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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings:

After a long hot summer, many of us are ready to transition our dogs from lounging and training back to hunting. In a few weeks with the start of dove and early waterfowl seasons, many of you will be able to put to use those steadiness and retrieving drills you were practicing. Soon after, with the crisp fall temperatures and changing leaf colors, the bird hunting season will be in full swing. I hope you are as excited as I am for another season of adventures in the field with our Fouseks.

This GDS issue is packed. The August issue is traditionally devoted to reporting spring test scores and pedigrees. As you will see, we had a very busy spring testing season with nearly 40 dogs tested. Fortunately, four individuals were promoted from Apprentice to Regular judges and two individuals were promoted to Utility judges that helped with the increased demand. Included also are the Board of Directors Annual Meeting notes and Breeding Committee Report. To close it out is a short article from Dave Read about a new multitool capable of cutting through snare cable wire, a must if you are hunting in areas used by trappers.

I want to close with a message to the new owners that are anxiously waiting for the first hunting season with their new puppy. During the first season with Darwin, I took him out as often as I could, and if you live in Ohio, you know finding wild birds can be challenging. I was fortunate enough to be invited by a few club members to join them on a December trip to South Dakota. Darwin was 7 months old with maybe three pheasants under his nose by that time. On his first day of hunting there, birds were busting everywhere and he went unhinged. As an invited guest, I was concerned that he was ruining the other hunters' experience and I tried to get him under control. If I recall, it was Jim Crouse that turned to me and said, "Don't worry about it; we come here for the dogs." So, my advice to those new puppy owners: take them out as often as you can and keep it fun! We do all of this for the dogs.

Spiro Mavroidis, Editor

P.S. send me your best photo of you and your Fousek in the field with a short description and I will try to include a few into the next issue of the GDS.

On the Cover:

Ben Berka starting Hadley of Auger Falls on a track. Hadley and Ben went on to earned a Prize I on the Intermediate Hunting Dog Test. (Photo by Rem DeJong)

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Message from the President

Jim Crouse

It's nearing the end of summer, and hunting seasons are fast approaching. I hope we and our best friends are in shape and ready. The club was able, with a lessening of COVID, to run our tests this spring, and hopefully will do so this fall. However, the Delta variant is out there, so be careful and think seriously about getting vaccinated.

The Breeding Committee and Judge's Committee have been busy this spring and summer. We have revised the Natural Ability test booklet and are in a one-year trial to see if the changes are resulting in what we expected, which is to help us better judge our dogs. We have started on the Intermediate Hunting Dog test booklet and hope to make some changes next year. We have been working on a formalized Apprentice Judge program and plan to get it up and running this spring. We have our first litter on the ground with all nine assigned to their new owners. There is one pending breeding and several scheduled.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members who have worked on the Breeding Committee and Judge's Committee. It takes a lot of time and effort to make decisions and changes. While not everyone agrees with the committee's actions, their hearts are in the right place. After all, we are all in this for the dogs. Without our wonderful Fouseks, our lives would be less fulfilled.

One last point: Next year we will be electing new officers. If you have been considering giving more of yourself to the club, this is the time. We can always use fresh blood with new ideas.

I hope you have an enjoyable and successful hunting season.

Jim

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Memberships are January through December

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When you renew, you will receive this newly designed decal that you can proudly display and continue to receive the GDS that will keep you connected with the club's news and activities.



Editor's note:

Please reference the May 2021 (Vol 96, NO. 2) GDS issue for the Northwest and Rocky Mountain Chapters' spring training days and test articles for an overview of the dogs that tested with those chapters.

Northeast Chapter Spring Test

by
Kevin Jester

The Northeast chapter's spring test on May 15, enjoyed a beautiful sunny day in Bristol, Maine. The test was hosted by Rick and Tina Molt and once again provided outstanding cover and fields for our spring test. Laurie Connell handled the test chair duties with her usual eye for detail and planning. Despite Covid we had a great turn out for the event. Everyone was ready to return to

some semblance of normalcy. Lucky for us the black flies held off and seemed to give us a little grace this year. We had a well-rounded crew that has worked together in the past and the collaboration was exceptional this year. The judges for this event were Kevin Jester- Senior Judge in training, Jim Crouse and Laurie Connell. Our apprentice judge was Andy Ogden who did an outstanding job. Andy always asks the right questions and brings great discussions to the evaluation. Our bird wranglers extraordinaire were Kurt Soneson and Chris Rumsey. Documenting all the successes were Jane McKenna, Tina Molt and Chuck Trial.

We were fortunate to evaluate three Natural Ability pups all from the same litter. What a rare opportunity to



Merrymeeting's C Litter: Phil Bennett with Caledonia, Rick Molt with Colt, and Andy Goode with Calibaetis



Photo by Jane McKenna

Merrymeeting's Colt with owner Rick Molt

evaluate a litter side-by-side in the same conditions. The breeder was Jane and Gene McKenna. The sire was Mig od Pitne' vody and the Dam was Adele od Terlicke' harze.

The first to be evaluated was Merrymeeting's Colt with owner Rick Molt. In the field Colt did a great job searching performing as we would expect. He ranged in the open field and shortened up in the woods while checking on his handler regularly. He was deemed not gunshy. Unfortunately for Colt, he was not able to point the birds that were placed. He showed scent recognition and picked up the birds, however he did not bring them back to the handler. When challenged with a track of the live bird, Colt showed is lack of experience, searching wildly and needed some assistance to move forward where he was able to pick up the scent and bring the bird back to the handler. Once we made it to the water, Colt had some difficulty as a different type of bumper was used. With some coaxing and utilizing a game bird he swam twice with enthusiasm. Unfortunately, because Colt

did not point, he did not prize. Colt has a lively and energetic temperament and was a pleasure to evaluate. After further exposure this year and some more experience, Colt will undoubtedly rise to expectations.

The next puppy to be evaluated was Merrymeeting's Caledonia with the owner Phil Bennett. Caledonia was energetic in the field, checking back with the handler and shortening up in the woods. While in the woods she scented a woodcock and had a solid point. She was deemed not gunshy. We took her to the live bird track with little searching. She got on track and found the bird with a retrieve. There was some difficulty recalling her, playing a little keep away. We then went to the water, and she continued her high energy and dove into the water twice. Caledonia did very well, earning a perfect 28, Prize I. She was energetic and certainly showed her experience and willingness to learn and please her handler.



Photo by Tina Molt

Merrymeeting's Caledonia with owner Phil Bennett

The last puppy was Merrymeeting's Calibaetis with the owner Andy Goode. Calibaetis went to the field with lots of energy. She was wide ranging in the field and shortened up in the woods while checking back with the handler. Once again, we were lucky to have wild birds in the area and with that said, Calibaetis found a wild bird and gave us a solid point. She was deemed not gunshy. We took Calibaetis to the live bird track where she performed as expected. She took the track and brought the bird back to the handler with little showboating. As we have seen before, the water can be a challenge. Calibaetis

was a little hesitant to go in, so the Handler showed her how fun the water was by wading in. She followed and swam twice after that. Calibaetis score was a 27 earning her a Prize I. She had a lively temperament was easy to handle.

After testing, we were able to enjoy some relaxation and catch up on everyone's adventures through Covid. The test was successful in many ways. From the planning to great hosting by Rick and Tina Molt and awesome Cesky Fousek's to evaluate. The breeding committee should be satisfied that their hard work is paying off. This litter was consistent in so many ways. Once they have all matured and gained experience, I believe you would have a hard time telling them apart.



