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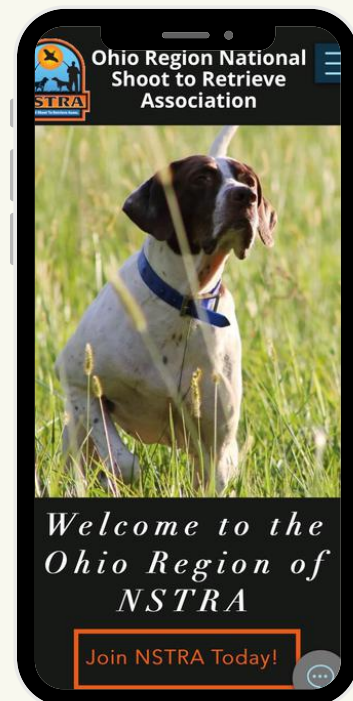
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2023 was a tough year for us. We endured heart-wrenching losses, with the passing of two dear friends to heart attacks during trials, and the passing of long time NSTRA member Donnie Stir. In the face of those tragedies, there was a silver lining.

Wayne Fishburn, from the Indiana Region, led an initiative to provide Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to multiple regions. The Ohio Region benefited from Wayne's efforts. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for his role in making this possible. We will reach out to region members to discuss the availability and proper use of these life-saving devices.

Looking ahead, 2024 promises to be a great year for trials in Ohio, including our Region Elimination and All Amateur Region trials in May. Your participation will be key in making this year successful!

I encourage every one of you to think about how you can contribute to the growth and success of our region. This year, we will be organizing a judges' seminar, and I invite you to consider signing up. If you are already a judge, your experience and expertise are invaluable, and we welcome your continued support at our trials.

Congratulations to everyone for overcoming the challenges of 2023. In this edition, we shine a spotlight on our regional accomplishments and several of our members who achieved remarkable success at the National level last year.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming trial soon!

Jeff Porco

IMPORTANT DATES!

- FEB 17-18 | Silver Dollar Sportsmen's Trial
- FEB 21-14 | Quail Forever Seneca, South Carolina
- MAR 16-17 | Silver Dollar Sportsmen's Ohio Fundraiser
- MAR 30 | Silver Dollar Sportsmen's Trial
- APRIL 24-27 | Trial of Champions Amo, Indiana
- APRIL-24-27 | Amateur Trial of Champions Amo, Indiana
- MAY 4-5 | Ohio Pre-Trial & Fundraiser Mahoney Farms
- MAY 17 | Ohio All Amateur Regional Mahoney Farms
- MAY 18-19 | Ohio Region Elimination



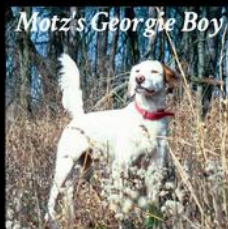
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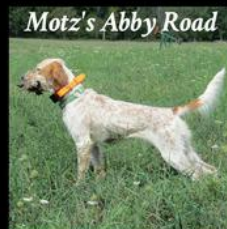
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Welcome to Ohio!

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine... "Close collaboration between JobsOhio, its local partners and the Development Services Agency were essential to attracting Purina's newest facility and 300 jobs to Ohio. Talented workers in Clermont County will manufacture Purina's most recognizable brands from the plant, which will play a critical role in Purina's global growth strategy."

Purina, National Shoot to Retrieve's long-time sponsor recently announced construction of a new manufacturing facility, right in our own backyard! We asked Greg Blair, Purina Sr. Specialist Breeder Enthusiast to give us an update on this amazing facility.



The new Purina dry pet food facility in Clermont County has already taken shape – with much of the remaining construction project tasks focused on the building interiors.

Externally, the 1.5 million square foot property mostly resembles a finished product, but there's still work to be done. An extensive crew continues work on the site, which includes more than 1,000 skilled craftsmen and women who are contributing to the project.

Meanwhile, the local team is growing by the day. To-date, there are 42 local team members, and the team expects to conduct significant hiring waves in early 2024 as they inch closer to officially bringing the operation online.

The new dry pet food facility in Williamsburg Township is the first project Purina has constructed from the ground up since 1975, providing the opportunity to equip the facility with the best innovation and thinking to make the production and logistics process as streamlined and efficient as possible.

There may be no greater representation of that than the automated warehousing system being constructed on-site. The space can store more than 76,000 finished product unit loads at any given time.

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In 2023, we were heartbroken to say goodbye to a treasured friend and foundational member of the Ohio Region, Donnie Stir, 71 who passed away in August from prostate cancer.



Donnie was born in Columbus, Ohio and attended Muskingum College where he played football all four years and earned a degree in Education. He retired after 30 years as a teacher with Teays Valley Schools in Pickaway County, Ohio. Along with teaching, Donnie was a lifelong farmer.

Donnie enjoyed his family, friends, hunting, and his beloved setters. He joined NSTRA in 1995 and started judging soon after. Donnie judged 100s of trials including at the National level. He also held various officer positions with the Ohio Region and Three Rivers Bird Dog Club. He was valued as a judge, fair but didn't hesitate to tell you what you did wrong.

Donnie's first NSTRA setter was Spuds Tekoa Joe, a 6X Champion. Donnie won the Ohio Region twice, back to back with two different dogs. One of his most successful setters and one he enjoyed, was Jake's Woody Mountain. Woody was Region champion and finished 2nd RU in the 2009 Trial of Champions.

Donnie loved to wild bird hunt and he frequently took trips out west. His final trip was to Kansas in December 2022 with his long-time friend Rod Howard.

Donnie set an example for all that knew him, he was humble, a fierce competitor, but a gracious loser. He exemplified what it meant to serve an organization and to help others. We will always remember his great sense of humor and his wonderful smile.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 45 years, Nancy Stir; daughter, Allison (DJ) Walters and granddaughter, Olivia. Donnie was so proud of Olivia and never missed an opportunity to share a picture or story of her.

We will be honoring Donnie's memory with a fundraiser in September... Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, to remind men to receive an annual prostate cancer screening, which he did faithfully.

National Shoot to Retrieve Hall of Fame

There are 66 dogs in National Shoot to Retrieve Hall of Fame. It is noteworthy that only a handful of owner/handlers achieve the distinction of having more than one dog inducted throughout their lifetime. The Ohio Region's Tom Rotundo has two... Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash (2022 HoF) and Last Dance Lily (2023 HoF). Both dogs had incredible careers, especially considering they were often competing against each other for placements.



*27X Ch. Ruck's
Brockway Mad Dash*



15X Ch. Last Dance Lily

Dash and Lily had their own impressive achievements but they also left an indelible mark by producing foundational offspring. These descendants have in turn, made significant contributions to the legacy of excellence in National Shoot to Retrieve . Some notable examples... 17X CH. Ragin Cajun Zeus, 8X CH. Ruck's Brockway Repeat, and 11X CH. Ruck's Brockway Twist. Oh, and Tom has a few other of their offspring making their mark on NSTRA... Sinsy and Berit.

Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash was whelped May of 2006; sire 6X CH. Brockway's Ruck Runner and dam 4X CH. Shooting Starr's Sassy Sammy, (owned by Todd Craven, Ohio Region.)

Dash launched his career with a placement in March of 2007, not yet one year old. He earned his first NSTRA Championship at 18 months and his third by just over age two. Dash went on to two Region Elimination wins and 4 placements.



