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Look what I found!

Cocco of Sandhill retrieves a tracked pheasant to owner Jon Coil.

Photo by Tracy Dilly

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I don't know if the groundhog saw his shadow around your parts, but if he poked his nose out of his hole in my yard, he was in for big trouble. The griffons are bored with no birds and no chipmunks to chase, and a sleepy groundhog would make their day.

Ah, but spring will soon be here and that means another round of testing. This issue presents the scores and stories of the Fall 2012 tests, just in time to inspire all you puppy owners to get to work preparing for the next round.

I can't emphasize enough how important it is that we test all of our pups. Only by having complete data on our breedings can we make sound decisions. Our goal as a club is to consistently produce quality hunting dogs; it's not about an occasional exceptional specimen, it's about assuring that anyone and everyone who gets a pup from the WPGCA gets a quality hunting dog with sound temperament.

It's up to every owner to make the commitment to work with their dog and participate in a test. Our club is depending on it for our future. Tests are planned in several locations this spring, so we hope to see everyone out there—testing, volunteering or just kibitzing with the crowd..

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CHUKAR GUMBO

by
Larry Semmens



There Ain't No Mud on Me!

Aniak of Wolf Fork Canyon poses with some Gumbo-Free Chukars .

Photo by Larry Seemans

No, I am not from Louisiana and this is not about a new way to eat chukar. The high desert of Idaho, as the name suggests, is an area of relatively high elevation of around 4000 feet and up that gets little rain. It is often rough country; rocky, steep and sparsely vegetated. Upland birds including chukar, quail and Hungarian partridge make a living here. Usually when I have been in the high desert in the fall it is quite dry compared to where I come from and somewhat parched looking. It is terrain that supports certain grasses, particularly Eurasian cheat grass, and sage brush in the soils around the volcanic rocks. However, when it rains more than just a little bit, the soils turn to mud. Not just any run of the mill mud either. This is special mud that I call chukar gumbo.

This stuff is incredibly slippery to drive on, making the rutted, two-track roads that crisscross public land in the high desert impassable with a pickup, so I had to stick to improved roads for part of our annual hunting trip to Idaho. Once out of the truck it became clear real fast that a long walk was not going to happen. Neither was the normal

clambering around on steep rocky slopes where chukars are often found.

Within a few hundred yards of walking toward the canyon rim, I had a two inch layer of mud stuck to the bottom and sides of my lug soled boots, adding a couple pounds to the load and making footing a lot less sure. I scraped off the outer layer often, but the lugs on the boots were impossible to clean out, so I was walking on essentially flat bottom boots covered with a layer of chukar gumbo. Rocks, already slippery with rain, were made especially treacherous by this mud on my boots. Although slick to everything else chukar gumbo has a special quality that causes it to stick to boots and build up at an incredibly fast rate. Had I not scraped it off frequently I wondered how tall I would be at the point I could no longer lift my feet. When chukar hunting I usually need excuses for missing the birds and it occurred to me that all this mud on my boots did have a silver lining, if Annie found birds. Excuse number 27 would be too much mud on my boots!



Hey Boss! Never mind that mud. Get over here and shoot these birds!

Aniak holds steady while owner Larry Semmens slides in for the shot.

Photo by Larry Semmens

Scenting conditions for tracking seemed to be better than normal and Annie was methodically working a track when a nice covey got up wild quite a ways out. With such heavy and slippery boots I was unable to make a shot, but it was nice to know birds were there. At least I didn't miss. We found some slightly higher and rockier ground that was easier walking and Annie was soon birdy again. This time the birds also flushed wild but were passing right to left barely within range. The lightweight 20 gauge Nova pump barked once with a 1 oz. load of 6's and an unlucky chukar crash landed in the rocks. Normally I don't shoot birds on the ground, even so-called devil birds, but this one was in high gear so I tossed a second shot in his direction but it was wasted. I can't even hit them on the ground. Excuse # 4 – too far away, or maybe even #22 – rocks in the way. Annie was practicing a newly acquired habit of chasing flushed birds so it took a while to get

her on the track. But as mentioned scenting conditions were good so as soon as she got there it was off to the races. No messing around trying to work out the track, she was out of sight in a moment. After a short while, I thought the bird may make it over the canyon wall to escape, but such negative thoughts were proven worthless when Annie

came into view with a lively chukar in her mouth. For most of us bird hunters this is a very rewarding sight. We know we would have lost the bird without the help of our dog and it is so impressive that our dog can track a wounded bird for long distances and bring it to us.



I got him for you. Am I great or what?

A proud Aniak ran down this crippled chukar . There's nothing like a great bird dog for recofvering cripples.