Photo by Jane McKenna

Merrymeeting's Calilaetis with a nice retrieve to owner Andy Goode

Heartland Chapter Spring Test and Training Day

by

Rem DeJong

After a year of coping with COVID, the Spring 2021 Heartland Test was just what the doctor ordered to get our progeny testing program back on track. As has become our routine, the chapter offered a training day immediately prior to the official test. This training day is open to anyone who is preparing their dog for this test or a future one. It's really a great opportunity to work a dog under test conditions and to train the handler on how to run a dog in the test. That's probably more important than training the dog. For example, many newbies and a lot of veterans don't know how to properly release a dog on a pheasant track. Consequently, they struggle with bringing the dog to the start of the track,

removing the leash, and getting the dog to focus on the bird scent. What if the dog catches the bird and emerges into the open, but drops it and begins playing around? When should you give a command? Judges will tell you that when giving a command, make it a firm, forceful command so the dog knows that you mean business. These are just a couple examples of the countless ways that training-day handlers can improve their skills through practice and observation of other handlers. If you and your dog have an upcoming test, strongly consider signing up for a training day. For the spring test, most of the testing dogs participated plus several other folks from around the area. Mark McCormick, Tom Breuckman,



Photo by Jon Coil

Catherine of Two River's Crossing owned by Greg Silver

Ryan Meyers, and Tony Meyers made use of the training opportunity to prepare their dogs for a future test.

On test day, we had two groups. One was a Natural Ability Test group headed up by Senior Judge, John Pitlo, with Jim Crouse and Apprentice Senior Judge Dave Finley. They evaluated three Two River's Crossing littermates: Catherine (owned by Greg Silver), Callie (owned by Tim Vande Giessen) and Ceney Kaliber (owned by Brian Pogue). Meanwhile, Judging Group 2 was headed up by Andy Yeast with Judges Dave Read and Greg Hurtig and Apprentice Judge, Monica Redmond. They evaluated three Intermediate dogs from the Auger Falls H litter: Hadley (owned by Ben Berka), Hunters Destiny (owned by Russell Steele) and Hemingway (owned by Jon Dorn).

The test grounds were very dry, but the tracking fields were in good shape. Despite being hard to come by, the birds were strong and healthy. With only six dogs to test, the judges were able to provide each dog with ample attention and give them opportunity to perform. Four of the six dogs prized, so it was a good showing all around. We can only provide limited photos here, but a full color gallery of all the test dogs is on the web page. Head to this link to check them out:

<https://ceskyfousek.smugmug.com/Field-Testing>

The natural ability littermates from Two River's Crossing are all nice-looking Cesky Fouseks with coats that are liver-ticked with plates. Greg Silver handled Catherine of Two River's Crossing, and the duo had a solid test performance. Catherine earned a score of 27 and a Prize II. Only a 3 in Search prevented a perfect score. With more experience, she'll fix that minor glitch. Littermate Ceney Kaliber had an excellent test day, earing a perfect



Photo by Jon Coil

Ceney Kaliber of Two River's Crossings with owner Brian Pogue



Photo by Jon Coil

Callie of Two Rivers Crossing (owner: Tim Vande Giessen)

score of 28 and a Prize I. Congratulations to Brian Pogue and Ceneny! Meanwhile, Callie's performance can only be described as a disappointment. Owner Tim Vande Giessen has worked hard with Callie. They've regularly attended Michigan training days, but Callie appears to have a real aversion to birds. At training days, she will chase eagerly after a bird but never approach close enough to touch the bird. Eventually, she engages in avoidance behavior like walking off to urinate or running after another dog to play. This same behavior was evident during her test. She generally behaved as immature. Since the test, she has been showing some progress at training days. She's more confident around people and other dogs. She will swim and retrieve objects. She's even caught and retrieved two young rabbits to hand, but still won't pick up a bird. She's a lovely dog, and we hope that Tim can help her work through this challenging problem.

The IHDT entries provided some fascinating challenges for the judging group. Hadley of Auger Falls had a good search and point of pheasant. On the track of a live bird, the cooperative pheasant headed straight into the woods and held about 25 yards into woods. Hadley quickly located the bird and retrieved to Ben with one command. However, the judges were not able to really evaluate tracking behavior. Consequently, they tried tracking three more times over the course of the day. Hadley resorted to search mode, but on the final track attempt, the bird made

a determined run for it, and Hadley did a good job working it out. The patient, thorough evaluation of tracking behavior was a good example of what makes our testing program special: the goal really is to assess each dog's abilities and to give it every opportunity to succeed, not to just pick a test winner. On the drag, Hadley circled around a bit getting started, but then went straight down the track, picked up the bird and delivered it right to hand. In the water portion of the test, Hadley did well too. He had a good track of the duck and made a solid retrieve to the handler although not quite to hand. The blind retrieve discipline was conducted in the vicinity where a duck track had been held for a previous dog. Hadley had witnessed that track, so when he started his blind retrieve, he initially went to that location. The judges recognized what was going on and allowed Ben to restart him. This time, Hadley headed in the right direction, quickly located the duck and made a solid retrieve. It was a good example of the judges assessing the circumstances and making an adjustment. Hadley's deep-water retrieve was also a solid performance. Overall, Hadley earned 169 points and a well-deserved Prize I.



Photo by Rem DeJong

Hadley of Auger Falls (Owned by Ben Berka)

Hunter's Destiny also earned a Prize I with a score of 157. On the track of a pheasant, her bird made a fairly long diagonal run across the field and into the woods. A cackle from the rooster confirmed that she had located the bird. She made a good retrieve; she put the bird down once but then brought it in although not quite to hand. On the drag track, the dog performed well, going down the track with little deviation, picking up the bird and almost delivering it right to hand. In the water disciplines, Hunters Destiny gave another solid performance, earning a 3 in track of the duck and the blind retrieve and 4 in retrieve of the duck.

Littermate Hemingway proved to be an interesting case for the judges. He began his search in the field doing great, but at the sound of gunfire, he immediately went to the handler and walked at heel. He made a half-hearted pointing attempt and chased the flushing bird. However, he then returned to walking at heel. Hemingway did an excellent job tracking the pheasant. The water portion of the test went fairly well. Hemingway was not bothered at all by firing the gun during the deep-water retrieve. There's clearly some issue with shooting in the field, and hopefully, that problem can be resolved for this otherwise fine Cesky Fousek. He earned an overall score of 109.

The Heartland Chapter members enjoyed the chance to socialize as much as possible under the shadow of COVID. True, we could not hold a banquet, and there were some restrictions on use of the Mazomanie pavilion, but for the most part, it was business as usual. Dave Read, our test chair, did a great job getting things organized. Thanks to the dedicated judges, bird handlers and other volunteers for helping pull off a successful test. Several participants got together for a pre-event meal at the Green Acres restaurant on Thursday. Brew pubs are sprouting up like morel mushrooms in the Sauk City area, so we had to support local businesses and sample a couple of those on Friday and Saturday night. Really great to visit with old-time members and connect with some new folks. Jon Coil operated a traveling club merchandize store out of the back of his van, so participants could stock up on caps and shirts. We even have some fine Cesky Fousek North America mugs. Just what you need to toast a fine Fousek performance. Come to the Fall Test and Jon should have a few left at a good price! Hope to see you then.



