

The Whoa Post

March 2021

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The March Issue

Scattered is defined as distracted or disorganized. The end of winter has caused me to be scattered. This condition is not unique, visiting with friends and coworkers, they are suffering too. Scattered manifests itself as a lost coffee cup, misplaced glasses or a book. My most recent scattered episode was about shoes. You see, I wear hiking boots and sneakers most of the time but on special occasions, like church or a guest lecture at a university, I pull out my lace up Keens. They are not fancy, but they go with dress pants and most importantly, they are comfortable. Sunday came, we were headed to church and I did not have my Keens. I scoured my closet, looked all over the house and even checked the “safe places”. I gave up the search and put on my nicest light hikers and headed out the door. Guess what greeted me on the porch? You guessed it, my Keens. All of sudden the memory came back to me. I had been out in the yard and got them muddy. They were set out to dry and then I would clean them up. I never got to the cleanup.

Dogs get scattered too. I’ve been working on heel with Blue. Sometimes he forgets the command. Since he can’t really talk, I just have to guess the cause and try to react and train smarter. Scattered dog behavior can be a result of distractions like other dogs, smells, toys or a change in location. Working on heel in the house has become boring for both of us. He knows where we will walk, even if I change courses. Stepping up the training game, I decided to go outside to the back yard to continue our heel lessons. Blue was scattered. He went here, there and everywhere! New smells, birds, and sounds pulled him away from our task of the perfect heel. In the end, I was able to get a good heel and then we stopped the session ending with a positive result. Next time, we will start outside and continue to build on his skills and reduce the scatter!

Sherry Niesar
Whoa Post Editor



Member Profile: Todd Lehner

Tell us about your first dog, name and breed. First bird dog was Jersey, female EB from Butch.

Share a fond or funny memory of Jersey. There are too many memories to pick just one. I'll take this opportunity though to sing her praises. Jersey became a good bird dog in spite of me, not because of me. She got a significant amount of hunting in when she was young, and she learned from the birds, which were very plentiful when she was a young dog. I owe her a lot because she taught me so much and helped me realize how much I love hunting birds with dogs. In many ways she was a fairly average dog. However, she was very smart and she flat knew how to find birds, and to this day she's the best "bird finder" I've ever hunted with. She got such an education from wild birds when she was young that she knew where they would be and she knew how to handle them. She was a good one.



What do you enjoy about the Big Sky club? I'd have to say the newsletter. We've kind of been out of the loop for several years, moving around, changing jobs, starting businesses, and raising our daughter, so we've not made it to an event for quite some time. The newsletter has consistently been there as a source of entertainment and way to see what some of our friends have been up to with the club.

How did you get your start with dogs? We always had a dog or two around growing up, but not bird dogs. That first EB from Butch was my first bird dog. Butch was very patient with me and answered so many questions along the way. Whether Butch knows it or not, he's been a huge mentor for me and so many others. So, I guess I can partially blame Butch for my bird dog habit. In 2016 I went down to Oklahoma and did a trainer

apprenticeship with Ronnie Smith and Sussanna Love which really kick started the chapter of getting more serious about training dogs. Since then, I've been able to help several folks by either training their dog or by spending some time and teaching them some of the things that I've learned.

How many dogs do you have now? Breeds? At the moment we have 3 English Pointers and 3 EBs. It fluctuates as we do sell trained dogs from time to time.



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Tell us about your family? My wife Kaylen and I have one daughter, Ila. Kaylen and I have an insurance business, Lehner Insurance Agency, here in Circle, MT that we run together, both as agents. I also run Todd Lehner Kennels with the help of the girls of course. Ila is almost 5 and she's full of joy, energy, and luckily for her, she loves dogs!

