

VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA
NATIONAL GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP 2006
JUDGES: STAN NOBLE & GARY SADLER
Reporter's notes (prepared by Theresa Miller)

Monday, February 20, 2006 at 8:18 a.m. the first brace of FC Amber Victory At Obertakt "Amber" and NGDC DC AFC Onpoint's Tuff Stuff, "Tuffy" have broke away. Both dogs are moving forward and have taken a wide left into the first open field. "Tuffy" is on point. Shot was fired and dog was steady to wing and shot. "Amber" is now on point. Handler has taken a non-productive. "Tuffy" has a second find. Bird is up. Shot is fired. Dog was steady to wing and shot. "Amber" has been picked up for failure to back with "Tuffy" on point ahead of us in the pines. Shot fired and "Tuffy" steady to wing and shot. "Tuffy" has been picked up at 8:55 on a stop to flush called a crowding by the judges.

The second brace broke away at 9:11 of Barben's Rob Roy, "Robby" and FC Haley's Comet MH FD, "Haley." "Robby" has been picked up for chase of bird. "Haley" has a find on the pine line. The tail is soft. A couple steps have been taken. The judges have cautioned the handler. "Haley" takes a couple steps again. The handler takes a non-productive. The dog is picked up at 9:47 for bringing a bird back to the handler.

At 10:03 the third brace broke away of FC AFC Semper Fi Colonels Pride, "Colonel," and DC AFC Barben's Martini With A Twist JH, "Tzeitel." "Tzeitel" is running a nice forward course through the first field around the curve and to the straight away. "Colonel" is hunting in the woods. At 10:12 "Colonel" is standing on point. Note: Point of nice intensity with nice tail height. We have a nice size gallery for this brace of approximately 20. "Colonel" is on point again on the opposite tree line. Nice pointing style again. The bird is walking in front of the dog. Bird is up, shot fired, dog steady to wing and shot. Time: 10:15. At 10:22 "Tzeitel" has been picked up for bringing a bird back to handler. "Colonel" is on point in the pine line. The handler took a non-productive. "Colonel" is on point. This will be his shoot to retrieve. Bird is up. Shot is fired. Bird is still fluttering. Handler sends dog for retrieve. "Colonel" mouthed the bird a little and is now bringing it back. "Colonel" brought it back to handler (not to hand). Judges request that next bird be shot to retrieve as well, so they can see a retrieve to hand. At 10:46 dog is on point again. Very nice style of point noted again. Bird is up. Shot fired. "Colonel" sent for retrieve. Bird picked up and dog returning to handler. Retrieve was made to hand. "Colonel" had a stop to flush on release. At 10:56 "Colonel" on point, again with nice style, bird up, shot fired, dog steady to wing and shot. "Colonel" on point at 10:59 with bird up, shot fired, dog steady to wing and shot. "Colonel" finished the course at 11:03.

The fourth brace broke away at 11:11 of FC Doktor Zeke of Petit Way, "Zeke," and NAFC FC AFC Onpoint's Fulluv Gusto, "Kansas." As we came through the straight away into the open field, "Kansas" was in front of us; we have not seen "Zeke" for a few moments. "Kansas" is working the field and the tree lines. At 11:17 "Zeke's" handler has sent his scout to look for the dog as we have not seen him since approximately 11:15. At 11:20 "Kansas" is standing on point. Nice staunch stylish point. Bird up, shot fired, steady to wing and shot. "Kansas" handler calls point at 11:26 as we are coming through the cut into the next field with a very stylish staunch point. At 11:28 "Zeke" was found forward on the course. Meanwhile, we are still

working the point with “Kansas.” The handler relocates “Kansas.” The dog moved quite a distance. The handler requested the judge move to where they were and stated the dog was pointing a woodcock. The bird was moving. The handler cautioned his dog several firm times. The judge is off his horse watching carefully both the dog and the situation. The dog handled the situation fine per the judge. We now have a backing situation. “Zeke” is on point with “Kansas” backing. Bird is up, shot fired and both dogs did well. Please note we were in the shoot to retrieve area; however, since this was in a very tight area, the judges made the decision to wait for the next bird. Time: 11:44. At 11:46, “Zeke’s” handler has sent his scout. “Kansas” is standing on point at 11:48. Nice stylish point. Gunners are in place. Bird has been shot. Dog has been sent for the retrieve. Bird was retrieved to hand. “Zeke” was found moving forward during the shoot to retrieve for “Kansas.” At 11:55, we have a stop to flush with “Kansas.” It is now 12:02, and “Kansas” is standing in the pine lines. There is a small flag of the tail seen. Bird up on own as the handler comes around. “Kansas” is steady to wing and shot. At 12:06, the scout for “Zeke” called point on the other field. At 12:12, time was called and both dogs completed the course. Per the judges’ marshal, “Zeke” had a shoot to retrieve on a weak flying bird with average style on his point.

