

Region 8 Amateur All-Age Championship

By MIKE GRIFFIN

WITH a fair entry we got started on a hot, dry, windy November day. In all the trials (Inola, Quail Futurity, Oklahoma Open Championship) here before this fixture, the winners were all placed on bird work. This stake was no exception. Bird work was not plentiful but we had enough to choose from.

Jim Michaletz's pointer Rebel's High Noon Drifter was down the first day in the wind and did a commendable job with good ground speed, wide swings and good ground coverage. He was rewarded with a find and relocation at 48 and finished strong to the front searching for more birds. A nice effort overall.

The weather changed the next day about 9:00 a. m. when a light cold rain started which we thought might change everything, but bird-finding was still tough. George Hill's pointer Purpleline Dan appeared the second afternoon. Last year's (2011) Purina Top Amateur Shooting Dog Award winner rendered a nice performance after the cold set in



PURPLELINE DAN
Runner-Up in the Region 8 Amateur All-Age Championship

and did a very good job. With some tough country ahead, Dan made some wide swings, always moving forward with very good rapport with his handler.

Dan was rewarded with a nice find at 40 and followed with a very good finish.

Several other dogs could have been considered if birds were available. Overall we had a good championship and everybody appeared happy with the results.

I want to express my gratitude to all who helped put on the trial — Tom and Linda Milam for helping with marshalling and everyone who helped with the lunches and such. Jim Michaletz marshalled; Glen Griffin drove the dog wagon. And all the handlers for bringing their dogs to the wonderful McFarlin-Ingersoll Ranch.

Special thanks to ranch owners Win and Kay Ingersoll, their ranch hands for all their help, and to Purina for all the support they provide.

Inola, Okla., November 8

Judges: Paul Holland and Dr. Robert Rankin

REGION 8 AMATEUR ALL-AGE

CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] —

18 Pointers, 4 Setters

and 1 Brittany

Winner—REBEL'S HIGH NOON DRIFTER, 1614747, pointer male, by Funseeker's Rebel—Rockin H Annie. Jim Michaletz, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—PURPLELINE DAN, 1588050, pointer male, by Rock Acre Blackhawk—High Heel Shoes. George Hill, owner and handler.

Mid-Carolina Field Trial Club

By BOB WHITE

WITH the unexpected low entries it was decided to start at 8:30 a. m. rather than the usual 8:00. However, that decision did not have to be made. As it turned out Mother Nature took care of that by bringing in fog. We ended up starting a little after 9:00.

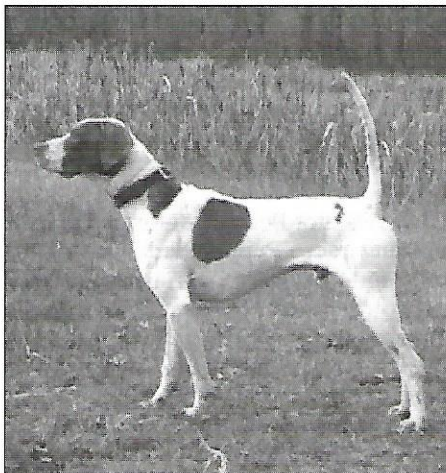
The drawing was held Wednesday evening at H. C. Robinson's Hard Times Café. As usual he had prepared a delicious meal which is always enjoyed by those who come along. We appreciate all those who did enter their dogs which although small was still enough to have a good day's running.

The club is blessed with having a number of willing workers who show up ready to help at the trial. A list of workers at the trial includes Marion Yarborough, Charles Young, Andy Denton, Lett Carroll and Ron Maxwell. They also helped to get the necessary preparations prior to the trial, purchased the food for the mid-morning break for lunch, had the fire started in the fireplace (that is BIG early in the a. m. while it is still cool), the coffee was ready along with some goodies to munch on with your coffee.

