2013 German Wirehaired Pointer National Championship

Branched Oak Field Trial Grounds, near Raymond, NE was the site of the 2013 GWPCA National Championships. The club offered a full slate of events, National Open and Amateur Championships, Open Derby, and an Open Puppy.

The committee, led by Jim West and Rhonda Haukoos, had assembled a great group to help in the running of these events. Ben Coller, Art Armbrust, Bill Perkins, Leo Boman, and Bernee Brawn, all did a very good job helping in the running of this quality event. All the needs of both humans and canine were met and in most cases were met above and beyond. Bob Erbe served as the head marshal, and many people jumped into help with the bird planting and gallery marshaling. Everyone worked together to make this a great trial.

Judges for the Open Championship, the Puppy, and the Futurity were Stan Truksa of Firth, NE and John Moreland, of Brighton, CO. The Amateur Championship and Derby were judged by David Taylor of Neola, IA and Jim Douglass of Columbus, NE. They all were very attentive, positive, and all are judges of the first class, the kind of judges you want to run your dog under. All their decisions were well received.

OPEN DERBY

The Open Derby was contested over and out and back course. The “out” course was the same as would be used in most of the week-end trials, but ended on the hilltop near the big cottonwood tree. At this point the dogs were changed and we followed the out course back to the clubhouse. The weather conditions were fair, temperature in the mid 50’s early in the day and rising only into the mid 60’s as the day wore on. Skies were partly cloudy and the wind was brisk out of the south east. 21 dogs started the Open Derby Stake. The placements were as follows:
1st Place - CH IDAWIRE J EDGAR - By CH Cynisters Believe It Or Not-CH Piemonte Idawire Echo Chisola. OWNER: Jodi Quesnell. Handler: Tom Quesnell.

2nd Place - SCHNELLBERG'S WILHELM VON PINES - By DC AFC Cascade DoubleBarrel-Ch Rlb Schnellberg's Criminal Intent. OWNER: Walt & Dolores Furesz & SusanDeGraw. Handler: Sue DeGraw

3rd Place – TUMALO KYLE – By NFC NAFC Tumalo Timberjack – NAFC DC AFC Cascade Tumalo Tess. Owner: John and Sandy Williams. Handler: John Williams

4th Place - SURE SHOT'S JUSTA GOIN’ HEYWIRE JH. - By NAFC DC AFC GCH Ariels Justa Gotta Go Now-DC Sure Shot’s Sonora Gone Heywire. OWNER: Steven & Elizabeth Kreuser & Bernee Brawn. Handler: R Haukoos
NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The next stake run was the Amateur Championship. A slate of 20 dogs came to the line to take their best shot at the title. Many quality efforts were witnessed.
The placing dogs were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - **BIG OAKS SWEET THING** - By Brillows Jackson Flyer-NFC FC Brillow Wild West Show. OWNER: Vern Grimslid. Handler: Vern Grimslid.

2nd Place - **DC AFC PROULX’S WIREWEST BIG JAKE** - By DC Wildwings Shamless-Ch Von Duffin’s Lady Bug CDX MH. OWNER: Joe & Carrie Proulx. Hander: Joe Proulx

3rd Place - **SCOTIAN ANDROMEDA GALAXY** - By NFC FC AFC Wingmaster’s Bullet MH-Scotian Full Force Gale. OWNER: Tom Lococo. Handler: Tom Lococo

4<sup>th</sup> Place - **DC SURE SHOT’S SONORA GONE HEYWIRE** - By CH Sure Shot’s Rock On-DC AFC Sure Shot’s Wide Open Spaces. OWNER: Penny Ljungren. Handler: P Ljungren

**OPEN PUPPY**

The puppy stake was run over the same first portion of the course as the other stakes. The club chose to run the Puppies in a loop type course that began and ended near the clubhouse. Numerous puppies had bird contact and several very good performances were witnessed. There were 13 starters.

The placements were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place **TUMALO GRIFFITH’S FIRE & LIGHT** - By NFC NAFC FC AFC Tumalo Timberjack-NAFC DC AFC Cascade Tumalo Tess. OWNER: Carolyn & Doug Griffith. Handler: Ray Calkins

2<sup>nd</sup> Place **TUMALO KYLE** - By NFC NAFC FC AFC Tumalo Timberjack - NAFC DC AFC Cascade Tumalo Tess. OWNER: John & Sandy Williams. Handler: John Williams

3<sup>rd</sup> Place **TUMALO WILDFIRE** BREEDER: John & Sandy Williams. - By NFC NAFC FC AFC Tumalo Timberjack-NAFC DC AFC Cascade Tumalo Tess. OWNER: Joe & Carrie Proulx. Handler: Joe Proulx

4<sup>th</sup> Place **SCHNELLBERG'S TWISTED SISTER** - By DC AFC Cascade Double Barrel-Ch Rlb Schnellberg's Criminal Intent. OWNER: Susan DeGraw. Hander: Sue DeGraw
The Open Championship began under mainly cloudy conditions. The temperature was in the low 50’s and a stiff, southwesterly wind blew at 20-25 MPH.

