

Jayhawk Open Shooting Dog Championship

Sammy Deduction Named Champion; Carol's Elhew Goldie is Runner-Up

By DOUG MEYER

THE 2012 edition of the Jayhawk Open Shooting Dog Championship was run under conditions that made pointing birds successfully a difficult proposition, but when the dust had cleared we had a worthy champion and runner-up.

As most are aware, the dry summer in much of the Midwest lasted well into the fall, making scenting quail for bird dogs sketchy. The Westfall Brothers ranch near Longton, Kan., was in fairly good shape with cover reasonable despite the drought and the pre-release program had good bird survival. Finding and pointing those birds though was the key. Windy dry conditions and warmer temperatures challenged the contestants throughout.

This was the first Jayhawk held since the passing of veteran professional Marvin McDowell and his presence was certainly missed. Marvin was the backbone of the Jayhawk, conducting the drawing on the grounds the night before and assuring everything ran smoothly.

Ivan Breckenridge and a cast of directors—Jerry Hailey, Drew Zink, Gordon Hazlewood and Harold Gearhart—have ably stepped up to fill the void left by Marvin; this Jayhawk renewal went off without a hitch. They were all working to keep things running smoothly, and water to the horses and food prepared in the evenings.

Buff Barber, as usual, drove the dog wagon and provided insight on the everyday happenings on the ranch and shared his knowledge of a good bird dog performance gleaned from his years of quail hunting.

Even though the Jayhawk ran with its usual good management and camaraderie, every day someone mentioned to me how much they missed the old Sergeant on the grounds. No doubt the Jayhawk will remain "Marvin's trial" for some time.

I spoke with Marvin's son Mike, who attended the inaugural running of the Marvin McDowell Derby during the Sunflower, and he was duly proud of his father's legacy in Kansas and with the Jayhawk Championship.

The usual three one-hour courses were utilized and provided good shooting dog objectives and plenty of room to roam for a dog applying himself and looking for birds. The ranch, consisting of some 10,000 acres of flint hill prairie, provides miles of great views of the surrounding countryside when the courses top the hills on their way to the

next draw. This is certainly a great place to run a shooting dog if that dog wants to go hunting and knows how to look for quail in this country.

Judges were Dr. Pat McInteer of Falls City, Neb., and Doug Meyer of Tonganoxie, Kan. Pat, a large and small animal veterinarian, is well known as the AFTCA Region 17 trustee, developer and handler of multiple champions with the Nemaha prefix and dogs that are enshrined in the Kansas Field Trial Hall

and gallery bundled against the conditions. Sammy nailed a covey at 10 along a flint hill draw. His bracemate came in and failed to properly acknowledge the stand and was picked up. As Hazlewood flushed, quail exited brambles directly in front of the dog and some scurried away behind the dog as well. All was in order and with the difficult conditions any find instantly made the dog a contender. Sammy didn't disappoint; his nice find coupled with a fine hour at shooting dog



Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners. In foreground, from left: Gary Young with Sammy Deduction and Virgil Moore with Carol's Elhew Goldie. Standing: Judge Pat McInteer, Jerry Hailey, Gordon Hazlewood, Jack Herriage, Judge Doug Meyer, Ivan Breckenridge and Drew Zink.

of Fame. Doug is a pharmacist by training and recently retired from employment with Novartis pharmaceuticals. He is currently president of the National Bird Hunters Association, Region 17 secretary and runs dogs in all levels of field trials from walking to all-age. Thanks to Buck Daniels for lending a horse when one of Doug's came up with a swelled tendon in his front leg.

THE WINNERS AND OTHERS

Sammy Deduction, pointer male in the ownership of Gary Young of Lawton, Okla., drew the first course in the 5th brace. Handler Gordon Hazlewood had Sammy directed to the front for the hour and going to birdy objectives throughout. His race was strong considering he was running the entire hour into a bracing north wind that had the judges

range into a tough wind sealed the deal.

