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ADMIRAL DOZER OF MARSH STREAM and Rick Molt follow up a perfect NAT with
a perfect Prize I, IDHT, in Maine (Photo Sandie Silver)

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FROM THE EDITORS

As the hunting season drifts into winter's snows, the memories of owners, and the sleep of Griffons, we look back at a fall of testing. It is the testing, of course, which confirms and makes for the best breeding. It is the breeding that makes for those memorable hunting seasons and Griffons.

For this issue, it is a pleasure to be able to show some of the fine **Marsh Stream** dogs, for we had no photos of them after their spring testing. (And you will note, reading the fall NA test scores, that it appears that the **B** litter of **Marsh Stream** has started to fulfill this kennel's promise.) Likewise, it is good to have photos from some of the other dogs tested this fall.

However, the owners of the dogs from **Nichols Creek** may have to hire their own photographer. Once again, we have no test photos of these fine dogs.

As we look forward to spring testing and other membership rites, we must remember, naturally, to renew our memberships. (Jim Seibel enjoys getting mail.)

The spring test dates are listed in this issue, with two questions/asterisks for uncertainty in the Heartland and the Northeast Chapters. Until we meet at a test or two, we wish you a good new year, filled with successful breedings (well, at least of Griffons).

HEARTLAND CHAPTER FALL TEST By Jim Montgomery

Another fine weekend in Wisconsin was the result of the outstanding work of our Field Test Chairs, Jon and Judy Coil. Everything came off flawlessly, thanks to the outstanding preparation of Jon and Judy. Even with 3 females in heat, a little switch here and move there allowed all the testing to take place without a sniff . . . or should I say hitch.

Once again this fall we returned to Rush Creek Sportsman Club, a shooting preserve in Spring Green, WI, that has some excellent grounds for the dogs, handlers, and judges as well as fine facilities, including indoor plumbing, for everyone in attendance. The lounge area with overstuffed chairs was the scene of more than one quick nap at lunch-time. The indoor eating area, with several large round tables, is conducive to having lots of interaction among the chapter members and guests where two delicious lunches were served by the always-eager-to-serve group of Karen Hurtig, Lynn Sukup, Vivian Pitlo, and others.

For what may have been a first in some time, our judging crew was entirely staffed by Heartland Chapter "locals" in the form of John Pitlo, Ken Hurtig, Jim Siebel, Dave Siebel, Greg Hurtig, and Dean Umphrey. They were the backbone of the two judging groups that ran each of the three days for these tests. In addition, there were several apprentice judges and a fine cadre of bird handlers (even though we lost a couple at the coop), gun carriers, and gallery foremen, badly needed to control the hearty gallery members always eager to watch.

The grounds are excellent for each of the various tests being undertaken. The clover field that is used for the pheasant track works really well, while there are several areas for field work that have varying types of grasses and brush and are all bordered by woods for the ideal opportunity to evaluate all phases of the dogs' search process. Probably the best conditions

are found at the water where there is excellent cover, plenty of top vegetation to leave a great scent on water, and lots of deep water to allow some good swimming for the chase. Only the judges complain when they don't have high enough boots to keep the water out. Ken Hurtig seems to have plenty of boots to loan out to others; he just never puts any on himself. Maybe that's why he's a senior judge! It is rumored that most of the test can be observed from the dam, so only a couple of judges and the handler really need to get wet to start the dogs on the track.

The water site was the scene of some spectacular water work, but none was ever better than that of **ALPHONSE OF VALLEY HOUSE** owned and handled by Rob Reed.

ALPHONSE, better known to us locally as "Grizz," stunned everyone with his exceptional work, having some judges and apprentices exclaiming, "It's the finest track I have ever seen!". Grizz and Rob were suitably rewarded with a rare, but well-deserved score of 4H in the track of the duck.

In addition to the outstanding grounds, the birds provided by Dave and Rush Creek Sportsman Club were excellent flyers. With a little "wing wash" on the release, some of the quail flew better than wild birds we have seen. Feisty pheasants that loved to run on the track were also plentiful and mostly followed the instructions of the release judge to perfection.