Ruck's Brockway Mad Dash, with Lily backing, by Bob Bertram. Presented at the 2016 Dog of the Year.

His consistent excellence is reflected in the prestigious Purina Top Performance Award,

where he secured a spot in the Top 10 seven times, three of which he ranked in the top 4. In 2012, Dash was 5th Runner-up in the Dog of the Year, coming back to win the Dog of the Year trial in 2016. In that same year, Dash's partner, Lily, finished 3rd in Dog of the Year — a feat that, with a slight twist of fate, could have placed her in the final hour with Dash.

Dash's legacy is etched in NSTRA history as a 27X Champion, amassing an impressive total of 487 points, with 286 of those being 1st place points. Dash's records will be hard to replicate. Notably, he stands as the top overall points earner among NSTRA GSPs and the second-most Championed NSTRA dog across all breeds.



Last Dance Lily was whelped in May, 2008, her sire Harrison's Sun Blue Tungsten, and dam Suiters Lady Bella. Lily's first open placement was in September of 2009 and by the time she was two years old, she was already a 2X NSTRA CH. Lily went on to a long and distinguished career.



2023 Induction of Last Dance Lily into the NSTRA Hall of Fame. Presented by Wayne Fishburn to Tom Rotundo

Lily placed 3rd in the Purina Top Performance Award in 2010 and she placed 2nd or 3rd in four different Region Elimination trials. In 2014, Lily placed 2nd in the Trial of Champions and in the 2016 Dog of the Year Lily was 3rd (her partner Dash won it all that year.)

Despite Lily's short and stocky stature, those unfamiliar with her often underestimated her presence in the field and the undeniable ferocity she brought to each brace.

Lily was a top-tier tracker and demonstrated an unparalleled ability to navigate the entire field from start to finish. Lily meticulously combed every inch of the field exploring edges and overlooked areas with a knack for uncovering an additional bird, all while maintaining a vigilant eye on her bracemate for a backing opportunity.

In addition to her remarkable tracking skills, Lily was renowned for her steadiness. Upon locating the bird, she was unwavering in holding a point until the bird took flight.

Tom was laughed at on more than one occasion; unable to locate the bird, and unable to coax Lily into relocating.

Lily had a long and productive career; over 11 years. Her last placement was in 2020 in the Ohio Region Elimination where she was pulled due to an injury.

Last Dance Lily was a 15X NSTRA Champion with a total of 278 points, 140 of which were 1st place points.

The Ohio Region extends heartfelt congratulations to Dash and Lily, two truly exceptional Hall of Fame dogs with illustrious and enduring careers. Special commendation goes to their devoted owner and handler, Tom Rotundo, for guiding these extraordinary dogs.

Congratulations!



Dash and Lily, when not racking up trial placements could be found relaxing on their very own couch!

Look who graced the cover!



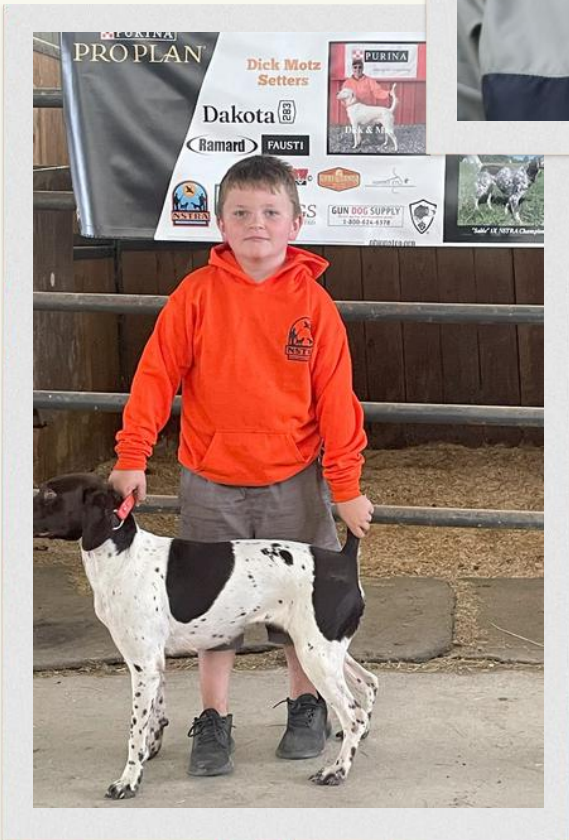
Todd Craven & "TC's Chairman of the Board" 2023 UKC Performance Classic Champion



Congratulations to Todd Craven and Boss! Boss was the winner of the 2023 UKC Performance Classic! Todd and Boss faced 128 dogs and their handlers from 23 regions in the US and Canada. Boss can add this accomplishment to an already impressive resume... 6X Ch., 3rd RU 2022 Trial of Champions, 3rd RU 2022 Ohio Region Elimination, and 2021 Region High Point.

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CONCLUSION

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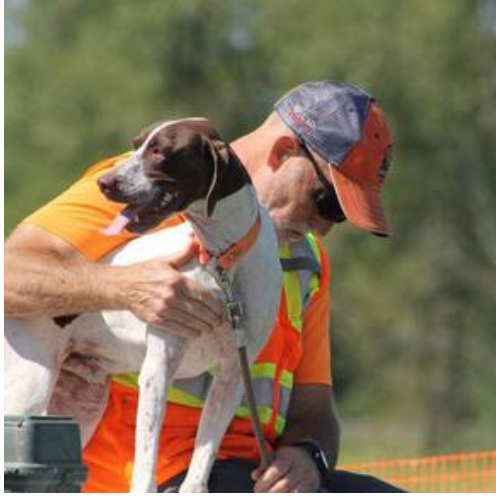
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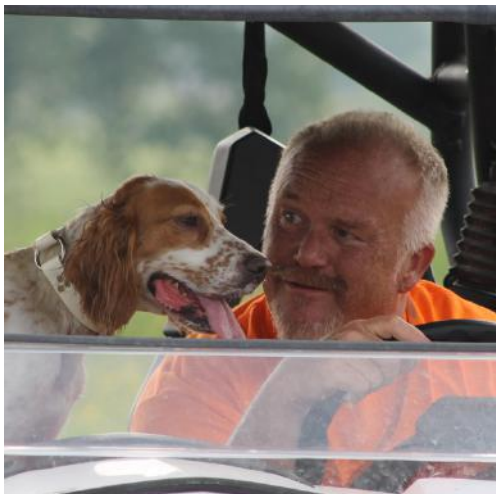
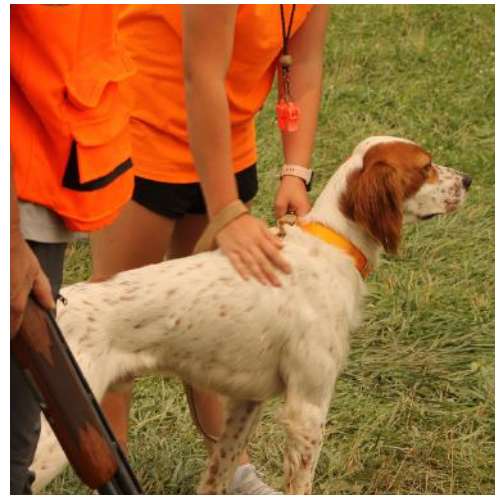




