

H. H. Cahoon Open Shooting Dog Winners. From front left: Mac's Silver Dollar with Tim McClurg, Backcountry Dolly with Chris Catanzarite and Mac's Iron Will with Carol Meyers. Standing is Mary Martin.

Greensburg Trials

By MIKE HUSENITS

THE annual fall trial of the Greensburg Pointer and Setter Club took place the weekend of September 11-12.

For 55 years the club held field trials at grounds managed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission near Blairsville, Pa. These fine traditional grounds could not be utilized this fall due to the lack of mowing by the Game Commission and budget cuts enacted by the Governor's administration.

Because of liability issues, privatized mowing was not permitted which made it impossible to conduct a first class proper field trial. Thanks to Al McKinney and the Beaver Valley Club, we were able to relocate the trial to the privately owned Beaver Valley venue near Rochester, Pa., and the 60-dog entry was run without a hitch.

Trial Chairman Chris Catanzarite handled the pre-trial arrangements, took entries, conducted the drawing, and also competed with his own dogs and assisted just about everyone. Accolades to Chris!

Other members who helped out in one way or another included K. R. Graham, Dick Krieger, Tom Mains and your reporter. Thanks are extended to Al McKinney for donating the use of his quad and for volunteering to plant birds and assist in any way possible. Frank Jackowski also lent a hand where needed.

A special thanks to Mary Martin (spouse of the late Dale Martin) and daughter for painstakingly polishing the rotating H. H. Cahoon and Best of Winners rotating trophies to like new condition. Dale Martin's name is apparent on both; dogs he trained and handled were quite competitive on the

Ohio-Pennsylvania circuit.

Every field trialer appreciates the continued generous support rendered by Pat Lamantia and the good folks at Nestlé Purina, without a doubt the finest dog food products in the marketplace.

The trial was conducted under the auspices of the AFTCA, U. S. Complete and the Pennsylvania Walking Shooting Dog Association. Six stakes were run, four in which handlers and scouts walked and two with horseback handlers.

Weather conditions were beautiful for humans with cool mornings, warm balmy afternoons and dry ground. Scenting may have been off some due to the dryness, low humidity and brisk winds on Saturday but an overnight shower seemingly helped improve Sunday's conditions.

Judges for the various stakes were an experienced panel that represented over 100 years of upland game bird hunting experience as well as successful bird dog training and handling at the amateur

level. Al McKinney teamed with Ohioans Dave Hawk and Tim McClurg for the Open Puppy and Derby Stakes, respectively. Dave Hawk and Tim McClurg rendered yeoman service in overseeing the Open and Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Stakes. Dave Hawk stayed in the saddle teamed with fellow Ohioan Al Fazenbaker for the H. H. Cahoon Open Horseback Shooting Dog, and your reporter rode with Al Fazenbaker for the K. B. Graham Amateur Horseback Shooting Dog Stake. All decisions were well received with hardy applause.

WALKING STAKES WINNERS

The program opened with the Open Walking Puppy Stake. George Crumlich showed all he was here to win by sweeping the placements with three fine looking littermate pointer pups. George and family are quite proud of these home-grown speedsters, owning both the sire and dam of the litter. All three appear to have the natural qualities required for a bright future. A pointer male named Gus was closest to the Crumlich winners.

In the Open Walking Derby, Bill Aughenbaugh's fleet-footed red setter female Natural Red won the blue ribbon by virtue of a hard driving forward ground heat and two well earned finds where she demonstrated advanced manners at flush and shot. Second was a classy pointer female named Bob's Elrose Josie, owned and handled by Bobby Phillips to a fast forward ground heat and two dug-up finds with more than acceptable Derby manners. Ed's Last Chance, pointer female, nailed down third with a determined forward race coupled with one good find and an unproductive.

Winner of the Open Walking Shooting Dog Stake was Bob's Elhew Wendy, an all class pointer female owned and



Open Walking Shooting Dog Winners. From front left: Chris Catanzarite, Bob's Elhew Wendy with Bobby Phillips, Double Deuce Brody with Doug McMillen and Cover Charge with George Crumlich and daughter. Standing: Judges Dave Hawk and Tim McClurg.