There were 15 dogs being tested: two NAT (one of which was for evaluation only due to being overage), 11 IDHT, one Utility, and one OHDT. Prizes were earned by about half of those tested, and the individual scores can be found in another section of this publication.

Friday provided a light rain most of the day, but Saturday and Sunday were partly cloudy with cool mornings and warm afternoons. There was a nice breeze to offset the sun when the clouds parted, and the weekend overall was very pleasant.

Other goings on during the weekend:

New chapter Vice President Sid Siefken and his wife Brenda were not in attendance for his first test as a new officer. There was a pretty good reason, though, as Brenda gave birth to twins on the 18th. Izaak Paul, a healthy 7 lb. boy, and Jacquelynn Jae, a petite 4 lb. 4 oz. girl, join their big brother Weston in rounding out the Seifen clan. Mother and babies are doing fine, but Dad, in addition to trying to find some sleep, is out looking for a new vehicle to come to the spring test in. There just isn't enough room for Mom, Dad, three infant car seats, and a dog crate for **ACACIA** in their current SUV.

New president Andy Yeast used the test weekend to get out of attending a wedding his wife Chaney was in. Fortunately, it was in Wisconsin, and the family stopped by to visit with Andy on both legs of the trip. We know it wasn't Andy's wedding since his mother-in-law accompanied Chaney and son Nick on the trip and also found out that they too are expecting their second child in February. What is it with the new officers of the Heartland chapter? Was this part of the initiation? If so, the new secretary and treasurer will certainly submit their resignations right away!

Speaking of the treasurer, Hank surely knew it was a popper in the gun when the bird flushed from the staunch point of **APRIL OF VALLEY HOUSE**. In hopes of bagging this quail for his dog, he tried to take it by bursting its eardrums, shooting as soon as it cleared the two-foot

tall brush. The judges were later checked for hearing, but then it was decided that most of them talk more than they listen anyway so it really didn't matter.

Speaking of poppers, there must have been one on the first shot by Judge Pitlo trying to shoot the duck on water in front of a swimming dog. Fortunately, he had a second try and was successful with that one. Those ducks sure can swim fast, can't they John? John also swears that he "never gets any practice shooting ducks on water."

Apprentice Judges were showing their skills this weekend also. When one was asked to measure and evaluate one of our IDHT dogs, he proclaimed the testes OK. Fortunately, Senior Judge Jim Siebel was alert enough to point out that males are supposed to have two testes, not one. Good thing **ELMO** knows it takes two and has used them well, based on recent litters he's fathered. Guess he needs to give some tips to his owner on this issue.

Speaking of Apprentice Judges, another showed his skills with the pheasant drag. He did such a good job neither he nor the dog could find the bird. After the dog gave up, Mike also came back empty handed and was overheard saying to himself "I know I pulled those feathers."

One certain highlight of the test was watching the six-month-old **BOREK OF VALLEY HOUSE** run his NAT test. Owner-handler Tim Folsom was like a proud papa when the scores were read and this youngster had 28 points and a perfect score. We understand that in their spare time Tim and **BOREK** entertained the gallery at the water by showing circus moves with **BOREK** springing off of bent-over Tim's back to retrieve corn cobs from the water.

Our Saturday evening dinner and meeting was held at the Loft, a local restaurant in downtown Spring Green. During the business portion of the dinner, President Andy Yeast introduced the new slate of officers to the chapter. Already known to be absent due to the birth of the twins, Sid Siefken was recognized for accepting the role of Vice President. In addition, our new Treasurer is Hank Carriger, an employee of the IRS just to keep us on the straight and narrow, and taking over for Bob Kasworm, whose world travels and outreach programs are taking much more of his time, is our new Secretary Jim Montgomery.

Another key development at the meeting was the unanimous approval of a motion to give the breeding committee a check from the Heartland Chapter treasury in the amount of \$3,000 to assist in some of the fees associated with the Artificial Insemination breeding process. It has come to light that this process is far more expensive than the "traditional" two-live-dogs method, and it often does not even result in a pregnancy. The substantial cost of this process is on the front-end, preparation phase for the female. It is hoped that these monies can help defer some of the cost born by the owners of these females selected for the A.I. process. We feel it is important to continue this program with the hope that the A.I. success rate increases, which will help in the overall results of our breeding program.

