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Water Work Is the Key to IHDT Performance

Anicka of Wolf Fork Canyon retrieves to owner Rusty Redfield

Photo by Robin Strathy

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

August is our traditional Spring Test results issue. As you read about the tests and check out the scores, consider the hard work and dedication of all the volunteer members who make these tests possible. It's really quite remarkable what people accomplish for free, simply out of love for the dogs and dedication to the WPGCA organization.

We begin this issue with recognition of a couple of those dedicated volunteers, Glenn and Lyla Lehrer. The remainder of the issue provides the scores and highlights of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, Heartland Chapter and Northeast Griffon Club Chapter tests.

Reading the results should help remind you that the Fall tests are just around the corner, so if you've got a pup to test, work on that exposure and training while you can.

I also call your attention to the News and Events page. We've initiated a Facebook page for the WPGCA. Keeping it fresh and up-to-date requires new material. So if you're a facebook user, "like" the page and share some material.

If you do some early season hunting, be sure to post some photos and send some to me for the October GDS. I hope to see some of you in Wisconsin for the next Heartland Test. Good hunting!

Rem DeJong

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Tribute to Glenn Lehrer

**by
Gary Pool**

The summer of 1988, the Rocky Mountain Griffon Chapter celebrated the 100 yr anniversary of the original Korthal's Griffon Club in Germany. The gathering was held at

the Niagara Springs Park, Wildlife Management Area, in Wendell, Idaho. Glenn and Lyla Lehrer drove from their home in Montana to attend this event in order to check out our dogs and the people who had traveled to celebrate the dogs. Glenn happened to be on crutches, but this didn't stop him from attending and finding out about the local Rocky Mountain chapter, our national club, and wonderful griffons. The next morning after the event, before heading home to Montana, Glenn and Lyla shared how they were both hooked on this breed, enjoyed everyone they met, and made the commitment to become involved with the WPGCA and our local RMGC chapter. And that's just what they did.



Kids and Griffons

Bessie of Hundgaard and grandson Austin Lehrer share a hunt with Glenn. Working to assure a new generation of hunters is a big part of Glenn's contribution.

Photo by Kanako Vance

It wasn't long before Glenn received his first dog. He became very involved in the chapter activities and then at the national level, becoming a judge, and attending our tests across the country. Because of his dedication and involvement he was asked to join the WPGCA Board of Directors, as a Director. For 21 years he traveled at his own expense to board meetings and tests to do what he could to help with improving our dogs.

One of Glen's accomplishments on the Board was spearheading the development of the WPGCA Education & Research Foundation (WPGCA E&RF). Glen has always been the type of person who once involved in an organization, was looking ahead for ways for growth and improvement. It was this drive for improvement that he, along with Bill Madden, put together the WPGCA E&RF. He saw the potential benefits of having a tax exempt organization tied to the WPGCA. Since its organization the E&RF has taken over the sponsorship of the hunting dog tests held each spring and fall across the states, exposure and training days, judge's seminars, the WPGCA.org website, and other areas as needed. The E&RF has also given members and others an avenue to include a tax exempt donation that can be used in many ways to promote hunting and our club.

We know that Glenn will continue to remain active in the club. He will continue helping with club sponsored events close to his home, and attending as many of the national functions that he can. He is planning on continuing his work with the youth and Pheasants Forever where he has helped plant the seeds of hunting knowledge to the next generation of hunters along with the appreciation of having a cooperative dog to hunt over.

From all of the Board members and club members across the country, thank you Glenn, for all of your hard work, energy and love to us and for our griffons. Thanks.



Judging Rocky Mountain Chapter Test

Glen directs Rocky Mountain Chapter member Tawna Skinner and her dog **Griffondor Josette**.

Photo by Ann Pool

Lyla Lehrer Appreciation **by** **Joan Bailey**

I met Lyla at the huge gathering near Jerome in 1988, same time, same place where Glenn was hobbling around on crutches from a recent surgery. He asked *a lot of questions*.

I was the secretary then, so as soon as I got home, there was a call from Glenn, with *a lot more questions*. Fast forward, he got on the list and got his first Griffon, AMY OF WHITEWATER. After AMY, he got CERA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW. And about that time, Glenn and Lyla invited me to come to Bozeman and go with them for several days of hunting in the Judith Gap area.



Lyla Lehrer and Breely of the Midnight Sun

Besides serving as registrar, Lyla has been an avid griffon lover and handler in her own right.

Photo by Ann Pool

I went and had a wonderful time, lots of birds, two wonderful dogs, and Glenn & Lyla. They took me to their favorite hunting places; ranches where they had permission to hunt so there would be no one else there except us. My kind of country.

I could only hunt with my camera by that time. Sooooo, a dog goes on point, I'm creaking along with my walking stick and camera. Glenn says, "Joan, hurry, hurry!" Well, I only have one speed and it's slow. Nonetheless, I got a few good shots of the dog on point, and Glenn nailed the bird.

These trips went on for a lot of years. It was wonderful to visit them in Bozeman and then go off hunting for some days. On these hunts, we also had some adventures. After a couple of years, Lyla had a gun and began to hunt.