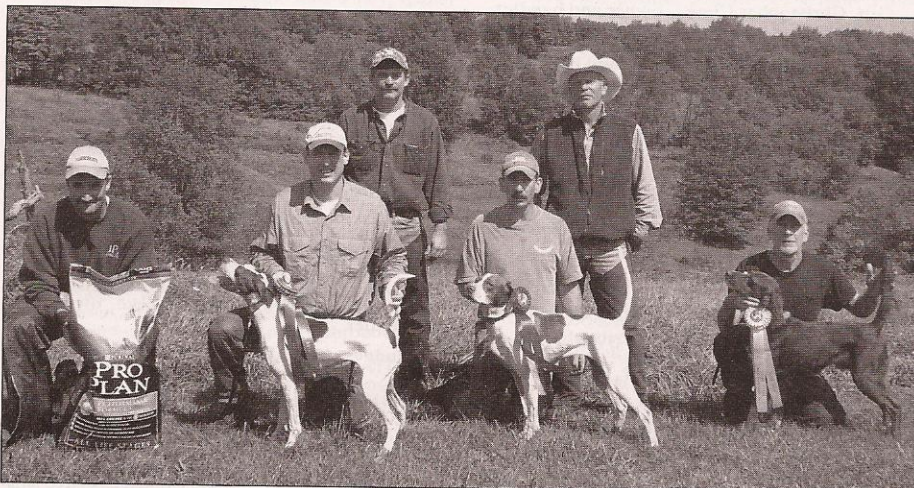


Open Walking Derby Winners. From front left: Chris Catanzarite, Natural Red with Bill Aughenbaugh, Bob's Elrose Josie with Bobby Phillips and Ed's Last Chance with Ed Bartlett. Standing: Judges Tim McClurg and Al McKinney.

handled by Bobby Phillips to an eye-catching forward ground heat and three finds, all handled with extreme intensity, high head and tail, manners above reproach. Two of her finds were way out on the proverbial limb. Her only flaw was a lone unproductive, her finish strong and going away. Second went to Double Deuce Brody, pointer male owned and handled by Doug McMillen, Jr. to a far reaching forward race that resulted in two well earned finds that were handled with exact location, plenty of style and perfect manners. George Crumlich had himself quite a weekend, taking third with pointer male Cover Charge, the sire of the three puppy winners. Charge's race was not quite as aggressive as the higher placed dogs but his three pretty finds were well earned and handled with polished manners.

Overnight rain on Saturday noticeably improved scenting conditions for Sunday morning's Amateur Walking

Shooting Dog Stake. Tom Mains ran his mother-daughter pair of classy Elhew bred pointers and wound up with the blue and red ribbons, dominating a fine starting field of 16 dogs. Mains Gypsy had a stylish, forever forward ground heat that resulted in five mannerly well earned finds, one requiring a relocation along treeline. Gypsy pointed her birds with straight-up style and remained rock solid for the shot on each find. Hampshire's Bella got the nod for second on the virtues of a precise forward race with excellent handling response, five finds plus a back. Bella had her birds located perfectly on each find with style to spare and moved nary a muscle as the birds were put to wing and shot fired. Her finish was strong and wide. Third was the fast moving red setter Flushing Whip Roger Ramjet, owned and handled by Al Fazenbaker to a hard searching race that resulted in four dug up finds that were handled with complete steadiness. A



Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Winners. From front left: Chris Catanzarite, Mains Gypsy with Tom Mains, Hampshire's Bella with Dave Blakley and Flushing Whip Roger Ramjet with Al Fazenbaker. Standing: Judges Dave Hawk and Tim McClurg.

slight difference in overall handling response kept him from higher consideration. Closest to the winners were Backcountry Dolly, Princess and Mattie.

Blairsville, Pa., September 11 — One Course
Judges: Dave Hawk and Al McKinney
OPEN PUPPY — 9 Pointers

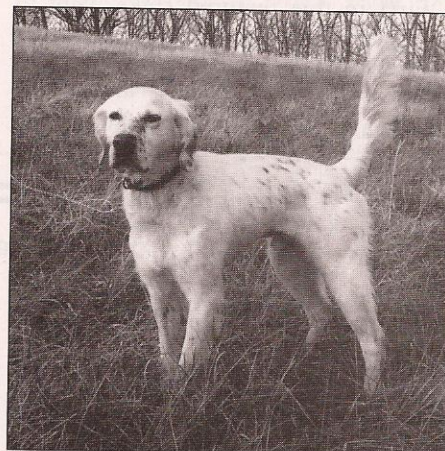
- 1st—COVER CHARGE VISION, 1618682, female, by Cover Charge—American Honey. George Crumlich, owner and handler.
- 2d—COVER CHARGE AVIATOR, 1618725, male, by Cover Charge—American Honey. George Crumlich, owner and handler.
- 3d—COVER CHARGE CRUSADER, 1618680, male, by Cover Charge—American Honey. George Crumlich, owner and handler.

