



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUBSM

Chesapeake Specialty of September 21/23-2010 – Knapp Ranch, Chiloquin, OR
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The American Chesapeake club held their specialty trial at the beautiful Knapp Ranch in the city of Chiloquin, OR. The grounds are owned by Jon Knapp and were used for the 2010 National Amateur Retriever Trial held in Klamath, Oregon. The Chesapeake trial was held Tuesday through Thursday, September 21-23, 2010. The specialty has been held since the 1950's and has the oldest trophy in the retrievers, called the "Skipper Bob". The specialty is held like the retriever nationals, moving the time zones each year.

The ranch is a cattle ranch that is just right for retrievers in that Jon Knapp has put in numerous ponds. The Open and Derby were judged by Toni Boyett and Mike Hasenoehrl while the Qualifying and Amateur were judged by Ginger and Jim Cope. They also have two puppy stakes that were judged by Walt Barnes and Harry Carlson, the stakes were the senior puppies (9-12 months) and the junior puppies (6-9 months).

The whole weekend's weather was great with clear skies and the temperature in the low 30's in the mornings and the high 50's in the day time.

The Qualifying was well run and the judges got the stake done on Tuesday. They placed 7 of the 24 dogs that ran. The Open, also well run, was finished with their water blind on Tuesday. That left only their water marks to run on Wednesday. They had 7 dogs to run the water marks and 2 of the dogs were owned by Linda Harger. She was quite happy because they were a mother/daughter team. She said that has never happened to her in all the years she has run dogs. (We won't ask how many!)

Linda had quite a week with her dog FC AFC Genny's Yakity Yak Don't Talk Back placing 2nd in the Open and the Amateur. Yakity's daughter, Yakity's Shake Rattle'N'Roll placed 2nd in the Qualifying and won the Amateur. She was also in the last series of the Open but got a little rambunctious and broke on the flyer, but she made up for that by winning the Amateur!!



Linda, Yakity and judge Toni Boyett



Calling for the birds in the fourth series!



Linda and Ruddy Duck.



Linda and Yakity