One day the three of us and one dog were at the edge of a field when we saw a bunch of Huns fly out across the way. Glenn tells us to wait and he goes off with the dog. Then a bunch of Huns is flying our way. I say, "Lyla, shoot!" She does and just ticks a wing. The bird is slowly coming down; hits dirt and is running. And the dog is with Glenn. Picture it, Lyla with her gun, Joan, with her stick, trying to outrun a Hun. I even tried throwing my vest over the bird, but it just walked out the other side.

Finally, I said, "Lyla, ground sluice it!" She does, walks over to get the bird, picks it up discovers that she has shot the head off! We think this is so funny that we can hardly breathe for laughing.

Of course, Glenn shows up because he heard the shot and we told him quite a different story, ending with "and she hit it right in the head!"

Another story about Lyla and me. A guy called me one day from the Bozeman area and wanted to get a Griffon for his mother! Of brother, you can imagine that conversation with me and the guy. I asked him if his mother hunted. Well, I wanted to get rid of him so I said he should call Glenn Lehrer in Bozeman and gave him the number.

My phone rings again in about 15 minutes. It's Glenn and Lyla on the other phone. Lyla answered their phone when the guy called and when he explained that he wanted a Griffon for his mother, Lyla said, "Does your mother hunt?" He responded, "That's what the other woman asked me in Oregon!"

Well, then the three of us were laughing so hard, we couldn't talk for a couple of minutes.

Well, these are long stories, for which I'm known, but I wanted to express not only my appreciation for Lyla taking on the job of registrar for years (a kind of thankless job that people don't see), but also for keeping Glenn in line all these many years. She is a dear person and I have wonderful memories of my many visits to their home in Bozeman.

Rocky Mountain Chapter Spring Test 2012

by
Angie Dunn

On Friday, March 25th, the Rocky Mountain Chapter hosted the WPGCA annual meeting & judges' seminar. The topic of the judges seminar was 'Practical Canine Anatomy & Movement – A guide for Judges and Breeders' presented by Claudia Waller Orlandi, Ph.D. Dr. Orlandi did an excellent job of explaining why a structurally balanced dog is important and what to look for to determine if a dog is structurally balanced. She explained front and rear angles and how, when they are balanced the dog moves correctly with less expenditure of energy and when they are imbalanced, the dog lacks efficiency of movement and will tire more easily and have less endurance in the field.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter tested 16 dogs on March 26th and 27th at the Niagara Springs Wildlife management Area on the Snake River Canyon near Wendell, Idaho. While the weather was hotter than we would have liked on Saturday, overall, the weekend was beautiful and the warm weather on Saturday may have even helped some of the dogs in their water work. Rusty Dill had expressed concern over whether or not his pup would go into the water at all, but at the end of the day, Beelzebub Ezekial (Zeke) of Arrowrock did fine in his water work but had issues in some other areas where he had previously shown great success.

The judges got to observe groups of dogs from the same litter and evaluate them in the Natural Ability test, the Intermediate Hunt Dog Test and the Utility Dog Test. Seeing littermates run consecutively by the same judges gives the judges valuable information on the effectiveness of our breeding program.

Four pups from the **"B" litter of Arrowrock** kennel (Bob Bullock and family, ID) and one from the **"C" litter of Sandhills** kennel (Pete Engman, WI) were tested in Natural Ability with two pups earning a prize score. Five dogs from the **"A" litter of Wolf ForkCanyon** kennel (Randy & Myra Mann, WA) and two from the **"F" litter of Dutchman's Hollow** (John & Vivian Pitlo, IA) were tested in IHDT with two prizing. Aerobix of Wolf Fork Canyon displayed outstanding nose work in her track of the live bird, although when she made a sharp left turn after heading straight out on the track for about 25 yards, I believe Randy Hulme thought that she was off the track. What he didn't know was that the pheasant had run out made a hard left and then after about 10 yards made a hard right and ran out into some brush. **Aerobix** tracked that bird perfectly and her retrieve to hand was beautiful to see.

We also saw two dogs from the **"B" litter of Glacier Ridge** (Bruce Ceranske, WI) and one from the **"C" litter of Salmon River** (Andrus/Skinner, ID) tested in the Utility Dog test. Bree of Glacier Ridge forgot she knew how to track a pheasant, while her sister Belle, ran out searched (no track) and found the pheasant and retrieved it. Credence



Ready for the Track

Rusty Dill readies **Belle of Glacier Ridge** for the tracking portion of their test.

Photo by Robin Strathy

of Salmon River thought he should heel with judge Gary Pool instead of with Angie and both he and Belle, felt a whoa in the field wasn't required either. These and other mishaps led to none of the dogs earning a prize. In the duck work where Angie worried she would have issues due to no open water in Montana for training purposes, Credence not only found his own ducks but ducks hiding from previous duck work in that particular pond and his steady at the blind was outstanding with a perfect retrieve to hand.