A funny story about you and dogs? It wasn't funny at the time, but looking back it would have been entertaining to watch I bet. I was hunting by myself with either three or four dogs on the ground. I was a mile or so from the pickup, no cell service, five miles cross country from the nearest house. I was approaching very close to where I was pretty sure a covey of huns had landed. That's when I felt the unmistakable feeling of a snake under my boot. I immediately did a reverse long jump. Some hollering ensued to make sure to get the dogs' attention. They had all been snake broke by Butch and none of them came within 30 yards of the snake. We got out of there unscathed and took a relatively short path to the pickup. The huns were no more than 100 yards from the snake, I'll not elaborate on how many I bagged.

Are you dogs, family dogs, show dogs, hunting dogs, other? Our dogs are all hunting dogs. We spend a lot of time with them and they are all well socialized dogs. However, the Good Lord put them on this earth to hunt birds and we try to indulge them as much as possible.

If you could do or go anywhere with your dog and one person, where would you go and what would you do? Who is the one person you would take on your adventure and why?

I'll lay down a disclaimer here, I'm going to limit the scope to the bird dog world. That way I can't get in trouble for not choosing family or Jesus. With that caveat in place, I'd choose Delmar Smith. I've not met Delmar. I've had the opportunity to get to know both Rick Smith and his wife Kaye, and Ronnie Smith and his wife Susanna. They are all wonderful people and they'd all tell you that Delmar paved the way for so many folks in the bird dog world. A lot of what I do with dogs, or at least the parts that work well, came from Delmar in one way or another. So, I'd want to hunt Bobwhites in Oklahoma with Delmar (assuming Delmar has a secret spot or two that still has lots of birds).

Anything else about you that will interest our readers? I'll issue a reminder to everyone, myself included. The vast majority of the bird dogs out there are capable of so much more than we give them credit for. They are smarter, tougher, and able to do much more than we require. That doesn't mean we necessarily need to require more of them, but we also shouldn't cap their potential as readily as we often do.

For more info on Todd Lehner's Kennels visit:

<https://www.tlkennels.com/>



Ask Butch by Butch Nelson



Shorten The Chase To Finish The Dog by Butch Nelson

Requirements:

- 1) Pup must already search with enthusiasm.
- 2) Pup must be pointing and chasing birds.
- 3) Pup must be conditioned for the e-collar.

My preference is a pup that has had at least one complete hunting season on wild birds. Instead of teaching whoa, come, sit, stay, down or any other commands you may read about, I teach my pups to search and eventually search for birds.

Montana bird hunting seasons are quite generous, from September 1st to January 1st. From January 1st to April 15th I can train on wild birds. From July 15th to August 31st I train again on wild birds. That adds up to a lot of days in the field. There are restrictions on Federal and State Lands that have different rules so by obtaining the appropriate rules and dates are helpful. I do use pigeons in the off season but if wild birds are available why not use them.

Assuming your pup is at least pointing or flash pointing, I use no voice commands but simply let the pup chase at first as far as the land will allow. I'll allow this chase for a couple of weeks or so and when the pup's fire is blazing, and only then, do I start applying the breaks. The next time the young dog points and chases I only let the pup chase fifty yards. At that distance I apply a mild continuous stimulation using the e-collar. If the amount of stimulation is correct, the pup will carry slow his pace and turn to come back to the scene of the crime. When the pup turns is when I turn the stimulation off. Side note: Start with a low stimulation and after a session or two try the tone. Do not try the tone first.

Four or five sessions or flushes (depending upon number of birds) we then allow a forty yard chase. Repeating the same number of points and flushes, only 30 yard chase. I believe increments of ten yards. It eliminates potential hazards. When you are allowing ten yards chases, a miracle seems to happen: Broke Finds. Remember this: A bird in a launcher is different than a wild bird. We have total control over the launched bird. Will the pup ever break again. Yes, but we have the control as a reminder with no screaming, kicking or biting.

Some last thoughts...

As an owner, you can decide at what level of finishing you want your dog to be at. I tell my clients of hunting dogs that a steady to wing dog is better polished than 90% of all dogs in the field. A steady to wing and shot is mostly for competition.

