



# *Ruffed Grouse Society*

## *Fun Trial*



*Fun Trial (New Date)*  
**Saturday, March 15, 2014**

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

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

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

Cost Per Dog: \$65; Two Divisions: Pointing (limited to 1<sup>st</sup> 22 entries)

- Placements: 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>
- Lunch: free to participants; \$5.00 for guests

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

Lunch: free to participants; suggested donation of \$5 for non-participants.

- **All entries must be submitted by phone or mail by to:**

Tom Beauchamp  
8545 Providence Drive, Fishers IN 46038  
317-313-0342  
[tjbeauch@gmail.com](mailto:tjbeauch@gmail.com)

*For each dog entered, the handler will get one raffle ticket toward multiple prizes including a sport dog GPS collar & top shelf bourbon.*

If you would prefer to run your dog outside of competition, you may run it in the field after all trial dogs have run for a fee of \$65 for two pheasants (30 min hunt)-max two hunters. Additional pheasants can be purchased for \$12/bird and with each bird purchased, an additional 10 min time will be added to the run with a max time of 60 min (3 extras; 5 total birds).



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-----**(Fun Trial Entry FORM- Must be Received by March 10, 2014)**-----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog's Name** \_\_\_\_\_; Dog's Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Titled (give title-i.e. Master Hunter) \_\_\_\_\_

Comment w/r to dog: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_



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### Criteria for Entry (Pointing Dog Division):

- i. Be a member of the Ruffed Grouse Society (\$35 membership may be purchased @ the trial). This membership price will be discounted off price of 2014 banquet ticket should participant choose to attend.
- ii. Dogs would be judged as **gundogs**, with the idea that the dogs that win are dogs that any hunter would be happy to own and hunt over, and therefore the following criteria will be used in the judging:
  1. **Point:** Dogs would 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. Because of this criteria, the dog owners or a designated gunner of the owner's choice would do the gunning. Gun safety will be paramount, and it would be very clear that any mishandling of the gun such as swinging a barrel toward judge and gallery would result in automatic dismissal. The judges will simply ask the handler to empty the gun and leash the dog. **Break open guns only**, and guns will be open until the point is established.
  2. **Field Coverage:** Dogs are expected to cover ground well and hit objectives over the 30 min run.
  3. **Retrieve:** Dogs are expected to retrieve to within 6 feet of the handler. 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.
  4. **Nose:** The dog's nose will be judged throughout the course to determine how well it uses its nose.
  5. **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.
  6. **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.
- iii. **DOGS:** Titled dogs [ I.e. Master Hunter, invitational (NAVHDA), CH NASTRA dogs] are not eligible to win, but may be run in the trial for practice/fun.



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- iv. **Electronics:** Bells, beepers and GPS collars can be used; however, no combination e-collar/beeper or e-collar/GPS units may be used. A handler may run a dog with an e-collar, but that dog will not be eligible to place in the trial.
- v. **Birds:** Hen pheasants will be used for the event. 6 birds will be placed in the field for the first brace, and 4 birds will be put out prior to each successive brace.
- vi. **Running order:** The bracemates will be picked by placing names into a “hat” 5 days prior to the event, and pulling the names until all braces are filled. The only exception will be females in heat, which will be run last.
- vii. **Handlers:** Only amateur status handlers may compete.
- viii. **Judges:** We will look for local judges from NAVHDA, NSTRA, & AKC.
- ix. **Trophies:** The top 4 dogs will receive some type of plaque or trophy.
- X. **Photography:** We will have a professional photographer take photos of every brace, and the pictures would then be available for free to the chapter for use in Magazine (RGS), and would be available for a cost to the handlers. Half of the proceeds would go to the chapter to be used within the state (i.e. placed into the chapter sweep account), and the other half would go to the photographer to compensate him/her for their time.
- Xi. **Gallery:** Each handler can choose up to 3 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 between themselves, and should not take place with judges or handlers.