With such a large group of dogs to test, we appreciated the help from all our club members who ran errands, planted birds and helped with the lunches and the raffle/silent auction. We would also like to thank the judges who came from the Mid-West and the Eastern part of the U.S. as that made it possible to test all the dogs in two days. A special thanks to local folks, Gary and Ann Pool and

Cliff Jaro who do the bulk of the work and organizing for our tests.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter also held its' annual meeting and Angie McDunn became the new President with Tawna Skinner remaining as the Vice President, Teresa Connor the Sec/Tres and John McDunn the Field Test Chair.

Northeast Chapter Spring 2012 Test

by
Phil Bennett



Sandhill Littermates Prepare for NAT

Rick Molt and **Chara** pose with Rick Bromberg and **Clyde**

Photo by Tina Molt

Let's just say the 2012 Spring Test in the Northeast Chapter was a bit more compact than most. We only had two dogs running, and since both were doing their NAT, we decided to hold the test on a Saturday morning, figuring we could easily be done before lunch. Rick Molt was running his female pup, **Chara of Sandhill**, and Rick Bromberg was running the male littermate, **Clyde of Sandhill**. Calendar collisions kept many of the area judges from attending this year so we gladly, and thankfully, imported Jim Crouse from the Midwest to join Ted Silver and Phil Bennett for a judging quorum.

The test site was the usual piece of Maine paradise, the hillside home/farm of Ted and Sandie Silver, and the weather looked to be perfect. Following a clear, 42 degree F. night, the day dawned sunny with a forecast promising sunshine, 65 degrees F. and a light breeze. Read: heavy dew and great scenting conditions.

For those of you "from away" who may have heard horror stories about black flies in Maine in the spring, please note that the above weather sequence produced maybe a dozen of the little critters in total. No head nets, no furious swatting amongst the judges, the handlers nor the rather small, but appreciative gallery. Unfortunately, weird weather in previous months also meant there were no pheasants to be had anywhere east of the Mississippi. Undaunted, we resolved do everything with chukkars --- six of them. We

tend to be frugal here in New England, but we concluded there should be no problem if we could get just them to run through grass like pheasants for the tracking part of the test. Of course, we did manage to ratchet up the degree of difficulty a couple notches by accidentally pre-leasing two of the six birds, right after the ritual hunting horns. Accidents happen.

In the end, we, (the dogs and humans combined), planted, searched for, pointed, recaptured, reused, tracked and retrieved all the birds necessary to pile up some great scores. One instructive note; chukkars can still fly, rather than run as suggested, if either insufficient or equal numbers of flight feathers are unwittingly plucked from the wings. We were now down one more bird.



Nice Job Chara!

Chara of Sandhill delivers a chukar .

Photo by Tina Molt



Rick and Clyde

Ready for NAT

Photo by Tina Molt

The test moved right along and both the handlers and the dogs performed well. At the end of the morning, the scores added up to a Prize I for Chara. A pile of points would have allowed Clyde to prize had it not been his lack of enthusiasm for swimming, despite a heroic and cool wade by his handler. One final note: chukkars don't swim well, if at all, and they eventually sink when waterlogged.

An ordered out luncheon assortment was brought in, augmenting piles of delicious leftovers from the dinner Sandie cooked for many of us the night before. Burp. Following the reading of the scores, the usual, ribbing, laughing, and lying about the previous hunting season, the relaxed air of camaraderie that characterizes WPGCA tests everywhere, only added to a lovely spring day.

With help of many hands for all tasks, (including more measurements and photos of a dogs by Laurie Connell and Tina Molt for the Cornell DAN Bank), we had a great test, perhaps it was one of the most compact on record. All in all, it was one of the most enjoyable. Read: no bugs!

NATURAL ABILITY TEST, SPRING 2011

| 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 392 (Page 10) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COCO OF SANDHILL,F, WI | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 28 | I | 4 | 3 | ok |
| CHARA OF SANDHILL,F, ME | 12 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 26 | I | 3 | 2 | ok |
| CALLIDORA OF SANDHILL,F, ID | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 24 | III | 4 | 3 | ok |
| COLONEL BUCKLEY OF SANDHILL,M, WI | 12 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 22 | III | 3 | 3 | ok |
| CEDAR OF SANDHILL,M, WI | 12 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 22 | | 3 | 4 | * |
| CLYDE OF SANDHILL,M, ME | 12 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 20 | | 3 | 2 | ok |
| GROUP 393 (Page10) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BOISE BELLE OF ARROWROCK, F, ID | 10 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 28 | I | 2 | 3 | ok |
| BARON OF ARROWROCK, M, WI | 11 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 23 | III | 3 | 3 | ok |
| BEELEBUB EZEKIAL OF ARROWROCK, M, ID | 10 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 18 | | 3 | 3 | ok |
| BLITZEN OF ARROWROCK, M, ID | 10 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 13 | | 3 | 3 | ok |
| BEAUREGARD OF ARROWROCK, M, ID | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 | | 2 | 3 | ok |
| BANKS OF ARROWROCK, M, ID | 10 | Dog withdrawn due to recent surgery | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GROUP 394 (Page10) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GERTA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, WI | 9 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 28 | I | 4 | 3 | ok |
| GIPPER OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, WI | 9 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 24 | III | 4 | 3 | ok |
| GOOD BOY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, WI | 9 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 23 | | 4 | 4 | ok |
| GABBY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, WI | 9 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 20 | | 4 | 3 | ok |



DOGS EVALUATED IN SPRING 2011***NATURAL ABILITY TEST***

COCO OF SANDHILL, F, 12 mos., whelped 4/16/2011. Conformation 4, 23”H X22”L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings, slightly open on ears. Temperament: eager, friendly, easy to examine. Owned by Jon Coil, 49625 Waldo Rd., NE., Kelliher, MN 56650. Bred by Pete Engman. Pedigree 392, Page 10.

