



Ruffed Grouse Society

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Saturday, March 19, 2016

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: \$50 (Prior to March 05, 2016); \$65 through March 15, 2016: (limited to 1st 22 entries)

- Placements: 1st through 4th (pointing dog; limited to 14 entries) 1st through 2nd (flushing dog; limited to 8 entries)

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

For each dog entered, the handler will get one raffle ticket toward multiple prizes, including a new Weatherby Shotgun (chrome lined barrel; walnut stock). Additional tickets can be purchased at the trial, and you do not need to be running a dog to buy tickets; however you must be present to win.

If you would prefer to run your dog outside of competition, or just want to hunt while you wait for others to finish, we will have a separate field where you may hunt dogs for a fee of \$65 for two birds (hen pheasants) (30 min hunt)-max three guns in the field hunting as a group. Additional pheasants can be purchased for \$15/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 for \$110). First come first served until all slots are filled for the day (5 pm closure).



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-----**(Fun Trial Entry FORM- Must be Received by March 15, 2016)**-----

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. 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 will do the gunning. Gun safety will be paramount, and any mishandling of the gun such as swinging a barrel toward judge and gallery will result in automatic dismissal. Max shot size of 7.5.
 2. **Field Coverage:** Dogs are expected to cover ground well and hit objectives over the **20 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. **Braced Run Off:** If the judges have two dogs they deem equal, they may ask the two dogs to be braced @ the end of the trial. Four hens will be planted, and/or a covey of quail (or two) to see how the dogs react to a multiple flush scenario. Backing would be judged if the opportunity arises.
- ii. **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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- iii. **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.
- iv. **Birds:** Hen pheasants will be used for the event. 3 birds will be placed in the field for the first dog, and 2 birds will be put out prior to each run.
- v. **Running order:** The order will be picked by placing names into a “hat” 5 days prior to the event, and pulling the names until slots are filled. The only exception will be females in heat, which will be run last.
- vi. **Handlers:** Only amateur status handlers may compete.
- vii. **Judges:** We will look for local judges from NAVHDA, NSTRA, & AKC.
- viii. **Trophies:** The top 4 dogs will receive some type of plaque or trophy.
- ix. **Photography:** We will have a professional photographer take photos, and the pictures would then be available for free to the chapter for use in the 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.
- x. **Gallery:** Each handler can choose up to 6 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.

Criteria for Entry (Flushing Dog Division):

- xi. The following criteria will be used in the judging:
 - 1. **Flush:** Dogs will be judged on how well they find and push birds into the air within gun range. Movement after the flush will not be counted against the dog, but the dog should not chase birds out of the bird field. I.e. the dogs are not required to be steady to wing and shot, but should be under control and not run wildly down the field flushing birds out of gun range. The dog’s owner or a designated gunner of the owner’s choice will do the gunning. Gun safety will be paramount, and mishandling of the gun such as swinging a barrel toward a judge and gallery will result in automatic dismissal. Max shot size of 7.5.
 - 2. **Field Coverage:** Dogs are expected to cover ground well and stay within range of the gunner/handler (15 run).
 - 3. **Retrieve:** Dogs are expected to retrieve to within a step of the handler (ca. 6 ft). 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



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count as a negative against the dog's retrieve. At the end of the course, there will be a longer marked retrieve into water.

4. **Nose:** The dog's nose will be judged throughout the run.
5. **Cooperation:** The dogs will be judged based on how well they work with the handler. I.e. do they hunt for the gun, or are they off self hunting. Do they come when called and sit/hup if commanded.
6. **Tie Breaker:** If the judges have two dogs they deem equal, they may ask for a marked retrieve and/or blind retrieve @ the end of the trial.
 - i. **DOGS:** Dogs with CH titles w/r to *field work* are not eligible to win, but may compete.
 - ii. **Electronics:** Bells and GPS collars can be used; however, no combination 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.
 - iii. **Birds:** Hen pheasants will be used for the event. 3 birds will be placed in the field for the first dog, and 2 birds will be put out prior to each dog's run.
 - iv. **Running order:** The order will be picked one week prior to running.
 - v. **Handlers:** Only amateur status handlers may compete.
 - vi. **Judges:** We will look for local judges that know what is expected of a good flushing dog.
 - vii. **Trophies:** The top 2 dogs will receive some type of plaque or trophy.
 - viii. **Photography:** We will have a professional photographer take photos, 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.
 - ix. **Gallery:** The handler may choose up to 6 people to watch from behind the judges. For safety reasons, they must keep up, staying 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.