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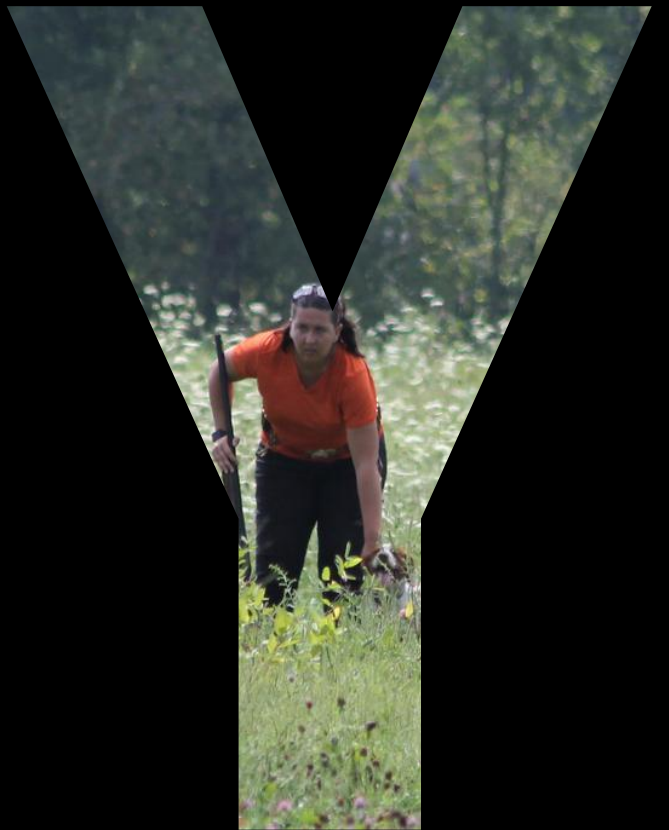
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Our Bird Planter Barry Gates



Synchronize those watches!



Turn 'em loose Ashley!



Ky. brought uniforms!

Thank you Ashley Mccandless & Jeff Porco for organizing the trial and John Gillespie & Clay Little for ensuring we were well fed!



Rod Howard & Rose



Brisket's ready to go! YUM!



Jeff Porco & Ruger



Jeff Moore keeping close eye on the field

Thank you to our judges Allan Coil, Tyler Robinson, Jeff Moore & Greg Cole and our bird planter, Barry Gates. Great job!



Levi & Jack takin' a ride!



Billy Brock & the Red Dog!



Jonathon & Jesse



Jack, Dick with a back



David & Mikeal with Ripper



Bob doesn't need the dog!



John & Roscoe



Jim & Dave back from a brace



Gallery!

*Great food with great friends!
Thanks Kentucky, till next year!*

Ohio NSTRA is on
Instagram!

Check it out!

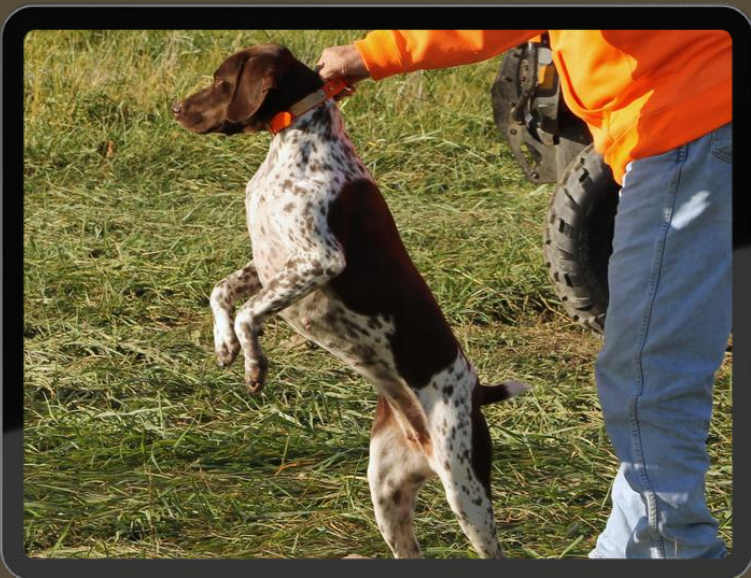
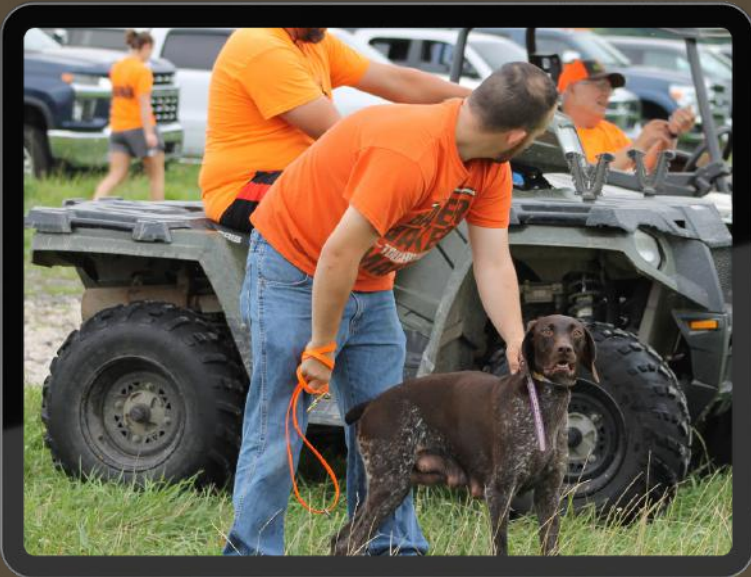


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Turn 'em Loose!





Ohio National Shoot to Retrieve Welcomes New Members Joining in 2023

Kyle Harris, Lewisburg OH

Michael Prentovich ,Tallmadge, OH

Jay Martz, Sidney, OH

Gabriel Fragasse, Fairborn, OH

Mark Ruf, Marysville, OH

Lori Carpenter, Millfield, Oh

Dakota Main, Newtonfalls, OH

Dean Selfridge, Butler, PA

Thomas Lascola, Wellsville, OH

Derek Zeckser, New Vienna, OH



Ohio NSTRA New Members

Dakota Main



My name is Dakota Main, I'm 25 and I joined NSTRA in February of 2023. Before I joined, I ran hunt tests with AKC for 3 years. I started to look for something else to do and stumbled across NSTRA. I have two GSPs, Ellie who is 3 and Ruger who is 2. I have always enjoyed running and training them.

I signed up for a trial not really knowing anything about the game. I decided to run my dog Ruger who was a year and a half at the time. My first run ever was against Rod Howard and even though I got my butt handed to me, once we came off the field, he gave me pointers and tips. I felt the family chemistry and that family feeling only grew after each run.

I once got DQ'd and came off the field very upset. Tim Rhoades was the first to come over and talk to me and share experiences he had. Ruger and I went on to make the Amateur Regionals and placed fifth after only running for four months. I knew that from the minute I stepped off the field for the first time I would love it.