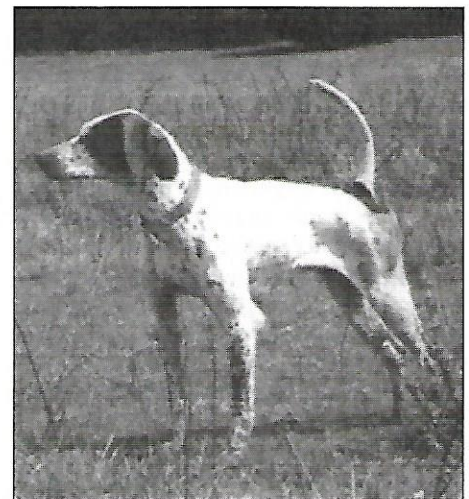
A special thanks to Marion's wife, who supplied brownies. They were a big hit and didn't last long. If you didn't get

one, too bad.

Gary Bradley did his usual chore of putting out the warning signs on the road. Unfortunately, it is beginning to look like they are widening Field Trial Road since a house builder seems to have designs to put up a number of houses across the road. Field Trial Road, which is at the entrance of the grounds, is currently a dirt road and maintained by Kershaw County and may well end up being paved. This smacks of the



ATTITUDE'S NIGHT HAWK
Third in the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake



HASTY'S HOT PEPPER
Second in the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake

Berea (Kentucky) grounds where automobiles from the houses built up the way race up and down with little regard for dogs or horses. Trial grounds are being closed in by "progress?"

Now back to the trial running.

THE WINNERS

The Derby had seven contenders. In the view of the judges, Quail Acres Rosebud had the highest potential as a shooting dog, to the front with speed most of the time with one or two delays coming forward. She looked animated on her race with a cracking tail and

UNITED STATES SHOOTING DOG INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

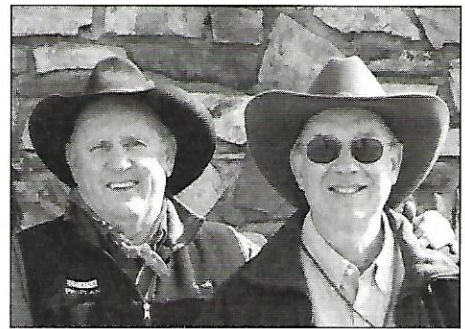
WELL-KNOWN professional handler Chuck Stretz of Blackwater, Mo., and respected amateur field trialer Dr. Richard Steckley of Wichita, Kan., will serve in the important judicial roles for the 2013 United States Shooting Dog Invitational Championship.

Mr. Stretz and Dr. Steckley, as handler and owner, are most familiar with the Invitational format as contenders and past winners in 2010 with pointer female Ninescah Nicole.

Peggy Herriage is also most familiar with the Invitational Championship. Her husband Jack Herriage is a regular contender and past winner as well. She will serve as the trial reporter.

Invitations are extended to the top Purina Top Shooting Dog points-earners from the previous field trial season. Confirmed participants are shown below.

The 2013 running will be held February 16-18 at the Camp Robinson WMA near Conway, Ark.



Chuck Stretz (left) and Dr. Richard Steckley.

Covey Rise's Offlee Amazin, pointer male; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler; Gary Hertz & Drs. Thomas & Robin Morgan, owners.

Our Big Bully, pointer male; Mike Tracy, handler; Ernie & Karen Saniga, owners.

Perkins Happy Tobe Here, pointer male; Stacy Perkins, handler; Patrick Mattingly, owner.

Great River Ice, pointer male; Mike Tracy, handler; Jack, Audrey & Brian Sanchez,

owners.

Calico's Catch N Release, pointer male; George Tracy, handler; Calico Kennels & Chris & Heather Palmer, owners.

Richfield Silver Belle, pointer female; Mike Tracy, handler; Bill & Claudia McNamee, owners.

Sugarknoll Snow Warning, pointer male; George Tracy, handler; Peter & Chris Del Collo, owners.

Dogwood Meg, pointer female; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler; Miles Watkins & Clay Nalley, owners.