CHARA OF SANDHILL, F, 12 mos., whelped 4/16/2011. Conformation 3, 25”H X25.25”L (oversize). Coat 2, needs more harshness and density, not flat lying, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine, lots of game drive, shows tendency for independence. Owned by Rick Molt, PO Box 115, Bristol, ME. Bred by Pete Engman. Pedigree 392, Page 10.

CALLIDORA OF SANDHILL, F, 11 mos., whelped 4/16/2011. Conformation 4, 22.5”H X22.5”L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, average belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, friendly, good game drive. Owned by Allan Fonken, PO Box 1149, Haden, ID. Bred by Pete Engman. Pedigree 392, Page 10.

COLONEL BUCKLEY OF SANDHILL, M, 12 mos., whelped 4/16/2011. Conformation 3, 24”H X25”L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, curly, good belly coverage, medium furnishings, slightly open on ears. Temperament: eager for game, immature. Owned by Tim McCarthy, 290 South Golden Lake Lane, Oconomowoc, WI., 53066. Bred by Pete Engman. Pedigree 392, Page 10.

CEDAR OF SANDHILL, M, 12 mos., whelped 4/16/2011. Conformation 3, 24.25”H X24.25”L, butt bite, lower incisor crossed. Coat 4, medium harsh, dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine, * gun sensitive after 2nd shot. Owned by Kirk & Tracy Dilly, 16278 141st Ave., Osakis, MN 56360. Bred by Pete Engman. Pedigree 392, Page 10.

CLYDE OF SANDHILL, M, 12 mos., whelped 4/16/2011. Conformation 3, 24”H X24”L, missing P1, lower right. Coat 2, medium harsh, needs more density, slight curl, ok belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, good game drive, slightly tentative. Owned by Rick Bromberg, 31 Red Oak Lane, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Bred by Pete Engman. Pedigree 392, Page 10.

BOISE BELLE OF ARROWROCK, F, 10 mos., whelped 5/27/2011. Conformation 2, 24”H X24”L, right lower incisor butts upper incisor, out at elbows gives barrel chest appearance. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager, happy, somewhat hard to examine teeth. Owned by Sam Cox, 221 SE 131 Rd., Warrensburg, MO 64093. Bred by Bob Bullock. Pedigree 393, Page 10.

BARRON OF ARROWROCK, M, 11 mos., whelped 5/27/2011. Conformation 3, 25”H X25”L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: hard to examine teeth, lacks bird desire. Owned by Kerry Studer, 9517 Century Wood Circle, Johnston, IA 50131. Bred by Bob Bullock. Pedigree 393, Page 10.

BELLZEBUB EZEKIAL OF ARROWROCK, M, 11 mos., whelped 5/27/2011. Conformation 3, 23”H X23”L, extra P1, lower left and right, down on front pasterns. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, medium furnishings, open on ears. Temperament: happy, eager, easy to examine. Owned by Russell Dill, PO Box 176, Manhattan, MT, 59741. Bred by Bob Bullock. Pedigree 393, Page 10.

BLITZEN OF ARROWROCK, M, 10 mos., whelped 5/27/2011. Conformation 3, 24”H X25”L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: immature, under exposed. Owned by Tina Benedickt, PO Box 10471, Bozeman, MT 59719. Bred by Bob Bullock. Pedigree 393, Page 10.

BEAUREGARD OF ARROWROCK, M, 10 mos., whelped 5/27/2011. Conformation 2, 25”H X25”L, tight scissors w/wear, out at stifles. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy going, lacks bird desire. Owned by Dave Larson, 112 Lukes Gulch RD., Grangeville, ID 83530. Bred by Bob Bullock. Pedigree 393, Page 10.

BANKS OF ARROWROCK, M, 10 mos., whelped 5/27/2011. Dog was withdrawn after field search when he began limping—had recent surgery. No conformation, temperament, or coat was evaluated. Owned by Nathaniel Umphrey, 1913 Fawnwood CT., Nampa, ID 83867. Bred by Bob Bullock. Pedigree 393, Page 10.