Photo by Larry Semmens

That was our only shooting for the day although we did see another covey that flushed out of range. We also saw a large number of sage grouse, all of which got up wild. The sage grouse season is short in Idaho and was closed at this time. But it was fun to see the big birds and to hope that they winter well and reproduce next spring.

Fall rain in the high desert is good for chukars as it greens up the cheat grass and allows the birds to spread out all over the mountainsides instead of holding around water sources. They apparently get enough moisture to survive from the forage along with rainwater held in small basins in the rocks. Hunt-

ing chukar in the rain presents special difficulties in addition to the normal extremes of this most challenging upland bird. Chukar gumbo is definitely another factor in favor of the birds. Nevertheless, we did manage to get a few in the freezer and I am thinking of dusting a couple with flour, salt and Italian herbs and pan frying them for dinner. Maybe it has something to do with how much work it takes for me to obtain but the succulent white meat of a chukar is one of my favorite foods.

Northeast Fall 2012 Test

by
Rick Molt

On the weekend of Sept. 15-16 we gathered at the old test grounds of the Foster Farm in Bristol, Me. The weather was perfect for testing cool mornings and warm afternoons. The first dog that we tested in NAT, **Gunnery Sergeant von Tufelhunden of Dutchman's Hollow**, owned and handled by Dan Seibel showed some timidness during the test, but by the end of the day at the water he really became gung-ho. He retrieved dead ducks non stop from the water and became very enthusiastic with the game.



Sandhill Littermates

Rick Molt (left) poses with **Chara of Sandhill** along with Rick Bromberg (right) with littermate **Clyde**.

Photo by Tina Molt

The second dog IHDT **Clyde of Sandhill** owned and handled by Rick Bromberg showed great bird desire throughout the day and finished with a great track of the duck. The final dog on Sat., a littermate to Clyde, was **Chara of Sandhill** owned and handled by Rick Molt. She also showed great bird desire, and like her brother, tore up the beaver pond during her track of the duck. Chara needs more obedience training especially in retrieving.

Saturday evening we gathered at the Molt's home. NO, THERE WAS NO LOBSTER

BAKE! You need time and people to carry that off. We did not know how many people were coming so Tina did Hilda's Chicken, we had mounds of fresh corn donated by Vaughn Anthony plus many extras. We had a splendid time, but I will not go into any more particular events of the evening. What goes on at camp stays at camp! During the day and evening we met three new faces, they were impressed with the dogs and how they worked and will be joining the Club soon.

Sunday we had two dogs testing, a UFT and a OHDT. The UFT dog, **Duchasseur Crown Point**, owned and handled by Vicky Foster, demonstrated what a true versatile gun dog should be. She was calm when the occasion called for it but very enthusiastic during searching, tracking, and retrieving. There was very little to fault this team during the test as you can see in the score of the GDS. The OHDT dog, **Big Ben of Salmon River**, owned and handled by Ron Bittler showed very good field work and retrieving, but he could not take the track of the duck forward. I'm sure with a little work that will change.



Clyde of Sandhill shows off his duck

Photo by Scott Craig

I would like to thank the judges, Jim Seibel, Kevin Jester, Ted Silver and Erik Andersen for their dedication and service to the club. The tests would not be possible without the dogs, so our thanks to the handlers for bringing them. We had a new apprentice on Sunday, Dan Seibel, and Andy Ogden served as "bird man". The thanks would not be complete without mentioning Tina Molt. As you know, she loves following around the dogs taking pictures for the GDS, but she had too much to do to get ready for lunches and dinner, but she did manage to start the test by the playing of the Horns.

We have new officers in NEGC and they are as follows

President: Ted Silver

Treasure: Erik Andersen

Secretary: Tina Molt

Test Chairs: Laurie Connell and Scott Craig

To the past officers, Andy Goode, Kurt Soneson, and Kevin Jester we extend our thanks for all your years of doing a great job.

Northwest Chapter Fall Test 2012

by
Dennis Carlson



Track that duck!

“Joe”, **Griffond’or Josette**, sets out on a duck track for owner “Tawna Skinner during a Utility Field Test.

Photo by Dennis Carlson

The 2012 fall NW Chapter test was unusual. We had three Utility dogs and one Intermediate dog. We don’t see that many Utility dogs, so that made it interesting. Steve Grieser is our resident senior judge. Tawna and Anita came out from Idaho, Silke Alberts came up from California, and I brought the birds and helped judge.

