

2018 National Derby

Seasides Got To Get Up And Try – “Pink”

Field Champion

Owner/Handler: Robbie Knutson



Photos by Deana Wolfe

Judges Critique

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| 1. Very Good | 4. Excellent | 8. Excellent |
| 2. Very Good | 5. Excellent | 9. Good |
| 3. Excellent | 6. Excellent | 10. Very Good |
| | 7. Good | |

IN THE WINTER OF 2016, I spoke to Dr. Frank and Rita Jones, owners of Seaside Retrievers, about getting a pup. One of the litters they had due in the spring of 2017 was FC Seaside’s Gorgeous George ex Seaside’s California Chrome. I knew about “Clooney” as I have trained his pups from different females and liked them. I liked his temperament, calmness and marking ability. “Pink’s” dam, “Chrome,” was one of the first dogs I had on my truck when I arrived at Baker Retrievers. She was also calm, loved to work, a very good marker and had an “on and off” switch. In May 2017, Dr. Frank and Rita picked the biggest female out of the litter for me. What a pick it was! I named her Pink – she gets her name from the singer, Pink and her registered name comes from the lyrics of her song “Try.”

As a puppy, Pink was crazy about chasing anything you threw. There was nothing calm about Pink – she never sat still. Even in the

house she would just pace. One thing that stood out about Pink to me was she was always in tune to what I was doing. During her basics she would focus on me the whole time. She caught on to things very quickly. I could see at a young age, as I started throwing marks for her, she was something special. She would run right through a cover strip straight to the bird and wouldn’t let the cover detour her from her line to the bird. She showed great marking ability and trainability. She loves the water. However, at a young age, she thought she could get up and run on it. I didn’t think she would ever smooth out and just swim, she wanted to get that bird so bad. At about 12-13 months, when the marks started getting longer, she finally started to smooth out.

In her first Derby at 14 months she got a Reserve Jam. The next trial, a couple weeks later, she didn’t even get a bird. I wasn’t sure about continuing, thinking she needed to mature more. However, the next

trial she got 4th place. Then in a double header she was dropped in the 3rd series and I picked her up in the last bird of the last series of the next. After a trial in June 2018, I knew she had what it took. There were only three series due to weather. In the third, there was a big water set up and the wind was blowing hard left to right. Pink was one of the last dogs and I had watched dog after dog not do the test. Pink came to the line and I sent her for the go bird. I lost sight of her in the cattails for a while and thought she might cave like some of the dogs before her. Then I saw her swimming in the big body of water, shouldering into the wind and waves, going straight to the bird. She kept lifting her head to see where the gunners were and got out in the perfect spot – she nailed it. A lot of dogs struggled with the memory bird and she went right to it. She was only 15 months old.

We met our goals. At first, I just wanted to get her on the Derby list. Qualifying for and winning the Derby National was a definite bonus. No matter if she's competing, training or just hanging around the house just being a dog, she is always happy.

I would like to thank Dr. Frank and Rita Jones for a great puppy from

their top breeding program. Thank you to the Judges: Clint Joyner, Jeff Lyons and Steve Kompf for taking the time to judge. Thank you to the National Derby committee and workers for all the hard work in putting on such a great event. Thank you to the land owners for allowing access for pre-National training on your properties. Also, a big "thank you" to Robert and Barbara Hayden for the use of such a beautiful piece of property on which to hold the National Derby Championship

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2018 National Derby Sedalia, Missouri Championship Stake

October 8-12, 2018

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WELCOME to the first day of the Second Annual National Derby Championship! Anticipation filled the air as young dogs and their handlers surveyed the well-groomed property of our generous hosts, Barbara and Robert Hayden in Sedalia, Missouri. The First Series was about to begin and lovely, but humid weather graced the proceedings, with clear skies, light winds and temperatures in the 70s. The test kicked off at 7:40 am with a beautiful performance of the National Anthem given by local schoolgirl Grace Goodwin.



The 2018 NRDC Judges, shown left to right: Steve Kompf, Western Region; Jeff Lyons, Eastern Region and Clint Joyner, Southern Region.



Test One



Monday, October 8 – Test One: Land Double with a Flyer and Dead Bird; Test Two: Land/Water Double with Two Dead Birds; Test Three: Land Double with Two Dead Birds

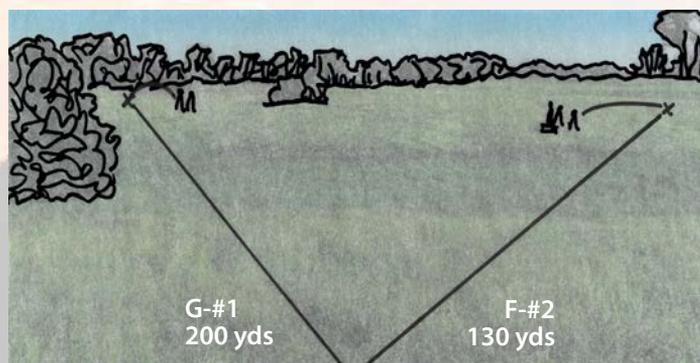
The mat for the First Series sat on a hillside facing north. The first bird was located slightly to the left down the hill and back up the next hill to the blind. This gun station threw a dead duck flat to the left that landed on an open hillside at 200 yards. The second bird, a hen flyer just to the right of the mat, was thrown and shot on a right angle back at 130 yards from the line. One test dog flyer landed in a strip of cover running up the hill; another landed just deep of the cover. This test ran quickly at only three minutes per dog.

A male and a female Labrador retriever performed as test dogs for this event. The female test dog was Macomo's Queen of Fall, "Queen," owned by Jonathan and Heather Stenger and handled by Dave Donahue. The male test dog was Vinson's Nez Boueux Noir Zeke, "Zeke," owned and handled by James Vinson.

The first test dog, Queen, came to the line at 7:45 am. For her go-bird, she ran up the hill close to the guns and went straight to the thick cover area for her bird. The path to the dead bird took her uphill to the right of the guns. She hooked close behind the station before she turned left and went straight to the bird.

The second test dog, Zeke, came to the line at 7:48 am. He ran out to the flyer area and took a quick turn right to his bird. He similarly made quick work of the second bird, running out to the fall area and easily picking up his bird.

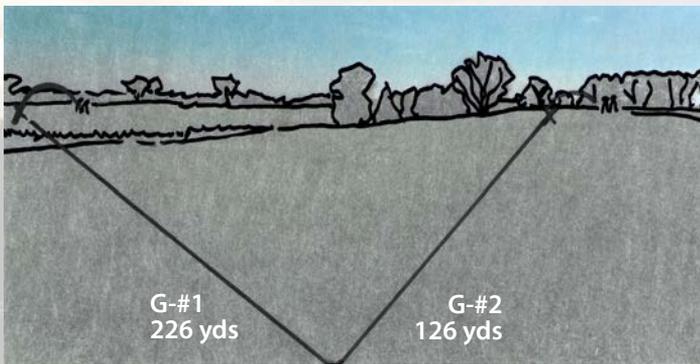
As the test progressed to mid-morning, the wind increased to 16-18 mph and clouds dotted the sky; these changing conditions, however, did not appear to affect the good dog work being demonstrated. By the time of the second gun change at 9:36 am, the temperature had risen to 73 degrees with a south wind and humidity of 88%. The mixture of dog work was what might be expected at a Derby stake. A few dogs stepped on both birds, some hunted deep and/or wide, and one had a pick up, but overall the effort remained good and showed the National caliber of the contestants.



42 dogs were called back to the Second Series: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44. Just one dog, #29, was dropped. Dog #12 was a scratch. Dog #30 would start the Second Series.



Test Two



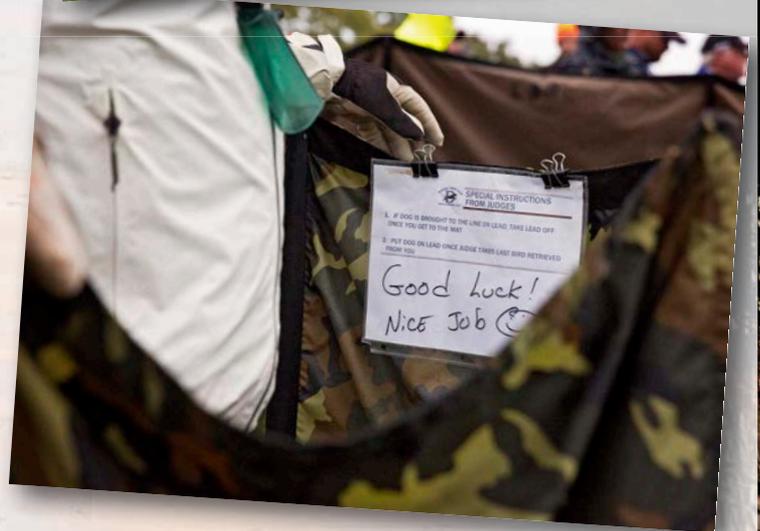
41 dogs were called back to the Third Series: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44. Just one dog, #10, was dropped. Dog #41 would start the Third Series.

Test Two: Land/Water Double with Two Dead Birds

The mat lay under a tree and faced northeast. Bird one was a dead duck at 226 yards from the line thrown to the left at a slight angle back. The gunners sat to the right of a clump of bushes. The line to this bird traveled down a hill, across a small pond and up the far side to the bird. If the dog chose to take the land route, a bridge between the two ponds would push him behind the guns. The second bird was 126 yards from the line on the right. This dead hen duck was thrown to the left hard angle back across a road. Although the bird landed in a visible location, two terraces along the line to the bird presented the possibility that the dog might run out of sight along the way. This test took about four minutes to complete.

Queen and handler Dave Donahue came to the line at 11:07 am. For the right hand bird she went over the terrace wide left, but then turned back right and went straight to her bird. For the left hand bird she ran down the hill and into the pond. She squared out, angled right then adjusted up the hill toward the guns. After circling behind the gunner bush, Queen came back left to the bird.

Zeke and handler James Vinson came to the line at 11:03 am. Zeke went straight to the right hand hen bird and picked it up. For the left hand duck Zeke went down the hill, across the left side of the pond and up the hill to the area in front of the guns. He made one loop deep, then got the bird.



Test Three



Test Three: Land Double with Two Dead Birds

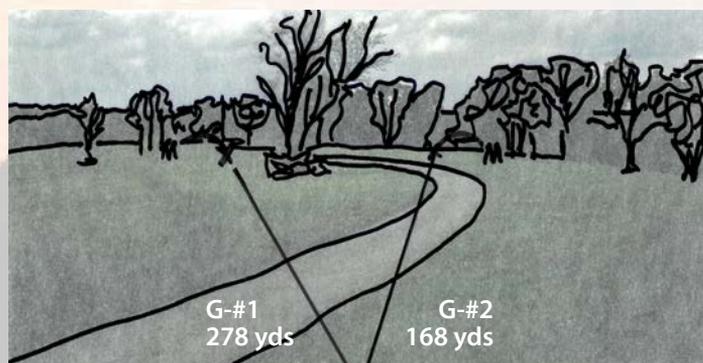
The Third Series ran from the side of a mound on the right side of a gravel road facing north. Bird one was a dead drake thrown to the right, landing 278 yards from the line. This bird landed on the right side of the gravel road. The second bird, a dead hen, was thrown to the left at 168 yards from the line. The throwers and bird were located on the right side of the gravel road.

