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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

### Greetings:

I hope that you've been having a great hunting season with your faithful Fousek friends. I know that I have. Besides hunting with my own new pup, nothing has provided more pleasure than watching other club members and their pups going through the trials, tribulations and sheer joy of developing as hunting teams. Whenever you have a chance, don't pass up the opportunity to help a new club member work with their dog.

We've got a great issue for you to end the year. Don't miss the great article by Andy Ogden about his Czech trip experience.

And while you're enjoying this issue, please remember to pay your annual dues. January 1st is the deadline, so please do your part.

*Rem DeJong, Editor*

### On the Cover:

#### **A new hunting team is born.**

Meet Sprio Mavroidis and his new pup, **Darwin Wallace of Valley House**. They're posing with the very first wild South Dakota rooster that Darwin pointed, Spiro shot and Darwin retrieved.

It was the last bird of the last day of a four day hunt. Spiro doesn't really need the photo; he has a memory that will last forever.

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

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## 2018 Election

All paid up members are requested to vote for new officers. Club officers are elected for three year terms. You may tear out this page to use as your ballot or request a .pdf ballot that you can complete on-line and email.

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Article IV. Elections

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## 2018 BWPGCA Treasurer Report

### by Zeb Breuckman

I have combined the financials for the BWPGCA E&RF and the BWPCA in the table below. (The E&RF bank account was closed this summer and the foundation will be dissolved when I file the annual returns in early 2019).

Beginning Balance 11/1/2017:	\$16,314.42	
Ending Balance 10/31/18:	\$23,030.49	
BWPGCA & BWPGCA E&RF	Income	Expense
Admin/Supplies/Web/Paypal	0	-1823.8
Ads/Pheasant Fest	0	-1570.12
Czech Visitor Hotel/Gift	0	-1717.15
DNA Panel (Embark)	330	0
DNA Study (Cornell)	0	-560
Dog Tests	955	-1728
Donations/Chapter Donations	4831.96	0
Dues (National)	11805	0
Dues (Local Chapter)	1640	-400
Educational Media	460.2	-3239.55
Frozen Semen Storage	0	-1635.56
Insurance	0	-750
Gun Dog Supreme Newsletter	40	-4069.41
Puppies (Domestic)	13944.3	-4147.28
Puppies (Import)	6200	-11849.52
Totals	\$40,206.46	-\$33,490.39
Net	\$6,716.07	

A few notes about the information in the table:

**Imported Puppies:** The loss in the table is partially due to the dates of the report - two puppies were imported in November 2017 while they were paid for in October 2017 so the \$2800 in payments do not show up as income on this year's report. The club paid \$2000 to resolve an issue with an imported puppy. Expenses were about \$800 higher than expected due to changes in the exchange

rate. Going forward, the treasurer will adjust the price of imported puppies if the exchange rate changes dramatically.

**Domestic puppies:** Litter size has a huge effect on the financial aspects of our puppy program. This was a banner year with several large litters after some relatively lean years. Going forward, the club will be paying for all the PennHip tests needed to support our breeding program from the puppy sale proceeds.

Thank you to everyone who donated to support the club and/or pay the expenses of our visitors from the Czech club! Thank you to all of the breeders who worked so hard with those big litters!

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# The First Český Fousek World Cup Experience.

by  
Andrew Ogden



## **Congratulations!**

All of Andy's hard work of training and participation culminated in a rousing ovation at the awards banquet following the test. The Czech hosts were clearly honored and impressed by Andy's participation. Our club owes a debt of gratitude to andy and Ka-ja for representing us so well.

(photo by Rem DeJong)

Early in the spring of 2018 Laurie Connell asked if I was interested in going to the first ever Český Fousek World Cup with my three-year-old Kája od Tyrše. I needed a little encouragement, not because I didn't want to go but I was worried about travel with a dog and whether we could compete in a vastly different test than we had ever seen before. After some thought, I decided we should give it a shot. Kája is a very capable three-year-old Fousek, but she was very slow to mature and didn't take to training well early on. Once the decision to go was made, the real education began for both of us.