Photo by Rem DeJong

Hunters Destiny of Auger Falls (Owner: by Russell Steele)



Photo by Rem DeJong

Hemingway of Auger Falls (Owned by Jon Dorn)

NATURAL ABILITY TEST, SPRING 2021

WI = Wisconsin MI = Michigan
 WA = Washington CO = Colorado
 ID = Idaho
 ME = Maine ++ dog too old to prize

	Age in Months	Searching	Pointing	Track of Live Bird	Affinity for Water	Nose and Use of Nose	Attitude Toward Work	Cooperation	TOTAL POINTS	PRIZE CLASSIFICATION	Conformation	Coat	Temperament
	A	S	P	TB	W	N	AW	C	TP	C	CO	CT	T
GROUP 468, Aug 2020 GDS													
++AKIRA OF SHAW BROOK, M, ID	22	3	4	1	4	2	3	3	20	*			ok
GROUP 473 Page 14 .													
CENENY KALIBER OF TWO RIVER CROSSING, M, WI	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
CATHERINE OF TWO RIVER CROSSING, F, WI	12	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	27	II	3	4	ok
CLEO RUBY OF TWO RIVER CROSSING, F, ID	11	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	27	II	2	3	ok
CHARLIE OF TWO RIVER CROSSING, F, ID	11	4	4	0	4	2	4	4	22		2	3	ok
CALLIE OF TWO RIVER CROSSING, F, WI	12	2	0	1	2	2	1	1	9		3	3	*
GROUP 474 Page 14 .													
ASPEN OF CODY COUNTRY, F ID	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
AVIBRISSA OF CODY COUNTRY, F ID	12	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	27	II	2	3	ok
ALECTORIS CHASE OF CODY COUNTRY, M ID	12	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	25	III	4	3	ok
ANNA-ISABELLA OF CODY COUNTRY, F ID	12	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	25	III	4	3	ok
ADELLA OF CODY COUNTRY, F WA	12	4	4	4	2	4	3	3	24	III			Ok
GROUP 475 Page 14.													
HERA BROWN Z LUBIECHOWA, F, ID	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I			ok
GROUP 476 Page 15.													
MERRYMEETING'S CALEDONIA, F, ME	13	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
MERRYMEETING'S CALLIBAETIS, F, ME	13	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	27	I	4	3	ok
MERRYMEETING'S COLT, M, ME	13	4	0	2	4	2	3	2	17		4	3	ok
GROUP 477 Page 15.													
CORA Z NERADOVA STAVENI, F, ID	11	3	4	4	2	4	3	3	23	III	4	3	ok

DOGS EVALUATED IN THE SPRING, 2021**NATURAL ABILITY**

AKIRA OF SHAW BROOK, M, 22 mos. Whelped 5/2/2019. Conformation: overbite, 65 cm H. Coat: med. harsh, dense, open on belly. Temperament: lively. Owned by Bart Camps, 142 Ravenwood Ct., Bonners Ferry, ID 83805. Bred by Tony Meyers. Pedigree 468, Aug., 2020 GDS (dogs over 16 months of age are not eligible for a Prize classification in Natural Ability).

CENENY KALIBER OF TWO RIVERS CROSSING, M, 12 mos. Whelped 4/27/2020. Conformation : 4, 68.6 cm H. Coat: harsh, med. dense, sparse furnishings, slightly open on ears, good belly coverage. Temperament: lively. Owned by Brian Pogue, 6506 Channel Rd., Waterford, WI 53185. Bred by Andy Yeast. Pedigree 473, Page 14.

CATHERINE OF TWO RIVERS CROSSING, F, 12 mos. Whelped 4/27/2020. Conformation: 3. 63.5 cm H. Coat: harsh, med. dense, good belly coverage, very sparse furnishings on head. Temperament: calm. Owned by Greg Silver. Bred by Andy Yeast. Pedigree 473, Page 14.

CLEO RUBY OF TWO RIVERS CROSSING, F, 11 mos. Whelped 4/27/2020. Conformation: 2, dog is cowhocked. Coat: med harsh, med. dense, good belly coverage, standard furnishings.. Temperament: lively. Owned by Matt and Crystal Able, 2360 E. Star Lane., Meridian, ID 83646. Bred by Andy Yeast. Pedigree 473, Page 14.

CHARLIE OF TWO RIVERS CROSSING, M, 12 mos. Whelped 4/27/2020. Conformation: 2. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, good belly coverage, standard furnishings.. Temperament: lively. Owned by Kelly Fitzsimmons, 1708 E. Thomas Lane., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815. Bred by Andy Yeast. Pedigree 473, Page 14.

CALLIE OF TWO RIVERS CROSSING, F, 12 mos. Whelped 4/27/2020. Conformation: 3, 61 cm H. Coat: med harsh, med. dense, slight curl, needs more belly coverage, full furnishings. Temperament: calm, immature. Owned by Tim Vande Glissen, 8400 Plover Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Bred by Andy Yeast. Pedigree 473, Page 14.

ASPEN OF CODY COUNTRY, F, 12 mos. Whelped 3/4/2020. Conformation: 4. Coat: med. dense, med. harsh, standard furnishings. Temperament: lively. Owned by Glenn Lehrer, 2130 Southbridge Dr., Bozeman, MT 59718. Bred by Glenn and Nina Ross. Pedigree 474, Page 14.

AVIBRISSA OF CODY COUNTRY, F, 12 mos. Whelped 3/4/2020. Conformation: 2, severe overbite. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, good belly coverage, standard furnishings Temperament: lively. Owned by Dale Vagts, 3032 Stratford Ave., Lincoln, NE 68502. Bred by Glenn and Nina Ross. Pedigree 474, Page 14.

ALECTORIS CHASE OF CODY COUNTRY, M, 12 mos. Whelped 3/4/2020. Conformation: 4. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, good belly coverage. Temperament: calm. Owned by Zeb Breuckman, 614 S. 6th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715. Bred by Glenn and Nina Ross. Pedigree 474, Page 14.

ANNA-ISABELLA OF CODY COUNTRY, F, 12 mos. Whelped 3/4/2020. Conformation: 4. Coat: med. dense, med. harsh, good belly coverage, standard furnishings. Temperament: lively. Owned by Perry Miller, 4261 Sourdough Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715. Bred by Glenn and Nina Ross. Pedigree 474, Page 14.

ADELLA OF CODY COUNTRY, F, 12 mos. Whelped 3/4/2020. No measurements for length or height. No coat description. Temperament: lively. Owned by Grant Richie, 72601 Hwy. 82, PO 224, Wallowa, OR 97885. Bred by Glenn and Nina Ross. Pedigree 474, Page 14.

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INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, SPRING 2021

WATER TD = Track of Duck (5) RD = Retrieve of duck (3) BR = Blind Retrieve (4) ++ = older hunting dog	JUDGED THROUGHOUT N = Nose and Use of Nose (6) AW = Attitude Toward Work (4) C = Cooperation (3) O = Obedience (3)
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)	OTHER TP = Total Prize PR = Prize Classification CO = Conformation CT = Coat T = Temperament T* = see write-up for notation

	TD	RD	BR	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
GROUP 447 Aug., 2018 GDS																		
++ANGUS OF BUCKEYE VALLEY, M, 45 MOS., WA	3	2	2	4	0	3	4			4	3	2	2	118		*		ok
GROUP 451 FEB., 2019 GDS																		
++COUPER OF NICHOL'S CREEK, M, 37 MOS., ID	4	3	3	4	4	4	3			4	4	4	4	162	I			ok
++CALAMITY JANE OF NICHOL'S CREEK, F, 37 MOS., ID	0	3	3	4	4	4	2			3	3	4	3	126				ok
++COLTON OF NICHOL'S CREEK, M, 36 MOS., WA	0	3	2	4	4	0	3			2	2	2	2	94			3	ok
GROUP 458 AUG., 2019 GDS																		
++DOZER OF VALLEY HOUSE, M, 36 MOS., ID	1	2	3	4	4	4	4			3	4	4	3	138				ok
++DANTE OF VALLEY HOUSE, M, 35 MOS., WA	3	2	1	4	4	2	3			3	2	1	1	108				ok
GROUP 459, AUG 2019 GDS																		
++ARES Z HAJENKY JEDLOVA, M, 35 MOS., WA	1	2	2	4	0	2	4			3	2	2	2	95				ok
GROUP 460, AUG 2019 GDS																		
++HADLEY OF AUGER FALLS, M, 35 MOS., WI	4	4	4	4	4	4	3			4	4	4	4	169	I			ok

