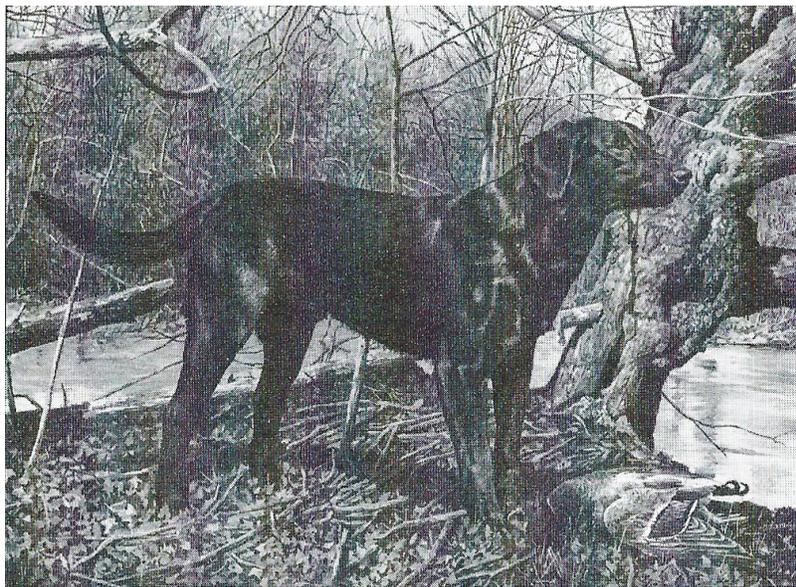


2016

1983 National Amateur Field Champion
Field Champion
Beorn's Blazing Hydropsyché
"Blaze"



DOB: September 2, 1977

(Sire: Alderwood's Master Marcus **ex Dam:** Brigstone Cricket's Star)

Owned By: Breck and Cindy Howard **Breeder:** Kenneth Fraley

Blaze came from a breeding that occurred because his sire "Marcus" was a legendary hunting dog. The breeding yielded great hunting dogs and six all age field trial dogs. Four were AFC, three FC, and four qualified for the National Amateur Field Championships. Two dogs were national finalist and Blaze won the National Amateur Championship in 1983.

Blaze became part of our family at age three. He was a star at an early age and was to be sold, but the sale fell through after x-rays showed he was dysplastic. We were friends of the owner a college student who needed to sell Blaze so we agreed to buy Blaze despite warnings that he would not last long, and would probably break our hearts.

The drive home gave us time to question our decision. Blaze in the back of our van was whining. Was he already in pain? We put him in his kennel and went in the house only to hear scratching at the front door. It was Blaze. We re-kenned him and watched out our bedroom window, amazed to him leap our 7 foot kennels. After that he was our house dog.

Blaze never limped a day in his life and competed and qualified for his last national at 11.5 years. Blaze's STYLE and COURAGE were his hallmark! He was our companion and family member until he died peacefully at age 14.5.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Qualified for 5 National Opens, while primarily trained and run by an Amateur
2. Qualified for 9 National Amateurs. Only 3 dogs ever qualified for more National Amateurs. (With the present rules, Blaze would have qualified for one more Amateur National)
3. 32 All-age wins (11 Open and 21 Amateur)
4. Double Header Winner 1987
5. National Amateur Championship winner in 1983 / finalist in 1982
6. Total All-Age Points: 226 (Avg Open Pts per year: 10, Avg Amateur Pts per Year: 15, Avg all-age points per year: 25, though he ran 20 trials only one year, with fewer trial every other year)

It is an honor to have Blaze considered for the Hall of Fame. Blaze gave us blessings that our family will never forget! ~ Breck and Cindy Howard



Owners of "Blaze", Breck and Cindy Howard, with his Induction scroll at the 2017 Induction Ceremony, Feb. 11, 2017.