It was so nice for Claire Niles to serve us breakfast. There are no other facilities available near the test site, so we really appreciated it and that sausage, cheese, and egg casserole was to die for. The Niles and the Webster’s have been coordinating breakfast and lunch lately, but the Webster’s were attending one of their granddaughters’ wedding that weekend. They were missed, but we understand. We are family, after all.

We ran two of the Utility dogs on Saturday. **Fie**, handled by Silke, and **Quincy**, handled by Curtis Dudley. Curtis was new to testing with the Griffon Club. It was gutsy



German Wirehaired Pointer Participate I WPGCA event

Dennis Carlson and Silke Alberts pose with Falk and Fie.

Photo by "Dennis Carlson"

for him to enter Quincy in a Utility Test right off the bat. Quincy did really well earning 4s and 3s in nearly everything and was a pleasure to hunt with, but he was not steady. We hope to see them again once they have mastered this difficult requirement for Utility dogs. It's also good to see Griffons from outside our breeding program participate in our tests. Quincy is definitely a good dog.

Fie is the mother of my German Wirehaired Pointer pup, Falk. I fell in love with her and asked Silke that if she ever bred her, I'd like to have a pup. Fie had trouble tracking the duck and pheasant. This surprised me because she did these so well at Versatile Hunting Dog Federation tests. You never know what your dog will actually do at a test.

On Sunday we ran "Joe", **Griffond'or Josette**, handled by Tawna Skinner in Utility and "Gus" **Angus of Wolf Fork Canyon**, handled by Harry Niles in IHDT. Joe is a highly experienced and trained Utility dog. At this test she had trouble with steadiness, track of the duck, and the blind retrieve. She tore up the pond searching for the duck but had difficulty downshifting to a lower gear where her nose would serve her better. She did find the duck. It had buried itself in a hole inside a sunken root wad. Our intrepid Senior Judge, Steve, waded out into the water, reached into the root wad, grabbed, and threw the duck out. The track was on again. Those were good ducks. She earned her prize III.

Gus did not have a good day. Dogs are like us sometimes. He just didn't seem to be into it that day. He did show us that he has the right stuff if and when he chooses to use it. Again, just like us.

It was a great weekend.

Fall 2013
Heartland Chapter Test
by
Rem DeJong



That Is A Point!

Gerta of Dutchman's Hollow demonstrates her pointing skills during her IHDT in Wisconsin.

Photo by Tracy Dilly

A small group, by Heartland Chapter standards, assembled at the Mazomanie Wildlife Area's Dog Training Grounds near Baraboo, WI for our Fall 2013 Test. We had six dogs to test, so we could give ample time to each dog and handler over the course of the two days of testing. Two Intermediate Hunting Dog Test (IHDT) entries and one Natural Ability Test (NAT) entry were tested each day. The weather was reasonably good, but drought conditions necessitated some creative efforts by the judges to pull off the water work portion of the tests.

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Heartland Chapter

Judge's Seminar

Location: Farm Kitchen

Date: April 20th Time: 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Fox Valley Animal Referral Center representatives are providing the Judges Seminar this year. The morning session will focus on field emergency care for your hunting dog—dealing with porcupine encounters, barbwire cuts and other hazards that we encounter in the field.

The theme for the afternoon session will focus on causes, care, treatment and prevention of canine orthopedic issues such as Osteochondritis dissecans, (commonly known as OCD, which is a disease of the cartilage that can affect various joints in a dog) and TPLO, or tibial-plateau-leveling osteotomy, which is a surgery performed on dogs to stabilize the stifle joint after ruptures of the cranial cruciate ligament.

The primary presenter will be Dr. Bruce VanEnkevort - DVM, Diplomate ACVS, General, Orthopedic and Neurosurgery. Dr. VanEnkevort joined the Fox Valley Animal Referral Center in 1996 as one of its four founding veterinarians. Prior to the inception of the Referral Center, Dr. VanEnkevort served as a clinical instructor in orthopedic surgery at the University of Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

Dr. VanEnkevort's professional interests include orthopedic surgery; total hip replacement; cruciate ligament repair; Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy and extracapsular techniques; fracture repair; surgical treatment of complex angular limb deformities; developmental and congenital diseases of the joints; general surgery; thoracic/ cardiovascular; urogenital; gastrointestinal; oncologic; neurologic surgery; spinal surgery; fractures, luxations, disc herniations and neoplasia; and MRI and myelography.

Hunt Test

Location: Mazomanie Wildlife Area, Mazomanie, WI

Dates: April 19th & 21th

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Rocky Mountain Chapter

Spring Test

March 23rd & 24th

The 2013 Rocky Mountain Griffon test will take place on Saturday March 23rd and Sunday the 24th, 2013. The test will be held at the usual location at the Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Area in Wendell Idaho.