Judges: Tim McClurg and Al McKinney
OPEN DERBY — 4 Pointers, 1 Setter and 1 Irish Setter

- 1st—NATURAL RED, 1611398, Irish setter female, by Jericho—Solitaire. William Aughenbaugh, owner and handler.
- 2d—BOB'S ELROSE JOSIE, 1622121, pointer female, by Hobbs Pete Rose—Bob's Elhew Maggie. Bobby Phillips, owner and handler.
- 3d—ED'S LAST CHANCE, 1613662, pointer female, by Kinndoo Hunter—Kinndoo Sally. Ed Bartlett, owner and handler.

Judges: Dave Hawk and Tim McClurg
OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 13 Pointers and 3 Setters

- 1st—BOB'S ELHEW WENDY, 1598829, pointer female, by Hobbs Pete Rose—Bob's Elhew



QUAIL TRAP TOM
Second in the Kenneth B. Graham
Amateur Shooting Dog Classic

- Josie. Bobby Phillips, owner and handler.
- 2d—DOUBLE DEUCE BRODY, 1609102, pointer male, by Grouse River Ace—Double Deuce Casey. D. E. McMillen, Jr., owner and handler.
- 3d—COVER CHARGE, 1596827, pointer male, by Beaver Meadow Benjamin—Chasehill Favorite. G. A. Crumlich, owner and handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG — 11 Pointers, 2 Setters and 3 Irish Setters

- 1st—MAINS GYPSY, 1581122, pointer female, by Elhew Fibber McGee—Hampshire's Bella. Tom Mains, owner and handler.
- 2d—HAMPSHIRE'S BELLA, 1550974, pointer female, by Elhew Distinction—Elhew Tom Boy. Tom Mains, owner and handler.
- 3d—FLUSHING WHIP ROGER RAMJET, 1595852, Irish setter male, by Breakstone—Flushing Whip Flash Edition. Al Fazenbaker, owner and handler.

HORSEBACK STAKES

The featured H. H. Cahoon Open (horseback) Shooting Dog Stake is named in honor of the "Sage of Ben Avon", Pennsylvania and Field Trial Hall of Fame member Herbert H. Cahoon. Many of today's readers proba-

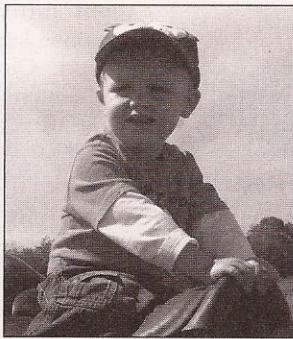
bly never knew Herb, who died in 1981, leaving behind a legacy of a gifted writer, one who loved to stir up controversy and never backed down on any issue he chose to take a stand on — a man of strong convictions.

This writer was most fortunate to know Herb and attend many trials with him during the 1960s and early 1970s and I still cherish his letters of encouragement

that he wrote to me as a youngster trying to eke out recognition in the world of bird dogs and field trials.

Herb's colorful writings in this journal raised many an eyebrow and entertained the fraternity with interesting, precise and colorful reports — a true "once in a lifetime" character who deserves to be remembered.

First in this featured stake went to Mac's Silver Dollar, strong built pointer male owned and handled by Tim McClurg. In a nutshell, Mac ran all over the country, handled like a glove and dug up



Two-year-old Joseph Mains mounted up and ready to ride.

birds four times, handling them with intense high style and perfect manners. He finished far ahead still reaching for more country to hunt. Mac's stellar effort earned a leg on the coveted "Best of Winners" trophy for the entire trial. Backcountry Dolly was second for owner-handler Chris Catanzarite with a strong wide ground race and five solid finds, all handled in mannerly fashion. Mac's Iron Will, setter male owned and handled by Tim McClurg, got the nod for third with a determined ground race and two well handled dug-up finds plus a strong finish.

**Judges: Al Fazenbaker and Dave Hawk
HERBERT H. CAHOON OPEN SHOOTING
DOG CLASSIC — 5 Pointers and 2 Setters**

- 1st—MAC'S SILVER DOLLAR, 1591397, pointer male, by Belfield Silver—Jacob's Fearless Rebel. Tim McClurg, owner and handler.
2d—BACKCOUNTRY DOLLY, 1577523, pointer female, by Backcountry Bud—Backcountry Peach. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.
3d—MAC'S IRON WILL, 1566003, setter male, by Grid Iron—Mac's Silk Patch. Tim McClurg, owner and handler.

KENNETH B. GRAHAM AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG STAKE

The Amateur Horseback Shooting Dog Stake is named in memory of one of the club founders and long time stalwart field trialer K. B. Graham. Backcountry Hoss, liver marked pointer male owned and handled by Chris Catanzarite, took the blue ribbon with a well directed forward race and two well handled finds, one on a freshly killed bird. Hoss pointed with high style and intensity and remained so during the flushing effort, finishing his stint going away. Quail Trap Tom, setter male owned and handled by Dave Hawk, earned a spot in the winners' circle with a workmanlike forward race coupled with two finds, both handled in approved fashion. No other contender performed well enough to earn a placement, thus third was withheld.