Queen performed as the first test dog for the third test. She went straight to the right hand bird and scooped it up. For the second bird, she went under the arc deep, then came back with her bird.

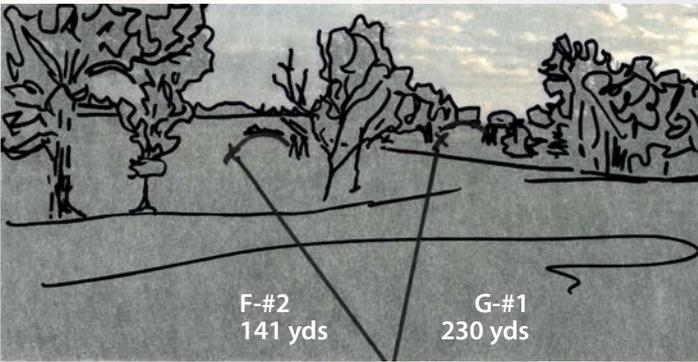
When the second test dog Zeke ran this test, he went straight to the right hand bird. For the bird on the left, he traveled left of the guns and hooked back around to find his quarry.

The Judges announced that all 41 dogs would be called back to the Fourth Series: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44. Dog #8 would start the Fourth Series.

The first day of the Derby National proved to be a long one. With three series under our belt, it had become clear that the Judges planned to finish all ten series (as opposed to the eight series completed at the 2017 inaugural event). Everyone cleared the grounds quickly, as the traditional cocktail party was on tap for that evening and we all needed to change from our field clothes into evening attire. Beginning at 6:30 pm, the festivities would be held at the Hayden Liberty Arts Center.



Test Four



Tuesday, October 9 – Test Four: Land Double with a Flyer and Dead Bird; Test Five: Long Single Dead Bird

The Fourth Series was a land double using rooster pheasants; the mat sat on a hillside. The long bird on the right was a dead rooster at 230 yards thrown to the left. To get the bird, the dog had to run down a long sloping hill, across the road and up to the other side through a small grassy area with some higher cover at the end. The rooster flyer on the left side was shot to the left at 141 yards. The dog must again run down the hill through mowed strips for the retrieve. These roosters really soared due to their location on the hillside. This test ran fast at just about three minutes per dog.

Zeke approached the line at 7:45 am. He tackled the left flyer pheasant go-bird first, running up the hill a little left, then through the cover strips to his bird for a nice job. Next, he ran down the hill, across both roads and straight to the right hand dead pheasant.

Queen came to the line at 7:49 am. She carved a great initial line, but ended a little short of the mark and had to move up the hill to get her bird. For the right hand bird she ran down the hill, across the road and up across the next road. She stopped a bit short to start her hunt, eventually moving down through the cover to her bird.

Our second gun change occurred at just after 10:00 am. The temperature had increased to 75 degrees with 90% humidity accompanied by a wind from the south-southeast wind at 14 mph. Isolated thunder-

storms were predicted; we hoped they would hold off until we could complete the second day of the event.

36 dogs were called back to the Fifth Series: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44. Five dogs were dropped: 7, 8, 23, 26 and 38. Dog #27 would start the 5th Series.



Test Five



Test Five: Long Single Dead Bird

The Judges had originally planned a water double with a simulated flyer using dead ducks. After deliberating, they decided to remove the right hand simulated flyer bird.

As first conceived, this test involved a long single bird thrown to the right angle back at 275 yards. The dogs must run down a long slope and swim across a body of water, traversing the inner part of a point to enter another piece of this same water. After exiting the water, they continued across the hillside through strips of unmowed cover to get their dead duck.

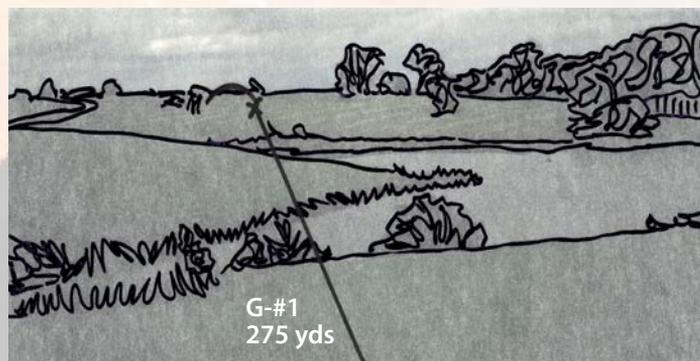
Both test dogs ran this Fifth Series as a double, after which the Judges changed the test into a long single. Hence, we will only report on the dogs' performance in the left hand single mark.

Zeke came to the line 12:26 pm. He went into the left corner of the water on a line to the guns, then crossed the point and reentered the water. Climbing up the hill deep of the guns, he took a few passes then traveled down to the right for his bird.

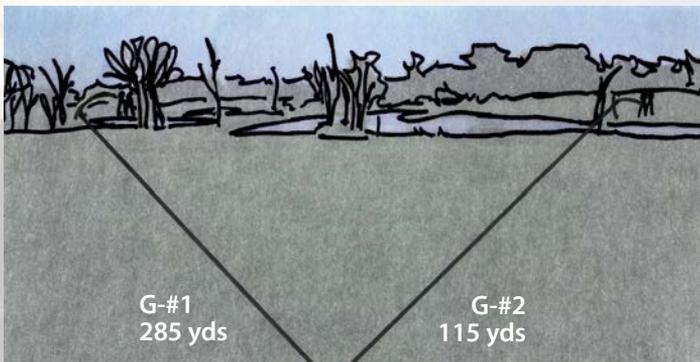
Queen was next and approached the line at 12:33 pm. She entered the left corner of the pond, went over the point and splashed back into the water. Exiting angled right, she ran up the hill but missed her target by around 100 yards. Eventually the long guns stood up to help her find the bird.

After the adjustment to the test was made, the Fifth Series progressed smoothly until a sudden shower stopped the competition. The unfortunate aspect of "isolated" showers is that you never know when they will materialize. We were surprised by this storm that popped up at 3:15, suspending operations for twenty minutes until it passed. As the afternoon continued, we knew that the chance of storms would increase, but our luck held and we completed the test without further weather issues.

34 dogs were called back to the Sixth Series: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44. Two dogs were dropped: #28 and #31. Dog #36 would start the Sixth Series.



Test Six



Wednesday, October 10 – Test Six: Water Double with Two Dead Birds

The Sixth Series was a water double with the mat on the side of a technical pond looking toward the water. The dogs faced multiple ponds, points and land bridges. The left hand long bird was thrown left while the gunners stood on a point 285 yards from the line. The duck landed among lilies in the water. The line to this bird took the dogs across a field into a pond. The dogs must swim across the pond, cross a land bridge and enter a second pond. The dogs that performed this test best swam toward the island, not the guns, to find this bird. The right hand go bird was at 115 yards, thrown left angle back. Traveling down the hill and into the pond, the dogs had to swim across a small corner of the pond to get that bird. This was a long test, taking just under ten minutes per dog. The Judges had considered planning a triple for this test, but decided to remove the flyer station.

Queen came to the line at 7:49 am. She swam toward the guns and hooked them, needing a small hunt to get her bird. The long left found her taking a line across the field to the right of a group of trees on the shore. Had she followed the ideal line, she would have gone left of the trees to avoid hitting land early and missing the mark in the water. Visibility was poor; the gunners stepped in to help and Queen was recalled.

After the first test dog, Queen, attempted Test Six at 8:00 am, the Judges announced a delay before the second test dog would be allowed

to run. It was a misty and foggy morning with a temperature of 64 degrees and a 10-15 mph wind at the handler's back; we all hoped the visibility would improve quickly.

After the short delay, Zeke came to the line at 8:23 am. For the right hand bird, he went down the hill and across the water, staying in front of the guns and going straight to his bird. He crossed the field left of the trees for the long left mark and swam across the first pond. Traveling over the land bridge and up behind the guns, he reentered the water and found his bird.

The temperature continued to drop throughout this test, making for chilly conditions when coupled with a brisk southwest wind. The young dogs approached this Series in multiple ways, and it seemed the Judges had plenty to look at in their books with this test!

32 dogs were called back to the Seventh Series: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44. Two dogs were dropped: #18 and #39. Dog #44 would start the Eighth Series.

We expected to run the Seventh Series as the third test on Wednesday. When a location change was announced, we all traveled to a new site on the Hayden property and began running a test involving a land double with a retired bird. As the test dogs ran the test, one of them needed handling on the retired mark, while for the other, the long rooster pheasant was not a retired station. When the first five competing teams ran, three had to be picked up on the retired. The other two, while successfully retrieving both birds, took long hunts on that same mark. In the end, the Judges decided to scrap that test and present a new Seventh Series the following morning. This gave everyone the added bonus of ample time to prepare for the Workers' Party being held later that evening at the Best Western headquarters.

The traditional Workers' Party provided great fun and wonderful food in equal amounts. Knowing that the event would end in a few days, we all appreciated the opportunity to relax and socialize among friends. Drawings for fabulous raffle prizes and silent auction items added excitement to the evening, and as the party came to a close, everyone went away refreshed and ready for all that the next few days would bring.

Test Seven



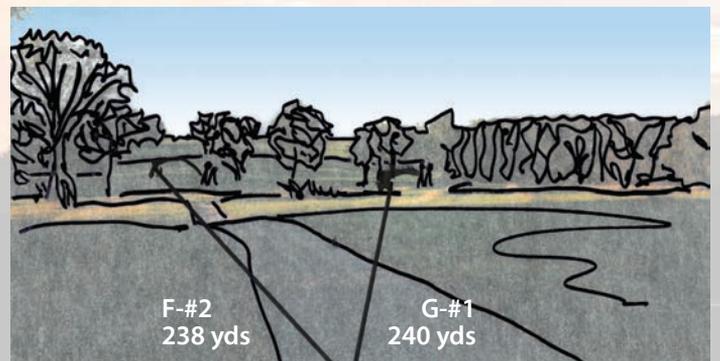
Thursday, October 11 – Test Seven: Land Double with a Flyer and a Dead Bird; Test Eight: Land/Water Double; Test Nine: Land Double with Two Dead Birds

The Seventh Series used hen pheasants for a land double. The mat sat on the left side of a road at the crest of a hill; this road traveled down toward the left hand flyer, then curved hard left. The field was quartered by the road, a fence on the far end and a tree line on the right; it contained strips of cover angled from the mat toward the far right. The right hand dead hen pheasant was thrown to the left at 240 yards to the base of a tree. Adding to the difficulty, a pile of brush situated in the middle of the field might influence the dogs. The flyer hen pheasant was 238 yards straight ahead of the mat; this bird was shot left angle back and landed in moderate cover. The line to this bird followed down the grassy area to the left of the road, crossing the road as it turned, then continuing uphill. The test passed quickly, taking approximately four minutes per dog.