This stake was run over a continuous course. The first part of the course used the same course that the Amateur stake had used. Where the Amateur course ended, the open course continued forward, crossed the wooden bridge to the east course which had been unused up to this point. This provides an hour long course that flows well and gives all contestants opportunities for multiple bird finds.

The following are the scribe notes from the placing dog braces.

**Brace 3:**
DC Sure Shot’s Sonora Gone Heywire, H: Jim West; DC/AFC Proulx’s Wireswest Big Jake, H: Joe Proulx
Released headed west from Amateur Hill, both dogs shot to the front. Both dogs moved nicely with a pleasing gait and with good application. Sonora was the first to find game at 4 minutes, her brace mate backing nicely. She was again pointing at 13 minutes just before she passed the Area 9 parking area. Good style and excellent manners were on display. She added a non-productive at 27 minutes as we entered the main course. Jake added to the bird count when he found game at 32 minutes in the brush line before the rock crossing, Sonora backing mannerly. At 44 Jake again pointed nicely along the old road bed, and also added a good final find at 51 minutes along the south side of the big draw. He had a non-productive at 47 minutes. Both dogs finished their time. Sonora impressed with a solid, consistent race.

**Brace 4:**
NGDC/FC Brillows Big Wild Western, H: Jim West; Scotian Andrimeda Galaxy, H: Thomas Lococo
The first brace of the afternoon left from the clubhouse, heading east. Both dogs went to the long edge on the right side of the opening field with Wylie finding game at 5 minutes. Galaxy came in and naturally backed the stylishly pointing dog. It should be noted that both of these dogs show the advanced manners that are a testament to their good training on all their bird work, each dog also displayed very good style on their game; this was a very fun pair of dogs to watch. Sent on each dog took a different side of the second field, Wylie going low along Hudkins Bottom, and Galaxy taking the brush line that ran along the top of the hill. At 10 minutes Wylie’s scout found him pointing in a large plum brush on line with where we had seen him go, all in order. Galaxy’s route led to her finding game at 12 minutes, very good style on display. At 17 minutes, as he came into the brush line before the rock crossing Wylie suffered a non-productive. Sent on Wylie was again standing game at 20 minutes, on the same brush line further up the hill. This find required two relocations to pin the running birds which he handled quite well. At about the same time Galaxy had a good find in the old road bed, again the birds were running and again he handled the relocation well, a small covey of birds being produced. He
would go less than 500 yards before he was again proudly standing game at the bottom of a large island of trees, all in order. Galaxy would have a find in this same group of trees after leaving the south end of the course, at 40 minutes. The last piece of bird work was a stop to flush that Galaxy carded as we went down the hill over the clubhouse. Both dogs ran well, stayed forward, found game, and displayed the style and manners of a well-trained bird dog.

Brace 7:
NFC/FC Brillows Wild West Show, H: Jim West; Cascade Mercury Rising. H: Jeff Calkins
The second morning of the Open Championship dawned clear with just a light breeze. The temperature was in the lower 40’s, there was a chilly feel in the air. Both of these dogs broke strongly to the front at the first whistle. Mercury was the first to score at 8 minutes when he was found pointing on top of the hill in the second field. He displayed very good style, very intense, manners impeccable. The pair had a divided find at 22 minutes where both had faded out of sight along the south property line and were found standing to the front. They also were pointing at 42 minutes on separate birds on the hill over the clubhouse. Each dog displayed good manners and good style. Mercury would
suffer a non-productive at 47 minutes. Both dogs finished the hour as they had started. Mercury was not observed at time but was back before the grace period expired.
The placements were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place **NGDC FC BRILLOWS BIG WILD WESTERN** - By Brillows Jackson
Flyer-NFC FC Brillow Wild West Show. OWNER: Todd Tuls. Handler: Jim West

2<sup>nd</sup> Place **NFC FC BRILLOWS WILD WEST SHOW**  By FC Wildwires Cowboy
JH-CH Brillow Ally Li’l Snippet. OWNER: Rhonda Haukoos. Handler: Jim West

3<sup>rd</sup> Place **CASCADE MERCURY RISING**  By NFC NAFC DC AFC Cascade Ike
MH-Cascade Million. OWNER: Jeff Calkins. Handler: Jeff Calkins

4<sup>th</sup> Place **DC SURE SHOT’S SONORA GONE HEYWIRE**  By CH Sure Shot’s
Rock On-DC AFC Sure Shot’s Wide Open Spaces. OWNER: Penny Ljungren.
Handler: Jim West