GERTA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 9 mos., whelped 7/2/2011. Conformation 4, 23”H X23.5”L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, good game desire, easy to examine. Owned by Byron Moore, 36 W 255 Barton Dr., Saint Charles, IL 60175. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 394, Page 10.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, SPRING 2011**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 | |
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| | R | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GROUP 387 (Aug., 2011 GDS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ++FRANCESCA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M, 24 mos (WI) | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 169 | I | 4 | 3 | ok | |
| ++FOZZ-WELL BROWN OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M, 24 mos, (WI) | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | | | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 141 | | 4 | 2 | ok | |
| ++FLAPJACK FRANKIE OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M, 24 mos, (WI) | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 | | | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 135 | | 4 | 3 | ok | |
| ++FEANIX OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M, 24 mos (WI) | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 114 | | 4 | 3 | ok | |
| FOWLER OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M, 23 mos., (ID) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 | | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 113 | | 3 | 3 | ok | |
| GROUP 389 (Aug., 2011 GDS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRINC Z HLOZKU | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M, 20 mos., (WI) | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 144 | III | 4 | 4 | * | |
| GROUP 390 (Aug., 2011 GDS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BEA Z LUBIECHOWA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| F, 20 mos., (WI) | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 169 | I | 4 | 4 | * | |
| GROUP 391 (Aug., 2011 GDS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ANICKA OF WOLF FORK CANYON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| F, 19 mos., (ID) | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | | | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 160 | I | 4 | 3 | ok | |
| ACE OF WOLF FORK CANYON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M, 19 mos., (ID) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 155 | II | 4 | 3 | ok | |
| AXEL OF WOLF FORK CANYON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M, 19 mos., (WI) | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 121 | | 3 | 2 | * | |
| AEROBIX OF WOLF FORK CANYON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| F, 19 mos., (ID) | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 113 | | 4 | 3 | ok | |
| ANIAK OF WOLF FORK CANYON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| F, 19 mos., (ID) | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | | | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 89 | | 4 | 3 | ok | |
| ADDY OF WOLF FORK CANYON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| F, 19 mos., (ID) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 67 | | 4 | 3 | ok | |

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, SPRING 2011 (Continued)

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|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TD | R | B | S | P | R | T | *T | *R | N | AW | C | O | T | P | C | C | T |
| D | R | | | | B | B | R | F | | | | | | P | R | O | T |

GROUP 391 (Aug., 2011 GDS) (Continued)

AUGUST NITE OF WOLF FORK CANYON

F, 19 mos., ID

Dogs soft temperament would not allow for testing

NATURAL ABILITY TEST (CONTINUED)

GIPPER OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, 9 mos., whelped 7/2/2011. Conformation 4, 24"H X24"L. Coat 3, short, medium harsh, medium dense, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: energetic, good game desire, easy to examine, somewhat immature. Owned by Wayne Ransbottom, PO Box 565, Dayton, WY 82836. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 394, Page 10.

GOOD BOY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, 9 mos., whelped 7/2/2011. Conformation 4, 24"H X24"L. Coat 4, harsh, dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, lots of drive. Owned by Hank Carriger, 25006 McBride Dr., San Antonio, TX 78255. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 394, Page 10.

GABBY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 9 mos., whelped 7/2/2011. Conformation 4, 22.5"H X23"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, good game drive. Owned by Andy Yeast, 6325 Wilcot Ct., Johnston, IA 50131. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 394, Page 10.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST

FRANCESCA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 24 mos., whelped 4/18/2010. Conformation 4, 24"H X 24"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, dense, flat lying, , good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: good game drive, eager, easy to examine. Owned by Dave Finley, 11066 Beth St., Plymouth, IN 46563. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

FEANIX OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 24 mos., whelped 4/18/2010. Conformation 4, 24"H X 25"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, short, flat lying, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, eager in the field, very easy to examine, has trouble shifting gears. Owned by Stan Morse, 11282 W Floating Feather, Star, ID 82669. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

FOSS-WELL BROWN OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, 24 mos., whelped 4/18/2010. Conformation 4, 25.5"H X 26"L. Coat 2, lacks density, short, sparse belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: good game drive, easy to examine. Owned by Tom & Kathy Coon, W 6038 Zinnia Dr., Appleton, WI 54915. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

FLAPJACK FRANKIE OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, 24 mos., whelped 4/18/2010. Conformation 4, 25"H X 25"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, very eager, energetic, easy to examine. Owned Michael Chapaty, 222 S. Walnut Ave., Arlington, IL 60005. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Page 12.

FOWLER OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, M, 23 mos., whelped 4/18/2010. Conformation 3, 24"H X 25"L. Coat 3, harsh, dense, lacks belly coverage, sparse furnishings, open on ears. Temperament: bold, dominant, good game drive, difficult to examine. Owned Steve Smith, 104 S. Ash St., Lebanon, SD 57435. Bred by John & Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

PRINC Z HLOZKU, M, 20 mos., whelped 7/30/2010. Conformation 4, 24"H X 24"L. Coat 4, medium harsh, dense, medium furnishings, good belly coverage. Temperament: good game drive, tentative when examined, spooked by strangers. Owned by Jim Gill, 313 N. Mt. Vernon Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245. Bred by Jaroslav Havlat. Pedigree 389, Aug., 2011 GDS.

BEA Z LUBIECHOWA, F, 20 mos., whelped 7/28/2010. Conformation 4, 21.5"H X 21.5"L. Coat 4, medium harsh, dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager for birds, spooked by judges during conformation. Owned by Jim Gill, 313 N. Mt. Vernon Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245. Bred by Veronika Dostalova. Pedigree 390, Aug., 2011 GDS.

