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Awesome Utility Field Test! 253 Points Prize I

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings:

It's a new year and we're beginning this first issue of 2016 with an introduction to the new club officers. The BWPGCA absolutely depends on dedicated volunteers to get the work done, so it's gratifying to see these folks stepping up to the task. Of course there is plenty more to be done, so whether it's becoming a judge, serving as a field test chair, taking photographs or being a bird handler, your participation is vital too. Spring tests are around the corner, so there will be plenty of ways to help out.

Speaking of tests, we have the results of the Fall 2015 tests in this issue. We didn't have many dogs to test, but there were some outstanding performances, especially Andy Yeast and his dog, Gabby, in a utility field test.

I hope many of you can make it to one of the spring tests. See the web site for details on schedule and locations. New pups will be arriving, so it should be an exciting year. By all means, get your dogs out for training and exposure; don't forget to share your adventures with us at:
<https://www.facebook.com/griffon.fan>

Rem DeJong

On the Cover:
Andy Yeast and Gabby of Dutchman's Hollow earned Prize I in Utility.

(Photo by Jerry Yeast)

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New Officers Begin Service to the Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club of America

A new group of officers are beginning three-year terms effective January 1st, 2016. The club depends on dedicated volunteers to make our organization go, and taking on the duties of club officer is a big commitment of time and energy. A big thank you to each of these individuals for stepping up to serve. As the club continues evolving into the breed club for the Cesky Fousek, it is an exciting time with many challenges as we work to both keep alive our purpose of producing and promoting great gun dogs and introducing the American public to the Bohemian griff from the Czech Republic as the gundog supreme. Here is



BWPGCA President Elect Jim Crouse

Jim and Czech import **Jena od Tyrse** on a South Dakota pheasant hunting expedition .

a quick introduction to each of the new officers. Please support and work with them in the coming years.

President: Jim Crouse

Jim is from the Columbus Ohio area of the Heartland Chapter. He's been a member of the club for over 15 years. At the present time he shares his life with two of our club-bred dogs: Beaudashus of Willow Springs and Buckeye "B" of the Midnight Sun. He previously owned Alibi of Nichols Creek and Aziano of Indian Creek. His most recent canine addition is a Cesky Fousek import, Jena od Tyrse. If you attend Heartland Chapter events, you know that Jim has been working hard to get young people involved with our dogs. His most recent project has been getting 13 year-old Emily to train and handle Jena in our testing program. Jim has been very active in the Heartland Chapter, beginning as a bird handler and apprentice judge and developing into senior judge. He's also been test chair, vice president and president of the Heartland Chapter. He coordinates monthly training days for the Heartland Chapter. In addition to him having good organization and people skills, I've learned through hunting with him numerous times in the Dakotas and Iowa that he's a great camp chef; he doesn't snore too bad, and he's experienced at skunk odor removal. We can't ask for much more than that in a president.

Asked about what he'd like to focus on as a club officer, Jim identified these areas:

- Increase our membership and awareness of the BWPG,
- Continue to build on the past and implement change when required to improve the breed,
- Continue to promote the BWPG as a great hunting dog as well as a great companion

Vice President: Andy Rupp

Andy has been with the club since 1997 and has owned three club dogs. His most recent dog is a Czech import, Korina od Pitne Wody. If you follow our Facebook page and the GDS, you've seen several photos of Andy and Korina hunting sharptails and pheasants. He also hunts ducks and geese. Andy has served as a judge and previously held national office as the club treasurer. He's dedicated to the club and can always be counted on to contribute. Colorado has been his home base, and he's been active in the Rocky Mountain Griffon Club chapter. Continuing the tradition of developing the best hunting dog for the on-foot hunter and new member recruitment are two priorities that Andy identified for the club.

Secretary: Robin Strathy

Robin is learning the ropes of her position from long-time secretary, Judy Coil. Secretary is a time-consuming position that involves keeping track of membership changes, managing records for our tests and a host of other responsibilities that go well beyond the basic tasks that one associates with being secretary. For a couple years, Robin has been welcoming each new member to the club and responding to inquiries that come into our website about our dogs. Robin has



Vice President Elect: Andy Rupp

Andy and his Czech import, **Korina od Pitne vody** pose with a nice bag of roosters.

been involved in the club since 2003 and has owned two club bred dogs: Briar of Bogan's Point and Brillo of Wolf Fork Canyon. Robin's career has been in natural resource management for the USDA. She's a member of the Rocky Mountain Griffon Club and mostly hunts pheasant Hungarian partridge, and grouse mostly in Montana. She hopes to help build a strong club membership through inclusion, information sharing, and exposure to our dogs.