Zeke came to the line at 7:47 am. He went for the flyer first, crossing the road and took a line left of the fall, but then turned and went straight back to the bird. For the second bird, he angled the field and strips running toward the bird, made one loop short to the right, then went back to it.

It was Queen's turn next at 7:51 am. She ran down and crossed the road, came under the arc, turned right by the guns, then began her hunt in the fall area to get the flyer. For the right hand bird, she ran down to the guns, then out to the tree where the bird landed.

As the morning progressed, the visibility of the right hand bird remained questionable because of long shadows cast by the tree line and the trees in the field. The wind picked up as the temperature rose slightly, causing the flyer station continued issues with no birds.



27 dogs were called back to the Eighth Series: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42 and 44. Five dogs were dropped: 6, 15, 24, 25 and 43. Dog #9 would start the Eighth Series.



Test Eight



Test Eight: Land/Water Double

The Eighth Series featured a land/water double with a mixed bag of a dead hen duck and a dead hen pheasant. The mat sat on a mound overlooking a beautiful bowl with a road running through its middle from left to right. The long bird sat straight in front of the mat, a dead hen mallard, thrown to the left at 280 yards. The guns sat at the base of a grove of trees while the bird landed on an open hillside. The line to this bird ran down the field, across the road, up the far side and through a small pond. The second short dead hen pheasant was on the right side of the test, thrown to the left at 160 yards and landing in a sparse grove of cedar trees. A row of hay bales lay on the line to this bird; they could throw the dog to either the right or the left. This test took approximately eight minutes to complete.

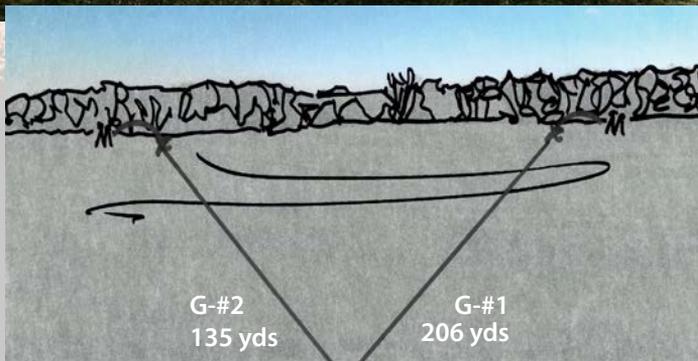
Queen came to the line at 12:03 pm. For the short bird she went out right of the hay bales and guns, then ran left into the trees to get her pheasant. Traveling across the field and the road for the long bird, she ran the lip of the pond to the right. With a handle she entered the water, swam the pond, then went wide right to the tree line and her duck.

Zeke approached the line at 12:13 pm. He crossed the road and went to the right around the hay bales, going deep of the guns under the arc and up to the trees. He then turned back to the cedar grove and retrieved his pheasant. For the duck, Zeke crossed the road, swam across the pond and continued up the hill to get his bird.

23 dogs were called back to the Ninth Series: 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42 and 44. Four dogs were dropped: 3, 16, 17 and 21. Dog #22 would start the Ninth Series.



Test Nine



Test Nine: Land Double with Two Dead Birds

The mat sat on a mound facing southwest and looking down a large terraced field. The long right bird was directly in front of the mat at 206 yards. This dead rooster was thrown to the left. A thick cover strip lay just behind the gunners; a mound was visible directly to the right and in toward the line from the gunners. The line to this bird followed through several strips of cover and terraces. The second bird was to the left of the mat at 135 yards. The station threw this dead rooster flat to the right where it landed on the back side of a terrace.

Zeke came to the line at 3:30 pm. He went straight to the long bird, easily retrieving it. For the short bird he went quickly out under the arc and over to his bird.

Queen came to the line at 3:33 pm. She picked up the short bird first and had a nice mark. For the long bird she ran across the field angling left, reaching the fall area and her bird.

Test Ten



This test progressed very quickly; soon we were done for the afternoon, having recorded another three tests. We looked forward to tomorrow, when we would crown a winner as the Second National Derby Champion. In the end, the Judges called back all 23 dogs to the Tenth Series: 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42 and 44. Dog #35 would start the Tenth Series.

Friday, October 12 – Test Ten: Land/Water Triple with Two Dead Birds and a Flyer

Welcome to the Tenth Series of the Second National Derby Championship! Unfortunately, we woke to dark, heavy skies and a temperature of 42 degrees. Rain was forecast to begin at 7:00 am and the high would reach only 46 degrees. This day would challenge both volunteer workers and competitors alike and, regrettably, conditions were only expected to deteriorate.

The Tenth Series comprised a land/water triple with a mat facing southeast overlooking a large pond with an additional set of three smaller terraced ponds to the right of the line while uphill to the left lay an open field. The first bird, a dead hen mallard, was the middle bird thrown to the right at 280 yards and landing at the base of a small bush. The line to this bird traveled down the hill, through the first small pond and across a corner of the large right-hand pond. The dog would then briefly enter a third pond before continuing up the hill to the bird. Second, a dead drake was thrown to the right at 265 yards. The line to this bird took the dog down the hill to the right, across a large pond and a short distance up the terrace to the bird. Finally, the hen mallard flyer

was shot to the right at 155 yards. The dog ran across the open field to get this shot flyer. This big test took 13-14 minutes per dog.

Vinson's Nez Boueux Noir Zeke, "Zeke," handled by James Vinson, was our first test dog this morning. He approached the line at 8:02 am and received a no bird, but came right back up at 8:05 am. Zeke went straight to the flyer. For the right hand mark he traveled down the hill and swam across the pond right of the point straight toward the bird. He got out and ran up the hill, hooked the guns and then got his bird for a nice mark. For the long middle he went down the hill, across the pond and over the terraces into the second pond. He exited the second pond and ran up the terraces to the guns, staying in front of them while going right, then found his bird.

Macomo's Queen of Fall, "Queen," handled by Dave Donahue, came to the line at 8:16 am. She ran out to get her first bird, the flyer, and blinked the live bird. She needed handling by the guns and eventually was picked up with the assistance of an ATV.

By mid-morning conditions had declined with sporadic rain showers and dropping temperatures. Even when it wasn't actively raining, mist hung in the air and a damp cold permeated the atmosphere. Despite these adverse circumstances, the dog work remained consistent and good.

The 2018 National Derby Championship 10th series was in the books at 12:54 pm. This completed the competition ... and now we waited for the Judges' final decision and the crowning the 2018 National Derby Champion. In the end, the Judges announced 21 Finalists, dropping dogs #27 and #34.



2018 National Derby Championship Finalists

1. Leading Lady Of The Pack, "Lady," LF, handled by Hunter Street
2. Pepperjack's Deal Me An Ace, "Dealer," LM, handled by Misty Melo
4. Bayou Teche Paint The Black, "Madduxx," LM, handled by Glen Curtis
5. Razor's Buckshot, "Shooter," LM, handled by Christian Alt
9. Teufelhund Arm Bar Takedown, "Rousey," LF, handled by Buck Shope
11. Sweetie's Little Dash-A-Rue Qaa, "Dash," LF, handled by Alex Drent
13. Idaho's Duck's, Buck's & Truck's, "Trucker," LM, handled by Misty Melo
14. Beaver Creek's Magic White Lightning, "Madge," LF, handled by Sol Semmler
19. Top Line Ranger Leads The Way, "Ranger," LM, handled by Marc Patton
20. Swift Rivers Jefferson Monticello, "Jefferson," LM, handled by Buck Shope
22. Bayou-Star Fleurty Girl, "Fleurt," LF, handled by Suzan Caire
30. Teufelhund Halls Of Montezuma, "Zuma," LF, handled by Buck Shope
32. Hostess City's Seaside Tornado Warning, "Windy," LF, handled by Jason Baker
33. Oldsquaw's Little Rascal, "Rascal," LF, handled by Frank Purdy
35. Hunters Choice Xx, "Archie," LM, handled by Bill Goldstein
36. Seasides Got To Get Up And Try, "Pink," LF, handled by Robbie Knutson
37. Rocket's Hotter Than A Chimney Fire, "June," LF, handled by Christian Alt
40. Swift River's Back In Time, "Marty," LM, handled by Buck Shope
41. No Slack, "Tight," LF, handled by Jason Baker
42. Wild Wings Shut Up And Hold On, "Tobi," LF, handled by Jimmie Darnell
44. Mickey's Victory Run, "Harley," LM, handled by Christian Alt

And the Winner is ...

36. Seasides Got To Get Up And Try, "Pink," LF owned and handled by Robbie Knutson



2018 Annual NRDC General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by NRDC President Ray Vreeland. He welcomed those all in attendance to Sedalia, MO for the second running of the National Derby and wished everyone "good luck." Following the Pledge of Allegiance, we observed a moment of silence in memory of the people and canines lost during the past year.

The NRDC Directors were then introduced: Ray Vreeland, President; Larry Morgan, 1st Vice President; Michael Robicheaux, 2nd Vice President; Becky Eckett, PRTA Director; and John Stracka, Secretary/Treasurer. A roll call followed these introductions, and Secretary John Stracka announced a quorum with 102 clubs present in person or by proxy.

John Russell listed the nominees for the 2019 officers: Larry Morgan, President; Michael Robicheaux, 1st Vice President; Jeff Lyons, 2nd Vice President (elected for the Northern Region); Becky Eckett, PRTA Director; and John Stracka, Secretary/Treasurer (his term ends in 12/19). In short, the current slate of officers moved up one position with the addition of Jeff Lyons from the Northern Region as 2nd Vice President. Becky Eckett has agreed to continue as the Professional Retriever Trainers Association (PRTA) Director.

Secretary/Treasurer John Stracka presented the 2017 Financial Statement and the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes; a motion to approve these was made and seconded.

The report of 2019 Derby National Championship event nominating committee was read by 1st Vice President Larry Morgan. The Derby National will be held October 7-11, 2019 and will once again take place in Sedalia, MO on the Haydens' property. The Judges panel for the 2019 event includes Mitch Patterson from the Northern Region, Phil Heye from the Southern Region and Rob Reuter from the Western Region.

Dennis Bath presented the 2017 Winner's painting to Charles and Vicky Bearden, who were joined at the front of the room by handler Jason Baker. Sponsored by Starline Brass, this beautiful work of art by painter Stefanie Sattler depicts the Beardens' dog Maplepond Great Expectation.

Corporate Sponsor Liaison Gwen Jones acknowledged the Sponsors: Purina, Avery Sporting Dog, Starline Brass, Garmin, Dogtra and Kent Ammunition. She recognized them for their generous contributions and encouraged everyone present to thank the specific corporate representatives who were attending this event.