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Northeast Chapter Spring Test

Spring Test

May 18th

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Judge Ken Hurtig observes as Byron Moore sends Gerta of Dutchman's Hollow on a duck track.

Photo by Rem DeJong

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On Friday, we tested two Sandhill littermates: Colonel Buckley of Sandhill, owned by Tim McCarthy and Coco of Sandhill, owned by Jon Coil. Colonel Buckley started out strong, but things went a bit downhill from there. He made a good point but hasn't learned how to slow down and shift gears into tracking mode from search. He didn't complete the track of dragged bird. However, he did a fine job on tracking the duck and earned a score of "4" there. Meanwhile, Coco performed well but also had her troubles. She pointed briefly then chased after the flushed bird. She eventually returned with it, but the bird had been mangled a bit. Tracking the duck and retrieving it gave her some troubles. On Sunday we tested a third littermate, Cedar of Sandhill, owned by Kirk and Tracy Dilly. Cedar has a distinctive white coat which made him easy to see as he dashed through the cover. Cedar performed well except in the retrieve of duck and retrieve of dragged game. The Sandhill litter was 16 months old at the time of the Fall Test, so they were only about 4-7 months during their first hunting season and consequently had not had much exposure to real hunting by test time. They were also a bit young for rigorous retriever training, and that showed in their performances. Although the dogs did not qualify for a prize category, they all showed potential. With one more hunting season and time on the training table, they can be fine performers in the field.

Our other IHDT was Gerta of Dutchman's Hollow, owned by Byron Moore. Gerta really likes to get out and cruise. She's a speedy, enthusiastic little hunter. She showed strong pointing instinct and was an eager tracker. Other than some troubles with the retrieve of the duck, Gerta performed very well and qualified for a Prize II.

Our NAT dog on Saturday was General Grant of Dutchman's Hollow, owned by Gary Gaertner. During General Grant's field work, I served as both photographer and horse for Gary's son. Although Grant was 14 months at test time, he's really had very limited exposure and no birds shot over him. After pointing a trussed bird, his search improved. His track of a pheasant worked out well, and Grant made sure everyone saw him and his bird with a grand parade. You could see him improving over the course of the test. Sunday's NAT was with littermate, Gonehunting of Dutchman's Hollow (Boo), owned by Kevin Nessa. Kevin felt that

Boo was gun sensitive, so she had never had a bird before. The test doubled as a training session, and boo got to catch and hold her very first bird. With the chance to chase a bird, Boo came out of her shell and showed considerable promise for a happy owner. Ideally, dogs brought to the test should have had ample exposure to game. However, it's not always possible, and this test day demonstrated how helpful and patient the judges are with giving a dog and inexperienced handler an opportunity to learn and to perform.



Above

Learning on the Fly

Gonehunting' of Dutchman's Hollow demonstrated that, given a chance, this little dog has potential to be a good hunter.

Top Right

Cedar of Sandhill shows off white coat during duck retrieve.

Photo by Rem DeJong

As usual, we had a great dinner at the Farm Kitchen on Friday Evening and pizza on Saturday after our testing was complete. Andy Yeast served as test chair for the last time and transferred the duties over to Kirk and Tracy Dilly for Spring 2013. Although we had a small number of dogs to test, arranging things was a real challenge due to scheduling issues and drought conditions. Thanks to everyone for your help with pulling this test off smoothly.



NATURAL ABILITY TEST, FALL 2012

Key to Tests

WI = Wisconsin
 WA = Washington
 ID = Idaho
 ME = Maine
 * = Temperament problem, see write-up
 ++ = Over age, Evaluation only (E)

Age in Months	Nose and Use of Nose	Searching	Affinity for water	pointing	Tracking Bird	Attitude Toward Work	Cooperation	TOTAL POINTS	CLASSIFICATION	Conformation	Coat	Temperament
A	N	S	W	P	TB	AW	C	TP	C	CO	CT	T
GROUP 394 (AUG., 2012 GDS)												
GENERAL GRANT OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, WI	14	4	2	4	4	4	3	3	24	III	3	3 ok
GONEHUNTIN OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, WI	14	4	3	4	2	4	3	3	23		3	3 *
GUNNERY SERGEANT VON TUEFELHUNDEN OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, ME	14	1	2	4	0	1	2	2	12		3	3 ok

DOGS EVALUATED IN FALL 2012

NATURAL ABILITY TEST

GENERAL GRANT OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, 14 mos., whelped 7/3/2011. Conformation 3, 24.5"H X 25"L. Coat 3, harsh, medium dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: good game desire, friendly, immature. Owned by Gary Gaertner, 5 Devondale Ln., St. Louis, MO 63131. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 394, Aug., 2012 GDS.