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, SPRING 2021 (CONTINUED)

	TD	RD	BR	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
GROUP 460, AUG 2019 GDS (CONTINUED)																		
++HUNTERS DESTINY OF AUGER FALLS, M, 35 MOS., WI	3	4	3	4	3	3				4	4	4	3	157	I			ok
++HVIZDAK AMERICKY OF AUGER FALLS, F, 34 MOS., ID	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			3	4	4	3	163	II			ok
++HAPPY HANNA OF AUGER FALLS, F, 35 MOS., WA	1	4	3	3	4	4	4			3	3	3	3	132			3	ok
++HEMINGWAY OF AUGER FALLS, M, 35 MOS., WI	3	4	3	1	0	2	4			4	2	2	3	109				*
GROUP 462 FEB., 2020 GDS																		
++WHISKEY Z HILOZKU, M, 35 MOS., WA	1	2	3	4	4	3	4			3	3	3	2	125				ok
GROUP 465 AUG., 2020 GDS																		
++BRECKENRIDGE OF BALD EAGLE, F, 30 MOS., ID	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			4	4	4	4	172	I			ok
GROUP 466 AUG., 2020 GDS																		
++ACE OF CHERRY RIVER, M, 30 MOS., ID	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			4	4	4	4	172	I			ok
++AMIE OF CHERRY RIVER, F, 30 MOS., ID	4	3	2	4	4	4	4			4	4	3	2	152	III			ok
GROUP 468 AUG., 2020 GDS																		
ANGUS OF SHAW BROOK, M, 23 MOS., ID	1	1	0	4	4	1	4			3	2	2	1	94				ok
ANDY OF SHAW BROOK, M, 22 MOS., ID	1	2	3	1	0	0	2			1	2	2	2	60				ok
GROUP 469 AUG., 2020 GDS																		
AMAZING MAGGIE OF PAYETTE RIVER, F, 22 MOS., ID	1	4	4	3	4	3	2			2	3	3	3	121				ok
ADALINE ROSE OF PAYETTE RIVER, F, 22 MOS., ID	0	4	4	1	4	4	4			2	3	2	3	112				ok
GROUP 478 Page 15.																		
TORRA Z HLOZKU, F, 48 MOS., ID	2	2	4	4	4	4	4			4	4	4	3	153	II			ok

UTILITY FIELD TEST, SPRING 2021

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

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TD = Track of Duck (5)	RS = Retrieve of Shot Bird (3)	N = Nose and Use of Nose (6)
SWD = Search without Duck (3)	WD = Whoa or Down (3)	AW = Attitude Toward Work (4)
BR = Blind Retrieve (3)	TB = Track of Live Bird (4)	C = Cooperation (4)
SB = Steady at Blind (2)	SW = Search in Woods (4)	O = Obedience (3)
RM = Retrieve of Marked Fall (3)	H = Walk at Heel (2)	TP = Total Points
S = Searching (5)	RDG = Retrieve of Dragged Game (3)	PR = Prize Classification
P = Pointing (4)	*F = Find/Retrieve of Dead Game (3)	CO = Conformation
SWS = Steady to Wing and Shot (3)	*B = Blood Track (4)	CT = Coat
		T = Temperament

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GROUP 448 AUG., 2019 GDS**AX Z CESKE JAHODNICE, M, 3 YRS., 8 MOS. WA**

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GROUP)**DOGS EVALUATED IN SPRING, 2021 (CONTINUED)****NATURAL ABILITY TEST**

HERA BROWN Z LUBIECHOWA, F, 12 mos. Whelped 3/26/2020. Conformation: 60 cm H. Coat: med harsh, med. dense.. Temperament: lively. Owned by Betsy Knapp, 7042 Wapiti Way, Melba, ID 83641 04640. Bred by Jane and Gene McKenna. Pedigree 475, Page 14.

MERRYMEETING'S CALEDONIA, F, 13 mos. Whelped 4/22/2020. Conformation: 4, 60 cm H.Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, good belly coverage, standard furnishings. Temperament: lively. Owned by Phil and Dorothy Bennett, PO Box 40, Hancock, Me 04640. Bred by Jane and Gene McKenna. Pedigree 476, Page 15.

MERRYMEETING'S CALLIBAETIS, F, 13 mos. Whelped 4/22/2020. Conformation: 4, 57 cm H. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, good belly coverage, standard furnishings. Temperament: lively. Owned by Andy Goode, 16 Goose Cove Ln., Freeport, ME 04032. Bred by Jane and Gene McKenna. Pedigree 476, Page 15.

MERRYMEETING'S COLT, M, 13 mos. Whelped 4/22/2020. Conformation: 3, 61 cm H. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, good belly coverage, standard furnishings. Temperament: lively. Owned by Rick Molt, PO Box 115, Bristol, ME 04539. Bred by Jane and Gene McKenna. Pedigree 476, Page 15.

CORA Z NEFADOVA STAVENI, F, 11 mos. Whelped 8/20/2020. Conformation: 4, 61 cm H. Coat med harsh, med dense. Temperament: lively. Owned by Larry Knapp, 7042 Wapiti Way, Melba, ID 83641 04640. Bred by Jane and Gene McKenna. Pedigree 476, Page 15.

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DOGS EVALUATED IN SPRING, 2021**INTERMEDIATE AND OLDER HUNTING DOG TEST**

ANGUS OF BUCKEYE VALLEY, M, 45 mos., whelped 5/14/2017. Conformation: 62 cm H X 59cm L. Coat 3, non-standard white coat,. Temperament: no defects observed. Owned by Jake Kennedy, 8825 29th St. Ct. E., Edgewood, WA 98371. Bred by Jim Crouse. Pedigree 447, Aug., 2018 GDS.

COUPER OF NICHOL'S CREEK M, 37 mos., whelped 2/20/2018. Conformation: 4, 63 cm H X 62.5 cm L. Coat 3, med. Furnishings, med. Long, med. Harsh, slight curl, good belly coverage,. Temperament: lively. Owned by Greg Miyauchi, Box 282, Grand Lake, CO 80447. Bred by Steve and Debbie Schutte. Pedigree 451, Feb., 2019 GDS.

CALAMITY JANE OF NICHOL'S CREEK, F, 37 mos., whelped 2/20/2018. Conformation: 60 cm. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, good belly coverage. Temperament: lively. Owned by Brandt Bullock, 4060 Kilarney Dr., Boise, ID 83704, Bred by Steve/Debbie Schuette. Pedigree 451, Feb., 2019 GDS.

COLTON OF NICHOL'S CREEK, M, 36 mos., whelped 2/20/2018. Conformation: 60 cm H X 61 cm L, Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, curly, full furnishings. Temperament: lively. Owned by Kevin Kennedy, 2711 86th Ave, East, Edgewood, WA 98371 Bred by Steve/Debbie Schuette. Pedigree 451, Feb., 2019 GDS.

DOZER OF VALLEY HOUSE, M, 36 mos., whelped 3/19/2018. Conformation 65 cm. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, good belly coverage. Temperament: lively. Owned by Rob/Susan Morris, 2520 E 2500 N, Hollister, ID 83301 Bred by Mark/Joanne Canfield. Pedigree 458, Aug., 2019 GDS.

DANTE OF VALLEY HOUSE, M, 35 mos., whelped 3/19/2018. Conformation: butt bite. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, slight curl. Temperament: Owned by John Garske, 1302 E. Appaloosa Lane, Spokane, WA 99208. Bred by Mark/Joanne Canfield. Pedigree 458, Aug., 2019 GDS.

