



NEWSLETTER

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OUR GOAL: To Promote, Preserve, and Experience One of the Greatest Southern Traditions Known... Quail Hunting.

AUGUST at SELWOOD

Our August meeting will **NOT** be at Lloyd's Restaurant. We will meet at Selwood Sporting Clays on **Saturday, August 14 at 9:00 am**. We plan to shoot sporting clays and/or five stand to sharpen our shooting skills for dove and quail seasons. Bring your gun, shells, eye protection, hearing protection, cool water and a smile.

100 targets of sporting clays cost \$30.00 per person, 60 targets of sporting clays cost \$20.00 per person, 25 targets of five stand cost \$5.00 per person. Golf carts may be rented for \$5.00 per person. Please make your **RESERVATIONS** by calling Frank Harris at 326-5598 or 595-0203 or call Terry Burdette at 822-7935.

Directions: From Childersburg, go east on Highway 76 for 5 miles. Selwood is on your right just past De Soto Caverns Park.

Ferrel Miller

An evening with the gentleman of pointer fame...

Last month I found myself impatiently waiting at the foot of the staircase for my daughter to get herself ready to go out for the evening. This was not just any evening out, but rather one that caused Maggie to spend some serious time getting herself done up in just the right fashion so she would make a proper showing when we met Mr. & Mrs. Ferrel Miller. I couldn't make too much of a fuss with Maggie because I knew exactly how she felt. It isn't everyday that a quail hunters club gets to have Ferrel Miller speak and I was as excited as Maggie. After greeting Mr. & Mrs. Miller, Maggie was anxious to let them hear all about the pending birth of puppies from Maggie's pointer Kate. Miss

Eleanor, having been the wife, friend, and partner of Mr. Miller for more than a few years, and as such has stood beside him through hundreds of puppy births, talked with Maggie and shared her youthful enthusiasm as if this was the first litter she'd ever talked about. I could not help but marvel at the Miller's as they shared their evening with us and brought so much pleasure to all who came in contact with them.

After supper, Mr. Miller spoke to the assembled members of the Alabama Quail Hunters Association and the local chapter of Quail Unlimited. Just like his previous visit, he brought a wealth of personal experience and a willingness to share his skill and ability. Many in the audience were old friends of Mr. Miller and it was

For those of us who are hungry after shooting, we will travel back to Childersburg and enjoy a "Dutch Treat" lunch together at Whiskers Restaurant.



a great opportunity for them to see each other and discuss trials both won and lost. Whether you are new to the hunter/field trialer ranks or you are a long time veteran, you had something to enjoy during this fine presentation. I am grateful that the sport has gentlemen of his caliber that are willing to invest their time to inspire others. As for myself, I know exactly why Maggie gets so excited about our club activities and I can't blame her. Whether you are in the field or you are talking about being in the field, it's impossible not to enjoy yourself while working your dog and, of course, you meet the nicest people while following bird dogs around!

Billy Morton Speaks to AQH

AQH was honored to have nationally known bird dog trainer, Mr. Billy Morton accept our invitation to speak to us on June 8th. Billy has been training dogs at the Sedgefield Plantation in Wilcox and Dallas counties for nearly forty years. Billy told us about Allure, his dog that won the demanding, three-hour National Free for All Championship in 1979, 1980, 1981 AND in 1982. One of the tips Billy passed onto the AQH crowd was the importance of spending time with your dog. The better you get to know your dog and the better your dog gets to know you, the closer your dog will come to reaching his maximum potential as a bird dog. Billy told us a humorous story of the time when three of his champion dogs were all sitting on a brand new couch when Billy's wife comes into the den. To say the least, she is not pleased about these dogs on her new couch. Billy reminded her, "Now dear, you must remember that *those three dogs paid* for that couch!" Billy indicated that he would soon retire and pass the family dog training vocation onto his sons. We also enjoyed Billy's video tape of his quail hunting trip with Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant and Curt Gowdy at Sedgefield Plantation. That was a classic hunt.

New Members

We have several new members to welcome.