Carol's Elhew Goldie, in the ownership of Texan Ed Beverley, drew the third hour on the morning of our second full day and ran a solid, reaching race throughout her hour. She had the wind at her back and made some big swings to take in lots of country with a stop at 43 where handler Jack Herriage elected not to flush. At time Goldie was gone with scout and handler out looking. At 1:08 point was called and a tough rocky horse ride to the top of a flint hill ensued. Goldie was pointed toward a low patch of briars and native grass in an open glade surrounded by oak trees. Scout Virgil Moore had been riding the fence-line looking and spotted her posed intently some distance on the other side of the fence. This covey was "pinned"

by the dog as it was several minutes before Herriage sent the birds airborne — a humdinger of a find to secure the runner-up spot.

Both Max Jack's Tot (Jack Herriage) and Cameo's Dixie Chick (Buck Daniels) pointed birds. Their races and application, while solid, had not been up to the standard of the winners.

In the 15th brace, Jamie Brightwell had White Feather running a big race requiring quite a bit of scouting to maintain the front. At 43 point was called in a dry creek bed directly on course as we made it down the rocky slope of a south facing flint hill on course No. 2. White Feather was facing a thicket looking intent as a strong south wind was blowing into his face. Brightwell could not get the birds up initially and tapped the dog to relocate. White Feather turned down the creek bed in a hurry and slammed on the brakes as a bird flushed 30 feet from his original stand. Considering the wind conditions and cover, this was acceptable work but the race had not been to the standard of others.

Tameron's Justice had a find for Harold Gearhardt at 4 but ultimately was lifted later in the brace when he wasn't handling the high wind. Owner Ivan Breckenridge was riding to watch his pointer male perform.

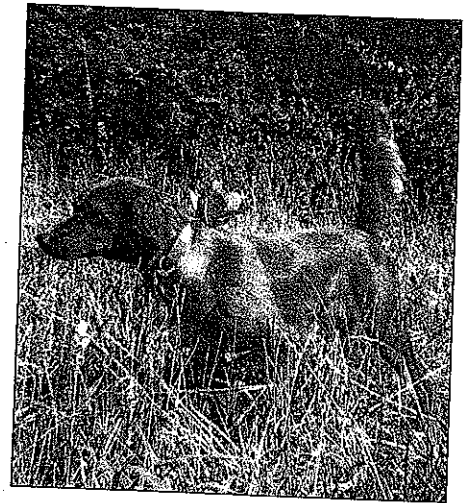
THE RUNNING

Daniels Creek Whitehawk (Daniels) ran a borderline all-age race without birds. He was braced with Gin Creek Onyx (Herriage) which also ran a big race without birds. Over Yonder Hank (Brightwell) required the tracker early. Broadway Bumblebee (Taylor) had a

great race with a stand at 8 where birds were not seen under judgment. Oklahoma Credit Card (Moore) was up after a couple of unproductives, the last in a plum thicket at 37. Hightail Cowboy (Hailey) required the tracker early.

San Jacinto Rex (Zink) required the tracker late in the hour. Stormin Steely Dan (Herriage) was scouted during a big race but had no birds. Broadway Hot failed to back her brace-mate and was up. Hazlewood lifted Bloomer's Elhew Luke for not listening. Spring Garden Gold drew some of our higher winds and was lifted by Gearhart. Wild Covey Coldfront was hitting a lick early but had a bobble on a covey at 20 to end his day. Pink Dawn (Zink) ran a lot early and later settled into a better hunting pattern but found no birds.

Prairieland Bo had a rabbit at 36 and was later lifted by Hailey. Otter Creek Hope (Herriage) ran a big fast race but found no birds. Rock'N'Roll Queen (Hazlewood) tried for nearly the hour before being picked up at 55. Bar P Hot-shot (Taylor) had a stop to flush at 15 and then left the scene to end his day. Blackhawk's Flight Risk (Gearhart) ran the hour without birds. Brown's Brute Justice (Daniels) was lost off breakaway. Borado Soldier was not suiting Hazlewood and was up. Max Jack's Tot (Herriage) had a find in hillside brush at 36 and a big finish but the rest of the race did not reach our winners. Cameo's Dixie Chick (Daniels) had a find in plum bushes, an unproductive at 56 and was lost at time. Max Jack's Butch ran all over and was picked up by Herriage past the halfway point. Our Gang Pete ran a wide race and Zink threw in the towel at



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the half.