President Ray Vreeland acknowledged and thanked the land owners for the use of their land for both the test grounds and the preNational training, and also the onsite AKC rep, Jerry Mann. Ray expressed gratitude to the Retriever News Team of Tina Styan and Gwen Jones. After introducing the Official Photographer, Deana Wolfe, he reminded participants to have their photos taken after running the First Series. Ray also thanked the Official Vet, Thompson Hills Vet Clinic and Dr. Chad McNeil, DVM.

The 2018 Judges were introduced and presented with silver "D" Derby plaques mounted on pieces of granite: Northern Region – Jeff Lyons; Southern Region – Clint Joyner and Western Region – Steve Kompf. Chairman Robby Bickley was given a similar appreciation gift.

We heard a special announcement regarding the timing of the Cocktail Party, which was changed to Monday at 6:30 pm. The location would stay the same: the Hayden Liberty Center, 111 West 5th Street. In addition, the Workers' Party would be held on Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Best Western headquarters.

John Russell gave special mention to the myriad items that would be raffled off at this year's event. The silent auction would include large items like a Louisiana duck hunt, a Dave Rorem seminar, a Pat Burns seminar and a custom-made ice chest decorated with the Derby logo. Smaller silent auction items include a Derby logo custom doormat and cutting board from Brenda





Neil of Lucky Lab Pins, and a Retriever News 3-year subscription. Daily raffles would give everyone a chance to participate and win special prizes such as a Guns Up Tosser, a Stick Man by Magee Products, bird boxes by Ainley and Deerskin, and assorted training videos. The Workers' Party would offer more opportunities to collect raffle prizes, with a selection of e-collars and whistles available.

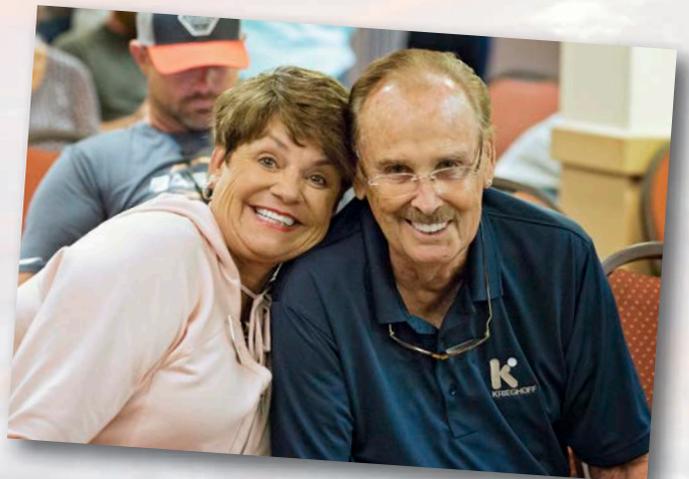
Chief Marshal Bobby Lane introduced the two test dogs: Vinson's Nez Boueux Noir Zeke, "Zeke," a male Labrador owned and handled by James Vinson, along with Macomo's Queen of Fall, "Queen," a female Labrador owned by Jonathan and Heather Stenger and handled by Dave Donahue.

At this point it was time to read the procedural announcements. Bobby informed us that after the test dogs run, the first ten handlers would be allowed to view the line, after which the next ten may approach and so forth until everyone has had the chance to view the line. If a test was scrapped and rerun the same day, the next running dog would start the test, but if a test was scrapped and started the next day, the original rotation would apply.

The definition for a no-bird was any reason to halt the test. The rules for no-birds were as follows: first no-bird, go back six; second no-bird, go back six; and third no-bird, go to the end. The handler should receive their dog to one side and, upon release of the bird, the dog should immediately be put on lead.

The First Series would be a land double using ducks with one flyer. The First and Second Series would both be run in the same general location. An informal caravan would leave at 6:30 am from the Headquarters hotel. The National Anthem would be sung at 7:30 am, the test dogs would run at 7:45 am and the first running dog would begin at about 8:00 am. We were reminded that dog #12 was a scratch and that the last three dogs included in the catalog, dogs #42, 43 and 44, were added to the running order as last minute Qualifiers for this event.

Chairman Robby Bickley used a custom-made ping-pong ball machine to choose the starting dog number, assisted by Chief Marshal Bobby Lane. The first ping-pong ball down the chute should have indicated the starting dog, but unfortunately the machine malfunctioned and several balls shot around the room in various directions – it was hilarious! After gathering the numbered balls and reloading the machine, number 19 was selected: Top Line Ranger Leads the Way, "Ranger," owned Sallie and Mark Flavin and handled by Marc Patton. The rotation was determined as follows: 19, 30, 41 and 8. We were informed that the callbacks would be posted at HQ and on the Official Retriever News Blog. The handlers were cautioned that the bitch check would follow the meeting ... and with that, the meeting was promptly adjourned. ■





The National Retriever Derby Club Champion Trophy, generously donated by Kate Simonds. The top Derby logo was made of sterling silver and represented the look of the past, while the base was made of granite to represent the look of the future. Please enjoy the story of the making of this magnificent trophy below from the inside of the National Derby Championship event catalog program:

We are very fortunate to have a friend in our sport like Kate Simonds. Her love for and dedication to our sport continue to surface throughout the full breadth of retriever field trials. Kate has presented to the National Retriever Derby Club a truly unique trophy to be awarded to the winner for their possession and proper stewardship until the following year's competition. At that time, the next National Derby Champion will accept custody for the subsequent year. And so, a new tradition is underway.

Now on to the trophy itself. This trophy is comprised of the traditional look of a solid sterling silver, sculpted, retriever jumping through the "D." The two-tiered base is a granite finish, which is a new look. Together the presentation is a blending of new and tradition, much like the event itself.

The retriever was sculpted by Carol Bunyon of Stowe, VT and Brays Island, SC. The entire trophy was designed and constructed by Ferro Jewelers of New York and Stowe, VT.

The initial foundation support of the National Retriever Derby Club came from many individuals and entities. They should be recognized as an elite and generous group who formed the NRDC Charter Membership. The National Retriever Derby Club wishes to thank the following for their generous donations and support:

- Dennis Bath and David Bath*
- Beverly and Robby Bickley*
- Alice and Scott Carruth*
- Terri and Wayne Curtis*
- Laura and Alvin Hatcher*
- Barbara and Robert Hayden*
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2018 National Derby Event Committees



Hostess Committee: L to R: Lori Morgan, Bev Bickley and Carol Morehouse.



Bird Throwers: Back Row—L to R: Chad Griffin, Sol Semmler, William Forbes, Seth Steenburger and Loren Morehouse. Front Row: Jimmie Darnell, Glen Curtis, Cynean Bartlett – Chair and Alex Drent. Not pictured: Don Chubb, Robbie Knutson, Wayne Stupka and John Stracka.



Grounds Committee: Back Row—L to R: Wayne Stupka, John Schneider and Loren Morehouse. Front Row – L to R: Ray Vreeland – Chair, Mitch Patterson and Eric Pashley.



Traffic: L to R: David Wolfe, Northrup Larson – Chair and Kevin Polley. Not pictured: John Heard.



Gunners: Back Row—L to R: John Parrott – Co-Captain, Robert Hanson, Curt Showalter, Steve Kompf, Mark Veum and David Carrington. Front Row – L to R: John Russell, Jr., Lori Morgan, Dennis Bath – Captain and Larry Morgan. Not pictured: Lester Langley.



Marshal's Committee: Back Row – L to R: Bobby Lane – Chief Marshal, Cheryl Robicheaux – Co-Chief Marshal Coordinator, Mike Robicheaux – Co-Chief Marshal, Nick Menard and Wayne Stupka. Front Row – L to R, Valarie Lane – Co-Chief Marshal Coordinator, Kate Macartney and Suzanne Caire. Not pictured: Charles Beardon, Jeff Dickens, Misty Dickens, Chad Griffin, Frank Purdy and Sheila Purdy.



Game Stewards: Back Row – L to R: Tara Yohan, Jeff Saladin, David Cuthbertson – Chair and Marty Melo. Front Row: Lou Vreeland and Lisa Pavore.



Special Committee: L to R: John Russell, Jr. and Robert Hayden.

Championship

Statistics

Entered

44

Scratches

1

Starters

43

Starters by Breed, Sex and Color

Black Lab Males – 20

Yellow Lab Males – 2

Black Lab Females – 21

Yellow Lab Females – 1

Male Handlers – 22

Female Handlers – 3

Pro Handlers – 13

Amateur Handlers – 12

Handlers with 2 or More Dogs

Jason Baker – 5

Glen Curtis – 3

Buck Shope – 5

Misty Melo – 3

Hunter Street – 4

Marc Patton – 2

Christian Alt – 3

Clint Weitzel – 2

Littermates or Full Siblings Entered

Bayou Teche Clouseau ex Tobasco Hot And Spicy

Whelping Date: 2/14/17 Breeder: Donnie Fitzgerald

21 Teche's Bayou Kat (Kate), LF, Owner Wayne Stupka
- 5 Lifetime Derby Points

28 Dickens' Bayou Teche Prayin' When It Rains SH (River), LM, Owners Jeff & Misty Dickens - 6 Lifetime Derby Points

FC Fargo II ex FC Delpond's Pretty In Pink

Whelping Date: 12/13/16 Breeder: Mark Menzies

22 Bayou-Star Fleurty Girl (Fleurt), LF, Owner Suzan Caire
- 22 Lifetime Derby Points (Finalist)

35 Hunters Choice XX (Archie), LM, Owner Sara Goldstein
- 41 Lifetime Derby Points (Finalist)

41 No Slack (Tight), LF, Owner Mary Jarvis-Duerson
- 14 Lifetime Derby Points (Finalist)

FC-AFC Good Idea's Have It Your Way ex Five Star's Making The Grade JH

Whelping Date: 11/16/16 Breeder: Chris Winkleman

12 Backdrafts Smooth Criminal (Addie), LF, Owner Josh Reeves
- 5 Lifetime Derby Points

10 Taking All Your Attention (Taya), LF, Owner Zach Taylor
- 7 Lifetime Derby Points

17 SLR's Big Green Smash (Hulk), LM, Owner Hunter Boyett
- 5 Lifetime Derby Points

FC-AFC Lanes Lets Get Ready To Rumble ex CFC Pilkington's Perspicacity

Whelping Date: 11/2/16 Breeder: Chad Griffin

34 Still Waters Pullin' The Peacemaker (Colt), LM, Owner Chad Griffin
- 5 Lifetime Derby Points

43 Beaver Runs Raymond for Sheriff (Raymond), LM, Owners Leigh Windham & Lyle Norwood - 5 Lifetime Derby Points

AFC Meadowwoods Lawman ex Shaq's Carbonated Delight

Whelping Date: 11/16/16 Breeders: Judy Despenas & Ted Gardner

14 Beaver Creek's Magic White Lightning (Madge), LF, Owners Sol & Mary Jo Semmler - 15 Lifetime Derby Points (Finalist)

26 Meadow Woods Doc Holiday (Doc), LM, Owners Tony & Judy Despenas
- 23 Lifetime Derby Points

Qualifier Points Earned

30 dogs with 5 points

35 dogs with 6-10 points

9 dogs with 11-15 points

12 dogs with greater than 16 points

86 Total Qualifiers for 2018 National Derby Championship

Oldest Starting Dog

#8 Ten Bears Salt N Pepper (10/18/2016)