Ohio NSTRA New Members

Kyle Harris



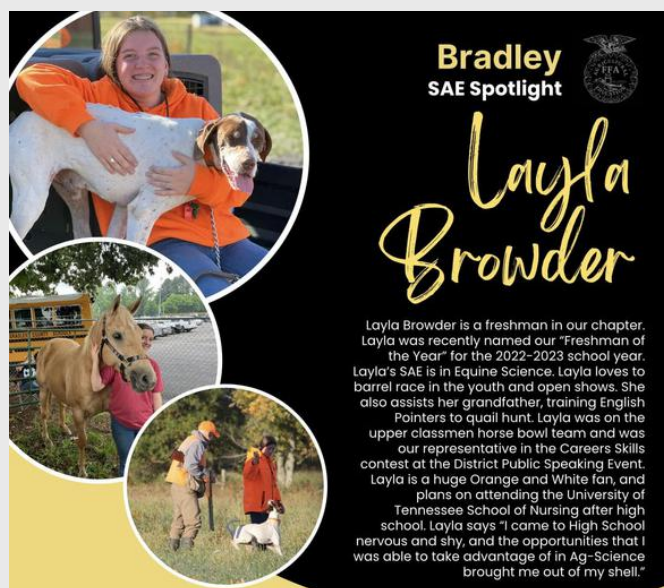
My name is Kyle Harris. I joined NSTRA in November of 2023. I bought my first bird dog 5 years ago. I primarily hunt grouse but joined NSTRA to try and extend my field time with my dogs and meet people who enjoy the same things as me.

I had a great time at my first event, everyone I talked to were willing to help me and answer my questions.

Member Update



Meghan Rotundo headed off to Northern Michigan University this year!



Layla Browder was named "Spotlight Student" in her FAA group!

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The NSTRA community suffered profound loss, as two cherished friends, Paul DaCosta and Aaron Humphrey were taken from us due to sudden cardiac arrest while in the field. Emergencies in field trial locations can be particularly daunting, with limited communication and emergency services often minutes away.

According to the American Heart Association, the chance of survival diminishes by 7% to 10% every minute a normal heartbeat is not restored. Immediate intervention through CPR and the utilization of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) can significantly enhance the odds of survival by doubling or even tripling the person's chances.



In response to these tragedies, Wayne Fishburn, Indiana Region, channeled our loss into a positive by raising funds for the acquisition of AEDs, ensuring multiple regions will have access to these life-saving devices. Thanks to Wayne's efforts Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and the Arkansas/Louisiana regions

are now equipped with AEDs to be deployed during trials. Wayne is seeking funds to support others!

Thank you Wayne for your impactful contribution to the safety and well-being of our members!

**Want more
time in the
field with
your
friend?**



**Join the Ohio Region
of NSTRA Today!**



In May of 2023, the National Shoot to Retrieve community lost a truly remarkable man, Paul Da Costa, 47 of London, Ontario. Tragically, Paul passed away doing what he loved that day, spending time with dear friends and running his dog, Bob.

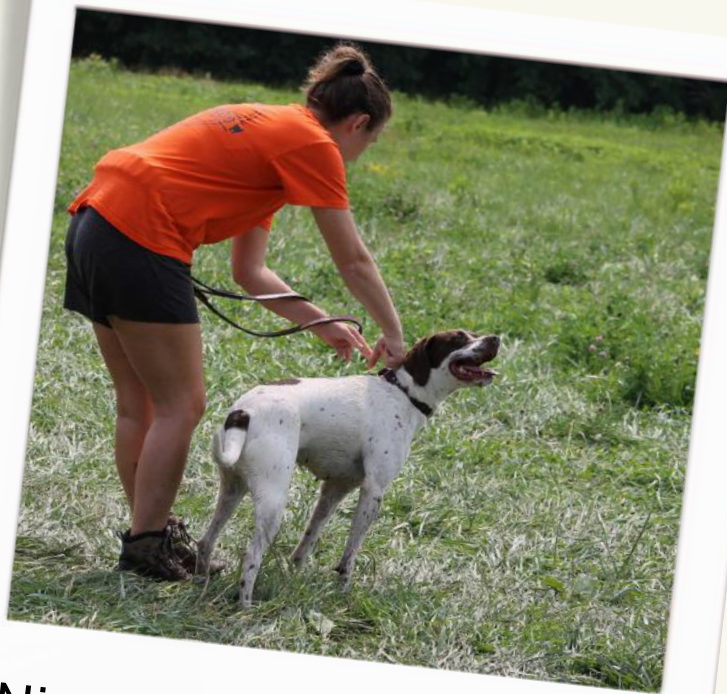
NSTRA members came together in July for a fundraiser and to raffle the many items donated from all across NSTRA. We shed a few tears that weekend, but we also laughed... a lot! It was great to be in the company of good friends!

Thank you to John Gillespie, for organizing the trial and the driving the fundraiser, raising almost \$13,000!



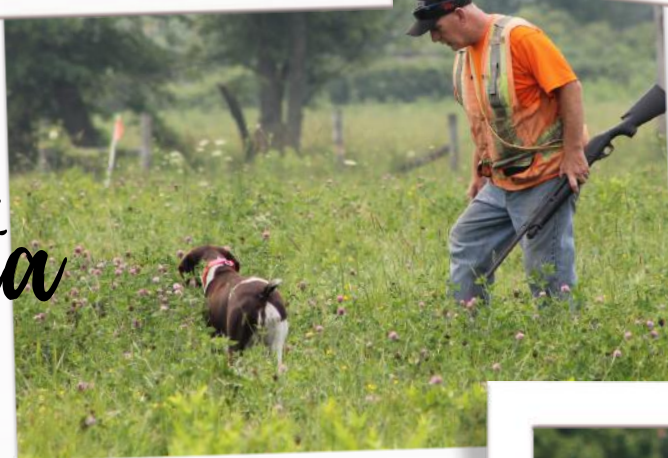


Good guys wear white hats



Nicci on the line with Scout

*Paul
DaCosta*

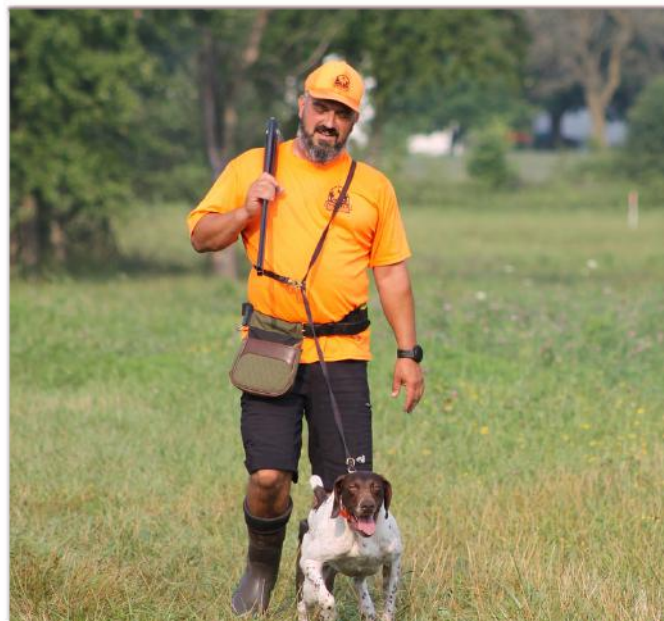


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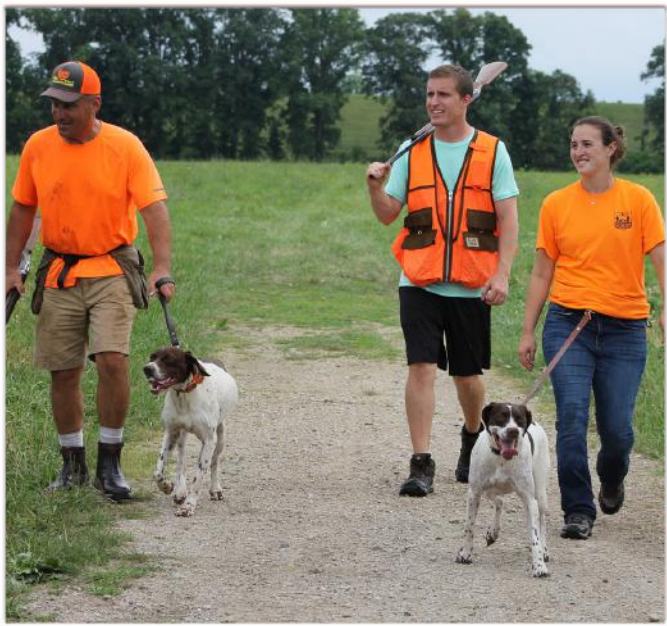
Tom looking.....