Evaluating the Versatile Dog by Peter Wax

Epagneul Breton, German Short and Wirehair, Griffon, Large and Small Munsterlander, Vizsla, Weimaraner, and Pudelpointer are examples of the 30 plus versatile dog breeds. All-in-one dogs. Meat-dogs. Dogs that “naturally” point, track, and retrieve on land and water for feather and fur. A dog genetically preconditioned to do it. A child’s companion. A home guardian. A product of centuries of brood selection in search of the Holy Grail of hunting dogs.

Dogs selected to breed were those that demonstrated superior aptitude at trials and tests. The trials and tests were developed by and maintained by the breed club of the specific breed. The trials and tests reflected the regional hunting needs of the breed’s birth. The rules vary slightly, but all the trials and tests evaluate conformation, temperament, cooperation, stamina, desire, nose, hunt, point, track, retrieve, and love of water.

Tightly administered and judged these events yielded information on what to cultivate and what to prune. Over generations the process produced better and better dogs. It required patience. It required intelligence. It required a pure soul that sets aside the desires of the time, wealth, and fame for the next generation. Like a Grail Knight, breeders quested but not even with the help of Percival and Bors did any prevail. Clues worth picking up were left by breeders that understood it was the wine running in the dog’s vein, not the individual dog, that represented the Grail. A journey. A quest with no end.

Trials, tests, and beauty contests are a breeder’s tool. The breed club’s responsibility is to ensure a quality unbiased evaluation of defined traits/aptitude and to maintain a data base on the results. This separation of responsibilities often gets confused or even turned on its head. Some who skipped Knight school believe that the few should control the many. So lost these souls are. The power to improve the breed is not and never has been centralized. Breeding is and always has been a humbling solo quest.

Pilgrims in North America are fortunate to have multiple trials and tests available to evaluate the versatile dog. There are trials and tests. Some venues welcome all dogs, and some are very restrictive. Some only evaluate field work and some are very comprehensive.

An example of a trial is the UKC Pointing Dog program (UKCPD). A UKCPD trial is a breeder’s field trial. A water test can be added for a water evaluation. The trial and test are modeled after Europe’s continental dog trials and natural ability water retrieve.



The UKCPD trial is distinctly different from North American style trials. Placement is not based on a single standard, but by the field standard of the individual breed. It is not a one size fits all Easter egg hunt, but a trial scored on the finest representation of the breed. This ensures that the homogeneous form and function of a distinct breed is rewarded. The UKC Water Retrieve Test (WRT) is simply two retrieves of a thrown or launched duck.



The strength of the UKCPD is its usefulness as a breeder’s evaluation in the “Gun” subdivision. The Gun division evaluates the in-bred aptitude and not one that has all its strengths and faults masked by training.

The weakness of UKC system is a shallow data pool. Shallow is not bad if the evaluation is of high quality.

The North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) is an example of a versatile evaluation test. NAVHDA

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is the largest and most recognized testing venue in the United States and Canada. It is a noncompetitive test. Each dog is scored against a single standard. The test is modeled after the German hunt tests.