Youngest Starting Dog

#39 Skywatch High Plains Lawdog (7/9/2017)

Average Starting Age

1 year 6 months

Sires w/2 or More Progeny Entered

NFC-AFC Windy City's Mighty Mouse – 3

FC-AFC Flawless Execution – FLEX – 2

NAFC-FC Mulligan Off The Rainy "T" – 2

FC-CFC Sweeties Easy Rider – 2

FC Seaside's Gorgeous George ex Seaside's California Chrome

Whelping Date: 3/31/17 Breeders Rita & Frank Jones

16 Seaside's Mojo Moxy (Boots), LF, Owners Rita & Frank Jones
- 9 Lifetime Derby Points

32 Hostess City's Seaside Tornado Warning (Windy), LF, Owner Gerry Balboni
- 10 Lifetime Derby Points (Finalist)

36 Seaside's Got To Get Up And Try (Pink), LF, Owner Robbie Knutson
- 23 Lifetime Derby Points (Winner)

FC Swift Rivers No Problems MH ex Teufelhund Semper Fi MH

Whelping Date: 4/14/17 Breeder: Michael Moss

9 Teufelhund Arm Bar Takedown (Rousey), LF, Owner Lisa Pavone
- 26 Lifetime Derby Points (Finalist)

20 Swift Rivers Jefferson Monticello (Jefferson) LM, Owner Tim Wright
- 13 Lifetime Derby Points (Finalist)

30 Teufelhund Halls of Montezuma (Zuma) LF, Owner Michael Moss
- 13 Lifetime Derby Points (Finalist)

40 Swift River's Back in Time (Marty) LM, Owners Buck Shope & Tara Yohan
- 20 Lifetime Derby Points (Finalist)

FC-AFC Tuck N Roll II ex Dunn Hill's Riding The River

Whelping Date: 3/7/17 Breeder: Kelly & Stephen Morgan

19 Top Line Ranger Leads The Way (Ranger), LM, Owners Mark & Sallie Flavin
- 29 Lifetime Derby Points (Finalist)

29 Princess Ellie VIII (Ellie), LF, Owner George Begakis
- 11 Lifetime Derby Points

Finalists

Finalists by Breed and Sex

Black Lab Male – 9

Black Lab Female – 11

Yellow Lab Female – 1

Male Handlers – 12

Female Handlers – 2

Pro Handlers – 10

Amateur Handlers – 4

Oldest Finalist

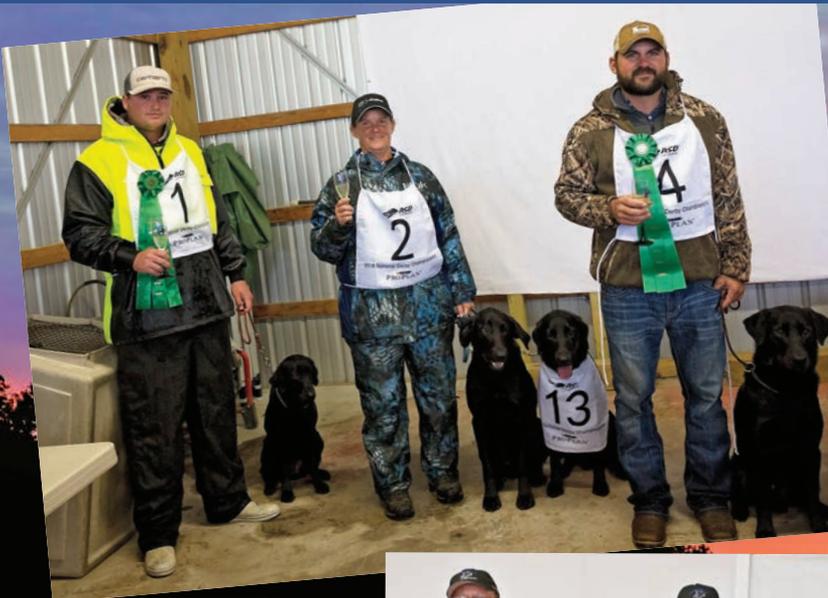
#14 Beaver Creek's Magic White Lightning (DOB 11/16/2016)

Youngest Finalist

#4 Bayou Teche Paint The Black (DOB 5/8/2017)

2018 National Derby

The Finalists



Photos by Deana Wolfe



Judges Critique	4. Very Good	8. Very Good
1. Good	5. Excellent	9. Excellent
2. Excellent	6. Good	10. Fair
3. Good	7. Very Good	

FIVE YEARS AGO our journey began when we hesitantly agreed to let our son get a black lab. We thought it would be awesome to own a gun dog. So we found a local trainer and at 1.5 years old off went our male Ranger to learn how to retrieve ducks and ended up competing in hunt tests. We were hooked after going to our first test.

Fast forward two years and we decided we wanted a female. Out of the litter that was offered there were three born - one girl and two males. Fate had tossed the coin and we had our girl. We decided on the simple name of Lady as it stuck in our head. Unbeknownst to us, it was her Grandmother's name. We had our "Leading Lady of the Pack" to melt our hearts.

She is so eager to please and thus takes correction very well and does not forget. We are elated that Hunter Street and Reid Jones crossed our paths and have taken Lady to the next level. The Derby Nationals were nerve wracking and each session completed brought a new level of pride and anxieties. With only six derbies under her belt, becoming a finalist was phenomenal. Great things will continue with Lady!!

We thank those that held the Derby Nationals and the updates on each run was such a blessing!

Sincerely,
The Pack



No. 1 – Leading Lady Of The Pack

LF, 12/16/16, owner Sean Pack, handler Hunter Street
Price Farm's Preaching To The Choir ex Road Warrior's Big Chill
Breeder: Scott Memmott

Judges Critique	4. Excellent	8. Very Good
1. Good	5. Good	9. Very Good
2. Very Good	6. Excellent	10. Very Good
3. Excellent	7. Fair	

FIRST OF ALL, congratulations to handler/owner Robbie Knutson and "Pink" for winning the 2018 NRDC! What a talented 18 month old she is! And cheers to "Pink's" breeder, Rita Jones.

Secondly, I'd like to thank the NRDC judges who did a thoughtful job of setting ten safe tests appropriate for young dogs under two years of age. I joke, Ted Gardner, Mark Struve, John Good, and John

I'm grateful to the many workers who contributed time to make this NRDC successful! And to the sponsors: Purina, Avery, MTCK, Zinger, and PJK.

Thank you to landowners Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayden of Starline Brass for the use of their fabulous grounds.

No retriever can be a finalist, much less a competitor, without training! Misty Melo and her team (including Tim Wallinger) at PepperJack Kennels are responsible for Dealer's success - they picked him as a puppy from breeder Rip Shively, and trained him.

Our pre-National training group of Misty and Glen Curtis of Fox Hollow Retrievers fine-tuned Dealer and gave him experience in Missouri. Thank you!!

Finally, all of us at PepperJack have benefitted from the regular mentoring of Pat Burns from Elite Retrievers, who helps us see the future and how to get there.

Thank you all for making this such a fascinating and challenging sport for dogs and humans. I am grateful to the leaders in our sport who had the vision to create the NRDC.



No. 2 – PepperJack's Deal Me An Ace

LM, 2/8/17, owner Kate Macartney, handler Misty Melo
NFC-AFC Windy City's Mighty Mouse ex R&A's Swift Song MH QAA
Breeder: Rip Shively

No. 4 – Bayou Teche Paint The Black

LM, 5/8/17, owner Glen & Lauren (Hays) Curtis, handler Glen Curtis
FC-AFC Bayou Teche Swing For The Fence ex My Rock's Hallelujah To The World
Breeder: Pam Wilson



Judges Critique

4. Good	8. Fair	
1. Good	5. Good	9. Good
2. Excellent	6. Excellent	10. Good
3. Excellent	7. Fair	

FIRST OFF, all glory to God and the joy he has given us with these amazing animals! Thank you to my beautiful wife Lauren Hays Curtis for picking, raising and starting “Madduxx.” Her knowledge, love, and support through all of this is a dream come true. Also thank you to my parents and the entire Fox Hollow crew for their efforts in making this possible.

Bayou Teche Paint The Black, “Madduxx” named after the Hall of Fame pitcher Greg Maddux known for his accuracy and painting the corners. Note the spelling difference this is in honor of FC-AFC Bayou Teche Swing For The Fence “Foxx.” Those genetics are already being passed down being the youngest finalist. Madduxx’s personality is what really makes him fun. Whether it’s going into a holding blind, learning new tricks at a car wash, picking up a goose, or happily running for his marks, Madduxx has a blast doing all of it.

Many thanks to all the workers that it took to put on this event. Without their efforts and time this couldn’t be possible. HUGE thank you to the Haydens for the use of their amazing grounds. Congratulations to Robbie Knutson and “Pink”. Now if we could just get him to put on a Milwaukee Brewers hat!

No. 5 – Razor’s Buckshot

LM, 4/21/17, owner Lary Vaske, handler Christian Alt
FC-CFC Sweetie’s Easy Rider ex Razor’s Da Cuttin Edge
Breeder: Scott Anderson



Judges Critique

4. Good	8. Very Good	
1. Excellent	5. Excellent	9. Good
2. Good	6. Good	10. Fair
3. Very Good	7. Excellent	

CONGRATS TO ROBBIE AND PINK. A huge Thank You to Bob Hayden for hosting and all of the Judges and workers. Also Thank you to Christian Alt for getting Shooter here and handling him as I couldn’t make it this time.

I bought Razor’s Buckshot (Shooter) from Scott Anderson in Canada. Clint Avant from Vision Retrievers talked highly of Sweeties Easy Rider (Ford) after seeing him pre National training. I saw this breeding and after talking with Scott made a deposit on a puppy.

At 7 weeks old Shooter was delivered to my son’s house in the Minneapolis area and given to my wife Dawn because I was running the National Amateur in Wisconsin at the time. Apparently he was not a very happy puppy for a few nights because wife had a very different name for him (Little SOB).

At 6 months of age he went to Christian Alt at Steadfast Retrievers for his early basics and training. Christian has done an excellent job with Shooter. He has ran 5 Derby’s and now all 10 series in the National so he has approximately 60 marks in trials and has not failed one yet! He is showing a lot of promise at 18 months old.

At some point he will move up to the Big Dog truck with Clint Avant at Vision Retrievers to continue his training and hopefully run a Big Dog National.

Judges Critique	4. Excellent	8. Good
1. Excellent	5. Good	9. Good
2. Very Good	6. Excellent	10. Fair
3. Good	7. Weak	

FIRST I'D LIKE TO THANK Buck Shope for the amazing job he has done training my dog Rousey and her littermates. It is always a difficult decision to send your puppy off for training but when the cold weather rolls into the northeast not a lot of dog training can be accomplished. At six months old Rousey was already showing a lot of promise and I didn't want there to be a break in her training so I sent her south with Buck.

