



NEWSLETTER

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

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AQH Fall Trial

The AQH 2006 Fall Field Trial was held October 28, at the J & R Preserve in Clanton. Despite the early morning chances of rain, we ended up with a sunny beautiful day. We had a fewer number of dogs entered in the trial this year, but there was still some very challenging competition. Not only were the dogs and handlers competing against each other but they also had to contend with difficult scenting conditions as well as birds that wanted to group up out of bounds or in the big group of privet hedge in the middle of the field making flushing and getting a shot on the birds difficult. With the given excuses already being stated, we would like to congratulate the following winners of the AQH 2006 Fall Field Trial.



Ben Black had a good day on the Cullman lease.

Place	Dog	Owner
Senior Dogs		
1st	Rocky	Bob Hensley
2nd	Lance	Gates Shaw
3rd	Ruby	Aaron Parker
Gun Dogs		
1st	Dixie	Patrick Baldwin
2nd	Jack	Andy Anderson
3rd	Raggs	Gates Shaw
Derby Dogs		
1st	Dan	Jeremy Davis
2nd	Oakley	Rodney Jessen
3rd	Sugar	Jeremy Davis
Puppies		
1st	Lilly	Chris McDaniel
2nd	Red	Aaron Parker
3rd	Sam	Jeremy Davis



AQH would like to say a special thanks to Johnny Littleton owner of the J&R Preserve. The Hickory Chip prepared a great meal. As well as thanks to everyone who helped out to make the trial a great success.

Chris McDaniel

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Fun in the Field

The year ended on a good note for me and the Special Pup. The month of December found J. J. and me in Aaron Parkers' field at least 1 day a week. In between those visits, we found a large field that he could run in nearly every day. The field has no quail but it has hundreds of stink birds which he points and then chases. He has also learned about fences.

Of course we have the most fun in Parkers' field. Most days, we are joined by Rodney Jessen and Jason Cole, two relative newcomers to the sport. Rodney has an outstanding Brittany named Oakley that Parker has helped him with. Jason has Spot which has had some exceptional runs with United Field Trialers and 4 pups that are coming right along. Mr. Parker also has a kennel boy named Jared that has come a long way, but not nearly as far as he thinks. He was going to retrieve a paper ear plug out of my ear with his pocket knife.

Under Parkers tutelage, the pups are showing noticeable improvement each week. We are training the pups for UFTA and NASTRA. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said about our shooting. Parker says we are on our own there.

Last Friday and Saturday, we worked these dogs and Parkers fine dogs all day long. Time just flew by as we worked each dog on short sessions at their particular level. We used the pigeon pole, the remote backing dog, quail launcher, and many

planted birds. Most dogs run with a collar and some with a rope and some with a rope and collar.

If you have never worked in a training field with a professional, I would highly recommend it. They can put you to work helping on their dogs as well as training yours. It is highly rewarding just watching the pups or dog's improvement as the light goes on and they figure out what is expected of them.

Some of you may be getting tired of hearing about me and my dogs. I am also sure that all of you have exciting stories of your own. I am going to put one of you on the spot. This person recently commented favorably on my stories. After I invited him to send something in, he assured me he would.

This is an open invitation to all members to send me a story or comment. To date, we have printed every thing ever submitted. Just email it or any comments to sunbrad@msn.com.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

J B



Jared, Jim, JJ and Mr. Parker.



Jared Hubbert



Reid pointing and Spot is backing.



If you would like an embroidered cap or shirt please contact Denise Hubbert (Jared's mother) 205-389-4922.

HEY FOLKS

Reflecting back on the picture for quail during 2006, you might ask, what have we done for quail recently? Positive things are happening for quail in Alabama. In my opinion, the greatest event for quail in 2006 was the meeting of the Southeast Quail Study Group in Auburn. It was a terrific shot in the arm for quail. The meeting's impact should last for years.

Electric dog collars are an effective tool in the right trainer's hands and a disaster otherwise. I recently had the privilege of watching dog trainer, Pee Wee Cole introduce two different puppies to an electric collar. He used the collar and a rope to train the puppies to respond to the command, "Come Here". Within about 20 minutes, he had the puppies responding to his voice command. There is no doubt that training bird dogs

with electric collars is the choice of trainers today. A trainer can increase the number of dogs he trains many times by correctly using electric dog collars.

Several years ago, I was given an English Pointer bird dog puppy by my sister, Julia. She acquired the puppy from David Justice of Dallas Co. I enjoyed the puppy and named him Luke. I was given training tips by many of you, starting with a Bird Dog Fun Day at Harpersville. Luke tried my patience in many ways including turning over his water bucket on the hottest days. After working with him, Luke would point, retrieve and finally back. The retrieving was natural instinct but the backing was not. We had many enjoyable hours of hunting together but Luke's career ended the week of Thanksgiving, due to tumors that had attacked his body. I know

many of you that have bird dogs know how they work their way into your hearts and lives. One member shared with me how his setter would hold a paw down on a quail until he arrived to pick up the bird. Another told me of his pointer's wonderful nose that could pick up quail scent at a great distance. These experiences and memories will last a lifetime and are well worth making.

Three of our other members who have recently lost their dogs include Harold Ridgeway's English Pointer, Tap Jack, another English Setter John, Mike Barlow's Weimaraner, Gracie and Johnny Walker's English Setter, Charlie.

I hope all of you have a successful New Year!

President, Frank Harris

Welcome To Our Newest Members

Todd Clark
from Hueytown

Matt Langford
from Huntsville

Bert Spence
from Birmingham

Rob Sulver
from Pelham



Treasurer's Desk

Please note my new email address. Check your mailing label and if "12-07" does not follow your name, your 2007 dues are now payable. 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, or if you have decided you no longer want to be a member, email me at coalcarr@bham.rr.com or call me during office hours at (205) 424-1381.

Thank you,
Bob Carr, AQH Treasurer

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