GONEHUNTIN OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 14 mos., whelped 7/3/2011. Conformation 3, 21.5"H X 22.5"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings, needs more belly coverage. Temperament: tentative, *gun sensitive, developed during the test, good game desire. Owned by Kevin Nessa, 31478 Iowa St., Garden City, IA 50102. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 394, Aug., 2012 GDS.

GUNNERY SERGEANT VON TUEFELHUNDEN OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, 14 mos., whelped 7/3/2011. Conformation 3, 25"H X 25"L, low tail set. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, short coat, sparse furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: happy, lacks bird desire, dependent, easy to examine. Owned by Kira Seibel, 7049 Ashleigh Manor Ct., Alexandria, VA.. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 394, Aug., 2012 GDS.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, FALL 2012

WATER

TD = Track of Duck (5)
 RD = Retrieve of duck (3)
 BR = Blind Retrieve (4)
 ++ = older hunting dog

FIELD

S = Searching (5)
 P = Pointing (4)
 RB = Retrieve of Dragged Bird (3)
 TB = Track of Live Bird (3)
 *TR = Track of Live Rabbit (3)
 *RF = Retrieve of Dragged Fur (3)

JUDGED THROUGHOUT

N = Nose and Use of Nose (6)
 AW = Attitude Toward Work (4)
 C = Cooperation (3)
 O = Obedience (3)

OTHER

TP = Total Prize
 PR = Prize Classification
 CO = Conformation
 CT = Coat
 T = Temperament
 T* = see write-up for notation

	TD	RD	B	S	P	RB	TB	*T	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T	
								R											
<u>GROUP 368 (Aug., 2009 GDS)</u>																			
++BIG BEN OF SALMON RIVER																			
M, 54 MOS, ME		1	3	3	3	4	4	4			2	2	2	2	113		3	3	ok
<u>GROUP 391 (Aug., 2011 GDS)</u>																			
++ANGUS JAEGER OF WOLF FORK CANYON																			
M, 25 MOS, WA		3	2	3	4	2	3	4			4	1	2	2	122		3	3	*
<u>GROUP 392 (Aug., 2012 GDS)</u>																			
CHARA OF SANDHILL																			
F, 17 MOS, ME		4	2	3	4	4	2	4			4	4	3	2	147	III	4	2	ok
CEDAR OF SANDHILL																			
M, 16 MOS, WI		4	1	3	4	4	2	4			4	3	2	2	137		3	3	ok
COCO OF SANDHILL																			
F, 16 MOS, WI		1	2	4	4	4	3	4			3	4	2	3	133		4	3	ok
CLYDE OF SANDHILL																			
M, 17 MOS, ME		4	1	3	3	3	2	4			4	3	3	2	131		3	2	ok
COLONEL BUCKLEY OF SANDHILL																			
M, 16 MOS., WI		4	3	3	2	4	0	3			4	3	2	1	121		3	3	ok
<u>GROUP 394 (Aug., 2012 GDS)</u>																			
GERTA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW																			
F, 14 MOS, WI		4	2	3	4	4	4	4			4	4	3	3	156	II	3	3	ok



INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST

BIG BEN OF SALMON RIVER, M, 54 mos., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 3, 25" H X 25.5 " L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flay lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, lacks game desire, somewhat sensitive. Owned by Ron Bittler, 1155 Greenville Rd., Mercer, PA 16137. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner. Pedigree 368, Aug., 2009 GDS.

ANGUS JEAGER OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, 25 mos., whelped 8/29/2010. Conformation 3, 25"H X 25"L, 2 upper left P1's. Coat 3, harsh, medium dense, curly, medium belly coverage. Temperament: friendly, very eager, intense, * mutilated game. Owned by Harry Niles, 36401 NE Winsor Rd., Brush Prairie, WA 98606. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 391, Aug., 2011 GDS.

CHARA OF SANDHILL, F, 17 mos., whelped 4/16/2011. Conformation 4, 24.5"H X 25"L . Coat 2, lacks harshness and density, slight curl, medium furnishings, open on chest. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine, eager for game. Owned by Rick Molt, PO Box 115, Bristol, ME 04539. Bred by Pete Engman. Pedigree 392, Aug., 2012 GDS.

CEDAR OF SANDHILL, M, 16 mos., whelped 4/16/2011. Conformation 3, 24.26"H X24.26"L, butt bite, lower incisor crossed. Coat 3, harsh, dense, open on chest, slightly open on ears, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine. Owned by Kirk & Tracy Dilly, 16278 141st Ave., Osakis, MN 56360. Bred by Pete Engman. Pedigree 392, Aug., 2012 GDS.