In addition to the fine meal and business session, our fund-raising efforts were supported with some fine raffle prizes, several silent auction items, and the always popular shirts, hats, and new Griffon etched-glass sets were available for purchase. Although there was no specific "Do-Do Award" winner at this test, Stan Sukup won a shiny new pooper-scooper set during the raffle. It's fitting that Stan had just reminded the crowd to be certain to clean up around

the motel since it is the only one in Spring Green that will allow us to have dogs. Seems to us he should have volunteered to test his new equipment and be a one-man clean-up crew at the motel.

The evening was drawing to a close when Jim Crouse asked for the floor to make a special presentation. It seems that there is a very active sub-group of our chapter in the Michigan area who have been working diligently over the past couple of years in providing training sessions for our members. This program was instituted by Jim Siebel to help alleviate the load shouldered primarily by John Pitlo in Iowa, who also continues putting on two training sessions each year. Along with Iowa, the Michigan location helps allow more people to attend training sessions. With fewer dogs at each site, there is more time to devote to each attendee.

As part of developing this program, Jim enlisted the help of several other people, one of them being John Anderson. John, it seems, has done an outstanding job of horse-trading to find excellent grounds for these sessions, but more importantly access to free birds. We are assured these are fine, live birds that would have a substantial cost if purchased on the open market. In appreciation for John's work and contributions, those who have participated in the Michigan training sessions presented him with two gifts. The first was a nice gift certificate from Cabela's, and the second a roll of duct tape. For those of you who don't know John, the purpose of the tape will become evident once you meet him and try to get a word in the conversation.

The weekend came to a close late on Sunday afternoon when the scores for the day's tests were read and those remaining headed out toward various home destinations. We know there is anticipation for excellent hunting seasons, a few birds in the bag, but mostly good dog work and fun in the field over the next few months until we meet again. Good hunting to all!

TO HAND



BIRD HUNTER OF AGASSIZ LOWLANDS and Ernie Van Noller during their IHDT in Wisconsin (Photo Jon Coil)

NATURAL ABILITY TEST, FALL 2002**Key to tests**

IA = Iowa CA = California
 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 307 (Repeat Breeding- Feb., 2002, GDS) BOREK OF VALLEY HOUSE, M, (WI)	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	I	4	3	ok
GROUP 311 (Page 12) ++SARA Z NOLKOPU, F, (WI)	17	4	2	4	4	4	3	2	23		3	3	*

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, FALL 2002**WATER**

TD = Track of Duck (5)
 RD = Retrieve of duck (3)
 BR = Blind Retrieve (4)

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 Live 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

Key to tests (index number) * = Optional test ++ = Over age, Older Hunting Dog

TD RD BR S P RB TB *TR *RF N AW C O TP PR CO CT T

GROUP 289 (Aug., 2000, GDS)

++BIRD HUNTER OF AGASSIZ LOWLANDS

M, 29 mos (WI) 4 4 4 4 0 4 4 4 4 3 4 153 - 3 3 ok

GROUP 302 (Aug., 2002, GDS)

BEKA OF NICHOLS CREEK

F, 16 mos (WI) 4 4 4 4 4 3 4 4 4 4 4 169 I 4 3 ok

BAXTER OF NICHOLS CREEK

M, 16 mos (WI) 4 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 3 3 163 I 3 2 ok

BROGAN OF NICHOLS CREEK

M, 16 mos (WI) 4 2 3 3 4 4 4 4 4 3 2 148 III 4 2 ok

BAY OF NICHOLS CREEK

F, 16 mos (WI) 1 4 4 4 4 2 4 3 3 3 3 135 - 4 3 *

TD RD BR S P RB TB *TR *RF N AW C O TP PR CO CT T

GROUP 302 (Continued)**BRIAR OF NICHOLS CREEK**

M, 16 mos (WI) 2 3 3 3 4 0 4 2 3 2 2 110 - 4 2 *

BECK OF NICHOLS CREEK

M, 16 mos (WI) 3 0 2 4 0 2 1 3 3 2 2 94 - 3 2 *

GROUP 307 (Aug., 2002, GDS)**ARLO OF VALLEY HOUSE**

M, 20 mos (ME) 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 172 I 4 3 ok

