

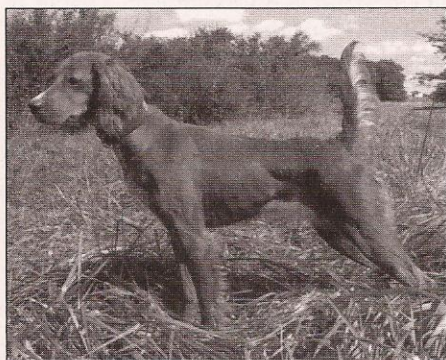
Potomac Valley Trials

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THE Potomac Valley Field Trial Club held its annual fall trial at the Blairs Valley Wildlife Management Area in Clear Spring, Md. The grounds were drier than anyone could recall. This coupled with warm dry temperatures both days made finding birds difficult. [Please note that next year, as per the request of the state, we will be moving our trial up a week to avoid the first full weekend of bow season.]

We would like to thank our judges — Ken Huyser, Ben Dillard, Jim Kuhns and this writer — for putting up with some very harsh conditions.

We thank the pros — Jim Heckert and Mike Tracy — for their much appreciated support. We also want to thank Donny Swann of the Caroline County Shooting Preserve for the high quality



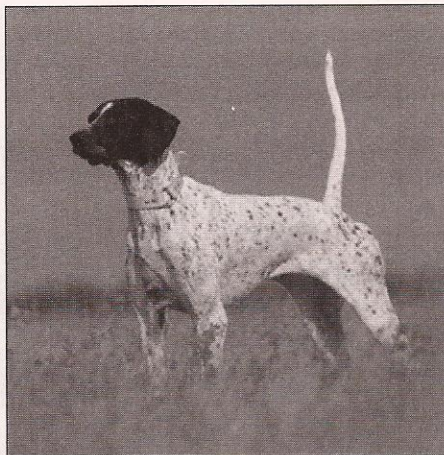
PATINA
First in the Open Restricted Shooting Dog Stake

birds. But most of all we want to thank all who came out to run dogs; without your participation there would be no field trial.

THE WINNERS

First place in the Open Shooting Dog went to Barbel Fair Balance, handled by Jim Heckert and owned by Fred Leggett. Balance had five very stylish finds with a strong stylish run but handled with minimal scouting. Second was Klee's Handsome Hank, handled by Mike Tracy and owned by Dr. Roger and Susan Duerksen. He had three stylish finds, ran a good forward race and handled well. Third was Gamestopper, handled by Mike Tracy and owned by Joe Lordi, Sr. and Jr. He had one find and a back and a nice run.

First in the Open Derby went to Niky Guada, handled by Mike Tracy and owned by Joe McHugh. Niky had one very stylish find and a great ground race. Second was Redstone, Irish setter owned and handled by Dr. Roger Boser. Third went to Redgate Hawk, pointer male



BARBEL FAIR BALANCE
First in the Open Shooting Dog Stake

handled by Jim Heckert and owned by Odie Adcock.

The Open Restricted Shooting Dog winner was Patina, Irish setter owned and handled by Dr. Boser. She had three finds and a back with a strong forward race. Second was Game Day, setter male owned and handled by Ben Dillard. "Drew" had two finds and a back but not quite the race of the first place dog. Third was Longmeadow Jay, setter male owned and handled by Ben Dillard. He had one find and a good race.

First place in the Amateur Shooting Dog went to Annabull, pointer female owned by Ernie and Karen Saniga and handled by Ernie. "Lila" had two stylish finds and a stop to flush. She ran a good race and finished strong. Second was Bluebell Kocoa, pointer male owned and handled by Odie Adcock. Kocoa had three finds, two of which were divided, and ran a strong forward race. Bluebell Sadie, pointer female owned and handled by Odie Adcock, was third. Sadie had two finds and a covey find when she pointed a lost bird bag for which we thank her.

First in the Amateur Derby was Big Creek's Wolf, pointer male owned and



REDSTONE
Second in the Open Derby

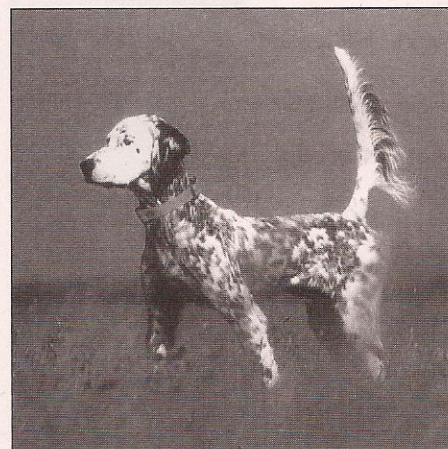
handled by James Heimdal. Wolf had two dug in finds, ran big but under control and no letdown in the heat. Second was Redgate Cody, setter male owned and handled by Odie Adcock. Cody had one covey find and a beautiful run and finish. Third was Youtoo, Irish setter male owned and handled by Dr. Roger Boser. Youtoo had one find.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Hope to see you at the Maryland Shooting Dog Classics starting around November 18 and at our spring trial in March. Have a great season.



ANNABULL
First in the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake



REDGATE CODY
Second in the Amateur Derby

Clear Spring, Md., September 19 — One Course
Judges: Ben Dillard and Ken Huyser
OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 13 Pointers and 3 Setters

- 1st—BARBEL FAIR BALANCE, 1599523, pointer female, by Island Grove Brute—Way-better Spec. Fred Leggett, owner; Jim Heckert, handler.
- 2d—KLEE'S HANDSOME HANK, 1591697, pointer male, by Bulltown—Impressive Lady Sue. Susan & Roger Duerksen, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.
- 3d—GAMESTOPPER, 1595931, pointer female, by Mrawsum—Backcountry Peach. J. A. & J. E. Lordi, owners; Mike Tracy, handler.

Judges: Ken Huyser and Jim Kuhns
OPEN DERBY — 8 Entries

- 1st—NIKY GUADA, 1607887, pointer female, by Stone Free—Annie Lennox. Joe McHugh, owner; Mike Tracy, handler.