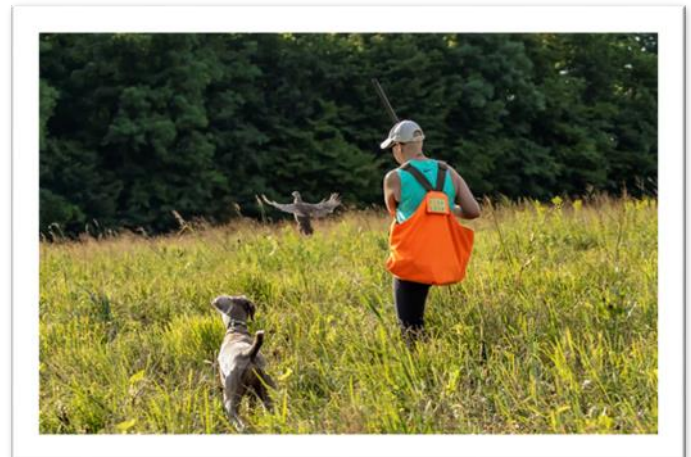
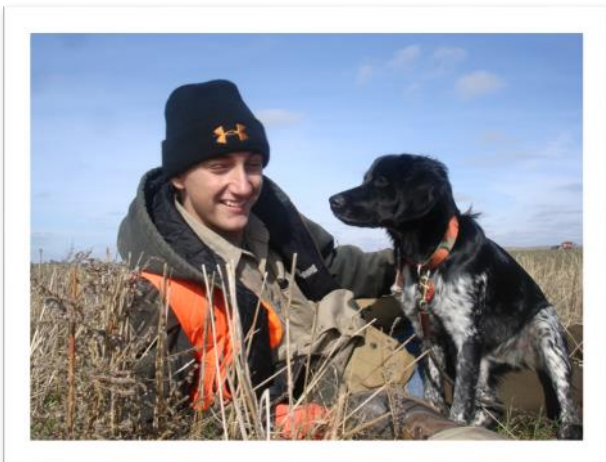
A test includes field and water events that score nose, search, desire, cooperation, obedience hunt, stamina, point, track and retrieving. It also evaluates eyes, teeth, coat, and temperament. The test has a strong emphasis on retrieving (water and land) supporting the conservation ethic and the belief that the hunt begins after the shot.

NAVHDA is composed of a network of local clubs. These local clubs are centered around teaching and training opportunities for regular folk. The versatile dog world is in debt to the vision of Sigbot (Bodo) Winterhelt, Ed Baily, Jerry Knapp, Doug Hume, and Gang.

Strengths of NAVHDA is a massive amount of data on a difficult comprehensive evaluation. More than a thousand dogs are tested annually. All NAVHDA test scores (Good through disastrous) are published. Reports include results by chapter, by dog, by breeder/kennel, and the sire and dam report. Accurate information is power. Powerful is NAVHDA.

Which is best? It depends. For the hunter, all venues elevate the dog-human experience, and trains the dog for the task it is bred for. The breeder needs to use the evaluation of their breed club (It is custom designed) and at least one other.

A final option is to welcome the strengths and beauty of them all. I cannot help but recommend all of them. Enter as many as you can. Your best friend will thank you. As a German judge once informed a bunch of first timers at a VJP: "Tonight when you go to sleep remember that your dog is the prize".



Be Mindful of Toxic Plants by Ken Bruwelheide

When we go afield with our bird dogs most of the time it is without any harmful incidents. In the last issue of the "Who Post" we published a very sad story about losing a dog to snare traps. This followed a previous article about traps presented in the January 2020 issue. The story about losing a dog sticks with me and reinforces the need to be vigilant about traps in the future and other hazards too.

I have been reminded of other danger to our dogs that often goes unheeded and that is poisonous plants whether in the field or the home environment. I will focus on plants in the field. Although we have covered this topic previously perhaps it is worth revisiting.

As dog owners we know that our dogs, no matter what age, can and will eat just about anything given the opportunity. Now I don't go afield with a plant identification book in my bird vest, but I do familiarize myself with the most common toxic plants especially in advance of hunting or running the dogs in a new area. There are some common and familiar toxic plants in the great plains and the Rocky mountain west that I have learned over time.

A few years ago, I reported a toxic plant interaction with my dogs to a plant that I did not know that could have had adverse poisonous effects. This plant is commonly known as "snowberry" and has a taste attractive to dogs. My hunting partner and I were taking a break and our EBs were eating plants. We became alarmed when the dogs began vomiting. I was surprised to discover that we had cell service, so I called Janis and asked her to call the Pet Poison Helpline. With a credit card charge and a photo of the plant we received assistance. The plant was reported as mildly toxic and caused vomiting so the problem was solved.

Many readers will have different and specific regional plants and shrubs with which to contend. Your county extension office and county weed offices can provide you with plant identification material for your hunting locale. Most documents are online and free.