## **TRAINING AT HOME**

Kája and I had just finished the IHDT with a Prize II in September and I knew

that we would need to seriously “step up our game” to compete on an International level. After all, the Czech’s do these big tests with their dogs often and have a great deal of experience on how to train for them. I worked on a plan that included testing and training throughout the summer. First, we competed with the retrievers at a UKC Hunting Retriever Club test. They too test against a standard. The Started Test is relatively simple. The dog must be steady at the line and to gunfire and must make two land retrieves and two water retrieves through decoys. The large number of people, random barking and gun fire, bird boys, and judges were just the kind of distractions we needed. The retriever guys were glad to help with our training and testing.

Next we joined the Ottawa Valley NAVHDA chapter and began working with them on their training days. Their testing is somewhat similar to ours. The experience working with multiple breeds at multiple ability levels was invaluable. We prepared for the Utility Test. There is a big difference between our Duck Track and their Duck Search, but we benefitted greatly from the experience. Training days in Canada allowed us to begin work on backing, something that is nearly impossible to set up when you train alone.

By this time the Czech club had finalized the descriptions of the World Cup test. I took the descriptions of each discipline to Mark and Martha of Webfoot Outdoors, and they helped prepare us for the test. Both are dog trainers who have years of experience and many titles to their credit. Once-a-week sessions over the summer were a great help to get us to where we needed to be. They have large open fields similar to the fields used in the Czech testing. Kája was running 10 miles three times a week when the heat would allow to get her in good condition. Swimming was also a big part of our conditioning program.

The BWPGC Utility Test was our next prep. Our visit to Maine was just two weeks before our big trip to the Czech Republic. I really wanted us to work hard and show how much improvement Kája had made in a year. It showed some weaknesses in our training program and areas we needed work harder on. When we failed to prize, that was the wake up call we needed to focus on the Cup.

## **TRAINING AFTER WE ARRIVED IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

We arrived well over a week before the test specifically giving time to acclimate, train. Pavel Dostál and Pavel Horák were extremely helpful training the different disciplines once we arrived in the Czech Republic. They not only described the disciplines but also demonstrated with their dogs. Special thanks to František Viktorin for his help in getting Kája ready for Steady to Hare. Our training partners from Norway, the Netherlands, France, and everyone else watching had a great laugh as the first time we tried it there were dogs and hares running everywhere. After a couple of tries I was able to get Kája to “stop to the flush” of the hare.

A note of caution here about the hops that grow wild in the area. Hops have

little thorns that can injure your dog and unlike our blackberries the small scrapes ooze and seem to take a long time to heal. It is best to avoid them if you can. See the note about a First Aid kit below.

By the way, they require the retrieve to come directly to the front of the handler for a score of 4 and this caught us by surprise as I have always had the dog come around behind me and line up on the left for the next retrieve. The judges in the Czech Republic consider it a serious fault to have the dog go behind your back. We were forced to take a 3 in most of the retrieving disciplines because of this “fault”. It seemed easier to take the 3 rather than try to re-train a front presentation for the 4. There were a few times when I was able to step in front of Kája and get her to sit in front of me, although this was a bit confusing for her.

We were able to view another big two-day test, the Jaromir Dostál Memorial (JDM), our first weekend in the Czech Republic. It became clear that our interpretation of the descriptions of the test and the actual testing were in some cases quite different. The judges at JDM were extremely helpful and tolerant when they allowed Kája and I to perform some of the disciplines after all the other dogs had tested. They even judged our performance and made suggestions for improvement. We were able to try search for and retrieve of hare and blood track even though these were not included in the World Cup.

Now begins the mentally challenging three days of dog show and testing.