Treasurer: Zeb Breuckman

Although officially elected in this election cycle, Zeb has already been filling the role of treasurer for several months, taking over for Andy Rupp who had asked to be relieved of treasurer responsibilities so he could attend to family concerns.



Secretary Elect Robin Strathy

Robin and her current club dog, **Brillow of Wolf Fork Canyon** at a Rocky Mountain Chapter test.

It was a complicated time to learn the job; the club was in the middle of a dues increase and we were getting our nonprofit status renewed. In addition to just managing member dues, the treasurer has to cope with breeding costs and puppy import expenses and other issues critical to keeping our organization financially stable. One of the initiatives that Zeb has already completed is setting up on-line payment for dues and donations. Zeb has moved around a bit during his dyas with the club. A relatively new member, Zeb has been involved in the club since 2009, when he became an apprentice judge at the NW chapter fall test. He served as the club registrar from 2012-2015. He owns two club dogs, Benny of Midnight Sun and Bambino of Wolf Fork Canyon. Benny and Zeb learned how to bird hunt together by chasing chukar in Washington. Last year, he moved

from Washington to Michigan, so lately he's been hunting more grouse and pheasant. He also does quite a bit of duck hunting.

Zeb says that his main goal is for the club is to continue providing opportunities for our group of great people to get together, learn from each other, have fun, and to produce great dogs! With that goal in mind I am going to work grow our membership by getting more dogs bred by the club out into the field. Our dogs are great recruitment tools for our club!



Treasurer Elect : Zeb Breuckman

Zeb and **Benny of the Midnight Sun** completed the Utility Field Test at the Fall 2015 Heartland Chapter Test.

Breeding Committee Note: Preparing for the IHDT Conformation... There is more than just hunting

OK, your dog is around two years old now. You have been working hard to get exposure and hunting skills honed. But there is more that happens at the intermediate hunting dog test (IHDT) than just a test of hunting skills. This is when we begin data collection for our Cornell Bio Bank project and collect information for the Breeding Committee to begin making deliberations on future breeding choices. We will assess your dog for conformation, movement in the field and in the "ring", as well as do a series of measurements. We will photograph your dog and collect the forms you have filled out.

There are a few things that you can do to prepare for this aspect of IHDT. First we will be assessing your dog for conformation. They should be used to behaving like a show dog, in that they can calmly walk and trot by your side on a leash. They should be able to stop and stand quietly while being examined and measured. Finally they need to be able to be set up for a photograph that will show their conformation.

Preparation for this portion of the IHDT is not very difficult. Your dog should already know "Whoa" and this command can be used to train them to stand for photographs. We will be very particular about how the dog is set up for photographs. A natural "stack" (that is a show dog term) is the start. This is when the dog stands comfortably and is not hunched over. To view and measure the shoulder and hip angles best your dog will need to be "hard stacked". This is where the front legs are set to form a 90° angle with the ground and the back legs are placed so that the back of the hocks also form a 90° angle with the ground. The Cesky Fousek Club in the Czech Republic holds an annual club test where they assess the conformation, temperament of all their dogs. This information is listed in their annual report and is a piece of the puzzle used in deciding which dogs should enter the breeding program as well as how their breeding program is progressing. So practice the natural and hard stack before you arrive at the test.

We will take photos of your dog hard stacked and possibly also in a natural stack. Since these photographs will be on our international searchable database for all to see you want them to look good! Take the time to groom your dog well before the test. But don't give a bath because many shampoos can make their coats feel soft. A good



grooming tool such as a Mars Coat King or similar grooming tool will get rid of dead fur as well as help the growth of harsher coat to grow in. Just a good weekly brushing will help.

Good luck and see you at the
IHDT!
Laurie Connell

Allagash of Coyote Hills illustrates the natural stack position.