Through the winter the reports I received from Buck regarding Rousey's training were always quite promising. Rousey continued to train well and after four months she was ready for her first Derby. She won her first Derby and continued to be successful throughout the summer and early fall.

I waited about eight years till I found the breeding that I thought would produce the dog I wanted and the wait was well worth it. Rousey is one of the four litter mates that qualified this year at the 2018 Derby Nationals. That sure does say a lot about the sire, dam, and trainer. Thanks to judges and all the hard work put into this national event. Amazing!

No. 9 – Teufelhund Arm Bar Takedown

LF, 4/14/17, owner Lisa Pavone, handler Buck Shope
FC Swift Rivers No Problems MH ex Teufelhund Semper Fi MH
Breeder: Michael Moss



Judges Critique	4. Good	8. Fair
1. Good	5. Fair	9. Very Good
2. Very Good	6. Very Good	10. Very Good
3. Fair	7. Fair	

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I would like to extend our team's gratitude to National Retriever Derby Club, Inc, Sponsors, Event Volunteers, and Land Owner's for working tirelessly to put on a world class National Derby.

Dash's progress thus far in her young career wouldn't have been possible without a strong foundation and team support behind her. I would like to personally thank the following team members; my Uncle and Aunt Jeff and Diane Jump-Legere, Douglas and Vicki Randazzo, Peter Steinwald of Rock Forest Retrievers (Upland, CA), and Alex Drent of Steady Training (Draper, UT).

As a rookie dog owner, I would be lost without the team that has supported Dash and myself thus far in her young career.

In addition, Alex is a tremendous talent in the sport. He has been exciting to watch as his career has progressed over the past year and I can't wait to see what Dash and Alex can do together, in particular, what the future holds for them.

Without all of the individuals mentioned above, Dash's career thus far would not have been possible. Again, I would like to thank you all of you for your tremendous support and vast expertise.

No. 11 – Sweetie's Little Dash-A-Rue

LF, 12/3/16, owner Justin Legere, handler Alex Drent
FC-CFC Sweetie's Easy Rider ex Utah's Elite Mission For Ducks
Breeder: Doug Randazzo



No. 13 – Idaho's Duck's, Buck's & Truck's

LM, 2/6/17, owner Darin Quigley, handler Misty Melo
FC-AFC JJ Of Red Rock ex South Fork's Irish Coffey
Breeder: Dave Coffey



Judges Critique	4. Very Good	8. Fair
1. Good	5. Weak	9. Fair
2. Good	6. Fair	10. Fair
3. Good	7. Fair	

I PURCHASED "TRUCKER" as a puppy from breeder David Coffey. The reason I chose this breeding was because of the sire FC AFC JJ of Red Rock was being bred to David's dog South Fork's Irish Coffey. Mainly running field trials in Northern California I always enjoy watching JJ compete. I was able to visit the litter at 4 weeks old in Idaho and because of work commitments I asked David Coffey to pick me a nice male at 8 weeks old.

Trucker was a fast learner as a puppy and easy to train. With the help of my Northern California training group Trucker flew through his puppy basics and transitioned to derby work on land quickly. Because of his birthdate and fire season I was unable to start his water work and swim until this summer. However that did not slow Trucker down at all and with the help of my training group he learned quickly how to handle and run marks in water.

At 15 months of age I sent Trucker to Texas to Pepperjack Kennels to be trained by Misty Melo. With the help of Misty and her team Trucker excelled and was able to qualify for the Derby National in just a few events.

I would like to thank the individuals that worked so hard to make the National Derby Championship successful. I would also like to thank the judges for their hard work and setting of challenging tests for these young dogs. Lastly I can't thank Misty Melo enough for taking and running Trucker at the National Derby Championship.

No. 14 – Beaver Creek's Magic White Lightning

LF, 11/16/16, owners Sol & Mary Jo Semmler, handler Sol Semmler
AFC Meadowwoods Lawman ex Shaq's Carbonated Delight
Breeder: Ted Gardner



Judges Critique	4. Excellent	8. Fair
1. Excellent	5. Fair	9. Good
2. Excellent	6. Excellent	10. Fair
3. Very Good	7. Excellent	

I TRY TO LISTEN to advice from Jim Beck (Beck Retriever Kennels) when it comes to dogs. So, when he mentioned there was about to be a litter born in Iowa and who the pups were from, my wife and I headed south to get a puppy. We are very grateful to Beth Harmon, who did a wonderful job socializing them for the first eight weeks.

We named her Madge and she became part of our family. She went to Texas to start her formal training. Jim's consistent high standard gave her a great foundation. I appreciate his coaching, helping Madge and I move along and perfect our skills as handler and dog. All members of Jim's team deserve a huge thanks for all their time spent to advance Madge.

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible. Bob and Barb Hayden, your grounds and hospitality are a jewel in the trial circuit. Congratulations to winner Robbie Knutson and all the finalists.

Madge will always be the "first yellow female labrador" to be a finalist at the National Derby Championship. She makes us smile when she works her magic.

Judges Critique	4. Good	8. Fair
1. Good	5. Good	9. Good
2. Fair	6. Fair	10. Weak
3. Good	7. Fair	

WE ACQUIRED RANGER at 9 weeks old from breeders Steve and Kelly Morgan. His is an excellent pedigree, but mostly it was love at first sight. Mark was looking for a stay-at-home gun dog since we already had a competition dog with Top Line Retrievers. We kept him with us until he was 6 months at which time we asked Colby Williams of Top Line Retrievers to work with him and assess his capabilities. Combining the talents of two remarkable trainers (Colby Williams and Marc Patton) and what turned out to be the strong, innate abilities of Ranger resulted in our beautiful, happy boy being a National Derby Championship Finalist. Ranger has exceeded our expectations. What an incredible experience for us all. We are eager to see what Ranger does next! We'll continue to run him in Derby's until he ages out in 2019 and then on the Quals. Our deepest thanks to Colby, Marc and the National Derby organizers for making this possible. Needless to say, Mark is still looking for his stay-at-home gun dog.

Mark and Sallie Flavin

No. 19 – Top Line Ranger Leads The Way

LM, 3/7/17, owner Sallie & Mark Flavin, handler Marc Patton
 FC-AFC Tuck N Roll II ex Dunn Hill's Riding The River
 Breeder: Steve & Kelly Morgan



Judges Critique	4. Weak	8. Fair
1. Very Good	5. Fair	9. Very Good
2. Very Good	6. Very Good	10. Fair
3. Very Good	7. Good	

BUCK SHOPE from Swift River Retrievers is responsible for us having Swift Rivers Jefferson Monticello "Jeff," his dog FC Swift Rivers No Problems "Kenny" is the sire along with Teufelhund Semper Fi "Lena" owned by Mike Moss as the dam. Buck has now trained 3 dogs for us and we have enjoyed competing with them all over the US.

Jeff was named by a family vote a month before he was born which is ironic given that his DOB of 4/14/17 is one day off Thomas Jefferson's birthday on 4/13/1743! Jeff is a big, strong, enthusiastic dog with plenty of drive, he is fun to work with.

Clearly Jeff is from strong genes as he ran the National Derby along with 3 of his litter mates all of whom were finalists. Buck trained and ran everyone with the tireless patience and skill we have come to expect, but I would also like to thank Tara Yohan for keeping him sane and shucking dogs throughout the test.

I would like to recognize everybody who worked so hard to put the National Derby together in Sedalia, MO. The communications were fantastic for the "parents" waiting anxiously in the wings. Thanks everyone.

No. 20 – Swift Rivers Jefferson Monticello

LM, 4/14/17, owner Tim Wright, handler Buck Shope
 FC Swift Rivers No Problems MH ex Teufelhund Semper Fi MH
 Breeder: Michael Moss



No. 22 – Bayou-Star Fleurty Girl

LF, 12/13/16, owner Suzan Claire, handler Suzan Claire
FC Fargo II ex FC Delpond's Pretty In Pink
Breeder: Mark Menzies



Judges Critique

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| 1. Very Good | 4. Good | 8. Good |
| 2. Very Good | 5. Good | 9. Excellent |
| 3. Very Good | 6. Good | 10. Fair |
| | 7. Good | |

“FLEURT” is a promising young dog with a tremendous amount of desire! When we called Mark Menzies to put us on the list we had no idea what a special puppy was coming our way! She gives 100% effort every time and absolutely loves to retrieve...training a dog like this makes it all worthwhile!

There were 4 pups out of her litter qualified for the National Derby and 3 were finalists! I'd say that's a darn good litter!

Thank you Chris Payne for doing a fantastic job on basics!!

The National Derby was well organized and Bob Hayden's property is amazing!!!

Thank you the many people who worked tirelessly to make this event possible.

Also want to thank my fantastic training group, it was a blast!!!

No. 30 – Teufelhund Halls Of Montezuma

LF, 4/14/17, owner Michael Moss, handler Buck Shope
FC Swift Rivers No Problems MH ex Teufelhund Semper Fi MH
Breeder: Michael Moss



Judges Critique

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| 1. Fair | 4. Very Good | 8. Excellent |
| 2. Very Good | 5. Fair | 9. Excellent |
| 3. Excellent | 6. Excellent | 10. Very Good |
| | 7. Fair | |

FROM THE VERY START, Zuma had special status with many people. My devoted friends Brian Parsons, Wanda and Hannah Crosby helped me to whelp the litter of nine puppies. Zuma was the first born and as is my custom she wore a red rick-rack collar so her first day name was, “Red.” Soon she progressed to Rosanne (Cash) and then spent a few weeks as Hallie. Ultimately, another friend weighed in and captured the identity of “Zuma.” That call name fit and, finally, stuck.

From the beginning, Zuma was the most determined puppy. She demanded to be first in everything the puppies did. She was fostered at several friends' homes and spent much of her time at the Parsons-Crosby home where she learned basic obedience.

At six-months, “Zuma,” went to Swiftriver Retrievers where Buck Shope took over her training. Buck, at one time, had seven of the puppies from this litter. Four of them qualified, were handled and became finalists at the 2018 Derby National. What a special group of young dogs. Even better, they still have six-months before they will be two-years old!

Judges Critique

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| 1. Very Good | 4. Fair | 8. Fair |
| 2. Excellent | 5. Very Good | 9. Excellent |
| 3. Very Good | 6. Excellent | 10. Good |
| | 7. Good | |

“WINDY” is my second Derby dog in six tries. My first dog was two weeks different in age from “Chrome” and we trained with her and ran against her every week. I was always impressed with her ability, and attitude. I had watched “Clooney” in training and trials closely for a year as well. I knew I wanted a Chrome puppy if the Jones decided to breed her and shamelessly let it be known.

When Frank and Rita called to let me know there was a female available for me it was monumental. Windy was not like any other puppy I’ve had. Her intensity, drive and ability were paired with a remarkably level head. I’m looking forward to the rest of our Derby run.

I’d like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Jones as well as my friend Jason for the opportunities they’ve given me and all the hard work and patience teaching and help along the way.