There are too many specific plants to list here so below are a few links to helpful documents. There are also apps for many sites.

Help Sites for Pets (google "pet poison help sites"):

Pet Poison Helpline

<https://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/>

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (has app also and lists of other types of toxics)

<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>

Pet First Aid (app for smart phones)

Wild Plants

8 Common Wild Plants That Are Poisonous to Your Dog by Tim MacWelch June 18, 2019

<https://www.outdoorlife.com/8-common-wild-plants-that-are-poisonous-to-your-dog/>

Indoor Plants

Poisonous Plants for Dogs by Hanie Elfenbein, DVM Updated: January 21, 2021

https://www.petmd.com/dog/emergency/poisoning-toxicity/e dg_poisonous_plants

Outdoor Plants

Common Backyard Plants That Are Poisonous to Dogs Written David Beaulieu

Reviewed by Kathleen Miller Updated 01/19/21

<https://www.thespruce.com/plants-poisonous-to-dogs-2132451>

Imagine being completely naked in room full of people who speak a different language and everyone wants to touch you... This is life of a dog.

Upland Bird Hunting Novice—Not naked, but Befuddled by Vocabulary by Linda Joyce

You're pretty dang smart, did you know that?

I'm going right to the point. I'm going to make it very personal. Y'all overwhelm me.

I'm a city girl. While New Orleans, Louisiana, or Lincoln, Nebraska or Spokane, Washington aren't that big, Tampa, Florida, and Tokyo, Japan rank up there pretty high. All to say, I've lived many places, visited all the lower forty-eight states and Alaska. Travel gives me insight to how people are different, how people live, and how people spend their leisure time.

And then, I was introduced to all y'all.

I know I have a slight southern accent. It's more prominent when I've had a beer or a glass of wine. I speak elementary Japanese. I butcher what Spanish I remember from high school. And I know some Cajun expression I won't cop to...But no one warned me that getting an EB and attending a field trial required a passport and a translator.

Case in point: Last February, standing near the lodge at H. Cooper Black Memorial Field Trial and Recreation area during the National Conclave—first ever I'd attended—I watched people gather. A couple of them had dogs. They separated and moved forward away from the rest of the crowd. I spotted my husband and asked, "What is going on?"

"The barrage."

"What?"—I could hear gunshot in the distance.—"Do we need to take cover?" My dad was a Marine and one of the last to escape from The Battle of Chosin Reservoir. I knew what a barrage could do.

Enter Jeff Ruiter. "Two winning dogs are going to run; they have to do their own pattern. There may be a winner, or there won't."

I nodded. Jeff had no clue how clueless I was. His explanation made perfect sense to any of you. For me...not so much.

Then Grayson Guyer told me last April, "We have to get the Premium written." He said this as I worked on a to-do list for the field trial the Carolinas Club was hosting in October.

Now, I spent my corporate-America career in insurance litigation for major commercial insurance carriers. A premium is what an insured paid to an insurance agent for an insurance company to provide coverage.

"Premium? Premium? Premium?" I repeated the word, hoping the meaning would either float into my brain or strike me hard like lightning. Either way, I hoped I'd get it. He had no clue I was unable to translate field-trial language.

Then, Grayson talked about open solo and open braces. Sitting on the couch in his office, I hoped it would swallow me whole. Ignorant. That's how I felt. It ranked up there with other unpleasant situations to avoid.

Later, Grayson emailed a sample Premium to me. Detailed agenda! Now that I would've understood.

As the field trial approached, I checked the ribbons supply. CAC, RCAC, CAG, RCAG...my brain was a centri-

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fuge. I sat with the UKC rulebook and a sheet of paper, trying to decipher what ribbons the club had and which ones, by size and color, were needed.

It reminded me of a guy I met in college, a Japanese exchange student. My husband and I helped him find a place to live; Yoshi rented a room in a house where another friend of ours lived. Yoshi would sit with an “adult men’s magazine” (which I will leave unnamed) and a dictionary...to read the articles. Truly, I’m not lying. He really was reading the articles.