ANICKA OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, 19 mos., whelped 8/29/2010. Conformation 4, 22.5"H X 23"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: friendly, eager, good game drive. Owned by Rusty Redfield, PO Box 307, Lakeside, MT 59922. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 391, Aug., 2011 GDS.

PEDGREE 392

“C” OF SANDHILL

- CHIPPER DE LOS ALTOS
- ADMIRAL DOZER OF MARSH STREAM
- BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK
- ANDREW PHILIP OF SOURDOUGH TRAIL
- BARTON DE LOS ALTOS
- AUSTIN OF BANDED PEAK
- BINTI OF CLOUDY SKIES
- BOREK PANVA
- HASAN Z LISOVA
- CHITAL Z BARTONE
- ARTHUR’S PAL OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN
- ELMO OF AUGER FALLS
- BRIGID OF WILLOW SPRINGS
- BREA OF TRUMAN’S PRIDE

PEDGREE 393

“B” OF ARROWROCK

- CHAR Z HLOZKU
- ANDER OF THE HUNDGAARD
- CZIG CZAG OF VALLEY HOUSE
- BOONE OF SALMON RIVER
- ELMO OF AUGER FALLS
- BRAUN OF MARSH STREAM
- BRISTOL OF ALDERBROOK
- CAR ZE SKRBENE
- CHAR Z HLOZKU
- FLORA Z HLOZKU
- ANNIE OAKLEY OF GLACIER RIDGE
- ABEL OF NICHOLS CREEK
- BELLA’S AMY OF FITZGERALDS’S PRAIRIE
- COKOPELLI OF BERKSHIRE POND

PEDGREE 394

“G” OF DUTCHMAN’S HOLLOW

- BARTON DE LOS ALTOS
- ELMO OF AUGER FALLS
- CASSIDY OF DUTCHMAN’S HOLLOW
- BADGAH OF WILLOW SPRINGS
- ARIKO VOM ERIK
- BREA OF TRUMAN’S PRIDE
- PRAIRIE STORMS ABBY
- HART Z MRSKLESKYCH LESU
- BARON OD KOSTILKU
- BARA ZE SKREBENE
- AYLA OF ANCIENT KENNEL
- DON Z VENTOVA DVORA
- TASI Z FESANDY
- ELA Z ROSTENIC

UTILITY FIELD TEST, SPRING 2011

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

INDEX*

- 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 368 (Aug, 2009, GDS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BUCKINGHAM OF SALMON RIVER, M, 4 yrs, 1 mo, (WI) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 210 | III | 4 | 3 | ok | | |
| GROUP 377 (Aug, 2010, GDS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL OF SALMON RIVER, M, 2 yrs, (ID) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | | | | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 165 | | 4 | 3 | ok | | |
| GROUP 355 (Aug, 2007, GDS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BELLE OF GLACIER RIDGE, F, 5yr 8 mos, (ID) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 148 | | 3 | 3 | ok | | |
| GROUP 355 (Aug, 2007, GDS) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BREE OF GLACIER RIDGE, F, 5yr 8 mos, (ID) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 | | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 127 | | 3 | 3 | ok | | |

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST (CONTINUED)

ACE OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, 19 mos., whelped 8/29/2010. Conformation 4, 24"H X 24.75"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, with curl, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, eager for game. Owned by Victor Woodward, 490 Iron Monarch Loop, Cle Elum, WA 98922. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 391, Aug., 2011 GDS.

AXEL OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, 19 mos., whelped 8/29/2010. Conformation 3, 25.5"H X 25.5"L, undershot. Coat 2, open, curly, lacks harshness, sparse belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, methodical. * although no pointing was observed during the test, a judge observed this dog pointing wild birds. Owned by Theresa Maule, 120 North Main. St., Chamberlain, SD 57325 Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 391, Aug., 2011 GDS.

AEROBIX OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, 19 mos., whelped 8/29/2010. Conformation 4, 23"H X 23.5"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, slight curl, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings, open on ears. Temperament: very eager, friendly, good game drive. Owned by Randy Hulme, 1411 E. Park Ave., Laramie, WY 82072. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 391, Aug., 2011 GDS.

ANIAK OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, 19 mos., whelped 8/29/2010. Conformation 4, 24"H X 25"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, with curl, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: easy to examine, inconsistent drive. Owned by Larry Semens, 36574 Mackey Lake Rd., Soldotna, AK 99669. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 391, Aug., 2011 GDS.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST (CONTINUED)

ADDY OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, 19 mos., whelped 8/29/2010. Conformation 4, 23.5"H X 25.5"L. Coat 3, medium harsh, medium dense, with curl, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, friendly, independent. Owned by Glenn Lehrer, 8636 Panorama E., Bozeman, MT 59715. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 391, Aug., 2011 GDS.