AVERY OF VALLEY HOUSE

F, 20 mos (ME) 3 2 3 4 4 3 4 4 3 3 3 144 II 4 3 ok

ALFFIE OF VALLEY HOUSE

F, 20 mos (WI) 4 3 2 4 4 3 4 4 4 3 2 149 III 4 3 ok

ABIGAIL OF VALLEY HOUSE

F, 20 mos (WI) 2 3 2 4 3 2 3 3 3 3 2 119 III 4 3 ok

ALPHONSE OF VALLEY HOUSE

M, 20 mos (WI) 4H 1 3 4 4 2 4 4 4 3 1 141 - 4 3 ok

AXEL OF VALLEY HOUSE

M, 20 mos (ME) 1 4 2 3 4 3 4 4 3 2 2 125 - 3 4 ok

APRIL OF VALLEY HOUSE

F, 20 mos (WI) 2 1 4 3 4 4 4 3 2 2 2 122 - 4 3 *

AUDREY OF VALLEY HOUSE

F, 20 mos (ME) 1 0 0 3 4 0 3 4 1 1 1 79 - 3 3 ok

GROUP 308 (Aug., 2002, GDS)**AMOS OF BANDED PEAK**

M, 19 mos (WI) 4 4 3 4 4 2 4 4 3 3 3 152 II 4 3 ok

GROUP 309 (Aug., 2002, GDS)**ADMIRAL DOZER OF MARSH STREAM**

M, 17 mos (ME) 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 184 I 4 4 ok

AROOSTOOK OF MARSH STREAM

F, 17 mos (ME) 1 1 3 4 4 4 4 4 3 3 3 134 - 4 4 ok

ARUNDEL OF MARSH STREAM

F, 17 mos (ME) 4 3 2 3 4 0 4 4 3 2 2 128 - 4 2 ok

DOGS EVALUATED IN FALL 2002**NATURAL ABILITY TEST**

BOREK OF VALLEY HOUSE, M, 6 mos., whelped 3/3/02. Conformation: 4, 23.5"H x 23.5"L, Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, lacks density on belly, full furnishings. Temperament: bold, eager for birds, no defects observed. Owned by Tim Folsom, 334 Wild Goose Lake Rd., Gregory, MI 48137. Bred by Mark Canfield. Pedigree 307, (Repeat breeding, Feb., 2002 GDS).

++SARA Z NOLKOPU, F, 17 mos., whelped 4/2/01. Conformation: 3, 24H x 24L, middle two incisors out of alignment. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense medium furnishings. Temperament: Calm, friendly, sensitive to quick movement, slightly soft, dog in season. Owned by Ed Mashek, P.O. Box 1555, Burleson, TX 76097. Bred by Kvapil Jaroslav. Pedigree 311 (page 12).