Touch's Hard Times, pointer male; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler; John Roswech, owner.

Miller's Atomic Rain, pointer female; Shawn Kinkelaar, handler; Dr. Bob & B. J. Dowell, owners.

Heritage, pointer male; Mike Tracy, handler; Jack Sanchez & Tom Hance, owners.

Mid-Carolina Trials

pleasing gait. Both judges were hoping that she would point a bird and toward the end (at 25) she had a good find, spinning around and locking up beautifully. Great job.

Quail Acres Jake (littermate to Rose) had an exciting way of going with a great deal of speed, some nice casts but some were undone by his coming back. That was what separated the first and second place dogs. The races of the first two dogs were speedy with cracking tails and plenty of animation.

Third went to Nantucket, Irish setter owned and handled by Roger Boser, who is no stranger when it comes to the winners' circle. Nan's race was somewhat restricted in comparison to the first two, animated and responsive to Roger's commands. As is usual with Boser's charges she is a finished product when pointing, staunch and quiet on her stance. She had an unproductive and one nice find. All-in-all, the three are certainly potentially good shooting dogs.

This nice stake was judged by Charles Young and your scribe. Charles' qualifications are well known; mine not so much since I rarely judge, but have been trialing for 56 years.

These comments are from the judges of the Shooting Dog Stake. Breakstone, an Irish setter, set the standard in the first brace. Coming off a runner-up performance at the Region 3 Amateur Championship, it was as if he was still continuing his performance here. He was found on point at the ditch area after an extended absence but still within the



**BREAKSTONE
First in the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake**

parameters allowed. Lofty on his points while on point and the bird's flight, he is a picture to behold. He concluded his performance with a great back. The bird flushed right over his head and nary a move from him. He finished going away. Tough to beat that kind of performance in the first brace. You now were vying for second and third.

Hasty's Hot Pepper took second with a strong race. Pepper had two shared finds and a strong race. Easy going gait and spirited can best describe Pepper's performance. Third place went to Rowdy which had a fast snappy run. Unfortunately somewhere along during the brace he came up lame but carried on and finished the course, albeit slowed down. His find was at the end of the ditch area in the open and hardly crowding the birds. He looked good on this his

only find. Backing him from a distance was the second Irish setter in the stake, Justified. A scene that is always great to see and what helps make the sport of field trialing why it is so absorbing for those involved in it.

Our thanks to Tim Ruff for judging this stake along with Dr. Jo Denton. Both men are known for their qualifications as judges.

Although our entries were down, we had a great time watching some very fine dogs.

The club wants to thank all who came and ran their dogs. It is hoped that our spring trial will not have the conflict of championships as we encountered this time. Looking forward to seeing all our usual friends next time.

Once again I'll invoke a little "Southern" by a transplanted "Yankee." Y'all come back, hear.

**Cassatt, S. C., December 8 — One Course
Judges: Robert White and Charles K. Young
AMATEUR DERBY — 5 Pointers and
2 Irish Setters**

- 1st—QUAIL ACRES ROSEBUD, 1626700, pointer female, by Quickmarksman's Hard Terms—Palmetto's Mattie. A. D. Hurst, Jr., owner and handler.
- 2d—QUAIL ACRES JAKE, 1626668, pointer male, by Quickmarksman's Hard Terms—Palmetto's Mattie. A. D. Hurst, Jr., owner and handler.
- 3d—NANTUCKET, 1641135, Irish setter female, by Justified—Solitaire. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

**Judges: Dr. Jo Denton and Tim Ruff
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG —
7 Pointers, 1 Setter and 2 Irish Setters**

- 1st—BREAKSTONE, 1582163, Irish setter male, by Sharpton—Chantilly. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.
- 2d—HASTY'S HOT PEPPER, 1563284, pointer female, by Turbo—High Rocks Annie. Rick Hulse, owner and handler.
- 3d—ATTITUDE'S NIGHT HAWK, 1625261, pointer male, by Night Hawk—White Lollipop. Dennis Beauford, owner and handler.