Shortgrass Free Spirit ran a decent forward race but Taylor lifted her at 55. Southern Grace (Moore) had a rabbit in briars at 35, an unproductive at 54 near a covey caller and an overall strong race. Royal Rocks Mr. Thumper (Daniels) had a big race, backed his brace-mate but was gone at the end of the hour. Hailey's Another Dollar (Hailey) found an armadillo at 16 and later was picked up by handler. High Dollar Deduction had a decent race that ended with Hazlewood picking up at 54. Certified Sam ran a flowing shooting dog race with point called at 50 where Moore elected to pick up. This Way Joe (Hazlewood) had an incident with birds early and was off the ground. Dialing for Dollars (Brightwell) was involved with the same birds as This Way Joe and was also picked up. Ninnescah Captain (Zink) ran the hour without birds as owner Kevin Neeley rode to watch. Jayhawk (Hailey) ran a well applied hour but did not contact birds.

We had some good races that went unrewarded, including Broadway Bumblebee (Chuck Taylor), Otter Creek Hope (Jack Herriage), Southern Grace (Virgil Moore) and Jayhawk (Jerry Hailey).

Visitors included Mike McClanahan who came to ride a few braces and see his dogs that Jack Herriage runs. Kevin Neeley watched his young dog with Drew Zink, and Gary Young who missed Sammy Deduction's run but watched his other charge go.

We enjoyed grilled steaks one evening courtesy of Carol Fox, owner of last year's winner Fearless Little Bit, handled by Marvin McDowell. We had a fish fry another night and burgers and brats another. Ivan and the Jayhawk crew always keep attendees well fed.

Not enough praise can be given to



Open Derby Winners. In foreground, from left: Brown's Sunrise with Buck Daniels, Jayhawk Thunder with Virgil Moore and Broadway Silver Spur with Chuck Taylor. Standing: Judges Doug Meyer and Dr. Pat McInteer, and Ivan Breckenridge.

folks like Bill Westfall and the Westfall family for providing venues such as their Longton spread for this Championship. Bill has built excellent corrals and pens for the horses, put in running water and enough electricity to accommodate several rigs in the parking area.

Years ago when the big barn caught fire Bill built a big steel building on the site with overhead heating, a bathroom and tables for lunches, etc. Ranch staff could not be more helpful in making sure the grounds are in tiptop shape and coming around to see if we needed anything including grilling the steaks for the winners' banquet. Thanks Chuck!

Longton, Kan., November 2

Judges: Dr. Pat McInteer and Douglas Meyer
JAYHAWK OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP (One-Hour Heats) — 35 Pointers and 3 Setters

Winner—SAMMY DEDUCTION, 1612724, pointer male, by Island Grove Revenge—Burrrow's Sinbad Lady. Gary Young, owner; Gordon Hazlewood, handler.

Runner-Up—CAROL'S ELHEW GOLDIE, 1615742, pointer female, by Miller's Elhew Luke—Miller's Elhew Little Girl. Ed Beverley, owner; Jack Herriage, handler.

FLINT HILLS FIELD TRIAL CLUB

By IVAN BRECKENRIDGE

The Flint Hills Field Trial Club ran its

trial on November 4. The judges were Harold Gearhart of Kingsville, Mo., and Drew Zink of Turon, Kan. Their decision was well received.

We used the beautiful Westfall Ranch at Elk City, Kan. We wish to thank Bill Westfall for the use of ranch and facility. He was missed this year.

The trial went well, although birds were hard to find.

Judges: Harold Gearhart and Drew Zink
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG (One-Hour Heats) — 4 Pointers, 1 Setter and 3 Irish Setters

1st—JERICHO, 1594525, Irish setter male, by Chaparral—Sunset Silk. Don Beauchamp, owner and handler.