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST

- BIRD HUNTER OF AGASSIZ LOWLANDS**, M, 29 mos., whelped 3/27/00. Conformation: 3, 25.5"H x 25.5"L, OCD in both elbows. Coat: 3, harsh, medium dense, flat-lying, sparse furnishings, needs more belly coverage. Temperament: calm, easy to examine, no obvious defects observed. Owned by Ernie Van Noller, 5884 Valley Lane SE, Kentwood, MI 49508. Bred by Judy and Jon Coil. Pedigree 289 (August 2000, *GDS*).
- BEKA OF NICHOLS CREEK**, F, 16 mos., whelped 4/30/01. Conformation: 4, 23.5"H x 23.5"L, Coat: 3, medium harsh, not flat-lying, medium furnishings, medium dense, good belly coverage. Temperament: happy, eager, no defects observed. Owned by Andy Yeast, 8923 Long Meadow Dr., Johnston, IA 50131. Bred by Steve and Debbie Schuette. Pedigree 302 (Repeat breeding, August 2001, *GDS*).
- BAXTER OF NICHOLS CREEK**, M, 16 mos., whelped 4/30/01. Conformation: 3, 24"H x 24.5"L, eyes slightly open in corners, monorchid. Coat: 2, medium harsh, flat-lying, medium furnishings, slightly open. Temperament: friendly, eager, bold, lots of energy, no defects observed. Owned by Jeff Braun, 8001 Bancroft Ave., Lincoln, NE 68506. Bred by Steve and Debbie Schuette. Pedigree 302 (Repeat breeding, August 2001, *GDS*).
- BROGAN OF NICHOLS CREEK**, M, 16 mos., whelped 4/30/01. Conformation: 4, 24.5"H x 25.5"L, Coat: 2, medium harsh, open on back, slight curl, sparse furnishings, open on belly. Temperament: friendly, eager, no defects observed. Owned by Tim and Kathy McCarthy, 6720 Southcrest Dr., Edina, MN 55435. Bred by Steve and Debbie Schuette. Pedigree 302 (Repeat breeding, August 2001, *GDS*).
- BAY OF NICHOLS CREEK**, F, 16 mos., whelped 4/30/01. Conformation: 4, 22.5"H x 23"L, Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, lacks density, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to handle, friendly, slightly dependent, showed some signs of being noise sensitive. Owned by Pete Engman, 557 160th Ave., Turtle Lake, WI 54889. Bred by Steve and Debbie Schuette. Pedigree 302 (Repeat breeding, August 2001, *GDS*).
- BRIAR OF NICHOLS CREEK**, M, 16 mos., whelped 4/30/01. Conformation: 4, 24"H x 25"L, eye slightly open in corner. Coat: 2, medium harsh, open coat, not flat-lying, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, calm, somewhat dependent. Owned by Bill Carlson, 511 11th Ave., N, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495. Bred by Steve and Debbie Schuette. Pedigree 302 (Repeat breeding, August 2001, *GDS*).
- BECK OF NICHOLS CREEK**, M, 16 mos., whelped 4/30/01. Conformation: 3, 22"H x 22"L, Coat: 2, medium harsh, lacks density, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, eager, intense. Owned by Eric Westra, 5481 County Rd J, Nelson, WI 54756. Bred by Steve and Debbie Schuette. Pedigree 302 (Repeat breeding, August 2001, *GDS*).
- ARLO OF VALLEY HOUSE**, M, 20 mos., whelped 1/21/01. Conformation: 4, 25"H x 25"L, Coat: 3, medium dense, medium harsh, not flat-lying, medium furnishings. Temperament: calm, eager, good game desire, no defects observed. Owned by Nathaniel Newman, 85 North Street, Bristol, VT 05443. Bred by Mark Canfield. Pedigree 307 (August 2002, *GDS*).
- AVERY OF VALLEY HOUSE**, F, 20 mos., whelped 1/21/01. Conformation: 3, 22.5"H x 23"L, Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat-lying, good undercoat, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, eager, happy, intense in field, no defects observed. Owned by John Diller, Box 5000-Sugarloaf Mtn. Corp., Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947. Bred by Mark Canfield. Pedigree 307 (August 2002, *GDS*).
- ALFFIE OF VALLEY HOUSE**, F, 20 mos., whelped 1/21/01. Conformation: 4, 23"H x 24"L, Coat: 3, harsh, medium dense, not flat-lying, good belly coverage, open on ears. Temperament: eager for game, no defects observed. Owned by Mike Brannigan, 5600 Cross rd., Concord, MI 49237. Bred by Mark Canfield. Pedigree 307 (February 2002, *GDS*).
- ABIGAIL OF VALLEY HOUSE**, F, 20 mos., whelped 1/21/01. Conformation: 4, 22.5"H x 22"L, Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: happy, eager, no defects observed. Owned by Dan Walsh, 80 Alto Relievo Way, Marshall, MI 49068. Bred by Mark Canfield. Pedigree 307 (February 2002, *GDS*).
- ALPHONSE OF VALLEY HOUSE**, M, 20 mos., whelped 1/21/01. Conformation: 4, 24"H x 24"L, Coat: 3, medium harsh, slight curl, dense, sparse on belly, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, calm, no defects observed. Owned by Robert Reed, 6221 Coulson Ct., Lansing, MI 48911. Bred by Mark Canfield. Pedigree 307 (February 2002, *GDS*).
- AXEL OF VALLEY HOUSE**, M, 20 mos., whelped 1/21/01. Conformation: 3, 25"H x 25"L, incisor on left is butt, scissors with wear. Coat: 4, harsh, medium dense, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, calm, no defects observed. Owned by Chris Leary, 3 Wynn Lane, Greenwich, CT 06830. Bred by Mark Canfield. Pedigree 307 (February 2002, *GDS*).
- APRIL OF VALLEY HOUSE**, F, 20 mos., whelped 1/21/01. Conformation: 4, 24"H x 24"L, Coat: 3, harsh, medium dense, not flat-lying, good belly coverage. Temperament: friendly, tentative, sensitive to shot, turned off duck in water, dog in season. Owned by Hank and Linda Carriger, 3306 Birchwood Dr., Bellevue, NE 68123-2385. Bred by Mark Canfield. Pedigree 307 (February 2002, *GDS*).
- AUDREY OF VALLEY HOUSE**, F, 20 mos., whelped 1/21/01. Conformation: 3, 22"H x 22"L, canine misaligned, strikes upper jaw. Coat: 3, harsh, slight curl, medium dense, open on ears, lacks density on belly. Temperament: friendly, calm, immature, dependent. Owned by Shannon and Tammy McDermott, 27 Fifteenth Ave., North Tonawanda, NY 14120. Bred by Mark Canfield. Pedigree 307 (February 2002, *GDS*).