COCO OF SANDHILL, F, 16 mos., whelped 4/16/2011. Conformation 4, 23.5"H X23.5"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings, short coat. Temperament: eager for birds, friendly, easy to examine, calm. Owned by Jon Coil, 49625 Waldo Rd., NE., Kelliher, MN 56650. Bred by Pete Engman. Pedigree 392, Aug., 2012 GDS.

CLYDE OF SANDHILL, M, 17 mos., whelped 4/16/2011. Conformation 3, 24.5"H X24.5"L, fine boned for a male. Coat 2, medium harsh, open, curly, full furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine. Owned by Rick Bromberg, 31 Red Oak Lane, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Bred by Pete Engman. Pedigree 392, Aug., 2012 GDS.

COLONEL BUCKLEY OF SANDHILL, M, 16 mos., whelped 4/16/2011. Conformation 3, 24.5"H X24"L, fine boned for a male. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, curly, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: good game drive, friendly, independent. Owned by Tim McCarthy, 290 South Golden Lake Lane, Oconomowoc, WI., 53066. Bred by Pete Engman. Pedigree 392, Aug., 2012 GDS.

GERTA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 14 mos., whelped 7/3/2011. Conformation 3, 23.5"H X24"L, straight angulation in rear. Coat 3, harsh, lacks density, sparse furnishings, short coat. Temperament: good game drive, friendly, strong pointing instinct. Owned by Byron Moore, 36 W 255 Barton Dr., Saint Charles, IL 60175. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 394, Aug., 2012 GDS.

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DUCHASSEUR CROWNPOINT, F, 4 yrs., whelped 12/20/2007. Conformation: no conformation measurements. Coat: no coat evaluation. Temperament: No defects observed. Owned by Vicky Foster, PO Box 48, Brimfield, MA 01010. Bred by Steve Brodeur. Pedigree 395, Page 14.

GRIFFOND'OR JOSETTE, F, 3yrs., 10 mos., whelped 11/16/2008. Conformation 3, 22"H X 25"L Coat 3: medium harsh, not flat lying, med furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, friendly. Owned by Tawna Skinner, 5 Dutton Lane, Salmon, ID 83467. Bred by Alain Binet, Pedigree 376, Feb., 2010 GDS.

WET ACRES QUINTESSENTIAL, M, 6 yrs., 4 mos., whelped 4/28/2006. Conformation: no conformation measurements. Coat: no coat evaluation. Temperament: No defects observed. Owned by Curtis Dudley, 3289 Douglas, Springfield, OR 97478. Bred by Wet Acres. Pedigree 396, Page 14.

GERMAIN WIREHAIRD POINTER

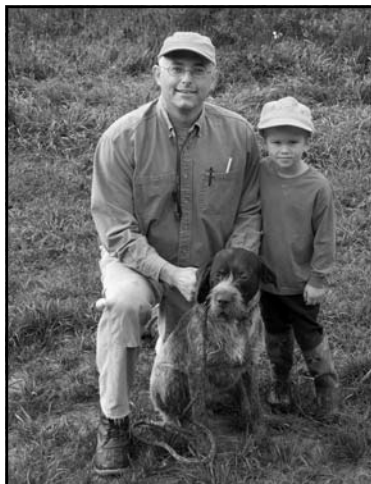
SOLVRAEVENENS FIE, F, 4 yrs., 4 mos., whelped 5/27/2008. Conformation: no conformation measurements. Coat: no coat evaluation. Temperament: No defects observed. Owned by Silke Alberts, 901 Alameda St., Vallejo, CA 94590. Bred by Gitte Albrechtsen-Lars Helbo.

PEDGREE 395

	MAX DES BORDS DU DAN
	URAN II LES MOUSTACHES D'OR
	MILDA DIS SAN GERMANO
BOCOCCIMI LES MOUSTACHES D'OR	
	NARVICK DES ROUGES DE GALICE
	RANDA LES MUSTACHES D'OR
	MILDA DI SAN GERMANO
DUCHASSEUR CROWNPOINT	
	MADER DES BORDS DU DAN
	TOULOUSE DES BORDS DU DAN
	NACRE DU BOIS DU CHANAY
DUCHASSEUR RACLETTE	
	ORACK DE LA COIPEANE
DUCHASSEUR MAYA	
	JACKY DU BOIS AUX PALOMBES

