

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Central Iowa

Walking Trial Report

Saturday March 18, 2017

The GSP Club of Central Iowa held it's spring walking trial on Saturday, March 18. The trial was held on the combined farms of Wayne and Jo Langstraat and also Dude and Rachel Hoehns. We are fortunate for their kind hospitality. Opportunities to run on private ground are getting more and more difficult and we feel lucky to have their support for this trial.

Windy would be the best word to describe the trial. Morning temperatures were in the mid 30's, warming into the 50's by midday. It felt cooler with stiff 30 mph winds from the northwest.

No trial is complete without judges and we felt we had four observant patrons of the sport. Kendall Brown of Knoxville, Iowa and Dano Morph from Clear Lake, Iowa judged the Amateur Shooting Dog and Open Puppy stakes. Randy Caldwell of Mt. Auburn, Iowa and Barry Steinmetz of Naperville, Illinois shared judicial duties in the Open Shooting Dog and Open Derby Stakes. Their choices were well received, and all participants appreciated their time, experience, and thoughtful consideration to the following placements.

The Open Shooting Dog stake had 20 entries and was won by Outbak's Gunpowder and Lace, shorthair female handled by Larry Bradly. Fancy Brittany stylist Lost Creek A Shot of Bourbon handled by Wisconsin native Susan Januschka came in second, with Hy Steppin Libby's Liebling rounding out the placements handled by Chris Sennott of Illinois. All dogs had nice races and clean birdwork.

The Amateur Shooting Dog stake was won by Love Biscuit, pointer female handled by Brent Hoehns. Second was Proud Pines Going My Way, shorthair female handled by Lynne Priesz from Minnesota. Chris Sennott and Hy Steppin Libby's Liebling struck again to place third in the amateur stake.

Field trial newbie Nick Wassenaar's shorthair male Auggie of H & N Prairies continued his derby season domination with another first place run. He's a big stylish shorthair that looks good moving and was stylish on his derby broke finds. Two Brittany's rounded out the placements with Hy Steppin Annie Oakley, handled by Chris Sennott taking second and Union County Ranger handled by Charlie Pearson taking third.

Jack Glover's setter puppy Rhoda has been having a very successful puppy year and her winning ways continued, taking first in the field of nine puppies. David and Maggie Plahn's Pistol Packing Annie Oakley took second. Rousey, littermate to the winner, handled by Danny Althiser rounded out the placements.

As always, we received lots of help putting on the trial. Marty McVey helped get birds to the field and dogs to the line. Keith Thompson helped set up the grill and attended to multiple dog/trial duties. Jeff Wallace helped direct traffic, set up the course and did the lion's share of the paperwork. Lunch was cooked and served with help from David and Maggie Plahn, along with Hannah Phillips. We feel fortunate for having so many pitch in and help the day run smoothly.

As always we would like to thank Purina for their support of trialing in general and the NBHA in particular. Also thanks to sponsors Garmin and Gun Dog Supply.

Reporter Brent Hoehns