AMOS OF BANDED PEAK, M, 19 mos., whelped 2/17/01. Conformation: 4, 24"H x 24"L, Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat-lying, sparse furnishings, lacks coverage on belly. Temperament: solid, easy to examine, lots of drive, bold, no defects observed. Owned by Phil Tennes, 1661 Bryant's Creek, Martinsville, IN 46151. Bred by Jane Webb. Pedigree 308 (August 2002, *GDS*).

ADMIRAL DOZER OF MARSH STREAM, M, 17 mos., whelped 4/26/01. Conformation: 4, 24"H x 24"L, Coat: 4, harsh, dense, flat lying. Temperament: eager, friendly, easy to handle, no defects observed. Owned by Rick and Tina Molt, P.O. Box 115, Bristol, ME 04539. Bred by Ted and Sandie Silver. Pedigree 309 (August 2002, *GDS*).

AROOSTOOK OF MARSH STREAM, F, 17 mos., whelped 4/26/01. Conformation: 4, 22.5"H x 23"L, Coat: 4, harsh, dense, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, intense in field, tentative in water, very, very cooperative. Owned by James Willis, P.O. Box 22, Hampden, ME 04444. Bred by Ted and Sandie Silver. Pedigree 309 (August 2002, *GDS*).

ARUNDEL OF MARSH STREAM, F, 17 mos., whelped 4/26/01. Conformation: 4, 22.5"H x 22.5"L, Coat: 2, lacks density, not flat-lying, open on back, ok on sides. Temperament: friendly, calm, steady in field. Owned by Jane McKenna, 57 Pork Point rd., Bowdoinham, ME 04008. Bred by Ted and Sandie Silver. Pedigree 309 (August 2002, *GDS*).

"LET'S TRACK"



AXEL OF VALLEY HOUSE and Chris Leary at their IHDT in Maine (above) and **AUDREY OF VALLEY HOUSE** with Shannon McDermott in their IDHT in Maine (Photos Sandie Silver)

NORTHEAST CHAPTER FALL TEST By Andy Goode

The Northeast Club fall test took place over three days from September 27-29 in Bristol, Maine. This was excellent planning as no days were lost to the short three-month season on grouse, pheasant, woodcock, and ducks that began October 1. A light, steady rain on Friday slowly gave way to several beautiful fall days, making for excellent testing conditions.

The fall test was comprised of seven dogs being run for the intermediate test. Three of the young dogs were from Ted Silver's **BRISTOL OF MARSH STREAM**, while the other four came from Mark Canfield's **VALLEY HOUSE** litter. It would be a gross omission not to mention the great efforts of Sandy Silver and Joanne Canfield in making these two outstanding litters!