ARES Z HAJENKY JEDLOVA, M, 35 mos., whelped 4/2/2018. Conformation: Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, slight curl. Temperament: lively. Owned by Grant Richie, 72601 Highway 82, Wallowa, OR 97885. Bred by Martin Kout. Pedigree 459, Aug., 2019 GDS.

HADLEY OF AUGER FALLS, F, 35 mos., whelped 5/23/2018. Conformation: 61cm H. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, med. furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: happy good drive, calm. Owned by Ben Berka, 220 Northpark Blvd., Huxley, IA 50124. Bred by Gary/Ann Pool. Pedigree 460, Aug., 2019 GDS.

HUNTERS DESTINY OF AUGER FALLS, F, 35 mos., whelped 5/23/2018. Conformation: 57 cm H. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, no furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: easy to examine, calm, Owned by Russell Steele, N 8715 250th St., Spring Valley, WI 54767. Bred by Gary/Ann Pool. Pedigree 460, Aug., 2019 GDS

HVIZDAK AMERICKY OF AUGER FALLS, F, 34 mos., whelped 5/23/2018. Conformation: 57 cm H. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, open on belly. Temperament: lively. Owned by Angie McDunn, 3380 Rottweiler Ct., Helena, MT 59602. Bred by Gary/Ann Pool. Pedigree 460, Aug., 2019 GDS

PEDGREE 473

		Bar z Vostojavky
	Fousek z Masek Alouis	Sára z Nolkopu
	Fousek z Sakerd Bohdan	Ancient Axe
	In the Briars Autumn	Jenny z Práchové
“C” of TWO RIVERS CROSSING		Aesir of Dakota Prairie
	Clancy of Salmon River	Braun of March Stream
	Arika of Zumbro Valley	Friederich of Dutchman’s Hollow
	Drew of Sandhill	Arthur’s Pal of the Midnight Sun

PEDGREE 474

		Mak z Hvizdalky
	Brok z Lesni	Aida z Dělnické samoty
	Oliver z Malého Boubína	Cid od Tří stromů
	Irry z Malého Boubína	Heddy z Malého Boubína
“A” OF CODY COUNTRY		Jasan z Hložku
	Bor z Podřipské stráně	Asta z Podřipské stráně
	Dorka z Podřipské stráně	Cid od Tří stromů
	Polly z Hložku	Nella z Hložku

PEDGREE 475

		Mak z Hvizdalky
	Brok z Lesni	Aida z Dělnické samoty
	Bryt z Tanečňáku	Geret z Miroslavského dvora
	Arka Scrofa	Ellisa z Vlčetínských rybníček
HERA BROWN Z LUBIECHOWA		Zero ze Slezska
	Aran od Petrovského zámku	Heidi z Lišova
	Ella Brown z Lubiechowa	Aran od Lejnarů
	Una z Fešandy	Ela z Rostěnic

PEDGREE 476**MERRYMEETING "C"**

	Char od Tyrše	Max z Hložku
		Fera od Tyrše
Mig od Pitné vody		Fešák od Pitné vody
	Dorka od Růvra	Aza z Malé Volavky
		Oskár z Březové stráně
	Fero z Přerovska	Dona Šimonův dvůr
Adele od Těrlické hráze		Terik z Kablaně (57115
	Aischa z Neřádova stavení	Chita z Kobeřic

PEDGREE 477**CORA Z NERADOVA STAVENI**

	Eldorádo z Těšínovských buků	Dar z Huťské osady
		Jery z Vilímova
Ontário z Těšínovských buků		Mak z Hvízdalky
	Cílka z Debce	Ajda z Debce
		Ogar z Březové stráně
	Ricky z Kyjovic	Era z Rostěnic
Bonny z Kyjovic		Adar z Žaboklik
	Celie de Jean Baptiste	Flóra u Klobásné

PEDGREE 478**TORRA Z HLOŽKU**

	Ugas z Těšínovských buků	Mak z Hvízdalky
		Arka z Jílkova mlýna
Dix z Pískové zahrady		Jasan z Hložku
	Nira od Jemiluk	Ira od Jeníků
		Hart z Mrskleských lesů
	Max z Hložku	Tera z Podleska
Betty z Blatin		Ed od Pitné vody
	Catty od Valovské homole	Gama od Těšínovských buků

DOGS EVALUATED IN SPRING, 2021 (CONTINUED)**INTERMEDIATE AND OLDER HUNTING DOG TEST**

HAPPY HANNA OF AUGER FALLS, F, 33 mos., whelped 5/23/2018. Conformation: 64 cm L X 58 cm H. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, medium furnishings, slight curl, good belly coverage. Temperament: no defects observed.. Owned by Larry Semmens, 36574 Mackey Lake Rd., Soldotna, AK 99669. Bred by Gary/Ann Pool. Pedigree 460, Aug., 2019 GDS.

HEMINGWAY OF AUGER FALLS, M, 35 mos., whelped 5/23/2018. Conformation: eyes light brown, 64 cm H. Coat: med. harsh, dense, slight curl, Temperament: * gun sensitive, Owned by Jon Dorn, 3437 Briarcrest Dr., Eau Claire, WI 54701. Bred by Gary/Ann Pool. Pedigree 460 Aug., 2019 GDS.

WHISKEY Z HILOZKU, M, 35 mos., whelped 2/22/2018. Conformation: 64 cm H X 64 cm L. Coat: med. harsh, dense, flat lying, med. furnishings, good belly coverage, Temperament: lively. Owned by Mike Maass, 5854 Highwood Rd., Castro Valley, CA. 94552 Bred by Gary/Ann Pool. Pedigree 460, Feb., 2020 GDS.

BRECKENRIDGE OF BALD EAGLE, F, 30 mos. Whelped 4/6/2019. Conformation: 61 cm H. Coat: medium harsh, medium dense, good belly coverage, standard furnishings. Temperament: lively.. Owned by Sid Sifkin, 14035 Park Cove Dr., Broomfield, CO 80023. Bred by Hiram Adelman. Pedigree 465, Aug., 2020 GDS.

ACE OF CHERRY RIVER, M, 30 mos. Whelped 4/13/2019. Conformation: 64 cm H. Coat: med. harsh, dense, good belly coverage. Temperament: lively.. Owned by Terry Kramer, 6 Aspen Lane, Clancy, MT. 59634 Bred by Mike/Kanako Vance. Pedigree 466, Aug., 2020 GDS.

AMIE OF CHERRY RIVER, F, 30 mos. Whelped 4/13/2019. Conformation: 57 cm H. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, long curly. Temperament: lively. Owned by Mike and Kanako Vance, 4551 Bannock Dr., Bozeman, Mt 59715. Bred by Mike/Kanako Vance. Pedigree 466, Aug., 2020 GDS.