Labor Day Special in the Heartland

by
Jon Coil

Labor Day weekend was late this year and happened to coincide with the last weekend dog testing was allowed on the Mazomainie Wildlife Area, so hoping the later weekend was a cooler weekend we went for it. The handlers, helpers, spectators and Judges gave up time and picnics with their other families to par-



Prize I Intermediate Hunting Dog Performance

Emily Ramos has reason to smile after she and her Cesky Fousek import, **Jena od Tyrse** completed their IHDT.

(photo by Jon Coil)

ticipate in one of the important functions of the BWPGCA, testing dogs. Hot, humid, sunny. Not great weather for testing a dogs hunting ability but that is how the dogs, members and Judges of the Heartland Chapter spent their holiday weekend.

Six dogs were tested Saturday using two Judging groups. Being tested as Intermediate Hunting Dogs were **Artemus of Blackberry Briar** owned by Rob Reed, **Addie of Blackberry Briar** owned by Chris Trosen, **Jena od Tyrse** owned by Emily Ramos. **Bambino of Wolf Fork Canyon** handled by Jen Lachowiec, **Hika of Dutchman's Hollow** owned by Steve Schuette and **Hilda of Dutchman's Hollow** owned by Richard Schrewin were tested as Older Hunting Dogs.

Saturday started with heavy dew and 60 degrees, there was cloud cover and no breeze. The dogs stayed wet and somewhat cool, running through the thick dewy grass and the handlers, judges and gallery stayed wet from sweat in the high humidity morning that created the challenge of constantly fogging glasses for those of us so challenged. The Breeding Committee wanted a second look at Hika and Hilda, both of Dutchman's Hollow, to see if they had improved in the test portions they had failed in the spring (see the Breeding Committees explanation elsewhere in this issue). Both dogs had improved with Hika delivering her retrieves to hand and Hilda completing the deep water retrieve with a delivery to hand. The Judges and gallery enjoyed watching Jena od Tyrse give it all for her handler, thirteen year-old Emily Ramos, and earn a wonderful Prize I Intermediate Hunting Dog Test. The group was done by the time the cloud cover dissolved and beat the heat of the afternoon.

The other group was not far behind with just water work to be done after lunch. The morning testing had moved swiftly along with stellar dog work overall. Bambino of Wolf Fork Canyon was an old hand at the testing as Zeb Breuckman had handled Bam in a successful IHDT previously. Jen worked with Bam as handler and Bam didn't disappoint with another successful Intermediate Hunting Dog Test and a Prize II. Artemus of Blackberry Briar showed a new technique for warm weather retrieves and after a long pheasant track in the heavy grass, took a cooling break in an adjacent pond while still holding the pheasant, before making a nice delivery to hand to Rob Reed. Artemus wouldn't point the planted bird so despite a fine performance didn't receive a prize. Addie of Blackberry Briar performed well all through the test as well, providing one of the better opportunities for the photographer to get a pointing picture in the tall, fall grass but wouldn't complete the drag track so didn't receive a prize in the Intermediate Hunting Dog Test.

Saturday Evening there was our usual No Host Dinner at the Farm Kitchen with a reading of the test scores for the dogs tested that day. The Breeding Committee gave a short report on the domestic breeding's and the number of imports for the year. We held a raffle and browsed and bought "Griffon Gear" and speculated on the upcoming fall hunting seasons.

Sunday we had three dogs to test. **Benny of Midnight Sun** owned by Zeb Breuckman in one group with **Chappie of High Desert** owned by Brett Knaub and **Gabby of Dutchman's Hollow** owned by Andy Yeast in the second group. There was the makings of another hot day without the cloud cover of Sat-

urday. The dogs were up to the task and whizzed through the tests. Zeb must have had a strategy talk with Benny before the test and told Benny of Artemus' trick of cooling off in the pond before completing the pheasant retrieve as Benny showed the same behavior, again without dropping the pheasant! They showed what a team they have become and earned a very solid Prize III in the Utility Test. Chappie provided a good steady performance with Brett but had trouble tracking the duck, scoring a 1 which prevented him from receiving a prize in the Intermediate Hunting Dog Test. Gabby and Andy had a fabulous day in all facets of the test and retrieved a rare Prize I in the Utility Test.