All in all, the dogs showed their fine lineage, with Rick Molt's **ADMIRAL DOZER OF MARSH STREAM** and Nate Newman's **ARLO OF VALLEY HOUSE** earning Prize I's, while John Diller's **AVERY OF VALLEY HOUSE** bringing home a Prize II. Other dogs being tested and coming close to a prize included Chris Leary's **AXEL OF VALLEY HOUSE**, Jane McKenna's **ARUNDEL OF MARSH STREAM**, and Jim Willis's **AROOSTOOK OF MARSH STREAM**. Jim's dog was excellent in the field but shy around the water, while Jane's **DEL** seemed to have a real taste for pheasant. The judges sensed a bit of immaturity in the dog but thought it had all the right ingredients to be an excellent dog over time. Shannon McDermott traveled all the way from western New York to test **AUDREY OF VALLEY HOUSE**. This dog has good instincts, but a strong dependence on Shannon prevented it from scoring well.

A special thanks needs to be given to all the judges, particularly to Jim Siebel and Greg Hurtig who traveled from Michigan and Wisconsin for the test. Jim and Arlene brought along **BLUMEN VOM ERIK** and **CHYT ZE ZAPLAV**. **CHYT** and the Molt's **BAILEY OF OCEAN HOUSE** posed for pictures and to reminisce over the fine litters they have been responsible for. Further thanks need to go to Eric Anderson for organizing the test and to Rick Molt for his logistical help.

On Saturday evening, the weekend was capped by an outstanding lobster clambake hosted by Rick and Tina Molt and cooked by their son, Issac. The clams tasted like sugar cubes. A silent auction organized by Sandy Silver added to the festivities, and we hope the Northeast Club will be able to assist on some important projects like the Artificial Insemination program that holds such great promise for strengthening the club.

The spring 2003 test is being planned for Sandwich, New Hampshire with the help of test chair Eric Anderson.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER (THE PHOTOS, I. E.)



ALGERNON OF MARSH STREAM in his Prize III NAT in Wisconsin during the Spring Tests (Photo Tina Molt)



AXEL OF MARSH STREAM and his owner Mark Anderson, with Judge Gary Pool, in their Prize III NAT in Wisconsin during the Spring Tests (Photo Tina Molt)

PEDIGREES

PEDGREE 311

BENO Z NOLKOPU

CHYT OD KROUNKY

CILKA Z NOLKOPU

EVAR Z ODESKÉ VRBINY

ALAN BAVORA

ENRA ZE CTIBOREK

ADA Z NEPFIZNE

SARA Z NOLKOPU

EDY Z ČESKOBĚJSKA

BAX JEZERA

ARANA Z LIBOUŠOVA PÁNŠTVÍ

PAVA Z NOLKOPU

VARGO Z KABLÁNE

FLORA Z KABLÁNE

ALMA OD FRIMLU

“DON’T SAY ‘CHEESE’ AROUND THESE DOGS”



The Northeast Chapter Saturday gathering, in Maine, during the Fall Tests
(Photo Sandie Silver)

CLOSE: JUST MISSED BY A DUCK

AROOSTOOK OF MARSH STREAM and Ted Silver, breeder, at the IHDT in Maine
(Photo Sandie Silver)

SPRING TESTS (UNCERTAINTIES FOR TWO OF THEM, NOTE)

KDK-USA (Klub Deutsch Kurzhaar-USA) Oroville, CA Jan. 25, 26
Rolf Benseler (925) 376-6726 rbenseler@aol.com

Rocky Mountain Chapter Jerome, ID March 22, 23
Vic Jaro (208) 736-9381 vic@northrim.net

Northwest Chapter Silver Creek, WA April 5, 6
Dennis Carlson (541) 386-4830 carlson@gorge.net

Heartland Chapter Baraboo, WI April 25, 26, 27
Jon & Judy Coil (218) 647-8451 Jcoil@paulbunyan.net (Judges Seminar)

Northeast Chapter Sandwich, NH May 17, 18
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