My vocabulary lesson continued last November in South Dakota. I listened to a guide tell my husband about where to hunt a particular property. The man spoke about the drain and the draw. He was speaking English? Maybe...but how was I to know? The word sounded English, but the conversation made no sense at all.

I compare this to the Japanese calling bread, “pan.” Not like an American would pronounce the one-syllable word identifying something used for cooking. Instead, it’s two-syllables “pa*n” because the Portuguese introduced bread to Japan, and the Japanese had no word for it—it wasn’t part of their diet or culture—so they adopted what they were told.

Anyway, I had no clue that land had a drain and a draw. If the guide had said, “swale” I might have deciphered the meaning. A little while later, we encountered a small herd of deer in the drain, running up the draw.

I will share with you what I do understand—EB speak.

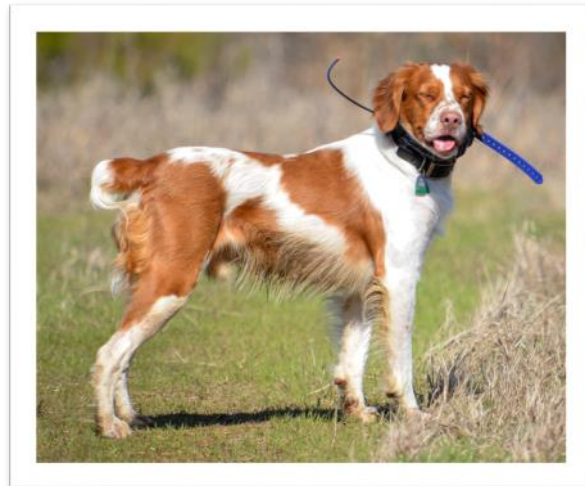
I receive a regular “talking to” from my boy Max. Sometimes we have these conversations multiple times a day. He rings the bells hanging on the handle of the back door. If I don’t attend to him pronto, I get a “woo-wooooo,” letting me know it’s time to go outside. Or if it’s dinner time. Or he wants a ride in the truck. He’s not much of a barker, but he’s a big talker.

I share all of this with you so that when you run up against a newbie like me, know that we nod, but it’s not in understanding or agreement. Instead, it’s a nod just to say, “Yep, I know you’re talking...but I have no clue what you just said.”

Meet Linda Joyce’s pack:



Oscar Maxence du Iron Gate, aka Max on point



D&Ls Southern Comfort Jake, aka Jake



Smoked Pheasant Corn Chowder provided by Dean Orosz

Ingredients

8 pieces bacon
 1 yellow onion diced
 4 celery stalks diced
 4 carrots diced
 1 red bell pepper diced
 2 Yukon Gold potatoes cubed (1/2 inch)
 8 oz frozen (thawed) or fresh corn off the cob
 4 Smoked pheasant breasts cubed (1/2 inch)
 1 stick (1/2 c) butter
 8 tablespoons flour
 4 cups whole milk
 4 teaspoons chicken bouillon base
 2 cups chicken broth
 1-2 teaspoons cilantro
 1 teaspoon onion powder
 Pepper to taste



1. Fry up bacon, set aside to drain on paper towels. Chop when cooled.
2. In the bacon grease, sauté onion, celery, carrots and red pepper 10 minutes and or until translucent. I like to spoon onto paper towels to cool and drain off the grease.
3. Cube potatoes and boil 10-12 minutes until tender. Drain and set aside.
4. In your soup pot, melt butter on low then add flour and cook off about a minute or so. Slowly add half milk while whisking until thickens. Add the other half of milk until thickens again. Whisk in chicken bouillon base. Then whisk in 2 cups of chicken broth, onion powder, pepper and cilantro.
5. To your soup base, add the diced onion, celery, carrot, red pepper mixture, the corn and the cooked potatoes.
6. Add the cubed pheasant and chopped bacon.
7. Simmer for 20-30 minutes mixing often.
8. Garnish with cilantro and serve in bread bowl or with crusty bread.