Ed & Maggie



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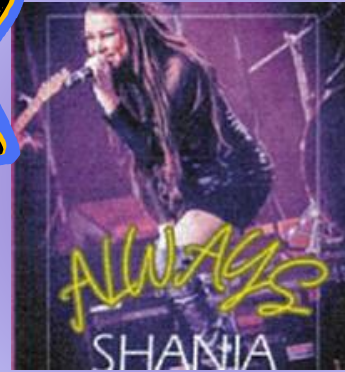
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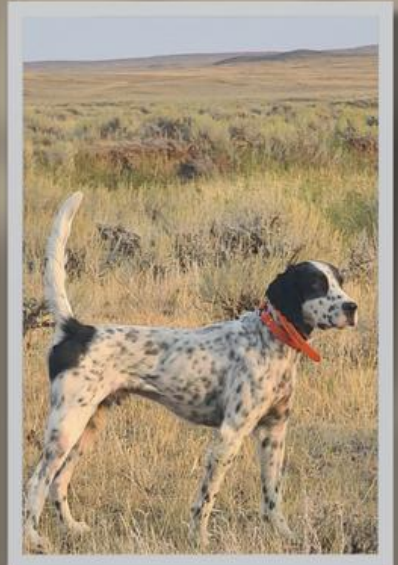


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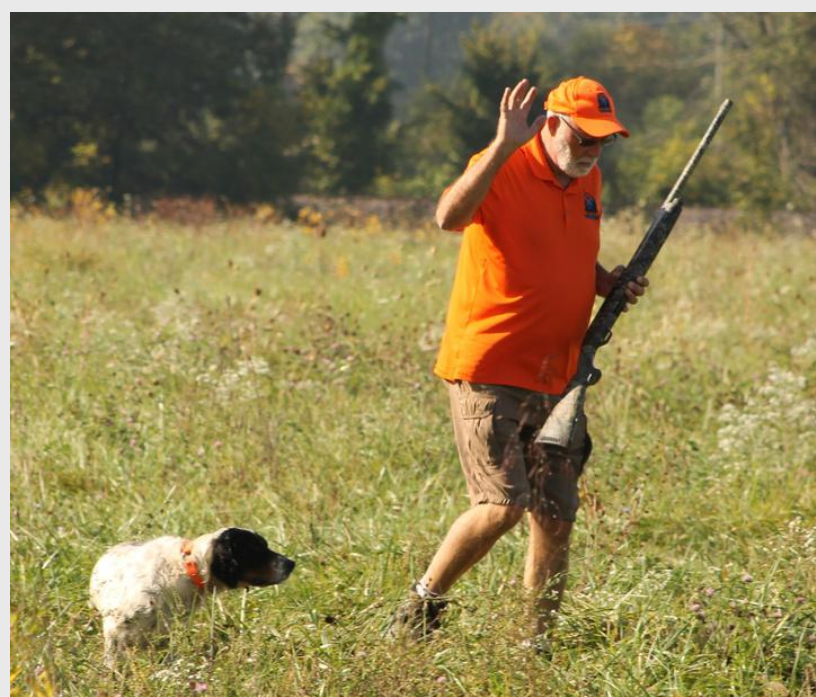
**Congratulations to
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**1st Place "B" Field
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All Amateur





Rookie Roundup



Hunter & Richard Motz
1st placement



Boone & Allan Coil



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Elway & Chase Coil



Stich & John Harbison
1st placement



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Rookie Roundup



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Rookie Roundup Placements



A Field

1st Debra Gray & Sadie Bee "Debra's 1st NSTRA Trial"

2nd Belle Zach Moore (not pictured)