Judges comments: “Zeke”—loose handle. “Kansas”—good run, good stop to flush, handled with style, good on find and retrieve, nice back and nice relocation. Both judges were in agreement.

Lunch break was taken, and it is now 1:09. The fifth brace of Sawmills Caramel Caley, “Caley,” and Equinox Sonoita Doc, “Doc,” is on the line, and we have a break away. We have a stop to flush with “Doc.” The judge has asked the handler to pick up “Doc” as he saw him snap at the bird. It is now 1:58, and we have had no bird contact for “Caley.” “Caley” is shortening his range up to the handler at this time. At 1:59, the handler has chosen to pick “Caley” up vs. extend the course as we have reached the end.

The sixth brace of Longpoint CK Dulin, “Dulin,” and DC Arsla & Auburn’s Sunny Boy JH, “Sunny” broke away at 2:07. At 2:12, “Dulin’s” handler has sent the scout. “Dulin” has been found on course at 2:14. We have “Dulin” standing on point as we come around the corner into the straightaway at 2:17. Also, we have “Sunny” standing on point on the left. Both dogs have nice stylish point with tails up. Both dogs handled their bird work well. As we were moving, we had a bird up, both dogs were running side by side, the grass was high and there was no way to tell what happened. Both handlers fired their guns, and the judges left both dogs down. We now have “Dulin” on point with “Sunny” backing. Bird up, shot fired, both dogs handled nicely. It is now a shoot to retrieve situation as we have crossed the bridge with a backing situation “Dulin” on point with “Sunny” backing, the bird was walking, gunners were off their horses however, the bird went up and over toward the gallery no shot fired. At 2:36, “Sunny’s” handler stopped for water. “Dulin” is on point at 2:40 for a shoot to retrieve. “Sunny” is backing. The bird is up. Shot is fired. “Dulin” sent for retrieve. While sent for retrieve another bird goes up and “Dulin” chases. When “Dulin” did come back to the handler, he was sent again for the retrieve. He did retrieve and bring to hand. However, he was picked up for the chase. During all of this, “Sunny” stayed in place. The judges gave the handler permission to collar “Sunny” as he had shown his steadiness and was not involved in the retrieve. The time is 2:44. We now have a stop to flush for “Sunny”. Standing on point at 2:55 is “Sunny”. The gunners are off their

horses and in place, and we are set to have a shoot to retrieve. Bird up, shot fired, clean shot, dog steady, and “Sunny” has been sent to retrieve after the handler had returned to his side. “Sunny” did stop once and set the bird down before bringing it back to his handler. Bird has been successfully brought back to hand.

The seventh brace broke away at 3:15 of FC Onpoint’s Spinning Axel, “Axel,” and DC Valley Hunter Limited Edition SH, “Cash.” As we came across the field of high grass, “Cash” is standing on point. After several firm cautions by the handler, the bird is up, shot fired, “Cash” is steady to wing and shot. While we were with “Cash,” “Axel” was on point up ahead on the left. By report, “Axel” was steady to wing and shot. Both dogs are running a nice forward course. We are now past the halfway point, and both dogs are still running a nice forward course. “Cash” is making a nice long cast on a tree line. “Axel” is moving forward and we have been called back for “Cash” standing on point on the tree line. “Cash” is standing staunchly. Gunners are off their horses and in place. Nice shoot to retrieve. We are now up with “Axel” standing on point with “Cash” backing. Bird is up, shot fired, nice retrieve to hand. Backing dog did a very nice job. “Cash” is now on point in the corn field. Time is 4:00. Bird is up, shot fired, the bird has landed in the open area between the corn field and the tree line, “Cash” had not marked the bird requiring the handler to work his dog to the bird, nice pick-up of bird and quick retrieve to hand. During this shoot to retrieve, “Axel” had another find. Per the judge, nice run and nice handle on the find and bird work. Both dogs completed the course.