*Salt to taste. The bacon, smoked pheasant and chicken base/broth added plenty of salt for us so I did not add any.



Send your recipes to the Whoa Post Editor at sniesar@outlook.com

UKC Judges and Handlers Seminar

Tuesday April 20, 2021, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Presenter: Instructor Judge Peter Wax

Host: Great North Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club

Location: Pheasant Ridge Shooting Preserve, 1547 Imperial St, Ogilvie, MN 56358

Cost: \$60* (includes registration, all materials and lunch)

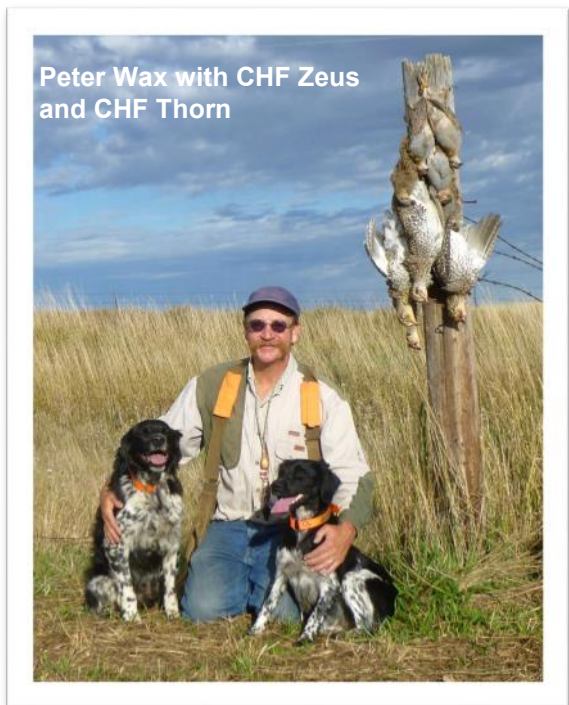
Who Should Attend: Judges, Apprentice Judges, Those considering becoming a UKC Judge, and Those who want a more complete understanding of UKC Field Trial Rules

The seminar includes a presentation on the UKC Pointing Dog Rules for Field Trials, TAN, and WRT. Each participant will have the opportunity to receive a judge’s test and submit successfully completed test to UKC. Rulebooks will be provided. If time permits, discussion and analysis of field events with dogs will move outdoors.

Peter has trained flushing and pointing dogs. Tried Epagneul Bretons to CHF status, Trained for the NAVHDA testing system and taken dogs to through Natural Ability, Utility and Invitational Tests. He is an instructor Judge with the UKC Field Trial program.

*Participants are responsible for the \$25 UKC test filing fee.

For more information: Pete Wax at sniesar@outlook.com or 701-527-6913



Judges and Handlers Seminar Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Number of people attending _____ x \$60 = Total Amount Enclosed _____

Make Check out to: **Great North Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club**

Return Form & Registration Fee to:

Tasha Pleskac, 9610 175th St NE, Foley MN 56329



**2021 Club de l'Epagneul Breton of the United States National Conclave
April 20 – 24, 2021**

Hosted by the Great North Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club
Pheasant Ridge Shooting Preserve Ogilvie, MN 56358
Four Brooks Wildlife Management Area, HWY 169N, Milaca MN

Schedule of Events

Tuesday April 20

UKC Judges and Handlers Seminar

Hosted By the Great North Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club