No. 32 – Hostess City’s Seaside Tornado Warning

LF, 3/31/16, owner Gerry Balboni, handler Jason Baker
FC Seaside’s Gorgeous George ex Seaside’s California Chrome
Breeder: Frank & Rita Jones

**Judges Critique**

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| 1. Excellent | 4. Excellent | 8. Weak |
| 2. Excellent | 5. Excellent | 9. Excellent |
| 3. Excellent | 6. Excellent | 10. Weak |
| | 7. Excellent | |

“RASCAL” is the result of our breeding of FC-AFC Flawless Execution to Oldsquaw’s Miss Darla. I knew early in her training that she was special; a wonderful marker, with an incredible memory. She is exciting to train and run.

The Derby National was a rewarding experience. The grounds, generously provided by the Hayden’s, were beautiful and challenging and the mechanics were flawless. It was the result of many hours of planning, dedication and hard work of so many people.

A special thank you to our training group, Ernie Hawkins and Marcia Johnson and especially my wife, Sheila, for all the set ups and marks they threw for Rascal. To Brad Arington and Cody Turner at Mossy Pond Retrievers, thanks for your hard work with Rascal’s winter training.

The Derby National is a great addition to our sport. I would encourage all qualifiers for 2019 to come join the fun at next year’s event in Sedalia, Missouri.

No 33. – Oldsquaw’s Little Rascal

LF, 1/20/17, owner Frank & Sheila Purdy, handler Frank Purdy
FC-AFC Flawless Execution – Flex QAA ex Oldsquaw’s Miss Darla
Breeder: Frank Purdy



No. 35 – Hunters Choice XX

LM, 12/13/16, owners William & Sara Goldstein, handler William Goldstein
FC Fargo II ex FC Delpond's Pretty In Pink
Breeder: Mark Menzies



Judges Critique

1. Fair	4. Very Good	8. Excellent
2. Excellent	5. Very Good	9. Excellent
3. Very Good	6. Very Good	10. Fair
	7. Good	

HUNTER'S CHOICE XX "Archie" was bred by my good friends and training chums Mark and Sussie Menzies. They had two litters on the ground at the same time. Archie was out of FC Delpond Pretty In Pink "Bella" bred to FC Fargo. I had the very good fortune of Sussie picking "Blue-Back" ie Archie for me. Two other litter-mates Susan Cairé's Bayou-Star Fleurty Girl and Mary Jarvis-Deurson's No Slack qualified and were finalists.

From an early age Archie showed great potential. He progressed through the thousand or so puppy marks that my wife Sara would graciously throw. He went through force-fetch, collar conditioning and double T amazingly fast. At that point my friend and long time training guru Hugh Arthur agreed to take Archie on. Hugh did wonders with the wild man - calming him down on the line.

Despite Hugh's admonition "not to run him too much", Archie won his first Derby at fourteen months and his first Qualifying at sixteen months.

Special thanks to the judges and committee members for putting on a well run and pleasant National Derby Championship. Congratulations to Robbie Knutson and Pink for the win. A special thank you to my wife Sara who has always been there for me. Thanks also to our training group, Jason Baker, Robbie Knutson, Clint Weitzel, Rod Sage, Chad Griffin and Kevin Greenhoe.

No. 37 – Rocket's Hotter Than A Chimney Fire

LF, 12/16/16, owner Reece Jump, handler Christian Alt
NAFC-FC Mulligan Off The Rainy "T" ex Port Bay's TNT Dynamite-Dyna
Breeder: Kim Pfister



Judges Critique

1. Fair	4. Excellent	8. Fair
2. Excellent	5. Good	9. Good
3. Excellent	6. Excellent	10. Good
	7. Excellent	

ON DECEMBER 17TH, 2016, I was getting a quick waterfowl hunt in before going to a Christmas lunch when I heard my phone ring. It was a message from Kim Pfister of Rainmaker Labs letting me know that there were just enough puppies born to make it to my name on her wait list.

On my trip to Wisconsin to pick up my new puppy, I decided "June" would be a fitting name for her. June is a daughter of Mully which caught my interest when I followed the blog during the 2016 National Open. As luck would have it, shortly after I purchased June, Mully went on to win the National Am in 2017!

At that time, June was my first dog that I had intentions to compete in field trials with and after doing a bit of asking around for the best young dog/transition trainer I was led to Christian Alt with Steadfast Retrievers. My wife and I owe Christian all the credit for his hard work and dedication to June's training.

Last but not least, I want to thank the judges, workers, and everyone involved in putting together such a well ran event. Also, a big thanks to Bob Hayden for allowing his phenomenal grounds to be used for this event.

Judges Critique

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| 1. Excellent | 4. Very Good | 8. Good |
| 2. Excellent | 5. Good | 9. Fair |
| 3. Fair | 6. Excellent | 10. Very Good |
| | 7. Excellent | |

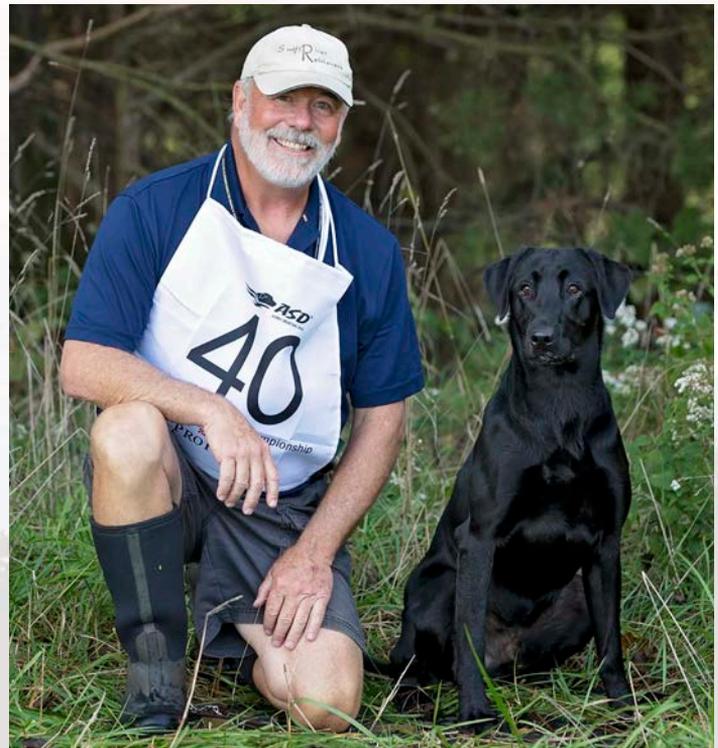
FIRST, congratulations to “Pink” and Robbie, they ran a great trial. Thanks also to the Judges who put on great tests. Thanks to the many folks behind the scenes that made this event possible, and of course, a big thank you to Bob Hayden for the use of his amazing grounds.

I'd also like to thank Bob M, Bruce and Marlene for the use of their great training grounds. Also, Frank and Lisa for all their help pre-national training. And a very special thank you to Tara, for all the help with Marty's training.

Marty is out of a long awaited breeding between FC Swift Rivers No Problems MH and Teufelhunds Semper Fi MH QAA. Thanks to Mike for doing the breeding and to Wanda, Hannah and Brian for doing such a great job raising the litter. Amazingly enough, not only was Marty a finalist, but also 3 of his siblings were finalists as well. Marty is a lot like his father, Kenny, to train. Both are smart, easy and always give me great effort. Neither of them like to be in trouble. We are looking forward to a bright future with Marty and running all age stakes in the coming years.

No. 40 – Swift River's Back In Time

LM, 4/14/17, owners Buck Shope & Tara Yohan, handler Buck Shope FC
Swift Rivers No Problems MH ex Teufelhund Semper Fi MH
Breeder: Michael Moss



Judges Critique

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| 1. Fair | 4. Good | 8. Very Good |
| 2. Excellent | 5. Very Good | 9. Good |
| 3. Very Good | 6. Weak | 10. Good |
| | 7. Very Good | |

“TIGHT” was first acquired by Al Arthur from breeders Mark and Sussie Menzies. While training with Al, I noticed this very active pup with lots of personality and a great attitude for retrieving. At four months I purchased Tight and soon afterward she began her early derby training with Robbie Knudson of Jason Baker Retrievers.

I am very proud that Tight finished the Derby National and would like to give special thanks to her trainer and handler, Jason Baker, for doing a terrific job in preparing her for the derby. His dedication to training young dogs, along with Tight's enthusiasm, will certainly take her to the next level.

No 41. – No Slack

LF, 12/13/16, owner Mary Jarvis Duerson, handler Jason Baker
FC Fargo II ex FC Delpond's Pretty In Pink
Breeder: Mark Menzies



No. 42 – Wild Wings Shut Up And Hold On

LF, 3/22/17, owner Matt Mills, handler Jimmie Darnell
FC-AFC Flawless Execution - Flex ex Whoa Nellie Whoa
Breeder: Chris Wix



Judges Critique

1. Excellent	4. Good	8. Excellent
2. Fair	5. Excellent	9. Good
3. Excellent	6. Excellent	10. Fair
	7. Fair	

WHAT CAN WE SAY about “Tobi?” Jimmie called me up and told me to come down to check out this 4 1/2 month old puppy. He got this breeding from Chris Wix in Franklin, Kentucky. He thought it was going to be a good dog. The first time I saw her I knew she was very special. He asked me if I would like to have her and I said that was a no brainer. So...he started training her and now look she is on the national derby list and is a national derby finalist at 18 months.

We would like to thank the national derby judges and all the volunteers that made this happen. Thank you Mr. Bob Hayden for use of your grounds. Congratulations to the winner and all the qualifiers and finalists. Last, I would like to thank Jimmie Darnell at Wild Wings Retrievers for doing such a great job and William Forbes for throwing birds for Tobi.

No. 44 – Mickey’s Victory Run

LM, 4/13/17, owner Ernest D’Antoni, handler Christian Alt
NFC-AFC Windy City’s Mighty Mouse ex FC-AFC Wight’s Goddess Of Victory MH
Breeder: Tracy Wight



Judges Critique

1. Excellent	4. Excellent	8. Good
2. Fair	5. Excellent	9. Very Good
3. Very Good	6. Excellent	10. Excellent
	7. Very Good	

MICKEY’S VICTORY RUN, “Harley,” was born in Granbury, Texas by the breeder Tracy Wight. He is sired by the 2016 Open National winner NFC AFC Windy City’s Mighty Mouse, “Mickey,” and dam FC AFC Wight’s Goddess of Victory, “Nike.”

We started seeking out a Super Retriever Series competitor with the help of Rody Best, owner of Best Retrievers. The moment we saw him, we knew he had the “it” factor. Harley has extraordinary marking ability, intelligence, tractability and a tenacity for retrieving, making him a standout.