ANGUS OF SHAW BROOK, M, 23 mos. Whelped 5/2/2019. Conformation: 65 cm H.. Coat: dense, med. harsh, standard furnishings. Temperament: lively.. Owned by Andrew Olcott, 1036 Redtail Lane, Deer Lodge, Mt.. Bred by Tony Meyers. Pedigree 468, Aug., 2020 GDS

ANDY OF SHAW BROOK, M, 22 mos. Whelped 5/2/2019. Conformation: 61 cm H.. Coat: dense, med harsh, good belly coverage, standard furnishings.. Temperament: calm. Owned by Dennis Carlson, 3801 Barrett Dr., Hood River, Oregon 97031. Bred by Tony Meyers, Pedigree 468, Aug., 2020 GDS

AMAZING MAGGIE OF PAYETTE RIVER, F, 22 mos. Whelped 5/29/2019. Conformation: 59 cm H. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, med. long coat, standard furnishings.. Temperament: lively. Owned by Dale Anderson, 1304 Riverside Dr., Buhl, ID 83316. Bred by Roger/Nancy Fuhrman. Pedigree 469, Aug., 2020 GDS

ADALINE ROSE OF PAYETTE RIVER, F, 22 mos. Whelped 5/29/2019. Conformation: 61 cm H. Coat: harsh, dense, med. long curly coat, good belly coverage.. Temperament: lively. Owned by Randall and Diane Ross, PO Box 253, Willow Creek, MT 59760. Bred by Roger/Nancy Fuhrman. Pedigree 469, Aug., 2020 GDS

DOGS EVALUATED IN SPRING, 2021 (CONTINUED)**INTERMEDIATE AND OLDER HUNTING DOG TEST**

TORRA Z HLOŽKU, F, 48 mos., whelped 5/26/2016. Conformation: 57 cm H. Coat: med. harsh, med. dense, open on belly. Temperament: lively. Owned by Dusan Smetana, 5000 River Rd., Bozeman, MT 59718. Bred by Ing. Jaroslav Havlat. Pedigree 478, Page 15.

UTILITY TEST

AX Z CESKE JAHODNICE, M, 3 yrs. 8 mos., whelped 6/21/2017. Conformation: 4, 25.6" L X 25.2" H.. Coat: 4, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, short coat, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, eager, calm, cooperative.. Owned by Anna Artz, 2029 Ione St., Sacramento, CA 95864. Bred by Martin Tichacek. Pedigree 448, Aug., 2018 GDS.

Breeding Committee Report July 2021

COVID continued to negatively impact our breeding program in 2021. Several proposed breedings were delayed because of COVID one way or another, but we hope that we see the light at the end of the tunnel.

- "A" of Floating Feather is here (Ax z České Jahodnice x Borka od Chlumínské kamizolky)! Nine brown puppies were born 06 June 2021 in Star Idaho. There are seven males and two females. These puppies will be going to homes spread across the country.
- The breeding for "A" of Black Pond (Alby of Bald Eagle x Asta z Jamajky) has taken place and we are waiting for confirmation of pregnancy. Puppies would be due during the first week of September.
- There are other proposed pairings coming up in the September and November for winter/early spring puppies.
 "A" z Montany u Vody (Bo of Wolf Fork Canyon x Torra z Hložku)
 "B" of Cody Country (Male not yet determined x Dorka z Podřipské stráně)
- Approved for breeding

Males

Couper of Nichol's Creek
 Ax z České Jahodnice
 Fousek z Sakerd Bohdan
 Brady of Blackberry Briar
 Aris od Blatskeho rybníka
 Al of Buckeye Valley
 Grand ze Smilovic
 Oliver z Malého Boubína
 Bo of Wolf Fork Canyon
 Alby of Bald Eagle

Females

Borka od Chlumínské kamizolky
 Asta z Jamajky
 Anja aus Böhmerwald
 Torra z Hložku
 Dorka z Podřipské stráně
 Dášenska of Valley House
 Cider of Nichol's Creek
 Hunter's Destiny of Auger Falls
 Hadley of Auger Falls

- There are several dogs that have been conditionally approved for breeding pending either genetic profile or PennHIP evaluation

Males: Ace of Cherry River, Ajax aus Böhmerwald

Females: Breckenridge of Bald Eagle, Becky z Plezomského lesa

Český Fousek North America Board of Directors Annual Meeting / Conference Call

March 13, 2021

Attendees: Jim Crouse, Dave Finley, Roger Fuhrman, Robin Strathy, Laurie Connell, Anna Artz, Jim Seibel, John Pitlo, Andy Ogden. All Board members present.

President Jim Crouse brought the annual meeting to order. He recounted that Natural Ability tests will follow the new rules immediately. The biggest changes in the new rules involve the “Judged Throughout” section and defining the beginning and end of the judging period for each discipline. Behaviors observed outside the start/stop of a particular discipline will be detained in the “Observed Throughout” section. Judges are encouraged to put comments in this section to assist the Breeding Committee in future breeding considerations. Scoring for Pointing is now either a 0 or 4. Descriptions for temperament have been revised. The revised test booklets have been provided to judges and packets of the booklets were sent to Chapter test chairs.

The Board discussed proposed changes to the IHDT deep water retrieve. Incidents of the duck being shot too close to the swimming dog have prompted reconsideration of this aspect of the IHD test. John Pitlo said that, according to Warren Webster, this test was intended to test the temperament of a dog while pursuing waterfowl in what could be an actual hunting situation. He felt that we would be unable to get a read on the dog’s perseverance if we don’t use a live duck.

Several options were discussed: using a live duck and shooting at the water when the dog enters (not near the dog; at least 20 yards away); using a dead duck and shooting in the air (once or twice...the NE test used this method and shot once as the dog was entering the water) as opposed to on the water. It was noted that if there was an opportunity during the duck track to shoot the duck on water and a retrieve was made, this could also suffice for the deep water retrieve. The group discussed whether one or two shots, in the air, should be used. A motion was made by Jim Seibel that a dead duck be used for the deep water retrieve test. One shot, in the air, will be discharged when the duck is thrown, and a second shot, also in the air, will be fired when the dog is swimming and partway to the duck. The motion was seconded by Laurie Connell and the vote to accept was approved unanimously. The test will be written as follows:

Retrieve of Duck from Deep Water (Index 3)

This is a test of the dog’s usefulness in retrieving waterfowl from water of swimming depth.

The dog is expected to mark the fall of a duck and complete the task with enthusiasm. A body of water deep enough to allow much of the retrieve to be in swimming depth should be used for a valid test. No decoys are used as distractions. The handler will approach the water with the dog at their side. The dog can be leashed or on a slip lead.

A dead duck is thrown into open water, not into cover. As the duck is thrown a shot from a conventional gauge shotgun is discharged into the air using blanks. The handler releases the dog on the Judges instruction. A second shot is fired into the air when the dog is in the water part way to the bird.

The dog should pick up the bird and deliver it to the handler, to hand, with a minimum of commands. The handler should stand back from the edge of the water so that the dog must go onto land to finish the retrieve. The dog is permitted to lay the duck down before delivering only to improve the hold. A dog is not penalized for using a land route to return to the handler with the duck.

Updates on Spring tests were provided.

NW test: Anna shared the Northwest tested 8-9 dogs. The test was held on the retriever hunt test grounds, which had good cover and water. She noted that the cover was a bit short and smashed down from snow cover so will want to do the tests in April or May when the grass can “stand up”. The grounds are expensive at \$500 (the National Chapter helped with costs this year). Birds were good. IDHT dogs did well; Anna felt their performance was better than she’s seen for a while. There were 6-7 outside observers, so a good impression was made! The Chapter is getting more new young

members who are willing to be involved. She also noted later in the call that the NW Chapter is undergoing some revitalization. She had asked them to figure out test costs and break-even point. They asked the Chapter members to increase their Chapter dues from \$10/year to \$25/year and got a favorable response. She said they also need to increase test fees to cover costs. Other chapters have increased their test fees from past years as well.

NE test: Will be held May 15th. Expect 3 NA dogs.

SE test: Was held 2/29-3/1. Will try to do a spring test next year as well.

HE test: Will be held April 25. 3 NA dogs and 3 IHDT dogs. No banquet.

RM test: To be held 3/26-28 with pre-test clinic on 3/24 and Robert Milner Seminar on 3/25. About 19-20 dogs.

