



**MARYLAND DOG OF THE YEAR
3rd ANNUAL CHUKAR CHALLENGE**
Sponsored by the Ruffed Grouse Society
Backbone Mountain and Potomac Valley Chapters

Saturday & Sunday, April 6 & 7, 2019

70 runs each day – total of 140 in two days

Twin Ridge Upland Bird Farm
1281 Luther Jones Road
Shenandoah Junction, WV 25442

Time: 8:00 a.m. Registration Begins (please arrive by 7:30 a.m.)

Cost: **Adult Dog – Pointers and flushers: \$70 per run – Three birds/15 minutes**

Team Event: \$120.00 – Two Handlers and Two dogs – Six birds/30 minutes

NOTE: Pointers and flushers may be run together

Women: \$50 – One handler and one dog – Three birds/15 minutes

Youth: \$50 – One handler 16 years old and younger and one dog – Three birds/15 minutes

Puppies: \$50 – One handler and one puppy 18 months old and younger – Three birds/15 minutes

Awards: *Special trophy awarded to “Dog of the Year”. Trophies awarded to top three in each category.*

Lunch at Noon: Included with all entries; suggested donation of \$10 for non-participants

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO TO THE MARYLAND DRUMMER FUND FOR LOCAL HABITAT WORK!

- Limited to two runs per dog per day.
- No shot sizes larger than 7.5. Low brass only.
- Eye protection required
- Blaze orange vest and hat **MUST** be worn by all handlers.

All entries must be received by email, phone or mail by MARCH 28, 2019 to:

RYAN GERZAK

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540-454-4403 ▪ FirstCallFieldService@gmail.com

An entry is confirmed only when completed Entry Form and Payment are received.

Entries received after March 28 will be accepted only on basis of available slots and bird availability.



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Maryland Dog of the Year Scoring Rules and Notes

Maryland Dog of the Year will use UFTA TRIAL RULES. These rules are available to view on UFTA'S Web page. For this challenge RGS will also have a set of rules that will supersede any UFTA rules that conflict with RGS rules. Basically RGS has established 11 local rules in order to run a fair challenge for all entries. If for some reason a situation can't be resolved by RGS rules, then RGS will revert to UFTA rules to settle the situation.

SCORING SYSTEM

1. Pointed bird for minimum of 3 seconds and bird is produced from point - 10 points
2. Bird retrieved within one step of handler - 10 points
3. Partial retrieve (dog picks bird up) - 5 points
4. Shot bird (only awarded if bird is shot in the air) - 2 points
5. Bagged bird - 20 points
6. Unused shells - 5 points for each un fired shell (start with 6)
7. Unused time - is added to score (example if 2:06 is left and you have 161 point then add 2.06 to it so that your total score is 163.06)

RULES

1. NO RUNNING
2. No more than two runs per day per dog and handler combination
3. Only 7.5, 8, and 9 low brass shells will be allowed
4. After 3 birds are pointed and produced, whether bagged or not, the run is over, If all 3 are bagged birds the remaining time will be scored, otherwise the time expires.(example if 10 minutes are left after 3 birds are bagged the time counts for 10 points, if 10 min. is left after 3 birds are pointed and produced and only 2 of them bagged the time left doesn't count) More than 3 birds can be produced, if a bird wild flushes or if a dog busts a bird it doesn't count as a pointed or produced bird.
5. A bird can only be considered a bagged bird if the bird is pointed for a minimum of 3 seconds by dog (example if you or your dog bust a bird or a bird wild flushes the hunter cannot shoot the bird and if the dog runs it down it will not be scored)
6. In order for a bird to be scored it must be pointed inside the boundaries of the trial field. If the bird flies out of bounds after it is produced inbounds the dog can retrieve it for full score although the hunter must stay inbounds.
7. One safety per run will be allowed for gallery safety only. The handler is responsible for calling safety and can only do so after the bird is pointed for 3 seconds and produced if the bird wild flushes or flushes before a good point there will be no points for safety. You will get full credit for bird on safeties except for shot bird points. If the safety is called on the 3rd bagged bird the time will stop only when the dog is on a leash or if handler has the dog by his collar.
8. Running order will be decided one week before trial by drawing
9. All handlers will start at the same location. Twin Ridge will have a starting point set and used throughout the challenge.
10. All female dogs in or suspected of being in heat will run last no exceptions. Handlers who run their female dogs that are in heat, unless running last will be disqualified
11. All handlers must wear a blaze orange hat and vest while in the field.



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Preferred Run Time: Saturday, April 6 - Morning Saturday, April 6 - Afternoon
 Sunday, April 7 - Morning Sunday, April 7 - Afternoon

Event: ___ Adult Dog @ \$70 = \$_______ ___ Team Event @ \$120 = \$_____
___ Woman @ \$50 = \$_______ ___ Youth (16 & under) @ \$50 = \$_____
___ Puppies @ \$50 = \$_______

Total Enclosed \$_____

Method of Payment:

Cash _____ Check (list check number) _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

CC Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____ E-Mail _____

Handler for Event: _____

Dog's Name _____ Dog's Breed _____ Dog's Sex _____

Comments: _____

Second Handler for Team Event: _____

Dog's Name _____ Dog's Breed _____ Dog's Sex _____