



# LE GRAND TRAVERSE CHAPTER 2018 "CLAYTONS CUP" GUN DOG TRIAL



**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Thundering Aspens Shooting Preserve**

4612 N. 5 Rd. Mesick, MI 49668

### Trial Information

8:30 AM Start Time (rain or shine)

Cost: \$ 60 per dog

- You must be a RGS member to participate (sign-up day of event available)
- **Divisions for Pointing & Flushing Dogs** – both will be run on the same course
- E Collars are allowed & All level of dogs are able to participate
- Limited to first 34 of entries
- Three Chukar per dog will be set out each brace
- Lunch included with entry fee
- Only #7.5 size shot or smaller may be used
- Females in heat will be ran in the last brace
- No alcoholic beverages permitted on grounds
- All dogs must be leashed/staked out when not competing
- Hunter orange must be worn
- Once Draw is made changes will only be permitted at Trial Chair's discretion
- **"Clayton's Cup"** Will be awarded to the highest scoring dog between the two divisions

All entries must be received **no later** than April 26th, 2018

To: Ric Heller, 19518 Pine Woods Drive - Lake Ann, MI 49650 (616) 240-9000

Or email [RicHellerII@hotmail.com](mailto:RicHellerII@hotmail.com)

Drawing will take place Tuesday May 1st, 2018 and posted on –

[www.facebook.com/MichiganRuffedGrouseSocietyGunDogTrialSeries](http://www.facebook.com/MichiganRuffedGrouseSocietyGunDogTrialSeries)

----- ENTRY FORM (Cut and Mail) -----

*Entry Fee \$60 (make checks payable to Ruffed Grouse Society)*

OWNER/HANDLER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DOG (1) \_\_\_\_\_ M F BREED \_\_\_\_\_ Point/Flush \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DOG (2) \_\_\_\_\_ M F BREED \_\_\_\_\_ Point/Flush \_\_\_\_\_

I SUBMIT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ENTRY FEE(S) (\$60 per dog)

# 2018 Le Grand Traverse Chapter "Claytons Cup" Gun Dog Trial Introduction

## How the game is played:

- Three birds are planted in the field for each dog. Up to two dogs will be run in a brace.
- Dogs must point or flush the 3 birds within the 20 minute time limit.
  - The handler should designate to the judge that their dog is birdy for flushers or has established point for pointers
- Hunters will attempt to shoot each bird that is flushed or pointed by their dog
  - No birds should be shot that are not handled by your dog
- The dog should retrieve the bird to you within 1 step.
  - A direct line to the down bird and back to hand is the ideal retrieve, without dropping or re-mouthing the bird along the way.
- Judges decisions are final
  - Judging ceases at the flush of the bird and begins again on the judgement of the retrieve.
  - There will be no scorecards provided to participants.
  - Judges are picking the best dog of the day that handles its birds correctly and shows attributes of a dog they would want to hunt behind, using the outlines below as a baseline.
- Safety violations or hunter misconduct will result in penalties.
  - Safety is our number one priority. Any unsafe or poor behavior your dog will be leashed at disqualified at the judges discretion.

## Judging Emphasis

- Point/Flush
  - Point-Establishing point on the bird prior to it taking flight. Holding point as the handler enters and flushes the bird.
  - Flushing-Dog should establish scent and drive the bird into the air.
- Retrieve
  - A direct line to the down bird and back to hand is the ideal retrieve, without dropping or re-mouthing the bird along the way
- Shells-There is no penalty for shells used, \*Maximum of two shells in your gun at any time.
- Obedience
  - Overall dog behavior & response to handler
- Ground Coverage
  - Dog should be in active search of game, showing good ground coverage and seeking out objectives

\*Due to safety concerns, there will be no gallery allowed in the field. Most of the grounds are visible from the spectator area. Thank you