PEDGREE 396

	DAX DES CHAUMES DA L'AURE D'OR
	PALOSDUTRIANGLES DE LA COTE ROANNAISE
	INFANTE
DUCHASSEUR BAYOU	
	ORACK DE LA COIPEANE
DUCHASSEUR MAYA	
	JACKIE DU BOIS AUX PALOMBES
WET ACRES QUINTESSENTIAL	
	WET ACRES EZ COME EZ WHOA
	COURIER DUBOIS PETE
	LADY DAKOTA RUBY
WET ACRES MY FUR LADY	
	PIPO DE LARIVIERE D'OE
DUCHASSEUR SPOTTIE	
	GALLIAE DUCHASSEUR



UTILITY FIELD TEST, FALL 2012

Key to tests: * = Optional test WI = Wisconsin, ID = Idaho

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TD = Track of Duck (5)
 SWD = Search without Duck (3)
 BR = Blind Retrieve (3)
 SB = Steady at Blind (2)
 RM = Retrieve of Marked Fall (3)
 S = Searching (5)
 P = Pointing (4)
 SWS = Steady to Wing and Shot (3)

RS = Retrieve of Shot Bird (3)
 WD = Whoa or Down (3)
 TB = Track of Live Bird (4)
 SW = Search in Woods (4)
 H = Walk at Heel (2)
 RDG = Retrieve of Dragged Game (3)
 *F = Find/Retrieve of Dead Game (3)
 *B = Blood Track (4)

N = Nose and Use of Nose (6)
 AW = Attitude Toward Work (4)
 C = Cooperation (4)
 O = Obedience (3)
 TP = Total Points
 PR = Prize Classification
 CO = Conformation
 CT = Coat
 T = Temperament

** Numbers in parenthesis are the index values for each category.*

SW																											
TD	D	BR	SB	RM	S	P	SWS	RS	WD	TB	SW	H	RDG	*F	*B	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T			
GROUP 395 (Page 14)																											
DUCHASSEUR CROWNPOINT, F, 48 MOS, ME																											
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GROUP 376 (FEB., 2010 GDS)																											
JOSETTE GRIFFON'DER, F, 46 MOS., WA																											
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GROUP 396 (Page 14)																											
WET ACRES QUINTESSENTIAL, M, 6YRS., 4 MOS., WA																											
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GERMAN WIREHAired POINTER																											
SOLVRACVENENS FIE, F, 52 MOS., WA																											
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General Grant of Dutchman's Hollow

Left: posing with owner Gary Gaertner and son.

Center: Getting praise from owner Gary and Judge Ken Hurtig

Right: Making retrieve after successful track.

PennHip Report for 2012

By John Pitlo

At the 2006 WPGCA seminar and meeting in Idaho, the BOD voted to change the hip evaluation from OFA to PennHip. The reasons for this move were numerous and well covered by an article in the GDS by Dr. Corey Cherstrom (June 2006, GDS). For more information go to: www.pennhip.org. The reporting below will be much the same, except a DI (Distraction Index) value for each hip will be reported. A low DI indicates tight hips with a low probability of developing hip dysplasia, conversely, a higher DI value indicates loose hips and a higher probability of developing hip dysplasia. PennHip reports how the tested dog compares to other dogs of the same breed that have been evaluated. A dog with a 90% rating has excellent hips, a dog with a 10% rating has a higher probability of developing hip dysplasia. **NOTE—owners of dogs less than 2 yrs old— you must complete a PennHip evaluation for your pup in order to be eligible for ANY refund as outlined in the Breeders Agreement.** If you have had your Dog PennHip evaluated and it does not appear below—send a copy of the PennHip report to John.

CHARA OF SANDHILL: Sire; Andrew Philip of Sourdough Trail: Dam; Arthurs Pal of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.46; Right Hip DI = N/A (cavitation). Ranking = 30%. Owned by Rick Molt (F).

CEDAR OF SANDHILL: Sire; Andrew Philip of Sourdough Trail: Dam; Arthurs Pal of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.20; Right Hip DI = 0.24. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Kirk Dilly (M).

CLYDE OF SANDHILL: Sire; Andrew Philip of Sourdough Trail: Dam; Arthurs Pal of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.67; Right Hip DI = 0.74. Ranking = 10%. Owned by Rick Bromberg (M).

CALLIE OF SANDHILL: Sire; Andrew Philip of Sourdough Trail: Dam; Arthurs Pal of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.40; Right Hip DI = 0.41. Ranking = 50%. Owned by Allan Fonken (F).

COCO OF SANDHILL: Sire; Andrew Philip of Sourdough Trail: Dam; Arthurs Pal of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.68; Right Hip DI = 0.61. Ranking = 10%. Owned by Jon Coil (F).