Here I come Boss! I found it!

Chappie of High Desert completed a successful track of live bird for owner Bret Knaub.

(Photo by Jerry Yeast)

by, Zeb and Benny and thanks for letting us watch!

The weather made for very tough testing weather for the dogs, unlike our sometimes cold spring tests which are tougher on the spectators. A big thank you to all the handlers for taking the time to prepare their dogs for the tests. The relaxed attitude of all the handlers showed they knew they had prepared the dogs the best they could. With no glitches in the testing, the Judges were able to keep the testing moving forward and get the dogs out of the field before the heat became dangerous for them.

Expecting six dogs or maybe less for their first Field Test, Kyle and Sara Kessler volunteered to step in as Field Test Chairs for Kirk and Tracy Dilly who were busy with the exciting addition of a baby girl to their family. Our Fall Test grew by three more dogs as the test grew near and two of the dogs were testing in the, more time consuming, Utility Test. Kyle and Sara didn't bat an eye with the additional planning involved with more dogs, the predicted heat and the stresses of putting together the test on one of the busiest weekends of the year right next to the "Dells", one of the mid-west's busiest tourist attractions. They kept

Getting the opportunity to watch a Utility Test is pretty rare in our Club. Getting to watch two Utility Tests in the same weekend was a real treat. Getting to watch two successful Utility Tests was a rare treat indeed. The test is a mental and physical challenge for the dog and it is evident just how much time the handlers and dogs spend together preparing for the test by the cool confidence shown by the handlers and the dog. The handler knows that the dog can do this and the dog knows it can do this and if there is a glitch in a test portion they shake it off and go on to the next phase as any good team does.. Congratulations to Andy, Gab-

in contact and sought advice from Kirk and Tracy, Heartland President Greg Hurtig and Judy Coil and organized the running order and Judging groups in co-operation with John Pitlo and Jim Seibel, Senior Judges and Breeding Committee members. Nice job Kyle and Sara!

Kyle and Sara had booked the motel room for Sunday night to relax and enjoy a kid free evening, I had also booked a room, they graciously replaced their children with a sixty one year old guy and we took advantage of the free afternoon to visit the International Crane Foundation's exhibit area North of Baraboo. They had several species of cranes from around the world to view and an interesting tour on site. We also visited the Aldo Leopold Center just a few miles North East of Baraboo. It was closed Sunday but it was fun to be that close to the old farm along the Wisconsin River that inspired him to write "A Sand County Almanac". Aldo Leopold hunted with a German shorthair pointer for grouse and woodcock but in my mind, I can substitute a Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon when he is walking along the golden needles of the fall tamaracks in his "October" Essay.

Northeast Fall 2016 Test

by
Tina Molt

Greetings from the Northeast. We had our fall test in Bristol, Maine at the Gerald Foster farm on Saturday the 26th of September. It was a beautiful fall day for our test. After the playing of the hunting horns, we went right to the field. Brita Eso, a 16 mo old female Fousek from the Czech Republic was up first; she was handled by Mark Canfield. Brita showed great promise out in the field, but she would not point a pen-raised bird. The judges had spoken to Mark about this, and he said that she had been pointing wild birds quite regularly. The same thing happened to Flora ze Semilovic. She is another 16 mos-old Fousek from the Czech Republic. She is owned by Laurie Connell and Scott Craig, handled by Laurie. Again, great promise out in the field, but unfortunately no point. Again, both dogs have been hunted on wild game.

Then we went to the water. Here, both dogs flourished! Both had great drive and cooperation. Brita ended up with a 4H in the blind retrieve-A very special thing to watch.

After the field work, we had puppy exposure. Jane McKenna brought her Czech puppy "Del", and Jeff Beauregard brought his Czech pup, Amy as well as. They were able to work with chukars- both showed great cooperation. Andy Ogden brought his Czech pup, Kaija. Being a bit older, she was able to work with a pheasant-again, good cooperation.