Judges comments: “Axel”—nice bird work and good retrieve. “Cash”—really liked, best back of the day (intense), nice work when handler commanded dog into bird with nice retrieve to hand

At 4:19, the eighth brace of Onpoint Farley Got Soul, “Farley,” and DC AFC Huntley MH, “Huntley,” broke away. We have gone through the first field, and both dogs are making nice strong forward work. It is 4:40; we have crossed the bridge and we have gone through the first field. “Farley’s” handler has stopped for water. At 4:46 “Farley” is on point in the corn field. This is a shoot to retrieve. The gunners are off their horses and in position. The bird has been shot. “Farley” has been sent after the handler returned to his side. The bird has been retrieved to hand only after on short circle around the bird. We have now caught up with “Huntley” on point. “Farley” was running in the area of “Huntley” handler got control of “Farley.” Bird up, shot fired, dog was sent for retrieve. Time is 4:56. “Huntley” had not marked the bird and is circling the field in an attempt to find the bird. “Farley,” handler and judge are moving forward without interfering with “Huntley” and his bird work. “Farley” has retrieved the bird to hand. Time is 4:58 and we are moving forward. Please note: according to the judges’ marshal, when “Farley” was running in the area of “Huntley,” due to cover there was no way he could have seen the other dog. Therefore, there was no failure to back. It is 5:03, and “Huntley” is on point in the tree line. Bird up, shot fired, “Huntley” steady to wing and shot. At 5:07, the course is almost completed and with time left we are going to take a left and extend the course in order for the dogs to have their entire hour. Just after we made the turn, both dogs were on point. Both handlers fired. “Farley” broke and was picked up. We continued on after “Huntley’s” handler took time for water. Across the field on the tree line, “Huntley” was found on point. The bird released itself when the handler came up. Shot was fired, “Huntley” was steady to wing and shot. It is 5:15, and “Huntley” is on point in the tree line. The bird is up, shot is fired, dog was

steady to wing and shot. "Huntley" is on point again at 5:17. The bird is up, nice flying bird, shot fired, dog steady to wing and shot. Time is called.

We have ended for Monday, February 20, 2006. Note: judge's comments above were made at the end of the day. The judges were very cooperative about meeting with the Reporter after each day to give comments and then at the very end to give an overall opinion. The judges and the judges' marshal were also very good about making sure the reporter knew what was happening during the day when separations occurred.

Today is Tuesday, February 21, 2006, and it is a little clearer weather wise. The clouds are breaking up, and we see a little blue sky. We are preparing to break away the ninth brace. It is 8:12, and we have broke away with CH Barben's Absolut Martini, "Luke," and CH Bayview's Treasured Odinn MH, "Odinn." "Luke" breaks away strong into the straight away with "Odinn" following shortly behind. At 8:16 the scout for "Odinn" has been sent. "Odinn" has been found up front on point at 8:19. Bird up, shot fired, nice point and steady to wing and shot. "Odinn" is now moving forward joining up with "Luke". Both dogs are running with good forward movement and hunting in the woods. As we came through the path into the next field, "Odinn" is found on point. A small creep is noted as we are coming up. The handler cautions. The handler is to the dog. Time is 8:21. The bird went up over the dogs head. The dog jumped up, shot fired. It is now 8:25 as we are coming up into the next field, and "Luke" is on point. Bird up and shot fired. I was unable to see due to high cover. However, everything must have been okay as we are moving on. At 8:29 we have a dog on point. Again, due to high cover I cannot see. However, I am moving as close as I can to get a good view. It appears "Luke" is on point and "Odinn" is backing. This is a very nice backing situation. The bird is up and once again the bird went over "Odinn's" head and he turned to mark the bird. "Luke" was steady to wing and shot. At 8:30, we have a repeat situation of point, back and bird over the head. Same outcome. Up to this point, both dogs are showing good trainability and style. At 8:41, both dogs are showing good forward moving and using both tree lines. At 8:46, "Odinn's" handler is taking time for water. It is 8:47 and "Luke" is showing birdiness and he is now on point in the open field. At 8:48, the handler informs the judges, that he is going to pick up his dog as he hit the bird so hard that he went low on it. As we move forward, we find "Odinn" on point showing nice intensity and style. "Odinn" broke on shot fired. Time is 8:50.

Judges comments: "Luke"—sat down on shoot to retrieve prior to flush. "Odinn"—first find was good, creep and leap on second find, handled well on back, broke on shoot to retrieve and handled rough.

At 9:07, the tenth brace has broke away of FC Obertakt Hollywood Wildthing, "Wylie," and FC Homeagain Islandtime Hunter, "Hunter." "Hunter" made a nice break away through the straight away, into the next field and into the next shoot. As we made it to the shoot, the dog checked and then went hunting in the woods. As we came into the next field, "Hunter" is moving into the next field and working a nice forward pattern using the lines and woods. "Wylie" is using a nice a little closer forward pattern using the lines and woods also. It is 9:22 and the scout for "Hunter" has been sent. "Wylie" had a stop to flush at 9:23. "Hunter" has been spotted working along the pines at 9:25 bird flushed up, stop to flush was called. Both dogs are moving forward. It is 9:35, and "Wylie" is taking a nice cast on the line while "Hunter's" handler has sent the scout.