2d—KANZA PRAIRIE PURDY, 1578243, pointer female, by Elhew Fibber McGee—Pinebloom's Meg. G. H. Graham, owner and handler.

3d—QUIK FAIRWAY BOB, 1604219, setter male, by Quik Bullet Barney—Quik Pioneer Patch. Don Kimble, owner and handler.

JAYHAWK DERBY

The Derby is a 45-minute stake run over the same three shooting dog courses. A nice field of nine starters came to the line. While not a large number, their quality was excellent.

We had bird work from Brown's Sunrise, pointer female handled by Buck

Daniels who nailed a covey in a little draw. Sunrise's race had been solid and the find made naming her first place an easy choice. Jayhawk Thunder, a nice moving pointer male braced with Sunrise, backed the find and kept his manners perfectly as the birds were flushed to claim second. Both of these dogs were sired by Covey Rise's Offlee Amazin; Sunrise is in the ownership of Frances Brown of Wisconsin and Thunder is owned by Chuck Forsyth of Fort Worth, Tex.

Our third place Derby ran a super nice race to edge out a couple other fine races. Broadway Silver Spur, pointer male owned by Gary Williams and handled by Chuck Taylor, ran a big and fast shooting dog race with a great finish to get the nod for third.

OPEN DERBY — 8 Pointers and 1 Setter

1st—BROWN'S SUNRISE, 1625298, pointer female, by Covey Rise's Offlee Amazin—Brown's Northern Light. Frances Brown, owner; Buck Daniels, handler.

2d—JAYHAWK THUNDER, 1628890, pointer male, by Covey Rise's Offlee Amazin—Just Add Water. Chuck Forsyth, owner; Virgil Moore, handler.

3d—BROADWAY SILVER SPUR, 1643460, pointer male, by Broadway Thriller—Cimarron Valley Clancy. Gary Williams, owner; Chuck Taylor, handler.

Oil Capital Field Trial Association

By DAVID PAINE

ONCE again trial season found its way to Inola and the Ingersoll Ranch. As always Win and Kay greeted everyone with a big smile and hello. Along with the Ingersolls, the members of the Oil Capital Club were ready to help all who came. They put on a first class dog trial. Old faces and new came to show their dogs. Dr. Stan Haag, Jim Michaletz, Preston Trimble, Pat Morgan,

Ron Schultz, Gregory Sand and Bill Weaver, to name a few.

The dogs worked the countryside and were a joy to watch. Speaking of which, Jim Michaletz's setter female Joy ran a tremendous shooting dog race. Her bird work was great and all was in order. Harold Patton's Derby Beau ran all over the county, looking in all the right places. I am sure both handlers were as

proud of their dogs' performances as the judges were. A special thanks to Mac Winningham and Barry Moore for looking at all the dogs.

Special thanks to club members Bob Barker, Glen Griffin, Harold Patton, Barry Moore, Dan Hensley and Gary Ward from opening the gates, to the dog wagon and all the things in between. Along with the food and fellowship that is what made this trial such a success. Of course, no trial can be a success without the sponsorship of the people from Purina. They furnished dog food to all the winners and it was greatly appreciated.

In the Amateur All-Age, Dr. Stan Haag won first with Funseeker's Rebel Son which had a big race, always showing to the front, and a find right at time. Dan Hensley's White Feather won second with a big race. Third went to Pat Morgan's young male Nemaha Joker.

The Amateur All-Age Derby was won by Jim Michaletz and his setter male Lear Jet. Second place went to Heyu Sue, Preston Trimble's fancy running young female. Jim Michaletz's setter male Spectre won third place.

The Amateur Shooting Dog drew an entry of 14. Jim Michaletz won first again with his setter female Jet's Stardancer, callname Joy, mentioned earlier. Tyson Traw's Miss Blue Bird won second place laurels. Dr. Stan Haag's pointer female Sarah of Snow Creek was



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners. From front left: Tony Chism with Jet's Stardancer and Tyson Traw with Miss Blue Bird. Standing: Mac Winningham, judge; Jim Michaletz, Bob Barker, David Paine, judge, and Gary Ward.