We would like to thank our judges: Rick Molt, Phil Bennett and Ted Silver. Many thanks go to our bird handlers- Andy Ogden and Scott Craig; also, a big thank you to Sandie Silver for taking pictures. Most of all, thanks go to all who came and participated with the test. We finished off the evening with boiled lobsters, clams, roasted corn and pumpkin cake. Hats off to Isaac Molt for cooking the feast. A great time had by all!

American Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Association Supports BWPGCA Request for NAVHDA Recognition

Laurie Connell, member of the BWPGCA Breeding Committee, has been working extensively on our club's breed database and reaching out to various organizations in the versatile hunting dog world as we move toward recognition as the breed club for the Cesky Fousek. In 2015, she prepared an extensive rationale for recognition of our organization by the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association and submitted our request for consideration at the NAVHDA Board of Directors Meeting in January 2016. She has also been diligently accumulating, organizing and sharing data on our club dogs and our organization. As part of this effort, she has been working with the American Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Association to share materials from our club that may be useful to theirs. As many of you know, the AWPGA formed as a consequence of the WPGCA decision to outbreed our dogs with the Cesky Fousek. Now that we are becoming identified as the breed club for the Cesky Fousek, our relations with the AWPGA are becoming cooperative. Laurie is to be commended for her efforts in this regard. We deeply appreciate the move by the AWPGA to support our request with NAVHDA. Below is the text of the AWPGA letter.

To the NAVHDA Board of Directors:

The American Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club of America (AWPGA) would like to express its support of the Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club's (BWPGCA) request asking NAVDHA to acknowledge their breed's pedigree and allow participation in the NAVHDA testing program. Our clubs' breeds have a shared history, but as described in information provided to you by the BWPGCA, the pedigrees diverged after 1985 and are now distinctly different. Both clubs have similar goals of breeding healthy, versatile hunting dogs and we have been collaborating by sharing historical pedigree information. We also have a shared appreciation of the importance of NAVHDA testing for evaluating dogs and making breeding decisions. If we can be of further assistance, feel free to contact us.

Regards,
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PennHip Report for 2015

by
John Pitlo

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

CORBET OF HIGH DESERT: Sire: Clancy of Salmon River; Dam: Alexis of Arrowrock. Left Hip DI = 0.17; Right Hip DI = 0.17. Ranking = >90%. Owned by Greg Myauchi (M).

CHAPPIE OF HIGH DESERT: Sire: Clancy of Salmon River; Dam: Alexis of Arrowrock. Left Hip DI = 0.42; Right Hip DI = 0.39. Ranking = 40%. Owned by Brett Knaub (M).

BRILLO OF WOLF FORK CANYON: Sire: Crownpoints Wykeham Lad; Dam: Akay of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.22; Right Hip DI = 0.23. Ranking = > 90%. Owned by Robin Strathy (F).

BECASSE OF WOLF FORK CANYON: Sire: Crownpoints Wykeham Lad; Dam: Akay of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.32; Right Hip DI = 0.30. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Andrew Good (F).

BAMBINO OF WOLF FORK CANYON: Sire: Crownpoints Wykeham Lad; Dam: Akay of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.21; Right Hip DI = 0.22. Ranking = > 90%. Owned by Zeb Breuckman (M).

BO OF WOLF FORK CANYON: Sire: Crownpoints Wykeham Lad; Dam: Akay of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.34; Right Hip DI = 0.26. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Bryan Rowder (M).

BRIAR OF WOLF FORK CANYON: Sire: Crownpoints Wykeham Lad; Dam: Akay of the Midnight Sun. Left Hip DI = 0.40; Right Hip DI = 0.38. Ranking = 40%. Owned by David Read (F).

ARTEMUS MAXIMUS OF THE HUNDGAARD: Sire: Char z Hložku; Dam: Czig Czag of Valley House Left Hip DI = CAV; Right Hip DI = 0.35. Ranking = 60%. Owned by Greg Hurtig (M).

HIKA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW: Sire: Blue Mountain's Brew; Dam: Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.39; Right Hip DI = 0.31. Ranking = 50%. Owned by Steve Schuette (F).

HILDA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW: Sire: Blue Mountain's Brew; Dam: Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.28; Right Hip DI = 0.25. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Richard Schwerin (F).

HAWKEYE OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW: Sire: Blue Mountain's Brew; Dam Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.25; Right Hip DI = 0.38. Ranking = 50%. Owned by Mark Barker (M).