#### Day Number 1- THE DOG SHOW

The dog show was a completely new experience for us. Mention a dog show to a hunter or trainer here and you get a negative response at the very least. The separation between hunting dogs and show dogs is not as deep in the Czech Republic. To see a dog judged in conformation with speed and precision was a real treat. To see all 87 dogs judged was incredible. There is a real connection between form and function when these dogs are judged and the judges give a long description of each dog’s exterior and movement that gets placed on the judging card.

Working with my dog and practicing what I viewed on YouTube was helpful but we still weren’t ready for the crowds and pressure. Grooming is very important! Make sure your dog is groomed about a month ahead of time so there is time for it to grow out a bit before the show. Kája had lots of help with grooming while we were in the Czech Republic. A couple of shows here in the states would have helped to prepare us. In the US you can enter UKC dog shows for preparation. All in all 3rd place in the Open Class out of 9 excellent dogs was a very good result. As a side note to Mr. Soneson- yes there are videos of me “prancing around the show ring” in my traditional Czech short hunting pants and outfit.

#### Day number 2- THE FIELD TEST

The first ever Český Fousek World cup is a two day event with one day for field work and a second for water work. The order you have those disciplines is based on a lottery system. We got field-work the first day. In retrospect this was a lucky draw as it gave a good solid score for the first day.



### **Locating birds to point**

In the World Cup test, the judges relied on finding wild birds for the pointing discipline. Here, Andy and Kaja set out in a promising location to find birds. None were found, but in the next spot, Kaja made a fine point.

(Photo by Rem DeJong)

Search in the Field is similar to our test except they have much bigger fields of short grass and sugar beets. The search is judged on speed, pattern, and pace. Pattern has to do with quartering as you advance up the field. Pace is the ability to maintain speed appropriate for your breed for the entire 20 or more minutes. There are no planted birds, just birds that had been released days to weeks ahead of the test. Pointing is the same as our test but they highly value the ability to advance on game. Once the dog establishes a point, it should advance at a slow careful pace if the game is moving. Hunting in a Group requires 5-6 hunters be spaced about 30 meters apart in a line across the field. As the hunters advance your dog should stay within shotgun range and in front of you. The dog must

not interfere with any other dog. If game is encountered it is shot, and the dogs must honor. The group hunt is then paused while each dog is asked to retrieve the still warm game. It is a good idea to get your dog used to picking up game that has just been picked up by other dogs. It can get pretty slimy if you are near the end of the line. Search for Dead game is set up by the judges placing a pheasant about 60 meters away in field without the dog seeing it. Then the handler is given the general location, and the dog is sent. Hand signals and voice commands (except any sort of “fetch”) are allowed. This is a timed test and efficiency counts. Practice sending your dog out as far as you can on hand signals to get this test done quickly. The Drag of a Dead Bird is similar to ours with two exceptions. It too is timed, and the game is not dragged into the woods, it is simply dragged out of sight. You may need to practice this as my dog went right past the bird down wind because we had always practiced by dragging the bird into the woods. Good thing we practiced because she performed perfectly on test day.

### Day number 3- THE WATER TEST

Day three included the water disciplines. Search in Heavy Cover without a Duck involves sending your dog into phragmites grass or other reeds and commanding to search. The dog is judged on distance, thoroughness, and enthusiasm. Search with the Duck is the same as our test with the retrieve being judged most harshly. Retrieve from Deep Water is also very similar to our test except the shot is into the air and not at the duck. Search in Deep Water is just what it sounds like but the handler is expected to be able to send his dog in several different directions to search the water without the dog returning to shore for two minutes. There is no duck in the water for this discipline so it is totally directed by the handler. I should have practiced on a lake with absolutely nothing on the surface. It turns out that in practice my dog saw sticks, lily pads, and other debris as possible birds, and I could direct her to these. When Kája saw nothing on the test water she didn't see the reason swimming out, since there was nothing to find. Steadiness at the Water has all five dog handlers from the group stand approximately 20 meters apart from each other. Each dog must sit or lie down on the handlers left side. Over 10 minutes each handler must fire his weapon five times when told to by the judge. No birds are thrown, and the dog must be steady with no barking or whining. Track of a Live Duck is one of those disciplines that we were surprised by the way it was judged. It starts as ours does with a live duck thrown out into the water, but no feathers are pulled. The duck swims into the cover. The dog is sent to track the duck. Where our test ends theirs is just getting started. The dog must chase the duck for up to 20 minutes to catch the duck. To score well the dog needs to catch the duck and chase with power and enthusiasm.