Bruce K. Smith from Irondale

James Lee from Heflin

**Montgomery Smith from
Demopolis**

Michael Tate from Gardendale

Rollins Tindell from Mobile

Editor's Notes

If you are like me and have not been to Selwood recently, you will not recognize the place. Carolyn Hill graciously gave Frank and I a complete tour when we stopped by there recently. The Aug 14 event(See Front Page) should be a lot of fun.

Jake is turning 14 this month and will begin training for our Fall Field Trial which is being planned for early November. Complete details will be in the next newsletter.

I have enjoyed every issue of Covey Rise and I strongly encourage every member to purchase the new subscriptions which are priced very reasonable. Magazine start-ups are very difficult and making the transition from free to paid subscriptions are a major hurdle.

In my humble opinion, this effort is the best thing to happen to quail enthusiasts in the last 20 years. AQH has worked with the Kim and Tim Price from the very beginning and will continue to do so.

If anyone knows what is happening in Montgomery, it is Gary Moody. I guess about now, turkey, deer, bow, dog, quail and probably others that I am not aware of are upset about recent happenings.

I appreciate Gary coming and fully expect all our members to extend a warm welcome to him and not attempt to blame him and Montgomery for all the problems in the Free World. J.B.

These pictures were left out of the May newsletter. Aaron Parker had a really good result at the trial and made a special effort to get these pictures. Aaron is a Charter member and has been a steady contributor to this club since it began. The photo to the right is Ruby who finished first in the Puppies. The front page photo is Colby Joe who finished first in the Derby.



Treasurer's Desk

Your board members have begun calling some of you who have not yet paid your dues. We feel you need to pay your dues to be active and receive our newsletter. If you do not have "12-04" following your last name on your mailing label, your name could be removed from our list. If not, please send me your check made out to Alabama Quail Hunters, 1901 Morgan Road SE, Bessemer, Alabama 35022. Your \$15.00 dues for 2004 are income tax deductible. Email me any questions to coalcarr@bellsouth.net or call me at (205) 424-1381.

**Thank you,
Bob Carr, AQH Treasurer**

President's Corner

Hey Folks:

Alabama Quail Hunters has been fortunate to have some very fine speakers to make presentations to our club this summer. In June alone, we were able to have Billy Morton and Ferrel Miller. Each of these men is a legendary field trial dog trainer and competitor. I would like for each of you to invite a guest to attend an Alabama Quail Hunters meeting before the end of the year.

A few days ago I was cutting hay on a tractor in south Alabama. Some cattle egrets came to search for frogs or grass hoppers. Afterwards a large red-tailed hawk was circling the field looking for mice scrambling from the freshly cut grass. Two crows soon appeared not to hunt for lunch but, but to chase and harass the hawk. One crow would peck at the back of the hawk while the other would fly along as to guide the hawk in the direction it saw fit. Then the 2 crows

would circle and swap positions and continue their efforts harassing the crow. I am sure that many of you have witnessed the same scene. I was fascinated by seeing it.

Mike Barlow's dog, Kate, has set an all time record for producing 13 healthy puppies. The gossip is you might be able to get a pointer puppy soon. Mike may even throw in a starter bag of puppy chow.

Your board is also planning to have a fund raising raffle this fall where the winner will pick one from a group of Berretta, Benelli, and/or Browning semiautomatic shotguns. We expect all our members to sell their assigned tickets. This should be an exciting raffle. The details will be out soon.

Jeanise Frost has asked to step down from your AQH Board. I want you to join me in thanking Jeanise for all her time and dedicated service to AQH Inc. She is responsible

for getting our records organized, printing our mailing labels for our newsletter and for showing us by her example how to organize and run a field trial.

Richard Anderson has accepted the call to become the newest member of your AQH Board. We welcome Richard and ask that you assist him in his newest position.

Remember to purchase your subscription to Covey Rise.

Mr. Gary Moody has accepted our invitation to be our speaker at our club at our September 14th meeting. Gary is employed with Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Game and Fish Division. We look forward to his presentation.

Frank Harris
President

Shopper's Corner — POINTER PUPPIES —

Dam is the Granddaughter of Elhew Snakefoot.

Sire is the Grandson of Whippoorwill Wildcard.

Kate has had thirteen beautiful puppies. They arrived June 26th and promise to be chips off two VERY famous "blocks!"

Contact: Mike Barlow 205-879-2543 or DB 320-3870

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