COLONEL BUCKLEY OF SANDHILL: Sire; Andrew Philip of Sourdough Trail: Dam; Arthurs Pal of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.62; Right Hip DI = 0.36. Ranking = 20%. Owned by Tim McCarthy (M).

GERTA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW: Sire; Badgah of Willow Springs: Dam; Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.79; Right Hip DI = 0.71. Ranking = 10%. Owned by Byron Moore (F).

GOOD BOY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW: Sire; Badgah of Willow Springs: Dam; Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.44; Right Hip DI = 0.36. Ranking = 40%. Owned by Henry Carriger (M).

GONEHUNTIN OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW: Sire; Badgah of Willow Springs: Dam; Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.23; Right Hip DI = 0.24. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Kevin Nessa (F).

GUNNERY SEARGENT VON TEUFELHUNDED OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW: Sire; Badgah of Willow Springs: Dam; Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.42; Right Hip DI = 0.42. Ranking = 40%. Owned by Daniel Seibel (M).

PennHip Report for 2012 (Continued)

GIPPER OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW: Sire; Badgah of Willow Springs: Dam; Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.28; Right Hip DI = 0.32. Ranking = 80%. Owned by Wayne Ransbottom (M).

ACE OF WOLF FORK CANYON: Sire; Barton de Los Altos: Dam; Akay of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.29; Right Hip DI = 0.33. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Victor Woodward (M).

AEROBIX OF WOLF FORK CANYON: Sire; Barton de Los Altos: Dam; Akay of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.26; Right Hip DI = 0.22. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Randall Hulme (F).

ANIAK OF WOLF FORK CANYON: Sire; Barton de Los Altos: Dam; Akay of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.31; Right Hip DI = 0.31. Ranking = 80%. Owned by Larry Semmens (F).

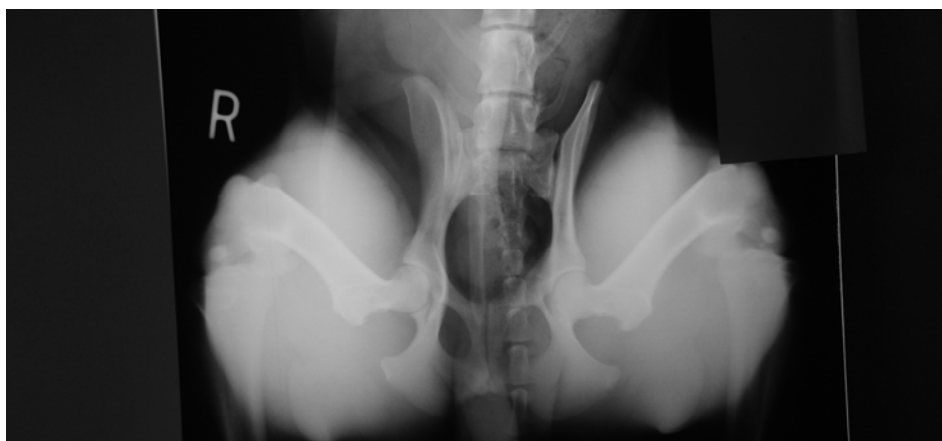
ALFRED E. NEWMAN OF ARROWROCK: Sire; Andrew Philip of Sourdough Trail: Dam; Annie Oakley of Glacier Ridge. Left Hip DI = 0.44; Right Hip DI = 0.26. Ranking = 40%. Owned by Terry Kramer (M).

BARCLAY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN: Sire; Aran Z Novoveskeho Lesa: Dam; Brigid of Willow Springs. Left Hip DI = 0.53; Right Hip DI = 0.56. Ranking = 20%. Owned by Hy Adelman (M).

ARLI OF DAKOTA PRAIRIE: Sire; Hasan Z Lisova: Dam; Brooke of Bogans Point. Left Hip DI = 0.36; Right Hip DI = 0.36. Ranking = 60%. Owned by Ted Vanderpan (F).

BONITA OF SALMON RIVER: Sire; Ander of the Hundgaard: Dam; Braun of Marsh Stream. Left Hip DI = 0.29; Right Hip DI = 0.33. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Bernie Schmitz (F).

CLANCY OF SALMON RIVER: Sire; Aesir of Dakota Prairie: Dam; Braun of Marsh Stream. Left Hip DI = 0.21; Right Hip DI = 0.21. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Kevin Kennedy (M).



PennHip X-ray



I Finally Got Him!

Colonel Buckley of Sandhill emerges triumphantly with a firm grip of a drake mallard during his IHDT and heads for owner Tim McCarthy.

Photo by Rem DeJong