3rd Stich & John Harbison *1st placement*

4th Hunter & Richard Motz *1st placement*



B Field

1st Elway & Chase Coil

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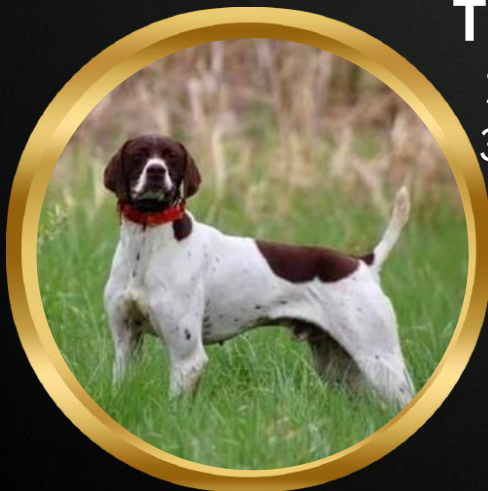
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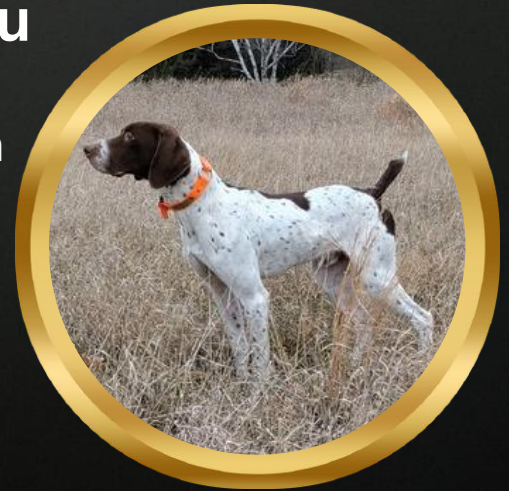
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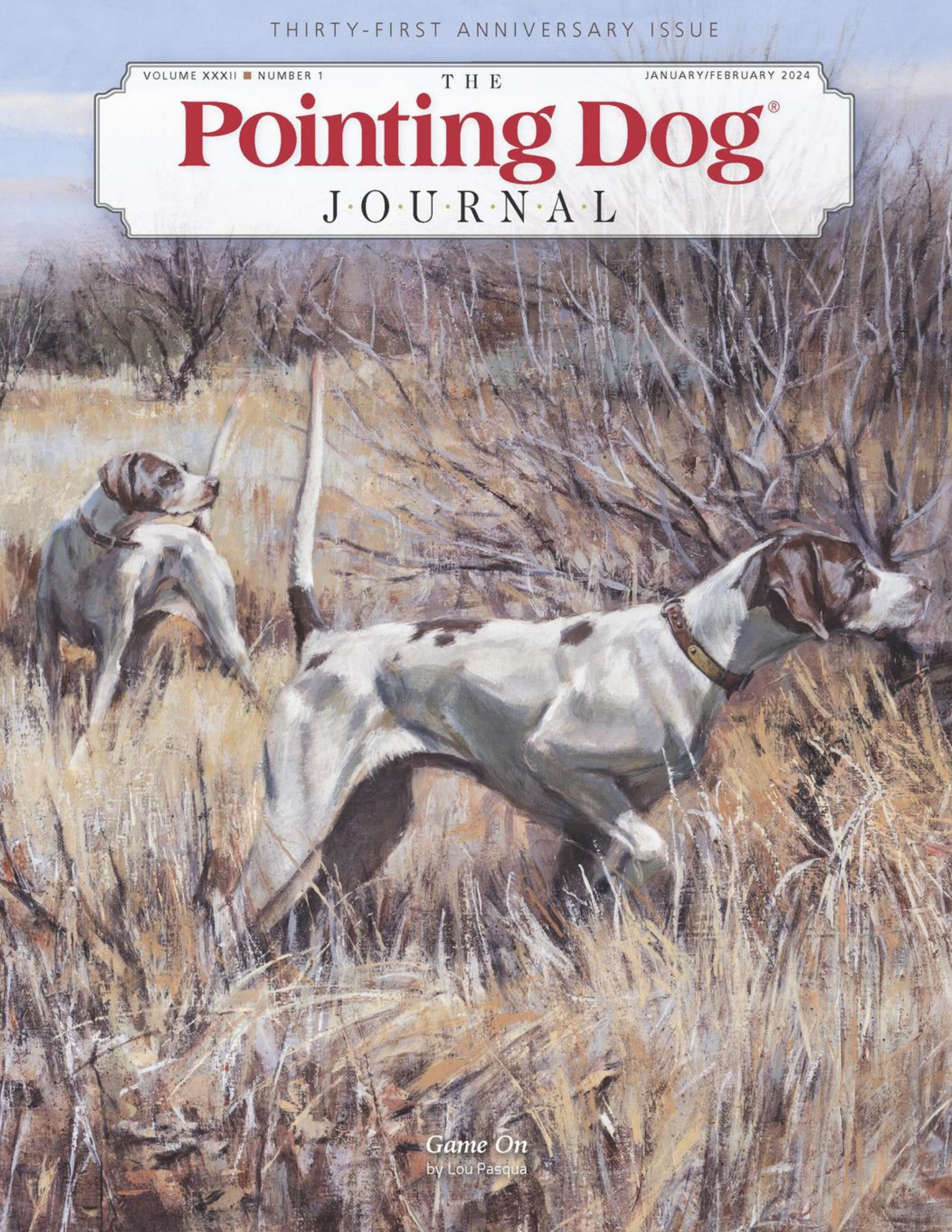
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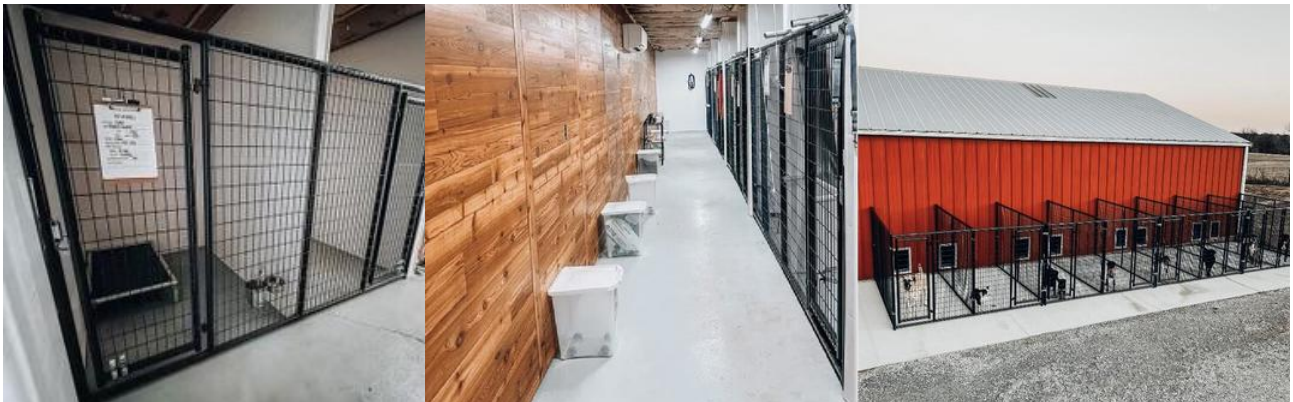




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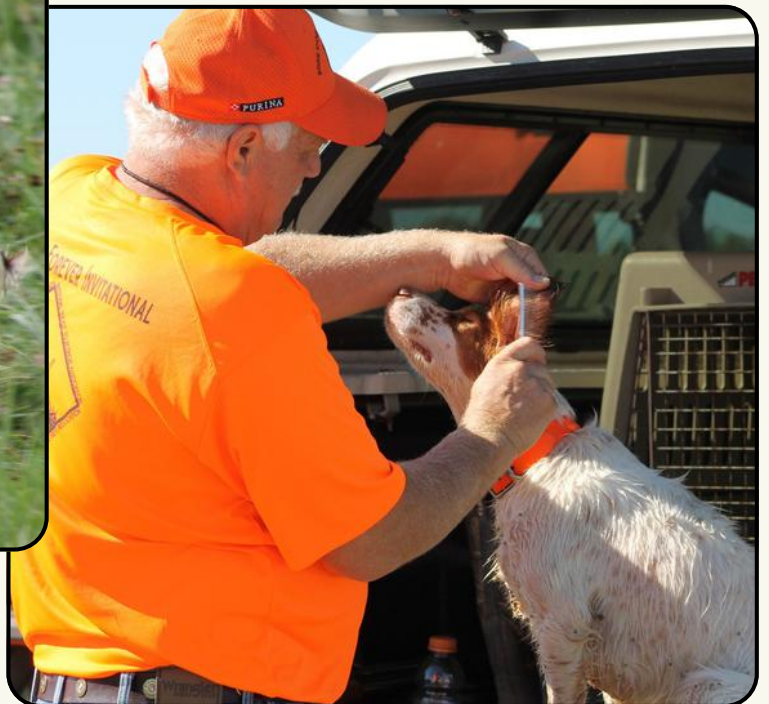
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We ran the spectrum of entrants with Jim Mahoney, our patriarch for over 35 years in NSTRA (and 4 time winner of our Region Elimination), to Dakota Main a member for only 4 months. Dakota and his GSP finished 4th RU in the All Amateur.

It was a great three days, highlighted by our awards dinner where we celebrated members and their dogs' accomplishments, past and present. It was a great time to connect with old friends and recognize everyone's contributions.

A big thank you to our sponsors, and to everyone that contributed items for our raffle.



A special thanks to John Gillespie our trial chair, for managing a great weekend along with organizing the banquet and all the awards. Outstanding job as usual!

Ohio Region Elimination & Amateur Region Trials

May 5-7, 2023

Silver Dollar Sportsmen's Club

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Ohio Region All Amateur Final Six!