HELENA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW: Sire: Blue Mountain's Brew; Dam: Ayla of Ancient Kennel. Left Hip DI = 0.29; Right Hip DI = 0.23. Ranking = 80%. Owned by Vincent Esposito (F).

ADDIE OF BLACKBERRY BRIAR: Sire: Aran od Lejnaru; Dam: Francesca of Dutchman's Hollow. Left Hip DI = 0.50; Right Hip DI = 0.40. Ranking = 20%. Owned by Chris Trosen (F).

IVAR OD VAVR INECKÉHO RYBNÍKA: Sire: Ogar z Hložku; Dam: Hassy od Vavřineckého rybníka. Left Hip DI = 0.52; Right Hip DI = CAV. Ranking = 20%. Owned by Kirk Dilly (M).

BRITA ESO: Sire: Brok z Vobicek; Dam: Mora z Aufrízu. Left Hip DI = 0.40; Right Hip DI = 0.29. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Mark Canfield (F).

KORINA OD PITNÉ VODY: Sire: Dan ze Staropleských luk; Dam: Dorka od Růvra. Left Hip DI = 0.43; Right Hip DI = 0.24. Ranking = 40%. Owned by Andrew Rupp (F).

BAX OD KOZAMBERKA: Sire: Lesan of Jemiluk; Dam: Polly z Langrov Advora. Left Hip DI = 0.34; Right Hip DI = 0.24. Ranking = 60%. Owned by Paul Stademl (M).

FLORA ZE SMILOVIC: Sire: Ogar z Hložku; Dam: Bora z Mutických vršku. Left Hip DI = 0.0.35; Right Hip DI = 0.32. Ranking = 90%. Owned by Scott Craig (F).

JENA OD TYŘŠE: Sire: Don z Dočkalova dvora; Dam: City Gala Bouček. Left Hip DI = 0.31; Right Hip DI = 0.29. Ranking = 70%. Owned by Jim Crouse (F).

EDÝ Z VESECKÝCH LUHŮ: Sire: Dar ze Zátkovy zahrádky; Dam: Polly od Jemiluk. Left Hip DI = 0.40; Right Hip DI = 0.47. Ranking = 60%. Owned by Rick Sojda (M).

ADORA OF PRAIRIE'S PROMISE: Sire: Andrew Philip of Sourdough Trail; Dam: Arlie of Dakota Prairie. Left Hip DI = 0.46; Right Hip DI = 0.38. Ranking = 30%. Owned by Erick Briggs (F).

CIRA OD ALINY Z NEHVIZD: Sire: Gyrr od Vavřineckého rybníka; Dam: Daga z Duškova dvora Left Hip DI = 0.35 ; Right Hip DI = 0.27 Ranking = 60% Owned by Hiram Adelman (F).

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, FALL 2015

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 387 (Aug., 2011 GDS)																		
++HILDA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW , F, 26 mos (SEE NOTE BELOW)	4	4																
	4	4																
++HIKA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 26 mos (SEE NOTE BELOW)			4															
		4																
GROUP 404 (Aug., 2014 GDS)																		
++BAMBINO OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M , 27 mos, WI	4	4	4	4	3	2	4			4	4	3	3	156	II	3	2	ok
	4	4	4	4	3	2	4			4	4	3	3	156	II	3	2	ok
GROUP 405 (Feb., 2015 GDS)																		
ADDIE OF BLACKBERRY BRIAR, F, 19 mos, WI	4	2	3	2	4	0	2			3	3	3	3	118		3	3	ok
	4	2	3	2	4	0	2			3	3	3	3	118		3	3	ok
ARTEMUS OF BLACKBERRY BRIAR, M, 19 mos, WI	4	2	4	3	1	3	2			3	3	2	2	118		4	3	ok
GROUP 406 (Feb., 2015 GDS)																		
CHAPPIE OF HIGH DESERT, M, 18 mos, WI	1	2	3	4	4	3	2			2	3	3	2	113		4	3	ok
	1	2	3	4	4	3	2			2	3	3	2	113		4	3	ok
GROUP 408 (Aug., 2015 GDS)																		
FLORA ZE SMILOVIC, F, 18 mos, ME	3	2	4	4	0	3	1			3	3	3	3	117		4	2	ok
	3	2	4	4	0	3	1			3	3	3	3	117		4	2	ok