Breeding Committee Report (Laurie Connell): (2020 report - see attached). Have 4 breedings planned for 2021. First breeding (Cider of Nichols Creek) did not take. Will try again with this breeding next winter. Other 3 will be in April-June. We won't have enough pups to fulfill the puppy list. We can offer Czech pups but the price is going up to about \$2,000+. Past price for pups was \$1,700.

Treasurer Report (Roger Fuhrman): Had \$58k in the bank in 2020 (\$10K was puppy deposits). NW Chapter established a bank account tied to the National account with Chase Bank. He is working with the NE Chapter to establish an account as well. A formal report will be submitted in a week or so. Some of those who have submitted a puppy deposit may not get a pup and deposits may be returned.

Secretary Report (Robin Strathy): see attached

Motion made, seconded, and accepted to adjourn meeting.

Český Fousek North America Secretary Report

March 2021

We had 257 members paid up through 2020 (up from 219 in 2019) and have 184 paid 2021 members through March 12, 2021 (about the same as last year this time). Membership notices were sent out in January and again in March. We had 30 new members join in 2020 (up from 28 in 2020) and about 10 new members join since Jan 1, 2021. So overall, our numbers have increased slightly, or perhaps we're getting better response to reminders to pay membership dues!

Due to COVID-19 concerns, we did not hold and in-person annual meeting in 2020 and will not hold one in 2021. The Board of Directors has been holding conference calls on an as-needed basis.

Robin Strathy
Secretary

Rocky Mountain Chapter Exposure & Training Day

by

Havely Holt

The July Rocky Mountain Chapter Exposure and Training Day was both successful and enjoyable. With nearly 30 in attendance, along with 14 dogs, the Ross Ranch provided the perfect backdrop for a weekend of fellowship and camaraderie.

The challenging work began several weeks in advance as Diane and Randy Ross rallied the troops to prepare the property for the pups. With water levels at an all-time low and temperatures at an all-time high, the oxbow wetlands were clogged with an overgrowth of submergent plant life. Diane and Randy called upon Mike Vance, Andrew Olcott, Drew Crain, Perry Miller, and Glen Lehrer to pitch in with physical labor to ensure that the

trainers and pups had a sufficient environment to learn and advance in skills.



Photo by Kris Gilkey Brewer

Mike Vance demonstrating how to plant a bird



Photo by Anita Andrus

Randy Ross with Adeline Rose of Payette River

Saturday morning began with a bird handling and planting clinic led by Mike. Few people in the club have planted more birds for our Fouseks over the years than Mike, and his instruction demonstrated that. Participants learned the appropriate way to handle birds while training and taking part in hunt tests. From there, the dog handlers and dogs were split into groups based on their previous exposure to birds and guns. The “natural ability” group, led by Tawna Skinner, Anita Andrus, and Angie McDunn, spent the morning tracking dragged pheasants to increase focus on ground scent. The young pups finished the morning swimming, particularly by practicing recall while traversing a small pond to their handlers on the opposite side. On a hot morning, cooling-off in the slough was welcome. The “intermediate group,” led by Randy, Mike, and John McDunn, practiced pointing pheasants, tracking them, and retrieving them. The



Photo by Kris Gilkey Brewer

Tawna Skinner showing a handle how to properly start their pup on a drag

trainers learned about calming their dogs, and themselves, near the start of the track, and about starting their dogs in the down position. Additional retrieve-to-hand work was also emphasized.

After a wonderful potluck lunch, the group was treated to clicker training by Tawna. Then, the older dogs practiced their duck work, also led by Tawna with help from Rick Sojda. The usual duck tracking on the water was done, along with some duck drags using a live mallard in duck socks that Tawna had made. The NAT dogs worked on search and pointing of a planted pheasant in the afternoon in exercises led by Randy, with bird planting help by Mike and Thomas Basso.

The second day, the intermediate group trained while being shot-over, and the natural ability pups continued their practice with tracking pheasants. The final event was a joy to watch as the natural ability pups chased their first ducks in the water. The natural drive of this breed and persistence was evident as we watched one pup play whack-a-mole with a mallard just short of five minutes before finally catching and retrieving the bird. She then pranced around for the same amount of time, showing off her catch to the rest of the pack. A few days later, Randy and Diane continued to help with training, and Drew and Mike took advantage of the opportunity to build on the weekend's success with their dogs.

The weekend was fulfilling in many ways. It is always wonderful to see your pup full of life, racing with other dogs, but especially reuniting with dogs of the same breed. There seemed to be an extra pep in their step and

spark in their eye. To be able to interact with other handlers who want to see success in your own journey in training your dog is one of the greatest things I have experienced in this Fousek community. We were surrounded by so many wonderful mentors and trainers – the best of the best. And to say that I walked away encouraged and full of gratitude is an understatement. As a newcomer to the breed and training dogs, I learned so much over the weekend. The most important lesson was to build and teach calmness before a track. If I am not calm and enjoying myself, my dog won't either. I learned there are ups and downs, good days and bad days. Roll with it!

Thank you to Angie and John for supplying the birds and for sharing their knowledge and experience in the field, and to Mike for travelling to get ducks when Rick was unable to so at the last minute. Thanks to all the mentors in attendance, including Mike and Kanako, Glen, Tawna, Anita, and Rick. Finally, deepest gratitude is extended to Diane and Randy for all your time and effort in preparing your property for this event. You are such gracious and welcoming hosts and guiding spirits. 🐾



Photo by Rick Sojda

Dušan Smetana is a member from Montana and his work as a professional photographer took him out-of-town for our training day. Instead, he worked with his five-year-old import, Sarka (Torra z Hložku) the week before, and she delivered this mallard nicely to hand.

New and Promoted Judges

Zeb Breuckman

(Promoted to Utility Judge)

I currently live in Bozeman Montana with my wife Jen and my two club dogs Alectoris Chase of Cody Country who is 17 months old and Bambino of Wolf Fork Canyon who is 8 years old. We got our first dog, Benny of the Midnight Sun from the club in 2009. We've enjoyed hunting chukar, ducks, pheasants, huns, grouse and quail with our dogs.



Zeb with Bam and Chase

Laurie Connell

(New Judge)

Laurie and her husband Scott Craig have been club members since 2004. Their first club dog was Allagash of Coyote Hills who taught them a great deal about training a gun dog. They have had two other dogs Flora ze Smilovic and Alby of Bald Eagle. Hunting consists primarily of upland birds and an annual trip to the Dakotas is the highlight of the year. Their fourth and current dog is two-year-old Fanny od Bouňovské studánky. Laurie is a member of the Breeding Committee and has traveled to the Czech Republic several times to learn more about judging, training, and breeding from our Czech friends. Laurie was able to spend almost two weeks in the Czech Republic to watch the First Český Fousek World Cup and work as "Pit Crew" for Andy Ogden and Kája od Tyrse. Laurie has participated in two Judges Training clinics through NAVHDA.