AUGUST NITE OF WOLF FORK CANYON, F, 19 mos., whelped 8/29/2010. Conformation (no score recorded), 23.5"H X 23.5"L. Coat (no score recorded), medium harsh, dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: *soft temperament, easily distracted, would not allow dog to be tested. Owned by Randy Mann, 103 Wolf Fork Rd., Dayton, WA 99328. Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 391, Aug., 2011 GDS

**A Break in the Action**

Barron of Arrowrock and owner Kerry Struder ret up between portions of their Natural Ability Test at Manomanie, WI, 2012.

Photo by Jon Coil

UTILITY HUNTING DOG TEST

BUCKINGHAM OF SALMON RIVER, M, 4 yrs, 1 mo., whelped 3/1/2008. Conformation: 4, 25" H X 25" L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: happy, easy to handle, good game drive. Owned by Ted Coon, 801 W. Brewster., Appleton, WI 54914. Bred by Anita Andrus/Tawna Skinner. Pedigree 368, Aug., 2009 GDS.

CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL OF SALMON RIVER, M, 2 yrs., whelped 4/22/2009. Conformation 4, 25"H X 25.5"L. Coat 4, medium harsh, medium dense, flat lying, good belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: hard charging, lots of game desire, easy to examine. Owned by Angie McDunn, 3380 Rottweiler Ct., Helena, MT 59602. Bred by Anita Andrus & Tawna Skinner. Pedigree 377, Aug., 2010 GDS.

BELLE OF GLACIER RIDGE, F, 5 yrs 8 mos., whelped 7/7/2006. Conformation 3: 22 H X 22 L, extra P1. Coat 3: lacks density, med harsh, open on ears, slight curl, sparse on chest, soft on head, open on chest, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager, friendly, lots of drive. Owned by Russell Dill, 9 Valley View Dr., Helena, MT 59601. Bred by Bruce Ceranske. Pedigree 355, Aug., 2007 GDS.

BREE OF GLACIER RIDGE, F, 5 yrs 8 mos., whelped 7/7/2006. Conformation 3: 22 H X 22 L. Coat 3: lacks density, med harsh, soft on head, sparse belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: calm, easy to examine, eager for game, somewhat sensitive. Owned by John McDunn, 3380 Rottweiler Court, Helena, MT 59602. Bred by Bruce Ceranske. Pedigree 355, Aug., 2007 GDS.



Here You Go Boss; Just Like You Taught Me.

Princ z hlozku owned by Jim Gill, retrieve of pheasant. IHDT. Spring, WI, 2012.

Photo by Jon Coil-

Heartland Spring 2012 Test

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Great Form!

Jon Coil demonstrates correct form as he starts Coco of Sandhill on her track of a pheasant. Coco tracked her way to a score of 169 and a Prize I.

Photographer and assistant trainer: Judy Coil

Weather was a worry before the start of the Heartland Test. A cold, hard rain kept everyone hunkered down on Thursday afternoon, and a group of early arrivals holed up in a Sauk City restaurant after a soggy dog run. But by Friday morning, it was just cloudy, cold and breezy but no rain. We had two groups on Friday. **Colonel Buckley of Sandhill** owned by Tim and Kathy McCarthy and littermate **Coco of Sandhill**, owned by Jon and Judy Coil were in Group A. Colonel Buckley sowed enthusiasm for game but would have preferred a nice warm tubby-time to diving into that cold pond, but he'll get there. He qualified for a Prize III. Ms. Coco was the responsible big sister. She zoomed through her NAT to a perfect NAT score of 28.

Meanwhile, Group B included IHDT entry **Fozz-Well Brown of Dutchman's Hollow**, handled by Tom Coon and two G litter **Dutchman's Hollow** dogs: **Gabby** owned by

Andy Yeast and **Good Boy**, owned by Hank Carriger. Before releasing Fozz in the field, Tom made it perfectly clear that he had absolutely nothing to do with the GDS article by brother Ted criticizing the fishing behavior of certain judges. It started out to be quick test. Fozz pointed, tracked and retrieved all on one bird! Fozz performed well in most areas, but retrieving was a problem. He just would not do the retrieve of dragged game. It hurt his test score, but that glitch won't hurt his performance as a hunter for Tom.

Andy commented that **Gabby of Dutchman's Hollow** has been on the dependent side, but she was also only 9 months at test time and showed that she was gaining confidence. She performed well. On her track she demonstrated a lot of searching behavior, but kept moving track forward and headed into cover where she located and retrieved the bird. Gabby was definitely an eager swimmer. Unfortunately there was no point, so no prize, but the dog has solid potential. Hank Carriger has seen to it that littermate, **Good Boy**, has had lots of wild-bird hunting exposure in his young life. An eager hunter in the field, Good Boy knows that wounded birds are for fetching not pointing. Unfortunately, our planted birds were pretty well wounded, so no prize for Good Boy either.

On Friday evening we had the traditional pizza party at the motel. It's noteworthy to mention that several visitors joined us who learned about the WPGCA thanks to our club's participation at Pheasant Fest. So thank you to club members for making Pheasant Fest a successful recruiting tool.

