



Ruffed Grouse Society Central Indiana Inaugural Fun Trial & Gun Dog Training Clinic



Fun Trial
Saturday, March 2nd, 2013

Buck Creek Hunting Preserve
8080 S State Road 3
Muncie, IN

<http://buckcreekoutdoorsmcd.wix.com/buck-creek-outdoors>

Gun Dog Training Clinic
Sunday, March 3rd, 2013

Glenns Valley Conservation Club
7115 Waverly Road
Martinsville, IN

<http://glennsvally.org/>

Ruffed Grouse Society Fun Trial (Saturday March 2nd, 2013):

Time: 8:00 a.m. Start (Rain or Shine)

Cost Per Dog: \$65 (\$50 if participating in Training clinic with dog on Sunday)

- **Two Divisions:** Gun Dog (limited to 1st 20 entries) & Finished Gun Dog (limited to 1st 10 entries)
- **Placements:** 1st through 4th (Gun Dog) & 1st through 2nd (Finished Gun Dog)
- **Lunch:** free to participants; \$5.00 for guests

Gun Dog Training Clinic by Vance Butler of Modaka Kennels (Sunday March 3rd, 2013):



You will learn more about your dog & yourself as a trainer in this one day seminar than you could learn through years of reading books & magazines. Please visit the Modaka kennel web site for more information & testimonials on Vance Butler (<http://modakakennels.net/>).



Time: 8:00 a.m. Start to ca. 4:00 p.m.

Cost Per Dog: \$125 for 1st 10 that bring a dog (\$100 if running in the fun trial on Saturday); \$75 to all those that attend w/o a dog.

All proceeds donated to IN chapter drummer fund for the Improvement of habitat within the state.

Lunch: free to participants

All entries must be submitted by phone or mail by February 22, 2013 to:

Tom Beauchamp, 8545 Providence Drive, Fishers IN 46038; 317-313-0342; tjbeauch@gmail.com



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Entry Requirements & Rules for the *Gun Dog Fun Trial*:

1. Membership/Handler/Age Requirements:

You must be a current RGS member to be a handler or a gunner. Participants can be signed up for active membership status the day of the trial (\$25). Youth 17 years of age and younger may handle a dog, but must have a designated adult gunner. Only amateur status handlers can compete.

2. Number of dogs a participant can register for a trial:

Only two dogs can be registered per person, per division. If the trial is not full, more than two dogs may be entered at the trial manager's discretion.

3. Dog Eligibility Criteria- *Gun Dog Fun Trial*:

The following trial placements or titled gun dogs are prohibited from competing:

Pointing AKC and FDSB shooting dog placements or championship titles; NSTRA-titled dogs; NAVHDA-Utility Prize I; AKC-Master Hunter; APLA-Master/Grand Master; GLSDA-Finished.

4. Training Aids:

No electronic training devices (e-collars) are allowed.

5. Bells, beepers and GPS tracking collars:

They are permitted, but no combination e-collar/GPS or e-collar/beeper collar combinations are allowed. Bells are strongly recommended as judges can tell a lot about a dog by the sound of the bell even when the dog is not visible. Bring two different toned bells if you have them as the judges will want each dog to have a distinct tone to their bell to allow for differentiation.

6. Birds:

2 chucker will be planted into the field for each dog run, except the first brace where 3 birds will be planted per dog. The expectation is for each dog to find 2 birds, and to have the opportunity to retrieve at least one of the birds.

7. Ethics & Expected Conduct:

Any participant that acts in an abusive manner toward his dog, a judge or another participant will be immediately disqualified and removed from the event. Any participant that shows unsafe gun conduct will be immediately disqualified and removed from the event. Any dog showing repeated aggressive behavior will be disqualified and removed from the field. All judges' and trial managers' decisions are final.

Entry Requirements & Rules for the *Finished Gun Dog Fun Trial*:

Same as above except that dogs with trial placements (see # 3 above) are allowed to compete. The only real difference between these dogs and the gun dogs is that they are expected to be steady to wing, shot & fall.

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Specific Expectations around trial:

Point: Dogs will be judged on how well they find and hold their birds for hunters to flush-i.e. they are expected to be *staunch*. Movement after the flush will not be counted against the dog. I.e. the dogs are not required to be steady to wing and shot. In the *finished* Gun Dog event, the dogs will be expected to be steady to wing, shot and fall, only retrieving the bird upon command. The dog owner or a designated gunner of the dog owner's choice will do the gunning. Break open guns only, and guns will be broke open until the point is established. If a judge calls safety, the gunner must not shoot at the bird. The gunner and handler also have the option of calling safety. Both handler & gunner must wear blaze orange.

Field Coverage: Dogs are expected to cover ground well and hit objectives over their entire run.

Retrieve: Dogs are expected to retrieve to within 6 feet of the handler (one *short* step). Many good dogs carry the bird to the handler but are not force broke, so they do not have a polished delivery. This will not be counted against the dog. If it appears to the judges that the dog has been overly rough on the bird (hard mouth), the judges can ask to inspect the bird, and if the bird is considered unfit for the table *due to the dog* a hard mouth judgment would count as a negative against the dog's retrieve.

Cooperation: The dogs will be judged based on how well they work with the handler. I.e. do they hunt to the front and check in, or are they off self hunting. Do they come when called and whoa if asked to whoa. Handlers will not be asked to demonstrate these commands, but if the handler gives the command, it is expected that the dog will obey. Obviously, if the handler whoas their dog to maintain staunchness on the pointed birds, some points will be deduced.

Backing: The dogs will be run in a brace of 2, and backing will be judged if the opportunity arises. It will not be forced; thus, it will really only be used to break a tie. It is expected that the handler work a dog appropriately to avoid disrupting a brace mates point. I.e. If you know your dog will not back, then you need to be able to direct it away from the other dogs point; whoa the dog or in some way avoid having your dog disrupt the other dogs point. In the Finished gun dog event, they are expected to back & honor retrieve.

Running order: The bracemates will be picked by placing names into a "hat" on Feb 23, 2013, and pulling the names until all braces are filled. The only exception will be females in heat, which will be run last.

Gallary: Each handler can choose up to 4 people to watch from behind the judges. For safety reasons, they must keep up with the handles, but stay ca. 5 ft behind the judges, and must wear blaze orange. Talking should be kept to a whisper, and should not take place with judges or handlers.

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-----**(Fun Trial Entry Form- Must be Received by February 22, 2013)**-----

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____ E-Mail _____

Number of Dogs entered: _____ @ \$65/dog or \$50 (if participating in training clinic)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

1st Dog Breed _____ Name _____; event (gun dog or finished) _____

2nd Dog Breed _____ Name _____; event (gun dog or finished) _____

-----**(Training Clinic Entry Form- Must be Received by February 22, 2013)**-----

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____ E-Mail _____

Bringing a Dog (Yes/No) _____ @ \$125 or \$100 (if running in fun trial); \$75 w/o dog.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Issues/training scenarios, etc you would like to see addressed @ the training clinic:

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