

Desert German Shorthaired Pointer Club
Walking Field Trial, Chino Valley, AZ
April 8 & 9, 2006

This year the Trial was taking place on brand new untested grounds. We had been asked by the State of Arizona not to apply for the grounds at Cordes Junction where we have been holding this annual event for many years. These new grounds proved to be worthy of the challenge but they had their own challenge as well.

We woke on Saturday, April 8, 2006 to clear skies and relatively warm temperatures. Because of the lack of rain the ground was dry and dusty. Fortunately on this day the winds, which are nearly constant were rather quiet with a breeze that persisted throughout the day.

Our first challenge came at 7:15am when we realized that one of our Judges and entered in the first brace of Open Gun Dog was not yet present. A scramble immediately ensued to do some rearranging and recruit a replacement. Fortunately he arrived shortly and we did not need to recruit a new judge from those candidates on the grounds.

Open Gun Dog got underway at approximately 7:30am with 19 Entries. The course was in the shape of large horseshoe and required the dogs to work tree edges, large lava rock areas and open country with definite visible objectives. There was only one small area that was a bit rough on the Foot Handlers and only one unlucky or maybe uncoordinated person stumbled. Although nearly everyone had the availability of a Scout it appeared that the course was very conducive for a mid to large running Gun Dog.

As soon as Open Gundog was smoothly underway we were able to start Amateur Puppy. This course was a bit more open regarding cover but provided plenty of room for dogs to extend themselves and show what was in their hearts. Amateur Derby immediately followed Puppy and although many of the same dogs competed those who shined in Puppy did not necessarily shine in the Derby. All stakes were completed by 3:30pm on this day.

We again woke to clear skies on Sunday, April 9, 2006 but the winds of Chino Valley were not to be a favorable as they were on Saturday. By Mid-morning the dry silty dirt was being whipped around with every step that either man or beast stepped. When ever a vehicle came or left it sometimes nearly impossible to see the vehicle on the road. All were very glad when the days competition was complete and they could leave and head for a very nice shower.

Saturday nights Potluck, hosted by Ken and Sue Clemons, was a great success with very tasty quartered barbecue chicken and of course the prepared dishes of all who were present. It was perfect weather and the best part was that we were able to eat and sit around shooting the bull IN THE DAYLIGHT. Thanks to all who contributed.

The lunches that Ken and Sue Clemons prepared, Burgers and Chicken Breasts were welcomed by all and provided plenty of nourishment for all who working diligently and walking the courses with their dogs.

My THANKS go out to all who volunteered their time and effort during the weekend - Al, Laurie, Bob, Ken, and Bill for planting birds as needed. Ken, Sue, Chet and Cathy for keeping the braces on track and tracking down the new handlers. Bob for hauling water from his home for both horses and dogs. Terry Maxwell and Jan for providing healthy, strong birds which challenged many a dog.

Our Four (4) Judges - Don Lee, Norm Ahl, Dave Garrett, and Lyle Christiansen for giving of themselves to ensure that the BEST DOG won in each of the Stakes. Each spent about 7 hours per day in the saddle.

But most of all I want to THANK all those who chose to show their dogs to the Judges at this Event. It would not have been a fun and exciting weekend if any one of them had decided not to show up. THANKS.

Placements -

Open Gundog 4-8-06 16 Starters

- 1st - Teton's Saragosa Sly, GSP, O/H-Don Lee (Finished his FC),
- 2nd - Holzer's Desert Willow, GSP, O/H-Jean Holzer
- 3rd - Rocksolid Presley, GSP, O/H - Todd Yamamoto
- 4th - Jaegerhof's Bar E Hot Flash, GSP, O/H -Cathy Reifschneider

Amateur Gundog 4-9-06 14 Starters

- 1st - Holzer's Desert Willow, GSP O/H-Jean Holzer
- 2nd - Lambach's Shyland, GSP, O/H- Steve Lambach
- 3rd - Teton's Saragosa Sly, GSP, O/H - Don Lee
- 4th - Faraway Island's Ranger, GSP, O/H - Blair Holzer

Open Puppy 4-9-06 11 Starters

- 1st - Hot 'Sassy Von Greiwe, GSP, O-Larry Shaw, H- Gene Wulkotte
- 2nd - PVR's Rugerheim Double Shot, GSP, O/H -Doris Schoenfelder
- 3rd - Bule Collar's High Stakes Poker, Brit, O/H - Martin Maresh
- 4th - Thunder Point's T-N-T, Brit, O/H - Tony DeGregario

Amateur Puppy 4-8-06 10 Starters

- 1st - Wild Willie Von Greiwe, GSP, O-Larry Shaw, H- Ken Hart
- 2nd - PVR's Rugerheim Double Shot, GSP, O/H - Doris Schoenfelder
- 3rd - Thunder Points T-N-T, Brit, O/H - Tony DeGregario
- 4th - Double Dot Von Greiwe, GSP, O- Larry Shaw, H- Ken Hart

Open Derby 4-9-06 11 Starters

- 1st - No Limit Belle, PTR, O/H - Jim Schultz
- 2nd - Power Surge Von Greiwe, GSP, O- Larry Shaw H-Gene Wulkotte
- 3rd - Little Joe's Bonanza, GSP., O- Kevin Wolfe, H- Gene Wulkotte
- 4th - Melody's Rock 'N Roll Sensation, Brit, O/H - Tony DeGregario

Amateur Derby 4-8-06 10 Starters

- 1st - No Limit Belle, PTR, O/H - Jim Schultz
- 2nd - Little Joe's Bonanza, GSP, O- Kevin Wolfe H - Ken Hart
- 3rd - Withheld
- 4th - Withheld