If in any discipline you do not score high enough to earn a Prize III, you and your dog are dismissed from the competition. Several things such as nose, co-

operation, and obedience are judged throughout as with our test. On the first day of the test, I was just hoping that we wouldn't be the first team dismissed. We were quite proud of the fact that we made it to the second day. Seven dog/handler teams were dismissed on the first day and several more on the second. The three-day event including the dog show was mentally grueling for the dog even with all the down time. And she wasn't the only one. Anna and Laurie helped to keep me focused on each discipline. Not only did Kája finish the test, but she received a well-earned Prize III.

## TIPS IF YOU WANT TO GO

These are just a few suggestions that may make your trip more enjoyable and more successful. First, start early. When working with your veterinarian, let them help with the medical part of the preparations. More about this later in the Logistics section.

Begin your training plan early enough to allow for some unforeseen down time (weather, minor injury, etc.). Know what you are getting into in terms of test regulations and conditions. Learn to roll with the punches. Train for the train wreck. Arrive early enough to acclimate to time and place. Don't underestimate the fatigue your dog may have from travel. I did and ran her too hard a couple of days before the test. Luckily she was in good shape and recovered quickly. Try to keep our dog from getting scratched up too much by the hops. Really! They are intertwined with the phragmites in places you may train.

Get tips from the locals - without it we would have failed miserably. Don't worry about not being able to bring dog food into the EU as they have many of the same or similar brands. Bring a small First Aid kit for your dog. You may not be able to translate medications you need. I was lucky enough to be traveling with a skilled veterinarian but you may not be that fortunate.

Never argue with a judge. Pavel is still shaking his head that one of our competitors would repeatedly ignore this advice.

Relax and enjoy what is likely to be the trip of a lifetime for you and your dog. Try the beer. It is very good. See some of the sights after all how many times are you going to get to visit the Czech Republic. Try the pickled sausage Utopenci- nicknamed "the drowned man" by the Czechs for it's bloated appearance. It is really something special. Be prepared to bring your dog with you many places that you wouldn't in the U.S. Well-behaved dogs were welcome in the hotels, restaurants, and pubs on our trip. You would not have believed it but there are several pictures of the nicest restaurant at the castle Konopiště with five or six Český Fouseks lying under the table or beside their owners.

## LOGISTICS

Make airline and other reservations early. Consider going business or 1st class if the budget allows. We didn't, but the rest and room would have been nice,

not to mention the extra weight allowance.

A quick search of the internet showed that all that was needed for the dog to travel to the Czech Republic was a EU PetPassport. Since Kája had one when she was imported, I thought we were ready. A check with the Vet proved otherwise. The EU PetPassport can not be updated with vaccinations by a non EU vet. The USDA website is helpful with the requirements both to get into the EU and to get back into the U.S. when you return. Pay particular attention to the regulations regarding placement of the microchip. The chip must be read at the time of the vaccination. My vet does not routinely do this, so Kája needed an extra rabies vaccine. Start working with your vet early, and they will work with the USDA who must stamp your health certificate and vaccine history to enable you to travel.

The next problem to solve was air travel. A number of airlines travel to Prague, and some of them allow you to transport pets. There were several options, but I really wanted a non-stop flight, as the flight from the US is at least eight hours and I wanted Kája in her kennel as little as possible. American Airlines (AA) has a non-stop from Philadelphia, so the decision was made to drive six hours from home to Philadelphia and fly from there. There are federal and airline regulations about the kennel type and size, documents needed, and others. All of these are available on the AA website. From helping to fill out the paper work to helping us get to and through TSA, the people at AA could not have been more helpful. Kája made a lot of friends at the airline desk. Silvie has a list of other airlines that she has used for international travel with dogs. Having all the right documents and credentials ready will certainly help you get through TSA and Customs both leaving USA and returning.