It's always a little harder to hustle down to the test grounds by 7:30 AM on the second day, but we had a full schedule with no time to waste. Group A included two IHDT entries, a Cesky Fousek, **Bea z Lubiechowa** owned by Jim Gill, and **Axel of Wolf Fork**, run by Theresa Maule. Rounding out the group was Cedar of the Sandhill owned by Kirk and Tracy Dilly. There's no mistaking Cedar with his very distinctive white, liver-ticked coat. Jim Gill is probably still grinning over Bea's fine performance. She had all 4s and one 3 for a Prize I score. Axel of Wolf Fork did well in many areas, but no point. He may be another dog whose extensive experience with wild Dakota roosters interferes with pointing bedraggled planted birds. Meanwhile at the NAT level, Cedar also failed to point in an otherwise solid test. Judges did note that he appeared gun sensitive on the second shot. We'll see how he adjusts by IHDT time.

Group B included IHDT entry **Flapjack Frankie of Dutchman's Hollow**, handled by Mike Chlapaty; **Gerta of Dutchman's Hollow**, run by Byron Moore in NAT, and Utility Field Test dog **Buckingham of Salmon River**, handled by Ted Coon. Flapjack is a big strong, handsome dog, but he's a handful for owner Mike, especially when it comes to retrieving. Flapjack loves to parade around with his birds rather than bringing them to hand. It's tough to be the handler when your dog is acting up in a crowd, but many of us have been there. Flapjack has the potential to be a great hunter in the field away from the test environment where dog and owner are relaxed without a gallery around. Meanwhile, at the NAT level, Gerta was one happy little brown dog. She cruised through her test with a perfect score for proud owner Byron. No pressure, Byron, but we'll see if you can keep it up at the IHDT in September.

Whenever I see a utility field test, I marvel at the amount of effort and dedication that it takes to get a dog ready for test and the endurance needed to complete it. Now, I also realize the amount of camera memory it takes to document such a test after erasing 2/3 of my photos of Ted Coon and Buckingham of Salmon River. The duo earned a Prize III, and for UFT, that's a real accomplishment. An interesting aside during the test was Buck's retrieve after the steady at the blind test. Buck did a superb job retrieving every single decoy! After conferring, the judges gave Buck another chance; it was clear that from where Buck was positioned at the blind, he had not been able to see the dead duck thrown into the water. Once the test equipment was properly positioned, Buck did great. It was a great example of judges having to distinguish between human error and dog performance and making sure that the former doesn't hamper seeing performance.

On Sunday, we only had four dogs, so what could go wrong? Right? In Group A, Jim Gill was running another of his full Cesky Fouseks, **Princ z hlozku**, while Kerry Studer ran **Barron of Arrowrock** in NAT. Prince performed well in the test, earning a Prize III but was difficult to examine and nervous around strangers. Barron earned a Prize III at the NAT level. His search was the weak spot and plenty of exposure can help that.

Meanwhile, over in Group B, **Francesca of Dutchman's Hollow** was on her way to a Prize I performance in IHDT for owner Dave Finley. The group had hustled over to the water to get the duck work in before Group A arrived. During the duck track, the uncooperative bird swam across the wide pond with Francesca in hot pursuit. The duck dove and came back across the pond, sneaking low. Six shots later our marksman dispatched the duck. (Definitely no gun sensitivity here.) Only tracking performance prevented a perfect score. The judges noted that she loves to rely on search mode because she can do it so well. She cruises along, catching snatches of scent here and there. They redid the track portion just to make sure she was relying on tracking to locate her birds.

Running in the NAT, **Gipper of Dutchman's Hollow** turned in a solid Prize III performance for owner Wayne Ransbottom. Gipper is another brown Dutchman's Hollow dog who like Gerta and Fozz-Well, sports one grey foreleg. Gipper just really loves to go. During his wide-ranging search, he appeared to just take off at one point, but Vivian Pitlo alleged that she saw the dog was actually chasing a bird that the judges didn't see. Of course Vivian is the breeder, so truth or lie? Vivian seems pretty honest, and some of the judges were a tad slow. Like other Dakota reared dogs exposed to plenty of wild birds, Gipper was not particularly fond of pointing planted birds. He did however point enough for a score of 2 and he also pointed yours truly, the photographer, sort of.

So all-in-all the test came off well. A special debt of gratitude is due the bird procurers for rounding up enough birds for the test, They were hard to come by this year. A dedicated bunch of Heartland members made sure that all the details of motel accommodations, meals and supplies were covered. Besides all those working on the immediate test preparation, the club really appreciates the year-long coordinating efforts on our behalf by Greg Hurtig with the Mazomanie Wildlife test grounds. Thanks everyone, hope to see all of you soon for the Fall test which is only a few weeks away.

News and Upcoming Events

Fall Tests

Heartland Chapter

Mazomanie, WI
Sept 7-9, 2012

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Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic

Mark your calendars:

Minneapolis, MN

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Saturday, February 16th 9:00am - 6:00pm

Sunday, February 17th 10:00am - 5:00pm

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Buckingham of Salmon River Makes a Big Splash

Buck eagerly shows his retrieving skills after demonstrating “Steady at the Blind” during his Utility Field Test with owner Ted Coon.

Photo by Rem DeJong