**Judges: Al Fazenbaker and Mike Husenits
KENNETH B. GRAHAM AMATEUR SHOOTING
DOG CLASSIC — 5 Pointers
and 1 Setter**

- 1st—BACKCOUNTRY HOSS, 1610435, pointer male, by C Tan's Scyther—Coal River Sky. Chris Catanzarite, owner and handler.
2d—QUAIL TRAP TOM, 1559457, setter male, by Long Gone George—Quail Trap Maggie. D. A. Hawk, owner and handler.

Cronk Farm Field Trial Club

By ROBERT LITTLE

AFTER Hurricane Earl had passed through on Saturday, we had great weather for running dogs on Sunday and Monday.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help out with this trial — Boyd Peters and Rachel Brooks for driving the shuttle vehicles; Velma and Mac Brooks for cooking lunches; Dave and Freddy for directing traffic; the judges, Keith Burgess, Betty Johnston, Al Ladd, Jeff Mahaney and Russell Ogilvie.

Thanks to everyone who stayed around on Saturday evening for the social/corn boil/turkey fry. That's what field trialing should be about.

A big thanks to Dave Palmer for hosting the trial and providing first class grounds. The time and resources put into these grounds is huge.

Despite the extremely warm, dry weather over the past month, the birds cooperated and showed up in good numbers on all five courses with a very even mix of grouse and woodcock.

**New Brunswick, Canada, September 4
Judges: Keith Burgess and Betty Johnston
OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 14 Entries**

- 1st—MAGIC MIST RILEY, 1592893, setter female, by Bonfire—Long Gone Spaz. Joseph Dahl, owner and handler.
2d—BEAR RIVER POCO, 1563910, pointer female, by Hunter's Blackthorn—Bad Bear Girt. Christopher Clarke, owner and handler.
3d—BREE'S JESSIE BOY, 1595677, Brittany male, by Calum Blazin—Shepody's Maggie May. Leonard Sinclair, owner and handler.

**Judges: Alfred A. Ladd and Jeff Mahaney
OPEN DERBY — 6 Entries**

- 1st—FERNWOOD COVE'S BELLA, 1618981, setter female, by Pennstar—Magic Mist Bandit. Jim Gill, owner; Joe Dahl, handler.
2d—BEECH RIDGE ABIGAIL, 1618524, pointer female, by Chasehill Little Bud—Slingshot Gracie. Russell Ogilvie, owner and handler.

Wis., champion. Runner-up was Texas Honey Bee, setter female owned and handled by Kevin Klein of Waterford, Pa. There were 27 entries.

In the companion Derby, the winners were: Duke's Clear Grappa, Ron Sposita, owner-handler; Bad River Frankie, Tom Vanecek, owner-handler; Sam I Am, Gary Vitali, owner-handler.



**MAGIC MIST RILEY
First in the Open Shooting Dog Stake**

- 3d—MYRTLE, 1615647, setter female, by Long Gone Boston—Ironstone Star Struck. Dr. Donald Skinner, owner; Robert Little, handler.

**Judges: Keith Burgess and Russell Ogilvie
OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 10 Entries**

- 1st—BEAR RIVER SHEA, 1583248, pointer female, by Beaver Meadow Benjamin—Bear River Sage. Robert Little, owner and handler.
2d—BEAR RIVER WOODBURY, 1597238, pointer male, by Sunkhaze Fast Break—Bear River Poco. Christopher Clarke, owner and handler.

**Judges: Alfred A. Ladd and Jeff Mahaney
OPEN DERBY — 7 Entries**

- 1st—BEECH RIDGE ABIGAIL, 1618524, pointer female, by Chasehill Little Bud—Slingshot Gracie. Russell Ogilvie, owner and handler.
2d—BREE'S ANNIE OF COOS, 1618241, Brittany female, by Just Call Me Roy—Daisy Mae of Coos. Leonard Sinclair, owner and handler.
3d—MYRTLE, 1615647, setter female, by Long Gone Boston—Ironstone Star Struck. Dr. Donald Skinner, owner; Robert Little, handler.

REGION 4 AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

(Special Bulletin) Highland, Mich.

Judges Bryan Wood of Pinckney, Mich., and Ron Levitan of Milford, Mich., named setter female Fireside Drama Queen, owned and handled by Mary-Beth Esser of Oconomowoc,