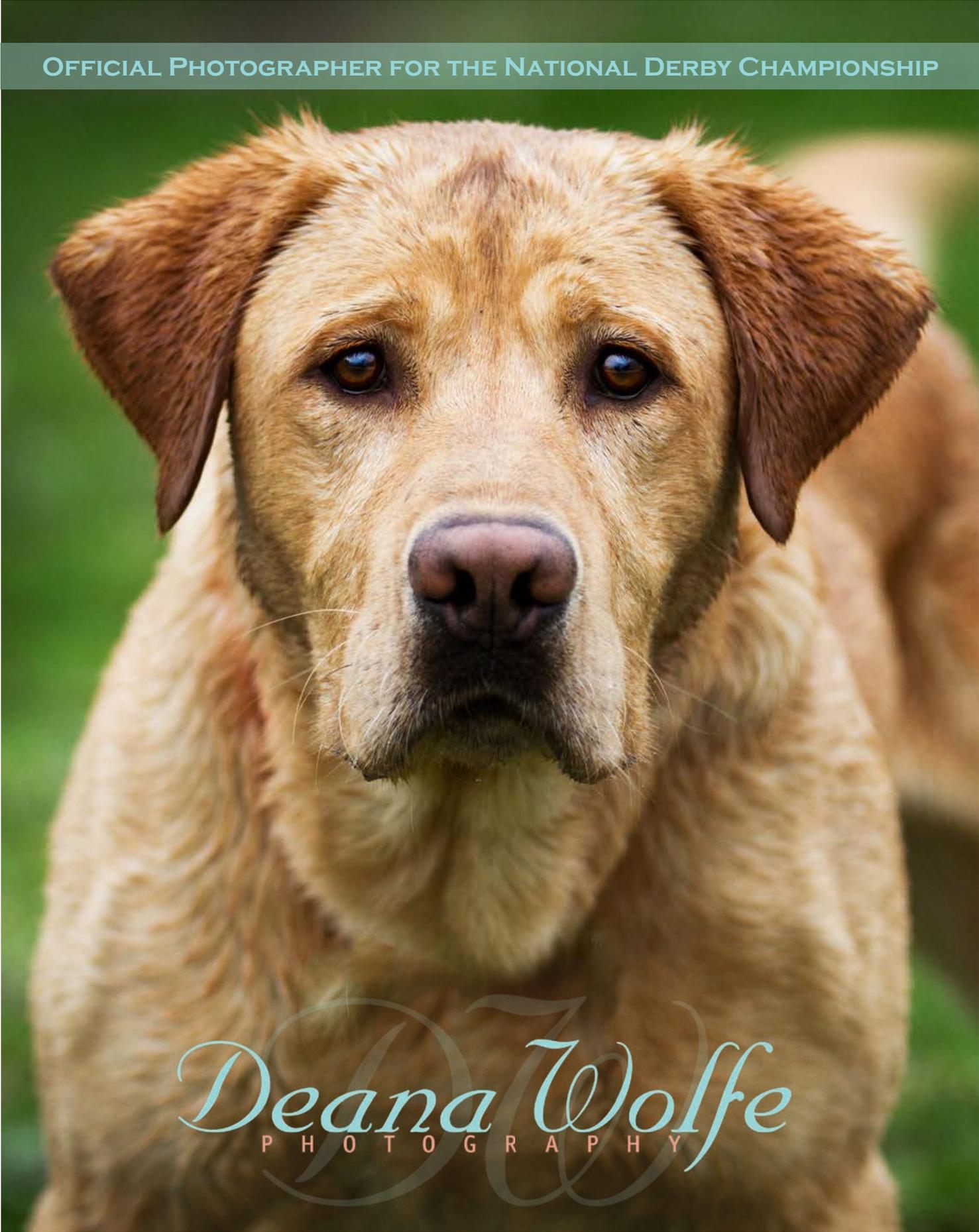
After selecting Harley, Rody recommended his basic training be taught by Christian Alt, a Field Trial pro at Steadfast Retrievers. From the day Harley was dropped off, Christian noticed his potential. Christian has taught Harley his basics and various set-ups.

Harley’s eagerness to retrieve is seen the instant he comes to the line. His derby career started at the young age of 15 months. Today, at 18 months old, he has earned 14 derby points and has made the National Derby. With Harley’s accomplishments we now look forward to his career in Field Trials.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude and congratulations to Harley’s handler and trainer, Christian Alt; his breeder Tracy Wight; and Rody Best for helping choose Harley.

*Proud Owner,
Ernest D’Antoni*

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Starters: In Order of the Draw

1. LEADING LADY OF THE PACK, LF Owner: Sean Pack Handler: Hunter Street	(F)	12/13/2016	19. TOP LINE RANGER LEADS THE WAY, LM Owners: Mark & Sallie Flavin Handler: Marc Patton	(F)	3/7/2017
2. PEPPERJACK'S DEAL ME AN ACE, LM Owner: Kate Macartney Handler: Misty Melo	(F)	2/8/2017	20. SWIFT RIVERS JEFFERSON MONTICELLO, LM Owner: Tim Wright Handler: Buck Shope	(F)	4/14/2017
3. CANDLEWOODS MEET MR OTIS, LM Owner: Kevin Greenhoe Handler: Rod Sage	(8)	5/10/2017	21. TECHE'S BAYOU KAT, LF Owner: Wayne Stupka Handler: Wayne Stupka	(8)	2/14/2017
4. BAYOU TECHE PAINT THE BLACK, LM Owners: Glen Curtis & Lauren Hays Handler: Glen Curtis	(F)	5/8/2017	22. BAYOU-STAR FLEURTY GIRL, LF Owner: Suzan Caire Handler: Suzan Caire	(F)	12/13/2016
5. RAZOR'S BUCKSHOT, LM Owner: Larry Vaske Handler: Christian Alt	(F)	4/21/2017	23. WHITE OAK LIL' MS. STORMY, LF Owner: Martin Kirby Handler: Martin Kirby	(4)	1/28/2017
6. TUCQUAN'S BEAUTY BEHIND THE MADNESS, LF Owner: Nicholas Menard Handler: Seth Steenburgen	(7)	12/28/2016	24. GET SUM MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE, LM Owners: Calvin & Kathie Rumbley Handler: Jason Baker	(7)	11/29/2016
7. KANGA'S KRYPTONITE COCKTAIL, LF Owner: Orvin Kiser Handler: Hunter Street	(4)	2/18/2017	25. RAINWATERS ISAAC, LM Owners: Larry & Helen Heil Handler: Shawn Ward	(7)	12/14/2016
8. TEN BEARS SALT N PEPPER, LF Owner: Leon Stepanian Handler: Jason Baker	(4)	10/18/2016	26. MEADOW WOODS DOC HOLIDAY, LM Owners: Tony & Judy Despenas Handler: Tony Despenas	(4)	11/16/2016
9. TEUFELHUND ARM BAR TAKEDOWN, LF Owner: Lisa Pavone Handler: Buck Shope	(F)	4/14/2017	27. BREEZY CHIRPING CRICKET, LF Owner: Larry Soles Handler: Hunter Street	(10)	11/23/2016
10. TAKING ALL YOUR ATTENTION, LF Owner: Zach Taylor Handler: Clint Weitzel	(2)	11/16/2016	28. DICKENS' BAYOU TECHE PRAYIN' WHEN IT RAINS SH, LM Owners: Jeff & Misty Dickens Handler: Misty Melo	(5)	2/14/2017
11. SWEETIE'S LITTLE DASH-A-RUE QAA, LF Owner: Justin Legere Handler: Alex Drent	(F)	12/3/2016	29. PRINCESS ELLIE VIII, LF Owner: George Begakis Handler: Colby T Williams	(1)	3/7/2017
12. BACKDRAFTS SMOOTH CRIMINAL, LF Owner: Josh Reeves Handler: Hunter Street	(S)	11/16/2016	30. TEUFELHUND HALLS OF MONTEZUMA, LF Owner: Michael Moss Handler: Buck Shope	(F)	4/14/2017
13. IDAHO'S DUCK'S, BUCK'S & TRUCK'S, LM Owner: Darin Quigley Handler: Misty Melo	(F)	2/6/2017	31. CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW, LM Owner: Jeffrey Schilz Handler: Glen Curtis	(5)	3/4/2017
14. BEAVER CREEK'S MAGIC WHITE LIGHTNING, LF Owners: Sol & Mary Jo Semmler Handler: Sol Semmler	(F)	11/16/2016	32. HOSTESS CITY'S SEASIDE TORNADO WARNING, LF Owner: Gerry Balboni Handler: Jason Baker	(F)	3/31/2017
15. COLONIAL'S WE WILL ROCKYOU, LM Owner: Michael Coutu Handler: Buck Shope	(7)	2/12/2017	33. OLDSQUAW'S LITTLE RASCAL, LF Owners: Frank & Sheila Purdy Handler: Frank Purdy	(F)	1/20/2017
16. SEASIDE'S MOJO MOXY, LF Owners: Frank & Rita Jones Handler: Jason Baker	(8)	3/31/2017	34. STILL WATERS PULLIN' THE PEACEMAKER, LM Owner: Chad Griffin Handler: Clint Weitzel	(10)	11/3/2016
17. SLR'S BIG GREEN SMASH, LM Owner: Hunter Boyett Handler: Glen Curtis	(8)	11/16/2016	35. HUNTERS CHOICE XX, LM Owner: Sara Goldstein Handler: Bill Goldstein	(F)	12/13/2016
18. BLACK LABS MATTER II, LM Owner: John Schneider Handler: John Schneider	(6)	12/16/2016	36. NDC SEASIDES GOT TO GET UP AND TRY, LF Owner: Robbie Knutson Handler: Robbie Knutson	(W)	3/31/2017

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| 37. ROCKET'S HOTTER THAN A CHIMNEY FIRE, LF (F) 12/16/2016
Owner: Reece Jump
Handler: Christian Alt | 41. NO SLACK, LF (F) 12/13/2016
Owner: Mary Jarvis-Duerson
Handler: Jason Baker |
| 38. CONTENDERS LAW DAWG, LM (4) 4/25/2017
Owner: Jason Heffelmeier
Handler: Marc Patton | 42. WILD WINGS SHUT UP AND HOLD ON, LF (F) 3/22/2017
Owner: Matt Mills
Handler: Jimmie Darnell |
| 39. SKYWATCH HIGH PLAINS LAWD OG, LM (6) 7/9/2017
Owner: Lou Vreeland
Handler: Ray Vreeland | 43. BEAVER RUNS RAYMOND FOR SHERIFF, LM (7) 11/2/2016
Owners: Leigh Windham & Lyle Norwood
Handler: Leigh Windham |
| 40. SWIFT RIVER'S BACK IN TIME, LM (F) 4/14/2017
Owners: Buck Shope & Tara Yohan
Handler: Buck Shope | 44. MICKEY'S VICTORY RUN, LM (F) 4/13/2017
Owner: Ernest D'Antoni
Handler: Christian Alt |

Test Dogs



Male Test Dog
Vinson's Nez Boueux Noir Zeke
"Zeke," LM, Owner James Vinson
Handler James Vinson



Female Test Dog
Macomo's Queen Of Fall
"Queen," LF, Owners Jonathan & Heather Stenger
Handler Dave Donahue

