



NEWSLETTER

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

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Fall Field Trial

Our AQH Fall Field Trial date will be November 2, 2013 at Gates Shaw's Farm between Montevallo and Centerville. We request that participants pre-register by October 31, 2013. Please call either Frank Harris (205) 595-0203 or Bob Carr (205) 424-1381 to register and provide the owners name as well as the dog(s) name and age(s).

Registration fees:

- Puppy Class up to 12 months old - \$35.00
- Derby Class any dog up to 36 months old, \$40.00
- Gun Dog Class is open to any dog, \$45.00
- Senior Dog Class only open to dogs over 8 years old, \$45.00



Directions to Gates Shaw's Farm

- Take I-65 and Exit at the Montevallo & Calera Exit onto AL Hwy 25.
- Go South on AL Hwy 25 through Calera, Montevallo & Wilton about 13 miles total to Bibb Co. Hwy 65. (about 7 miles from Wilton)
- Turn Right onto Bibb Co. Hwy 65 and go about 1 mile to Carlton Pass.
- Turn Right onto Carlton Pass and go to the dead end.
- The gate at the dead end is the entrance into Gates Shaw's Farm.
- Go through the gate to the designated parking area.

Spring Field Trial Winners

These are the results of the Spring Field Trial:

Gun Dog:

- 1st - Buddy - Andy Anderson
- 2nd - Penny - Nick Muse
- 3rd - Rex - Andy Anderson

Derby Dog:

- 1st - Ace - Richard Whitten
- 2nd - Buz - Thurman Campbell
- 3rd - Rex - Andy Anderson

SR Dogs:

- 1st - Maize - Bob Carr
- 2nd - Blue - Jack Fuqua
- 3rd - Rip - Danny Mobly



HEY FOLKS

Last year was our first opportunity to hunt the Stemley lease. My first impressions were that it was a good location with a combination of open fields and woods that had been thinned and burned periodically, making good quail habitat. This proved true as our dogs located a couple of natural coveys. I had concerns about a dry branch that ran through the property, locally referred to as the Poor House Branch. Initially, we all had to carry water for our dogs and Bob set up a watering hole using an old bathtub. When spring came, the stream began to run full to overflowing. One Saturday, I was eager to work at Stemley and I arrived early. Holy cow! The entire bottom field appeared to be under water. Actually, it was more like Poor House Branch had flooded the fields about 200 feet outside of its banks. The area had experienced several inches of rain within the previous 24 hours. As we begin to plant in early spring, we noticed that some of the lower areas around the stream remained wetter, longer than other areas.

Can we grow Johnson grass? Yes, you bet we can, without really trying. What is your opinion on Johnson grass being plus or minus for quail? Johnson grass' formal name is sorghum halepense. It is a perennial grass with vigorous rhizomes, and is considered to be one of the world's most noxious weeds.

To improve the lease's quail habitat, we have planted brown top millet, dove proso millet, sesame, wheat and experimented with some Egyptian wheat. The most dominant is the Johnson grass (which we did not plant). The dove proso millet did not germinate for some unknown reason. The most exciting moment of the late summer was when Mike and I came upon and flushed a half grown covey of quail chicks in my pickup. It is a wonderful sign of progress and proof that reinforces what the wildlife biologist preach, "Early successional habitat in the right quantity produces birds." Our hope is that we will produce more coveys later.

Later this year, join us at our monthly meetings for speakers like wildlife biologist, Ted Devos and horseback field trial judge, Dr. Jerry Champion.

Our AQH Fall Field trial news is coming soon. Mark your calendars with November 2, 2013 as the date.

Frank Harris,

Treasurer's Desk

Quail season will be here before we know it and yet, some of you have not paid your annual \$15.00 AQH dues. If "12-13" does not follow your name, my records show that you have not yet paid your 2013 dues, payable from all AQH members on January 1st. Please send me your check made out to AL Quail Hunters & mail it to: 1901 Morgan Road, Bessemer, AL 35022. Your annual \$15.00 dues are income tax deductible. If I have made an error, please email me at coalcarr@bham.rr.com or call me during office hours at (205) 424-1381.

Bob Carr,
AQH Treasurer

Welcome To Our Newest Members

Rick Ingram from Trussville
Nick Muse from Huntsville

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

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

Cell Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

New Member

Renewal

2014 DUES – \$15.00

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