



NEWSLETTER

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

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12th Annual Spring Trial

March 4th at Frost Farms

Once again, we are gratefully returning to Frost Farms to hold our Spring Trial on may be the most spectator friendly setting any where. From the porches on both sides of the cabin, the gallery can easily keep up with the dogs and their points, retrieves, and backs.

These are walking dog trials with the judges keeping up with the number of points, retrieves, and backs. We have tried our best to take the subjectivity out of the scoring.

Of course situations arise such as interference, flash points, partial retrieves and so the judges have to make calls that don't always please the participant.

The judges also will help the participants, especially the newcomers, whenever they have any questions. They hardly ever D.Q. a dog and will help out a dog that has suffered interference. For a complete listing of all our rules, please visit our web site.



You are looking at History. We believe this is the 1st complete Senior Division in Trial History. To compete the dogs had to be at least 8 years old. These dogs are all between 12 and 15 with Jake being the oldest.

From Left: Terry and Elizabeth Ballew with Candy, Bob Hensley and Rocky, Aaron Parker with Mazy, Col. Paul English with Sue, and the Editor and Jake.

We will also be competing this year in the same 4 divisions:

Puppy (under 1 year)

Derby(1-3), All Age , and Senior(8+)

Terry Burdette and friends will be cooking burgers and hot dogs and of course all the Frost family will be there as most gracious host.

We are trying to have all dogs pre registered by Thursday, Mar. 2. For further info or to enter your dogs, you may contact trial chairman, Frank Harris at 326-5598. You could also call Bob Carr (424-1381) or Mike Barlow(879-2543).

I know other organizations have some outstanding field trials, but this event is special. Enter your dog or bring your whole family and just watch. There is no charge for spectators. If you have a passion for good bird dogs, I can guarantee you, that any one visiting will have a great time.



Editors Notes..

2005 Fall Field Trial

Dr. Mark Kidd spoke with us on Valentines night and we had a better than expected attendance. As promised, Bob Carr passed out roses to Maggie Barlow, Joy Black, and Jeniece Frost.

Mark talked for a while and showed us his emergency kit and then answered a ton of questions. Bob Carr is going work with the good doctor to have some of these kits available for a nominal fee at the 12th annual Spring trial on Mar. 4.

We will still have the Senior division even though Jake will be with us only in our memories. I will not be able to make it either because of travel plans. In fact, my only hunt this season was the Fall trial in which the gun was never fired.

Reading Kenneth Roebuck's book, Gun-Dog Training (Pointing Dogs) has gotten me to start planning for my next pup and how to raise it.

But I have been having fun every Saturday working with a bunch of 4-5 year old pups. That's right. These pups are learning to play basketball in an Upward Bound league. Working with these kids has been a real reward for me and has certainly given me ample opportunity to work on my patience. Their enthusiasm is contagious and after heaping praise on them, you start trying to be more positive and encourage other people.

Even though we won't make the Spring trial, I look forward to hearing all about the many exciting things that are bound to happen.

JB



Our AQH Fall Field Trial was held October 15 at the Coosa Bend Hunting Preserve owned by Mathew Pardue and his family. It was one of those hot, dry autumn days making scenting conditions very difficult for the dogs. A good northern breeze and our tent helped the hunters and four watering holes helped the dogs. Many tall tales were told and excuses given, but at the end of the day, we want to congratulate all our winners who are as follows:

Name Owner/Handler

Senior Dogs

1st	Gracie	Maggie Barlow
2nd	Mazy	Aaron Parker
3rd	Jake	Jim Bradford

Gun Dogs

1st	Kate	Tack Mims
2nd	Nell	Tack Mims
3rd	Scar	Randy Keef

Derby Dogs

1st	Maize	Bob Carr
2nd	Colby	Aaron Parker
3rd	Lex	Kenny Armstrong

Puppies

1st	Penny	Aaron Parker
2nd	Deke	Chris McDaniel
3rd	No entry	

AQH would like to express our appreciation to Theresa Green for her generous donation of Pro Balance Dog Food that was awarded to all our winners. Theresa is the manager of the Garrison Farm and Home Center in Thorsby. Stop by her store and thank her personally.

AQH also thanks the Pardue family for serving us a delicious lunch and for their warm hospitality to all. Their quail and pheasant hunting facility is first class. Call Matt or Randy Keef to



HEY FOLKS

Congratulations to Covey Rise editor, Kim Price who is the newly elected Chairman of the Alabama Quail Council. Kim is also the Chairman of the Southeast Study Group that is scheduled to meet in Auburn and tour the Sehoy Plantation in August 6 – 9, 2006. Your club will make contribution to support the Southeast Study Group.

About this time every year, the word spreads that certain producers of pen-raised quail are running out of birds. There is a solution to this problem. It is spelled, "H-a-b-i-t-a-t".

Bunches of good things are happening for quail and quail habitat.

Quail research is ongoing in the Union Springs area. Federal dollars are available to row-crop farmers for field borders and other habitat improvements to benefit quail. Habitat improvement is being done on private and public land. I ask you, "When are you going to begin work for quail on your property or hunt club?"

Some of you have been thinking about doing some quail habitat work. You probably have ideas of doing some disking, burning, planting or trapping on your property, or asking someone else about doing some work on their property. Perhaps your neighbor may be willing to do some work but needs some direction or ideas about what to do and where to do it. A good place to

start is where you have seen a covey over the past year. Indications are that quail management on the neighbors' property will also help the quail on your property. You gain momentum when the landmass dedicated to quail increases.

Pick 2006 as the year you go forward with your ideas for quail and quail habitat. By beginning your quail habitat work now, you can make that drive to pick up those boxed, pen-raised quail obsolete. Just do it.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Field Trial on March 4th at the Frost Farms.

Frank, President

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Directions to Frost Farm

Take I-65 south from Birmingham. Take the Shelby County Airport Exit.

Turn Left onto Co. Hwy 12 and go to the dead end.

Turn Right onto Co. Hwy 22 for 100 feet.

Turn Left onto Co. Hwy 12 again and go to another dead end.

Turn Left onto Co. Hwy 16 and go over the hill.

Turn Right onto Co. Hwy 23 and go to the first paved road on the right.

Turn Right onto Co. Road 222 and go to the second house on the left.

We would like to have pre-registration of dogs by 5:00pm Thursday, March 2nd. We will have chips, soft drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs cooked on the grill for lunch.



Treasurer's Desk

Thanks to the 68 members who have paid your 2006 dues. Check your mailing label and if "12-06" does not follow your name, you are one of 100+ members who has NOT paid your 2006 dues. Please send me your check made out to AL Quail Hunters, 1901 Morgan Road SE, Bessemer, AL 35022. Your annual \$15.00 dues are income tax deductible. If I have made an error, email me any questions you have to coalcarr@bellsouth.net or call me during office hours at (205) 424-1381.

Thank you,
Bob Carr, AQH Treasurer

New Member

We have a new member to welcome.

Mahlon Felkins
from Clayton

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Office Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

New Member

Renewal

2006 DUES – \$15.00

Check Payable to "Alabama Quail Hunters"

Call Jim Bradford, 991-8635 for more information, contact...



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