Location: Pheasant Ridge Shooting Preserve

Time 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Wednesday April 21

Field Trials Start Time: 7:00 Am

Open and GUN trials at Four Brooks WMA

4:00 –7:00 Social Hour, Dinner & Awards at Pheasant Ridge

Thursday April 22

Field Trials

Start Time: 7:00 AM

Open at Pheasant Ridge

GUN at Four Brooks WMA

2:30 Grouse and Woodcock 101 with Terry Petro

Location: Pheasant Ridge Shooting Preserve

4:00 –7:00 Social Hour, Dinner & Awards at Pheasant Ridge

7:30 Club de l'Epagneul Breton of the United States
Membership Meeting

Friday April 23

9:00 Confirming and Day of entries for Conformation Show

1:00: Conformation Show Begins

4:00 –7:00 Social Hour, Dinner & Awards at Pheasant Ridge

5:00 Silent Auction Begins

Saturday April 23

Field Trials

Start Time: 7:00 AM

All Competitors to meet at Pheasant Ridge

GUN at Pheasant Ridge

Open at Four Brooks WMA and compete there

2:30 Canine Chiropractic with Dr Danielle Yorek

Location: Pheasant Ridge Shooting Preserve, 1547 Imperial
St, Ogilvie, MN 56358,

4:00 –7:00 Social Hour, Dinner & Awards at Pheasant Ridge

Sunday: Clean Up and Travel Day Home

For more information on events contact

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Stud Dogs



Just Perfect Du Auburn Bretons
NAVHDA NA Prize 1, 112 Points
NAVHDA Utility Prize III
Penn Hip Lt: 0.46, Rt: 0.42
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Photo Gallery

ORANGE DU HAMEAU DE
SORNY
Breeder: Pierre Willems
(France)
Owner; William Kelley (USA)
Photo Provided by
Pierre Willems



Atos with his AKC / American Field Southern Shootout win in early February 2021

Photo Provided by Jackie Hutwagner

Regional Events

May 8 & 9, 2021

Sinfad Trial
Mobridge SD
Open/Combined Db/Db/Db
Contact Tom Dafnis 605-848-1906
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May 15 & 16, 2021

Norton PPL NASTRA
Ellendale ND
Open/Combined Db/Db/Db
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May 22 & 23, 2021

Jepsen Memorial NASTRA
Williston, ND
Open/Combined Db/Db/Db
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May 28 - 30, 2021

Big Sky NAVDHA
Great Falls, MT
Contact Chasyte Ontiveros 951-719-9989

June 12 & 13, 2021

Regional Elimination MN Region NASTRA
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UKC Events

March 20 & 21, 2021

Grinnell, IA
Field Of Dreams EBGDC
Event Type: Wild; Open Solo & Braces, Gun Solo
Contacts: Josh Ruitter
301.890.1060 trinitybretons@gmail.com; Matt Van
Maaren 611.780.9581 buckleyreels@gmail.com

March 28 & 29, 2021

Canton, IL
Heart of the Prairie
Type of Events Held: Type L, TAN, WRT
Contact: Matt Van Maaren 641.780.9581 or
buckleycreek@gmail.com

April 21 - 24, 2021

Milaca/Ogilvie, MN
CEB – US National Conclave
See page 12
Info: <https://www.ceb-us.com/events/calendar.htm>

July 30-August 1

Epagneul Breton Gundog Society Summit 2021
Canton, Illinois
Contact: Clint LaFary



Renew Your Membership

Membership to the Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club is due at the beginning of each calendar year in January. Each member is an important component to the club, adding to the newsletter with articles and photographs and at the clubs annual field trial. If you are not a member, then consider joining. Aside from becoming a part of a group of talented, friendly and likeminded dog owners, members:

- Receive the Whoa Post
- Are eligible to place ads in the Marketplace at no charge
- List Breeder and Stud Dog information (newsletter and web site) at no charge
- Have access to dog training professionals and mentors
- Receive advance notice of special events
- Have opportunity to participate in UKC sanctioned field trials
- Join a fellowship of like minded individuals

Sally says,
"Hey Boss,
it's time to
pay our
membership
dues!"



Complete your membership form today and help support the UKC trial system.

Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club Membership Form

Name _____ 2nd Family Member _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Membership Category \$20 Individual _____ \$30 Family _____ \$50 Business _____

Make Check out to: **Big Sky Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club**

Return form & dues to: Mel Kotur 2525 Arnica Dr. Bozeman, MT 59715