## THANKS

There are so many people who helped to make this trip a success. I would like to thank Ing. Pavel Dostál for all of the time he spent organizing the World Cup as well as all of the time he spent coaching, translating, driving and mentoring me and the other foreign participants and observers. Dr. Pavel Horák was extremely helpful with training and was a gracious host. Their wives and families deserve a great thanks for sacrificing time with their families and for making us feel so at home. Ing. Silvie Neradilová and František Viktorin helped with training, translating, grooming (the dog), and anything else we needed. Thank you Ing. Jaroslav Havlát and the other members of the Hunt Club that organized the viewing of the Memorial Test and the duck hunt. Ing. Dana Brzkovská gave an excellent tour of the sites in Prague. I also have no way of thanking Laurie Connell and Anna Artz enough for all the assistance they gave me during the trip. With affection I referred to them as my “pit crew”, because without them we would never have finished the race. I am deeply indebted to these and the many others that make our Český Fousek world a better place.

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### Prize III Way to go Kaja!

For all their effort and training, Andy and Kaja received a Prize III. A great ending.

(Photo by Anna Artz)

## **Breeding Committee Update**

**by**  
**Laurie Connell**

This coming spring we hope to see one of the biggest gains in domestically produced puppies in years! We do not anticipate that we will need to import any puppies for a year or more.

There have been major changes in the breeding committee over the past two years. First it was split into three groups (Breeding, Training, and Judging). The breeding Committee has as current members Laurie Connell, Jim Seibel, Joanne Canfield, and with Jen Lachowicz as genetics advisor. John Pitlo and Rick Sojda are acting as outside advisors. Lucas Wendl is in charge of contacting folks and managing the puppy list. Craig and Donna Schomer have taken on the task of mailing out the New Puppy Packages and books supplied by the club to those on the Approved Puppy list. Anna Artz has left the breeding committee for the Training Committee that is just gearing up now. We still need help in EVERY CHAPTER on making sure folks who get puppies have as much help as possible.

We also started implementation of Puppy Culture protocols in 2018 for our domestically bred puppies and we encourage all of you to continue with the process after you get a new puppy home. A complete breeders package is well underway with a workbook and additional club information. Breeding a litter of puppies is a big job so the entire club owes its gratitude to those club members who are willing to take on the task. Joanne Canfield is our Puppy Culture Coach! We have begun to collect videos for breeders to utilize for ideas on those early days in raising a litter.

During 2018 we had a pretty good breeding season with three healthy litters and three imported puppies. The "C" of Nichol's Creek (Corbet of High Desert x Hika of Dutchman's Hollow) was a litter of 9 bred by the Schuette's. The "D" of Valley House (Flik z Lovčických tarasů x Brita Eso) was a litter of 7 bred by the Canfield's and the "H" of Auger Falls (Argo ze Stoprounských vinic X Angie Vallis Baptismi) a litter of 7 mostly brown puppies, was bred by the Pool's.

The three imported puppies were Brom z Neřádova stavení (Coudy z Křenovských luk x Bonny z Kyjovic) bred by Ing. Silvie Neradilová, owner Rem De Jong. The second import was Bella z České Jahodnice (Erik z Lívy x Jenny ze Sokolí doliny) bred by Martin Tichacek, owned by Mike Shipley and the third was Whiskey z Hložku (Dix z Pískové zahrady x Quanta z Hložku) bred by Ing. Jaroslav Havlát and owned by Mike Maass.

For the upcoming 2019 breeding season we have a number of very good dogs and may not breed them all because we need to make sure we have enough peo-

ple on our puppy list- so get out and recruit good members of the hunting community! We have more good dogs available to breed.