Hilda and Hikaa of Dutchman's Hollow did well in their initial IHDT test but had low scores in several disciplines due to lack of exposure. The Breeding Committee thought these females were possible breedable dogs and asked the owners to re-run them in the disciplines where they had low scores before. See the August 2015 issue of the GDS for their complete IHDT scores.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST, FALL 2015 (CONT'D)

TD	RD	BR	S	P	RB	TB	*TR	*RF	N	AW	C	O	TP	PR	CO	CT	T
GROUP 411 (Aug., 2015 GDS)																	
JENA OD TYRSE, F, 17 mos, WI																	
4	3	3	4	4	3	4			4	4	3	3	156	I	4	1	ok
GROUP 413 (Aug., 2014 GDS)																	
BRITA ESO, F, 17 mos., ME																	
4	4	4H	4	0	3	1			3	3	3	3	128		4	1	ok

UTILITY FIELD TEST, FALL 2015

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

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

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

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

DOGS EVALUATED IN THE FALL, 2015

INTERMEDIATE HUNTING DOG TEST

HILDA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 26 mos., whelped 6/29/2013. Conformation 4, 24.75”H X 23”L. Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, slight curl, medium furnishings, open on belly. Temperament: calm, eager for game, happy. Owned by Richard Schwerin, 1934 Warbler Lane, St. Paul, MN 55119 . Bred by John and Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

HIKA OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 26 mos, whelped 6/29/2013. Conformation 4, 24.5”H X 25.5”L. Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, easy to examine, lots of drive, some independence. Owned by Steve & Debbie Schuette, 14320 Co., Hwy. K., Reedsville, WI 54230. Bred by John and Vivian Pitlo. Pedigree 387, Aug., 2011 GDS.

++BAMBINO OF WOLF FORK CANYON, M, 27 mos., whelped 5/20/2013. Conformation 3, 25”H X 26.75”L. Coat 2, medium harsh, lacks density, curly, full furnishings, medium belly coverage. Temperament: eager, happy, good game drive . Owned by Zeb Breuckman, 4433 7 Mile Rd., South Lyon, MI 48178 . Bred by Randy Mann. Pedigree 404, Aug., 2014 GDS..

ADDIE OF BLACKBERRY BRIAR, F, 19 mos., whelped 1/28/2014. Conformation 3, 22”H X 23”L. Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, curly, soft on head, needs more belly coverage, full furnishings. Temperament: good game desire, happy, easy to examine . Owned by Chris Trosen, 1011 159th Ave., New Richmond, WI 50417 . Bred by Dave and Mary Jo Finley. Pedigree 405 Feb., 2015 GDS.

ARTEMUS OF BLACKBERRY BRIAR, M, 19 mos., whelped 1/28/2014. Conformation 4, 24”H X 24”L. Coat 3, medium dense, medium harsh, very slight curl, medium furnishings, needs more belly coverage. Temperament: eager for game, easy to examine , happy.. Owned by Robert Reed, 6221 Coulson Ct., Lansing, MI 48911 . Bred by Dave and Mary Jo Finley. Pedigree 405 Feb., 2015 GDS.

CHAPPIE OF HIGH DESERT, M, 18 mos., whelped 2/9/2014. Conformation 4, 23.75”H X 23.75”L. Coat 3, medium dense, harsh, needs more belly coverage, sparse furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, friendly. Owned by Brett Knaub, 7974 Shadow Lake Dr., Papillion, NE 68046. Bred by Bob Matsuoka. Pedigree 406 , Feb., 2015 GDS.

FLORA ZE SMILOVIC, F, 18 mos., whelped 2/27/2014. Conformation 4, 23”H X 23”L.. Coat 2, medium dense, medium harsh, slight curl, standard length, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, friendly, energetic, vocal. Owned by Scott Craig & Laurie Connell, 85 Rabbit Hill Rd., Winterport, ME 04496 . Bred by Vaclav Murdoch.. Pedigree 408 , Aug., 2015 GDS

JENA OD TYRSE, F, 17 mos., whelped 4/6/2014. Conformation 4, 25.5”H X 24.5”L.. Coat 1, curly, soft, open on belly, full furnishings.. Temperament: strong game drive friendly, easy to examine. Owned by Emily Ramos, 9521 Smith Rd., Ashley, OH 43003 . Bred by Jan Blazek.. Pedigree 411 , Aug., 2015 GDS.