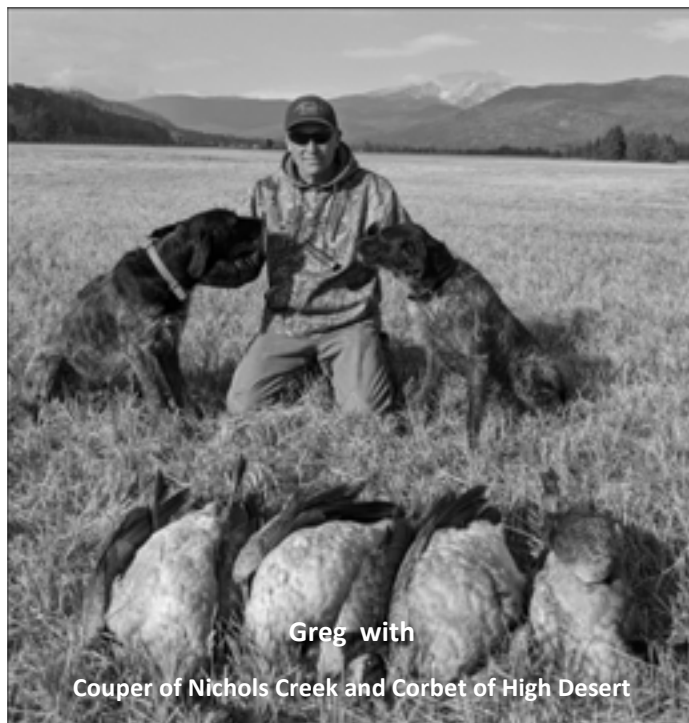


**Laurie and Scott
with their dogs Allagash and Flora**

Greg Miyauchi

(New Judge)

I was first introduced to the club after having the privilege of hunting behind a couple of friend's Cesky Fouseks in upland bird hunts. Three dogs later I am still amazed by the natural ability and demeanor of the dogs. Their ability to hunt hard in the field while still being superb family dogs are characteristics that make them truly unique. I have been a member of the club for over a decade and have been fortunate to be a part of five breedings. My favorite part of training dogs is getting to be outside and watching the dogs do what they love. My family is beyond grateful for the support of the club following the loss of our home in the East Troublesome Fire. We cannot say thank you enough for the club's generosity in a difficult time. We are humbled by such selflessness.

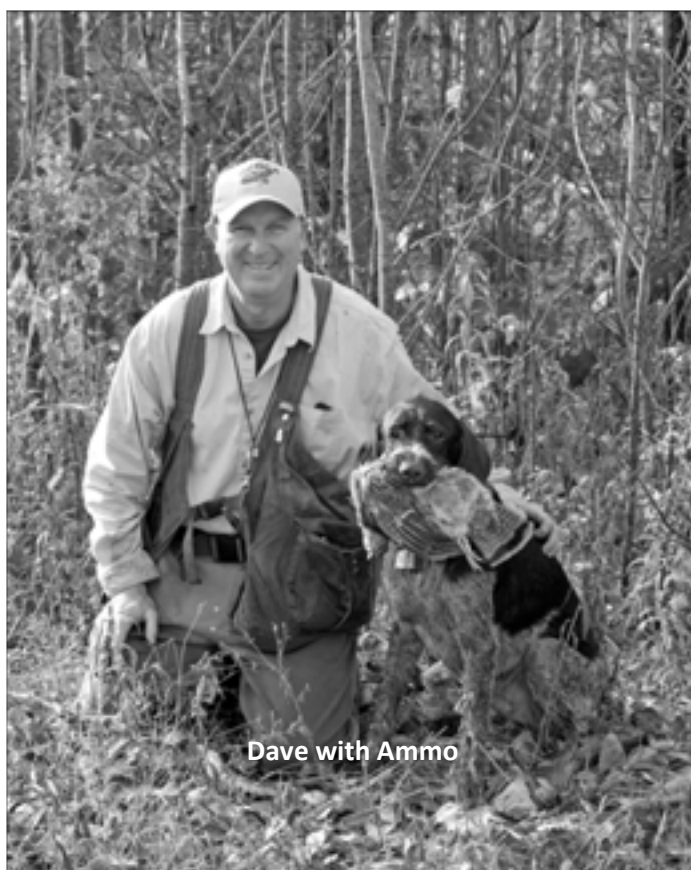


Greg with
Couper of Nichols Creek and Corbet of High Desert

Dave Read

(New Judge)

Dave is a long-time member of Cesky Fousek North America, going back to the days when we were the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club of America. His first club dog was Abi (Abidale of Show-Me-Borealis) in 1995, followed by Ammo of the Hundgaard and now Briar of Wolf Fork Canyon. His path to becoming a judge began as a bird handler at the Heartland Tests. Dave says that being a bird handler is a great way to learn the ropes of the testing program, if you can stand the ribbing of senior judges. More recently, Dave has been the Test Chair for the Heartland Chapter and moved on to being an apprentice judge. He's made the transition to regular judge where he still puts his bird handling skills to use by donning waders and laying duck tracks through the marsh and releasing birds on the track. Dave is a regular at our monthly training days in Michigan, whether it's training his own dog or helping others prepare their dogs. Grouse and woodcock hunting in northern Michigan is probably his specialty, but Dave puts a versatile gun dog to good use with annual trips to the Dakotas for waterfowl and pheasants.



Dave with Ammo

Andrew Ogden

(Promoted to Utility Judge)

I have been a club member since 2003. I currently have Kaja od Tyrse my second club dog. I am a lifetime member of the Northeast Chapter. I am currently the Chairman of the Training Committee. I reside in the northernmost portion of New York and look at Canada out my dining room window. I was lucky enough to be able to compete in the Cesky Fousek World Cup with Kaja. I enjoy competing in NAVHDA, and HRC. I am honored to be asked to join the other judges who have worked so hard to improve the breed.



Andrew with Kaja

Dan Seibel

(New Judge)

When you combine my Uncle Jim's time in the club and my Dad's time in the club, I've been around these wonderful dogs for over 30 years. My first was Angus von Tuefelhunden of Willow Springs in 2004 when I returned from Afghanistan. After his IHDT, I began my apprentice judge journey and have been to every chapter in the country...except the SE. Now it is Clancy of the Hundgaard and I'm living in Allen, TX so that will take care of the SE Chapter. We are both adjusting to living in humidity again after 3 years in Montana and looking forward to Fall!



Dan with Clancy

Upgrade Your Old Multi-Tool (Leatherman)

by
Dave Read

I came across an article in the *Shooting Sportsman* about multi-tools for hunting dog owners.

shootingsportsman.com/multitool-guide/

It compared different manufacturers of multi-tools that could cut snare cable. I thought this was very helpful because the old Leatherman that I and many others have will not cut snare cable. Currently, I carry snare wire cutting pliers along with my Leatherman because they are more effective than the side cutters found on the Leatherman and many other multi-tools. Snare cable cutter pliers can be purchased from any trapping supplies website for approximately \$50.

I have been carrying around these snare cable cutters for around 10 years and fortunately never had to use them. We all have read about or known someone who has lost a dog to a snare-because they did not have the right tool to cut the cable. Most of us in the field carry a multi-tool for its versatility, such as the needle nose pliers for removing porcupine quills and cactus needles.

The *Shooting Sportsman* article compared four different manufacturers of multi-tools (*Gerber Center-Drive Plus*, *Leatherman Surge*, *Powerlock by SOG*, and *Victorinox Swisstool Spirit*), testing their ability to cut snare cable. The SOG PowerLock cut the cable first time, every time, while all the other tools did not cut the cable or took multiple attempts to do so. So, if you're looking for a new multi-tool, this is the one to buy. I am going to purchase a SOG Powerlock multi-tool (\$75), retire my old Leatherman and remove snare cable cutting pliers from my hunting vest.



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Please complete an anonymous survey and help us better understand our breed's longevity and health.

ceskyfousekna.org/breed-data/canine-mortality-survey/

Future Events

Northwest Chapter

Sept 3 (Training and Exposure Day), Sept 4-5 (Test Days)

Monroe, WA

Contact Dennis Carlson (carlson@gorge.net)

Heartland Chapter

Sept 10 (Training Day), Sept 11 (Test Day)

Mazomanie Test Grounds, WI

Contact: Dave Read (readgriff@gmail.com)

Northeast Chapter

Sept 24 (Training Day), Sept 25 (Test Day)

Penobscot County Conservation Association

Stetson, ME

Contact: Laurie Connell (oquassa5@gmail.com)