Champion Rod's Ramblin Rose - Rod Howard

1st Runner-up Backwoods Thug Nasty - Logan Johns

2nd Runner-up MCs Elvis's Last Hope Maverick - Gary McIntosh

3rd Runner-up Recoils Off the Bench - Chase Coil

4th Runner-up Sue's Ruger - Dakota Main

5th Runner-up Bunches Creek Black Bottom Gage - Randy Judd

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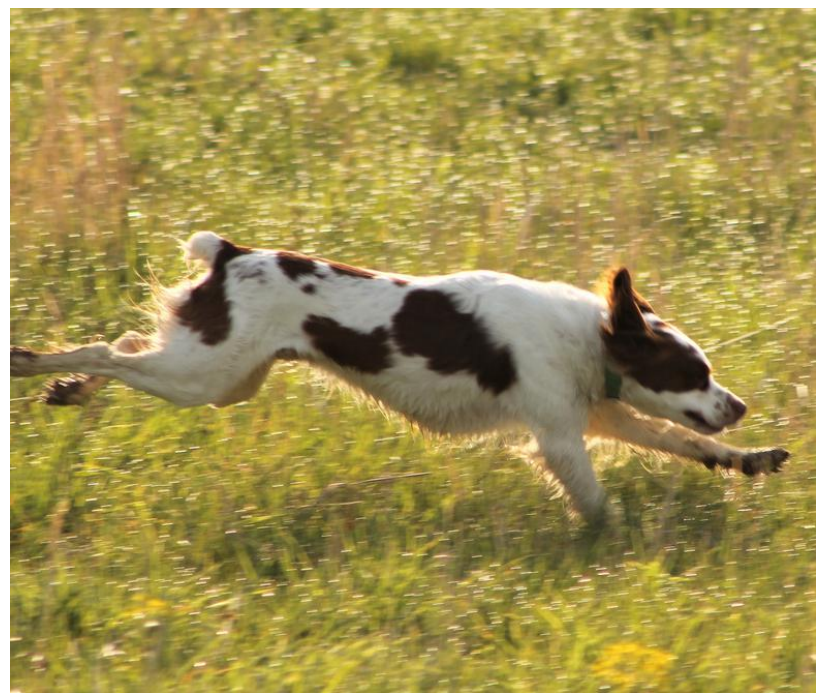
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Ohio Region Elimination Final Six!



Champion Hi-Tailyn Slammin Sassy – Larry Panetta
1st Runner-up Ruck's Brockway Full Tilt – Tom Rotundo
2nd Runner-up Konigs Brockway Berit – Tom Rotundo
3rd Runner-up Mulberry's Smokin Riley – Gary Rhein
4th Runner-up Rhoades Woods Bailey – Tim Rhoades
5th Runner-up Boone's Wastin' Time – Dave Abney

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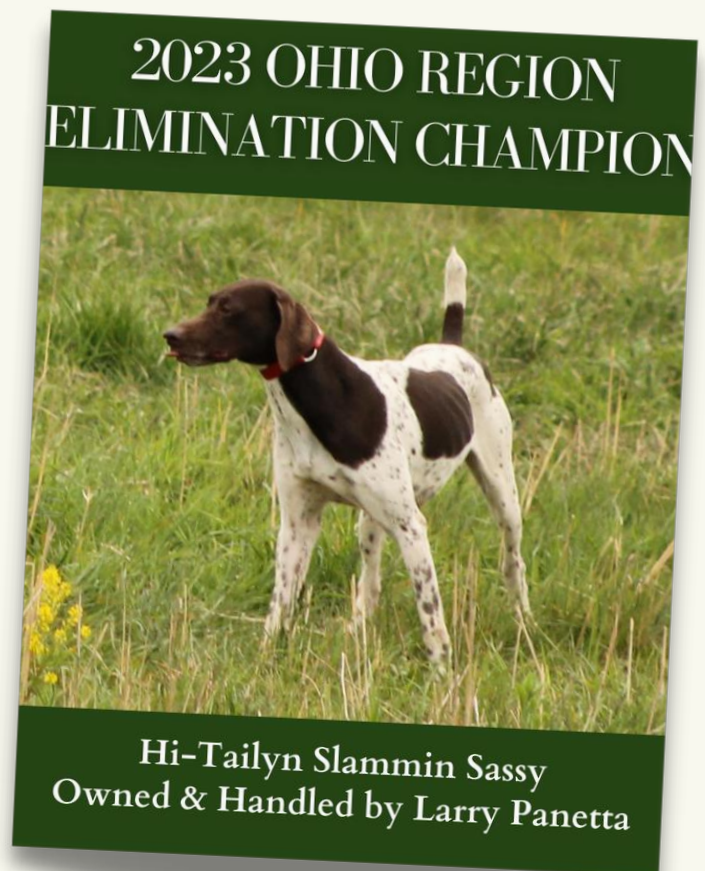
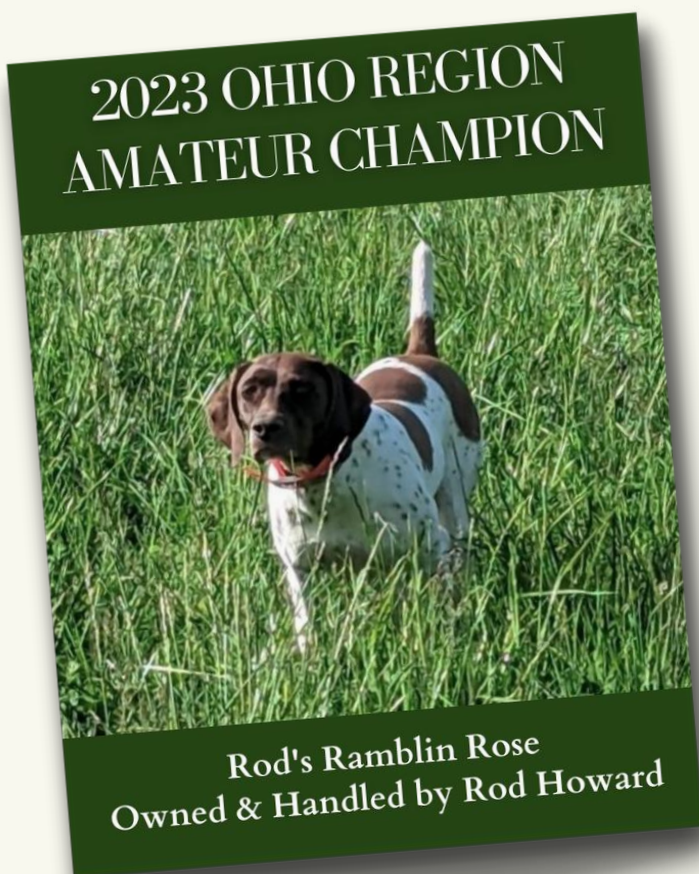




Congratulations to Our 2023 Champions!

**2023 Ohio Region All
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**Rod's Ramblin Rose
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**Hi-Tailyn Slammin Sassy
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The Ohio Region is grateful to have the support of wildlife and sporting dog artist, Larry Costigan. His beautiful acclaimed artwork has appeared on the cover of Pointing Dog Journal and featured in The American Field Magazine.

This year Mr. Costigan has created sculptures for the both the 2023 Ohio Region Elimination and Amateur Region champions! We have loved watching his progress as he has captured both of these beautiful dogs!



