

Beaver Valley Pointer and Setter Club

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THE stage was set when Club Secretary Al McKinney held the drawing at his Pittsburgh home on August 29.

Al had, along with Mark Hill, already done much of the prep work at the club grounds all summer. Grass was cut and the fields were maintained to provide the right kind of appearance for a walking shooting dog and extended horseback type of trial. The clubhouse was cleaned and readied; kitchen and food supplies were put in order.

Saturday, September 3, came quickly and the aroma of bacon, eggs and sausage, gravy with biscuits filled the air as you walked from your vehicle through the dark to the clubhouse. Mary Martin and Pat McKinney were there bright and early and waiting for their early customers. As always a special thank you to them along with their very



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TEXAS COPPER TOP
Second in the Open Shooting Dog Stake

dedicated helpers Bonnie Pritts, and Mary's always-there-when-you-need-them daughters Chrissy and Carole.

The "Kithenettes" went on to create a great Saturday evening banquet while all along tending to every breakfast and lunch request possible.

Fog surrounded the area with a promise for a very bright sun to burn it off that morning.

When the early sun rose and took a place in the sky its effects were evident. There was no doubt that the humidity was close to 100% that day as it took very little time before you could feel it drenching your clothes.

THE WINNERS

The first dogs were called to the line at 7:15 and the first day of the trial began.

In the Open Walking Puppy, Hilo Meadow Breeze, pointer female run by Anita Howerton, garnered the blue

with a nicely mannered forward race. Hypointe Danny McHuntley, owned and handled by Nick Mellon, was a close second. Al Fazenbaker guided red setter female Conneaut Creek Angelica around the grounds for third.

Judges were Chris Rider and Randy Abraham.

The temperature and humidity started climbing for the Open Walking Derby. Semper Fi Lee, pointer female owned and handled by Joe Kusmierczyk, was first. Hunter's Cheap Trick, pointer female handled by Lance Bressler, ran a classy and forward race to secure second. Judges were Randy Abraham and Gary Pritts.

By the time the Open Shooting Dog Stake began, Beaver Valley appeared to be closer to Death Valley as far as the heat and humidity were concerned. I can remember only one other time in my life when conditions were so hot, humid and extreme.

Judges for all of the stakes have judged many trials across the country and commented on the great job owners and handlers did preparing their dogs to run on such days.

The Open Shooting Dog drew 37 contenders. Al Fazenbaker's red setter female Her Ruby Red Slipper cruised the grounds like she had been there before and tallied three well spaced finds while running a nice forward race to pick up the blue for a great effort under horribly hot conditions. Texas Copper Top, setter female owned and handled by Kevin Klein, collected two finds of her own with a snappy, constant forward race to take second. Pointer male My Cousin Vinny, owned by Joe and Tim

Cammisa and handled by Joe, had two mannerly finds and a classy and always forward race.

Judges for the Open Shooting Dog were Chris Rider and Greg Suckus. The judges ate lunch on the run to keep from having handlers returning a second day and their enthusiasm was appreciated by all.

Sunday morning was a little more bearable for the start of the Amateur Shooting Dog but also promised to be not much change from the day before.

Fourteen dogs were drawn and only two dogs remained clean after running. First place was awarded to Zuk's Major, setter male owned and handled by Martin Zukovich. Texas Copper Top was second for owner-handler Kevin Klein. Judges for the Amateur Walking Shooting Dog were Chris Ryder and Greg Suckus.

Judges for the weekend went well above and beyond the call of duty. Beaver Valley Club thanks them for their time, toil, understanding and commitment to the sport. All placements were well received.

We also thank all who attended and helped make this a successful weekend and enjoyed having our friends who had traveled many miles to be with us.

As always we at Beaver Valley, "the little club with the big trial", wish you a successful year and look forward to seeing you in the spring at our 2012 renewal.

Rochester, Pa., September 3 — One Course Judges: Randy S. Abraham and Chris Rider OPEN PUPPY — 6 Entries

- 1st—HILO MEADOW BREEZE, 1624777, pointer female, by Kerr's Bill Mc—Hidden Meadows Sally. J. C. Howerton, owner; Anita Howerton, handler.
- 2d—HYPOINTE DANNY MCHUNTLEY, 1627307, setter male, by Grouse Feather Mark—G F Fortune Teller. Nicholas Mellon, Jr., owner and handler.
- 3d—CONNEAUT CREEK ANGELICA, 1623237, Irish setter female, by Breakstone—Applebee. Al Fazenbaker, owner and handler.

Judges: Randy S. Abraham and Gary G. Pritts OPEN DERBY — 5 Entries

- 1st—SEMPER FI LEE. [Placement Voided]
- 2d—HUNTER'S CHEAP TRICK, 1628812, pointer female, by Thunderhills Zeus—Flare. Lance Bressler, owner and handler.

Judges: Chris Rider and Greg Suckus OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 37 Entries

- 1st—HER RUBY RED SLIPPER, 1584625, Irish setter female, by Sharpton—Applebee. Al Fazenbaker, owner and handler.
- 2d—TEXAS COPPER TOP, 1548478, setter female, by Chip's Super Chunk—Sassy's Topper. Kevin Klein, owner and handler.
- 3d—MY COUSIN VINNY, 1597670, pointer male, by Beaver Meadow Benjamin—Serial Thriller. Joe & Tim Cammisa, owners; Joe Cammisa, handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG — 14 Entries

- 1st—ZUK'S MAJOR, 1609047, setter male, by Pine Hill Morgan—Pine Hill Pearl. Martin Zukovich, owner and handler.
- 2d—TEXAS COPPER TOP, 1548478, setter female, by Chip's Super Chunk—Sassy's Topper. Kevin Klein, owner and handler.