

You are invited to the 30th Running
of the Ruffed Grouse Society
Andy Ammann Chapter's



Field & Fun Trial

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Setters Rest Kennel

7160 Jones Road ▪ Jackson, Michigan

(South of Lansing & North of Jackson near the town of Rives Junction)

Starting Time: 7:00 a.m.

PLEASE BE THERE ½ HOUR PRIOR TO YOUR START TIME FOR REGISTRATION

Grounds Courtesy of *Mike LeMasters*

SATURDAY

The Andy Ammann Amateur Gun Dog Stake

Fee ~ \$50.00

Open to all bird dog breeds, flushing, retrieving, or pointing.

Rotating Trophy

Lunch Provided By Setter's Rest Kennel

Dogs will be run and judged individually
and prizes will be awarded.

- Dogs will compete one at a time in front of 2 judges.
- Event limited to 22 dogs – Multiple entries allowed if space is available.
- Competitors who do not exhibit safe and proper manners with their guns will be asked to leave the grounds immediately.
- No alcoholic beverages allowed.
- Entries limited to RGS members. Membership applications are available.
- Drawing of running will take place Thursday, September 7 to determine running order.
- Please see other side for Dog Trial Requirements.
- Qualifying event for RGS MI Gun Dog of Year Trial.

Lori Winters Memorial Puppy Trial & Training Day

Any dog that is 3 years & younger is eligible.

Sunday, September 10

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TWO FIELDS AVAILABLE

One for puppies with no gun fire and the
other where you may fire your gun.

Fee ~ \$50.00

Please call Mike LeMasters at
517-262-4557 to reserve your dog.



Bird planters & judges are needed!!!!

If you are interested in volunteering for either, please contact Mike LeMasters.

TO REGISTER CALL

Mike LeMasters

Cell Phone: 517-262-4557 E-mail: birddog7160@gmail.com

Minimum Entry Requirements For Gun Dog Fun Trials

1. **Are RGS chapters that run these events required maintaining the same competition and judging standards for their events?** No, Chapters can have variations with trial rules as long as the minimum entry requirements are met to send the top four gun dog placements to the “Ruffed Grouse Society’s Michigan Gun Dog of the Year” runoff.
2. **Who is allowed to compete? All active RGS Members. (Participants can be signed up for active membership status the day of the trial.) Youth 17 years of age & younger are allowed to compete, but must have an adult designate gunner present.**
3. **How many dogs can a participant register for a trial? Only two dogs can be registered per person.**
4. **Can a dog place in more than one trial? No, once a dog has placed in one of the top four placements at any one trial it can not be placed again for that year. Reason, we want to keep this a fun event that will encourage our membership to participate in and also to maintain a certain level of standards throughout. We would like to encourage those that were fortunate to have their gun dog place to participate again in other trials for “THE FUN OF IT” if room permits. The dog would be scored by the judges, but not used for the placement score. All dogs that had placed or won at the previous year(s) trials are again eligible to compete in the upcoming year’s trial.**
5. **What dogs would not be allowed to participate?**
 - Pointing/Flushing/Retrieving AKC and FDSB shooting dog placements or championship titles
 - NSTRA – titled dogs
 - NAVHDA – Invitational Test
 - UKC – HRCH, UH, CHF
 - HAHRA – Senior
 - AKC – Master Hunter
 - APLA – APR/Master/Grand Master
5. **Can I use an electronic training collar at a trial? No artificial training devices are allowed including dummy collars.**
6. **Can I use a beeper collar or tracking collar? Yes, these are allowed along with bells. Absolutely no beeper collars are allowed that are incorporated in or with an electronic collar.**
7. **What could I be disqualified for at a trial or future events? Any participant that acts in a abusive manner toward his dog, a judge or another participant including profanity, would 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 would be disqualified and removed from the field.**
8. **All judges & trial managers decisions are FINAL!!**

RUFFED GROUSE  **SOCIETY**
Healthy Forests - Abundant Wildlife - Sporting Traditions

August 17, 2017

Dear Andy Ammann RGS Members,

Fall is fast approaching and the Andy Ammann Chapter has many activities scheduled prior to the September 15, 2017 season opener.

1. **Field Trials.** Please note there will be two field trials this year. On **Saturday, September 9, 2017** we will have our normal field trial for experienced dogs, and on **Sunday, September 10, 2017** a second trial will be held for puppies, and less experienced dogs. The Sunday trial is a return to our old field trial format. The Sunday trial will be called, the "Lori Winters Memorial Puppy Trial and Training Day."

Lori passed in June 2017. She was one of our trial judges for as long as I have been a member of AARGS. Lori loved puppies and training young dogs. We will have two fields available, one for puppies with no gun fire and the other where you may fire your gun.

Both field trials will be held at the grounds of Mike LeMasters – **Setters Rest Kennel**, 7160 Jones Road, Jackson, MI 49201. The entry fee for each field trial is \$50.00. Please call Mike at 517-262-4557 to reserve your dog. See enclosed flyer.

2. **Fall Dinner.** The Fall Dinner is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 13, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. at **Eagle Eye**, 15500 Chandler Road, Bath, MI 48808. The cost for dinner is \$25.00. Our featured speaker is Glen Blackwood, owner of Great Lakes Fly Fishing Company. Most of you are familiar with Glen because he has been our banquet auctioneer for many years. Glen has a PBS television show entitled "Fly Fishing with Glen Blackwood" and is a regular columnist for "The Upland Almanac". Glen will be speaking about woodcock literature.

Al Stewart, Upland Game Biologist for the Michigan D.N.R., will also present the Fall Forecast for grouse and woodcock.

R.S.V.P. to me prior to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 10 at 517-294-1282 or mollisonlawoffice@yahoo.com.

Please consider bringing a friend to any or all of the above events!

Bill Mollison