### **Proposed breedings for 2018-2019**

Hips (PennHIP), a calculation of how close the dogs are related (we use a cut off of 5% as our upper limit within 10 generations), degenerative myelopathy (DM) genetic markers, and brucellosis are all checked prior to breeding. We encourage the owners to have the Embark panel done for genetic analysis as it covers far more than just DM and gives the BC much more useful information for choices later on. Other factors such as variation in hip scores between the breeding pair, body size, geographic location, and color were also taken into account.

It is very difficult to put all of the pieces of this puzzle together with the small number of dogs in our population. We would like to breed a dog only one or two times and we will not do a repeat breeding to help keep genetic diversity high while still trying to develop our North American lines. We are trying to use as many natural covers as possible. The remainder of the breedings will be with chilled semen AI to maximize the number of inseminations that can be done.

Adele od Těrlické hráze x Mig od Pitné vody (breeders- McKenna)

Alma z Březové hráze x Brady of Blackberry Briar (breeders- Meyer)

Dorka z Podřípské stráně x Fousek z Sakerd Bohdan (breeders Ross)

Cira od Aliny z Nehvizd x Edý z Veseckých luhů (breeders- Adelman & Merrow)

Calina Rokycanská kotlina x Oliver z Malého Boubína (breeders- Vance)

Anja aus Böhmerwald x Argo z Hřibáku (breeders- Wyse & Haugo)

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## **Sipping Whiskey And Czeching Recent Test Scores**

by  
**Mike Reilly And Rick Sojda**

How do a couple Montana grouse hunters entertain themselves while sipping whiskey and waiting for their buddies from the East to join them at camp along the Yellowstone River? Well, if you *really* like statistics, you analyze data. That statement alone should make you wonder why anyone would ever venture into our camp, don't you think? We often hear questions regarding how well the import pups are doing. To Czech this out, we decided to look at some of our Club's data. We thank Mary Ann Sojda for her help in calculating the correct probabilities, which appear deceptively simple. Unfortunately she was not there to sip whiskey with us on this trip.

Our Club made a major change in 2013 when Hiram Adeleman and Brook Merrow brought two puppies from the Czech Republic to Montana (with acceptance from the Breeding Committee) --one for themselves (Cira od Aliny z Nehvizd), and one for Rick and Mary Ann Sojda (Edý z Veseckých luhů). These were pups that Rick and Hiram had worked to find in consultation with our good friend Pavel Dostál on the other side of the world. Many thanks to all the members who continue to go the extra mile in the past several years by participating in the import program, breeding dogs here, and raising, developing, training, and testing puppies, whether they be American or Czech.

We have been most supportive of the new direction the Club has taken to increase genetic diversity of our dogs through the import program. We recognize the benefits in broadening our North American gene pool and thought it would be worth looking at how the Czech imports had performed in the various tests that our Club runs. Between January 2014 and August 2018, the GDS reported scores for thirty-six Czech dogs in the Natural Ability Test, and twenty-six in the Intermediate Hunting Dog Test. We defined a "Czech dog" as a Club dog either born in the Czech Republic and imported, or one born in North America when both parents were 100% Czech imports. When a dog was retested or partially retested, we accepted the higher score. Here is what we found.

In the NAT, 64% of Czech dogs that were tested prized (23 of 36). In the IHDT, 69% of Czech dogs that were test prized (18 out of 26). All but the most recently imported dogs have been tested in both the NAT and IHDT. In both tests, the Czech dogs have generally been successful in meeting the criteria that the club has established to determine the quality of a hunting dog. These results would seem to indicate that the importation of dogs from the Czech breeders will have a positive effect on the gene pool of Club dogs and

enhance the already great field performance of our dogs. Regardless of test



### **Happy Hunters**

Neal Sojda and **Edý z Veseckých luhů** both seem pleased to have enjoyed a successful sharp-tailed grouse hunt as well as their time together on the prairie.