Hi-Tailyn Slammin Sassy

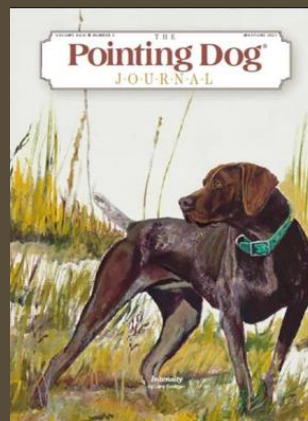
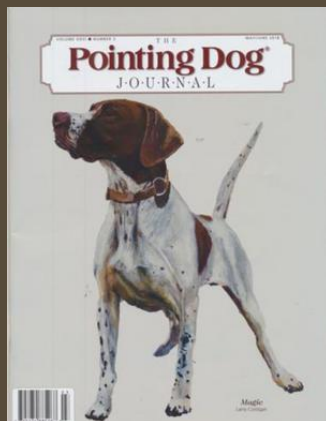
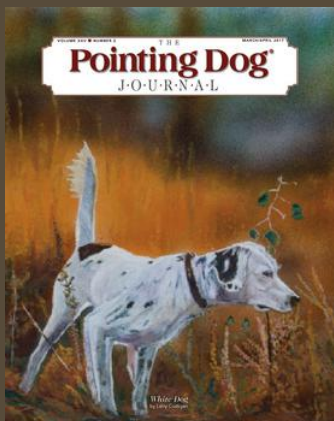
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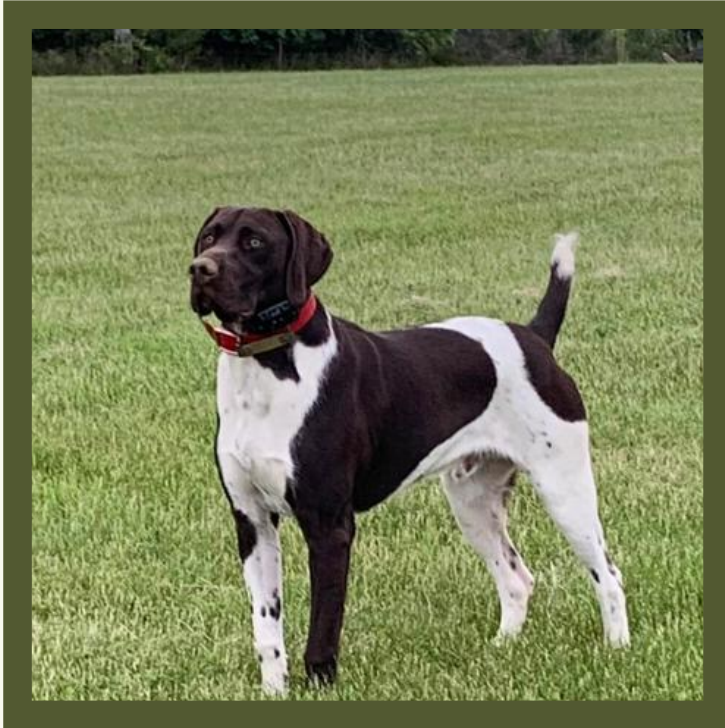
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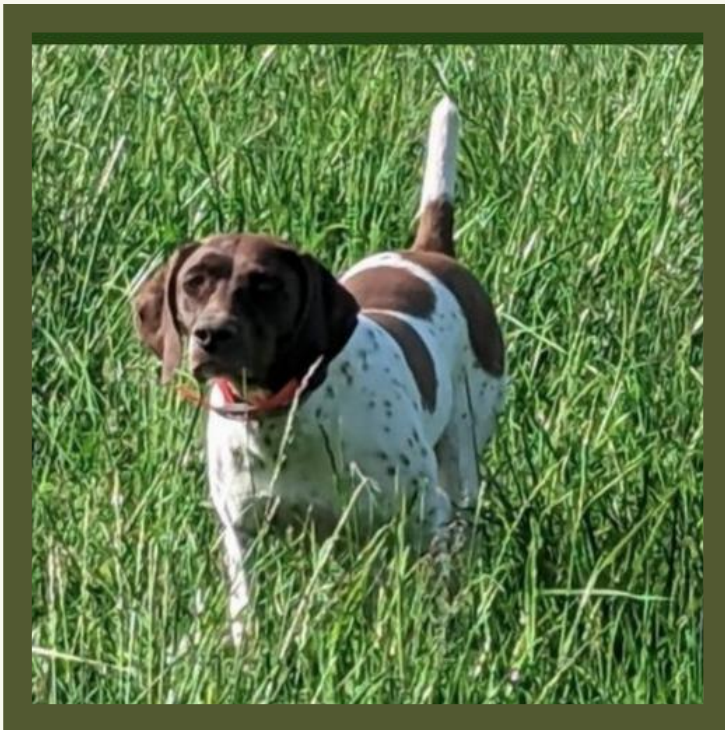
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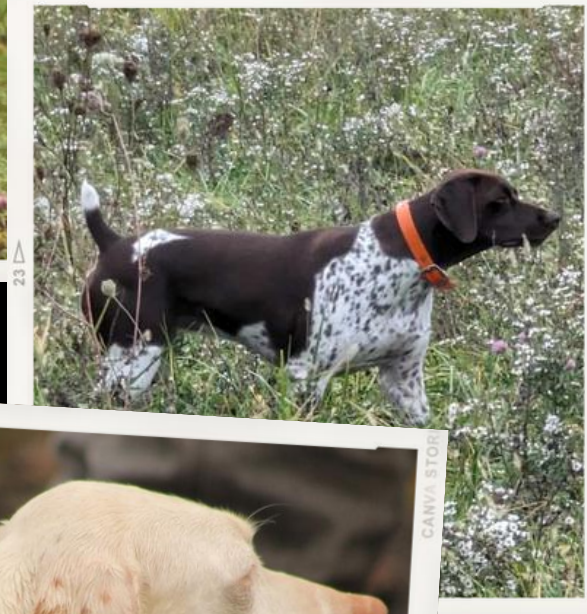
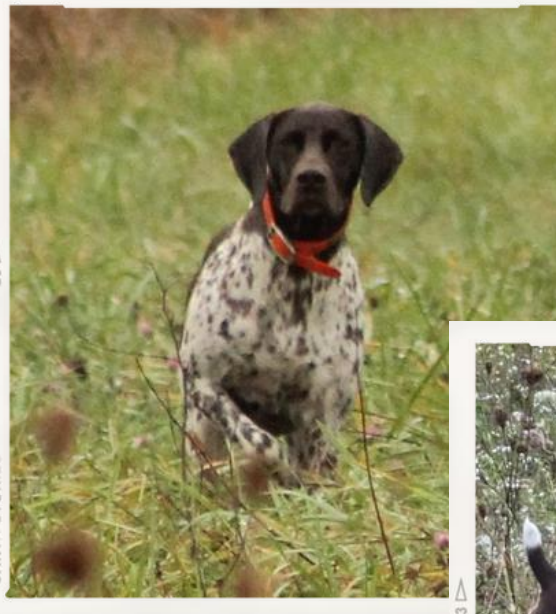
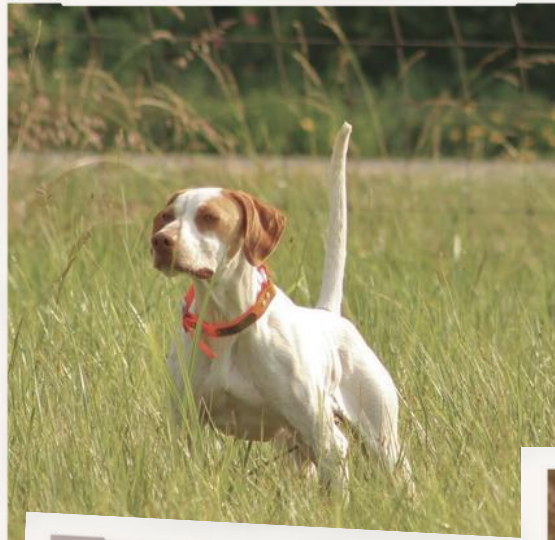
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