BRITA ESO, M, 17 mos., whelped 5/1/2014. Conformation 4, 23.5”H X 23.5”L. Coat 1: medium harsh, open on most of body, medium furnishings. Temperament: friendly, eager for game.. Owned by Mark Canfield, 9221 Grange Hill Rd., Hew Hartford, NY 13413. Bred by Jan Homola.. Pedigree 413 , Aug., 2015 GDS.

UTILITY TEST

GABBY OF DUTCHMAN'S HOLLOW, F, 49 mos., whelped 7/3/2011. 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,, Aug., 2012 GDS.

BENNY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, M, 74 mos., whelped 6/6/2009. Conformation: 4, 24”H X 24 “ L. Coat: 3, medium harsh, medium dense, not flat lying, good belly coverage, medium furnishings. Temperament: eager for game, very energetic. Owned by Zebadiah Breuckman, 4433 7 Mile Rd., South Lyon, MI 48178. Bred by Brad Meyen. Pedigree 381, Aug., 2010 GDS

Breeding Program Developments

by
Laurie Connell

One of the important aspects that make our club different from all others in North America is our approach to our breeding program. Not only do we test all offspring and use a centralized Breed Warden system similar to that in the Czech Republic, we also recognize that the Cesky Fousek is a rare breed with an effective breeding population of fewer than 500 dogs worldwide, making it a breed for conservation. This makes maintaining good health, genetic diversity, fine temperament, and great hunting ability a challenge. By using a centralized breed warden system we are able to maintain genetic balance among various lines and monitor progress in breed health much more closely. Working together as a unit is the key and we interact regularly with our Czech associates.

In North America we have established two lines, NA-A and NA-B, with the potential for a third line in the near future. These lines are supported by domestic breeding, imported puppies of specific backgrounds and imported frozen semen to use with domestic females. All this is impossible without the help and support of our members. Our owners actively participate by providing us with data about their dog's health and temperament at regular intervals throughout its life as well as test their puppies for hunting ability.

An additional tool to help us manage the genetic population is the development of an on-line database so we can rapidly access test, health, and genetic information to both review how a past litter turned out as well as test a proposed match for the future. The code for this database had to be developed from the ground up to accommodate Czech characters. You can search pedigrees, look at photos of dogs and see how your dog is related to others by using the reverse pedigree function or relatives tabs.

Currently there are almost 6600 dogs in the database and it is growing. Appropriate photos of dogs-gone-by are greatly appreciated as this also serves as a digital archive for all.

(See <http://ceskyfouseknorthamerica.org/>)

There are several excellent resources that you can access to see how we strive to manage this population. First is an on-line site that describes the process of preserving a breed (<http://www.breedingfordiversity.com>). Another great resource is the book "Managing Breeds for a Secure Future"available from the Livestock Conservancy

(<https://app.etapestry.com/cart/livestockconservancy/default/item.php?ref=4237.0.28044473>). This book clearly lays out a plan of how to maintain lines and use judicious line crosses.

What's Happening

Rocky Mountain Griffon Club

Hunting Dog Tests

Location: Jerome, ID

Dates: Testing March 19 & 20

Judges Seminar: March 18

Heartland Chapter

Spring Test : April 21 – 24, 2016 (Tentative Dates)

Location: Mazomanie, WI

Northeast Chapter

Spring Test

Dates: 14-15 May 2016

See website Chapter pages for contact info, reservation forms and updates. <http://www.wpgca.org/>

If you have an Intermediate Test age dog (18-24 months) don't forget to complete the Health Data Survey at:

http://nmu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dhizrNlmxWtiZgN

Dues Reminder: Are You Delinquent??

2016 Membership Dues should have been paid by January 1st. If you're late, better go to this website quick!

<http://www.wpgca.org/about-us/join-or-renew-membership/>