(Photo by Rick Sojda)

scores, or place of birth, our dogs almost always turn out to be exceptional versatile hunting dogs and close family companions. We need to continue to celebrate that in every way possible.

**The Bottomline.** Dogs in the new gene pool seem to be scoring well in their field tests. Clearly, our Club seems to have imported good hunting dogs, and they have potential for making a beneficial genetic contribution.

## **NOTICE**

**The breed database maintained by Laurie Connell has been moved from [ceskyfouseknorthamerica](http://ceskyfouseknorthamerica.com) to <http://ceskyfousekpedigrees.org/>**

## **Progress in FCI recognition November 2018**

**by**  
**Laurie Connell**

As many of you may remember I have been working for the last several years trying to figure out how our dogs could be recognized without moving into the AKC or CKC world. It is important to maintain control of the breed as hunting dogs. This philosophy is held by our Parent club, the Klub Chovatelů Českých Fousků (KCHCF), and is held under their rules in the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) - the largest international canine registration organization. If we would like to have other dogs compete in another CF World Cup they will need to be recognized by the FCI. As noted in previous reports the FCI does NOT recognize NAVHDA registrations but NAVHDA does recognize the FCI registrations.

I had recently discovered that some of our dogs could be registered in the United Kennel Club (UKC) with full registration. These are ONLY dogs that have both parents registered with FCI or NAVHDA already. This means they are recognized as more than just performance dog, but could also be used in a breeding program (performance dog registrations exclude this possibility). The next step would be that the Puerto Rico chapter of the FCI could then take the UKC registration to re-register those dogs in the FCI. This is a convoluted route and very expensive, it also does not solve the problem of getting some of our breeding dogs registered that have older club registrations. An additional part of the pathway is to get two FCI (Czech) judges to come to the US and go to a series of club dog shows to give approval of our dogs that could not be registered in the UKC for FCI approval directly. In this way we could eventually get all of our dogs registered in the FCI, regardless of if they had pedigrees issued by our club for generations or not.

While we were in the Czech Republic for the World Cup our club President, Jim Crouse, and I met with MVDr. Široký, president of ČMKU (Czech kennel club, member of FCI) and Pavel Dostál, as representative of the KCHCF, to find out what path forward our club might take so that our dogs could be recognized by the FCI. Pavel Dostál spoke with MVDr. Široký in early November and reported that MVDr. Široký meet in Poland with the president of the FCI, Rafael de Santiago from Puerto Rico, and with Yves De Clerq from Belgium. MVDr. Široký reported that a FCI committee will need to discuss the topic of our interest in registration of our Český Fousek's in Puerto Rico and try to find some solution for our club. This is a small but important step, but right now we must wait and should not expect any information before the beginning of next year. In the mean time, we will try to register some dogs in PR that have both parents with FCI registration already and also try to register a litter in PR while the KCHCF works from their side.

## What's Happening

**2019 NATIONAL PHEASANT FEST & QUAIL CLASSIC**  
FEBRUARY 22,23,&24 | SCHAUMBURG CONVENTION  
CENTER | SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS. **Note:** the club is not  
planning to have a booth at Pheasant Fest this year, but members are en-  
couraged to attend and bring their dogs. We can supply club business  
cards to hand out to interested persons. Specifics will be in a later issue.

### **Spring Tests (Preliminary dates are subject to change.)**

**Heartland:** Tentative April 19, 20, 21 with Judges Seminar  
April 18.

**Note:** April 21 is Easter Sunday. We are locked in to the  
Mazomanie Training Grounds for this weekend.

Contact: Dave Read [readgriff@gmail.com](mailto:readgriff@gmail.com)

**Northeast:** The weekend of 17 May 2019 .

Contact is Laurie Connell [quassa5@gmail.com](mailto:quassa5@gmail.com)

**Rocky Mountain:** the tentative test dates are the 29th through  
the 31st with the exposure day on the 28th.

Contact: Angie McDunn [McDunnK9@hotmail.com](mailto:McDunnK9@hotmail.com)

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