. Jill, a pointer female with a steady forward race and good find. Pattie, a setter female handled by Kate Boulos, was most impressive with two limb finds at 12 and 24, plus a far-flung forward race. N X S and Bill, two liver marked pointers in the final brace, were to the front, N X S with two finds, Bill with three.

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Blairsville, Pa., April 9 — One Course

Judges: Matt Mensch and Bob Walters

OPEN DERBY — 8 Pointers, 2 Setters and 1 Irish Setter

- 1st—JACKIE, 1400976, Irish setter female, by Desperado—Pollywog, Dr. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.
- 2d—MYSTIC RAIL'S SEQUEL, 1383170, pointer female, by Foxfire's Joe—Mystic Rail, Bill Blank, owner and handler.
- 3d—UPPER DECKER, 1386457, pointer male, by Rail Dancer—Railette, Bill Kimble, owner and handler.

H. H. CAHOON OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 15 Pointers, 6 Setters and 2 Irish Setters

- 1st—WHIPPOORWILL'S RITA, 1311818, pointer female, by Whippoorwill's Rebel—Evolution's Kate, Tom Moore & Dick Smith, owners; Dick Smith, handler.
- 2d—BEARCAT, 1291796, Irish setter male, by Come Back Choo Choo—Sugar Plum Christmas, Dr. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.
- 3d—WHITEROCK S CRIS, 1262708, setter female, by Bannum—Whiterock Molly, Don Grubb & J. R. Williams, owners; Henry Caruso, handler.

AMATEUR DERBY — 8 Pointers, 1 Setter, 1 Irish Setter and 1 German Shorthair

- 1st—JACKIE, 1400976, Irish setter female, by Desperado—Pollywog, Dr. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.
- 2d—UPPER DECKER, 1386457, pointer male, by Rail Dancer—Railette, Bill Kimble, owner and handler.
- 3d—KAYGEE'S BILLIE JACK, 1405548, pointer male, by Kay Gee's Gambler—Sycamore's Miss World, K. B. Graham, owner; Jim Guy, handler.

Judges: Ken Davis and George Scagline

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG — 6 Pointers, 16 Setters, 2 Irish Setters and 1 German Shorthair

- 1st—DESPERADO, 1336808, Irish setter male, by Bearcat—Come Back Rosie, Dr. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.
- 2d—N X S, 1357637, pointer female, by Orange Road Salton—High Railley, Dick Smith & Tom Moore, owners; Dick Smith, handler.
- 3d—GLOBAL ASSAULT, 1357568, pointer male, by Orange Road Salton—High Railley, Dick Smith & Tom Moore, owners; Dick Smith, handler.