“Hunter” has been seen on the right side of the other field. At 9:39, “Wylie” is on point and “Hunter” is cautioned into a back. The gunners are off their horses and in place. Bird is up and went over the galleries head. No shot fired. “Wylie” steady while “Hunter” turned to mark. Time is 9:41 and we have stopped for “Hunter” to be given water. “Hunter” is on point with “Wylie” backing at 9:43. Bird is up and shot fired. However, the bird was missed. “Hunter” was sent for retrieve. “Wylie” is moving on without interfering with “Hunter’s” bird work. We will get a judges’ opinion on the sending of “Hunter” later. It is 9:48 and “Hunter” is on point. A little bit of a weak tail. At 9:49, “Hunter” was relocated. We have a point again, however weaker than the original. I am hearing shots fired; I assume “Wylie” is having bird work. I will consult with the other judge later. “Hunter” has been relocated again. It is 9:50 and the handler took a non-productive. As we moved forward, “Hunter” went to the other tree line and went on point. Then “Wylie” came up on the side of “Hunter” and went on a back. This is a non-stylish point for “Hunter.” “Hunter” took three or four steps. I am not sure, but the handler may have relocated. “Wylie’s” handler is going to move his dog on. “Hunter” is moving on the tree line. Time is 9:52. “Hunter” relocated on went on point up the tree line. The dog is moving again and they are not going to call it a point. We are moving on, it may have been a hot spot from “Wylie’s” bird work. Per the judges’ marshal, “Wylie” did a nice job on his shoot to retrieve. It took a little time to find the bird but nice retrieve. We are coming up on “Hunter” on point with “Wylie” backing. The judges are calling for a shoot to retrieve. Bird up, shot fired, it appears from my view that “Hunter” has broke. The bird has been retrieved to hand. Time is 9:59 and “Hunter” has been picked up for breaking on the shoot to retrieve. At 10:00, the judges informed the handler for “Wylie” that they did not consider his performance a back, they considered it a stolen point. Both dogs have been picked up and we are headed back to the starting line.

At 10:11, we have the eleventh brace of DC Valley Hunter’s Southern Comfort CD SH VC NAJ CGC, “Shooter,” and DC Comynara’s Opus By Barktalk UD SH NA NAJ, “Opie,” on the line, and we have a nice strong forward break away by both dogs. “Opie” is on point at 10:17 in the first field in the tree line into the woods. Nice point. Just following, point is called in the woods just in front of us with “Shooter.” “Opie’s” bird work was clean. I have moved to see “Shooter’s” bird work. One small step with the back foot was taken during the bird work. Both dogs did a nice come into the next field; “Opie” is standing in the corner on point. Bird is running. Judge has acknowledged seeing the bird. Shot is fired. As handler was returning to “Opie,” a second bird popped up in front of “Opie.” Situation was handled well. We are moving on. At 10:28, “Shooter” is on point with “Opie,” backing with several cautions. It took the handler some time to find the bird. The judge has seen the bird. The handler has been instructed to fire his gun and we will move on. It is 10:32 and “Opie” has been picked up by the judges for bumping a bird. “Shooter” is on point at 10:33. This is a really nice stylish point. Handler has relocated “Shooter”. Bird has been bumped and chased. Time is 10:35; both dogs have been picked up and we are headed back to the break away.

The twelfth brace of Onpoint’s Hitman, “Sam,” and DC Piper’s Upwind of Bunker Hill, “Bunker,” has broke away at 10:47. At 10:57, the handler for “Sam” has stopped for water while “Bunker” is continuing forward. At 10:59, “Sam” had a non-productive, and we also had a horse down. Also, I hear shots fired ahead. I will check with the judge or judges’ marshal when I can to see what happened with “Bunker”. I understand from the judges’ marshal that “Bunker” had a stop to flush. The horse that went down was a wrangler horse that was being used by one of the

gunners. One of the people from the gallery gave the gunner their horse so they could continue on. Several people stayed back with the horse until the wrangler could be notified and could attend to the horse. *It should be noted that no one was injured.* It is 11:04, and “Bunker is on point. It is a very intense point. I have just been notified that “Sam” is on point in the tree line as well. For “Sam:” bird up, flag of the tail, and shot fired. “Bunker” has been relocated. Bird is up, shot fired, as the handler returns to the dog, “Bunker” released and chased. At 11:08, “Bunker” has been picked up. “Sam” is on point at 11:18. Shoot to retrieve has been called by the judges. The gunners are in place. There is a small flag of the tail. The handler is going to relocate “Sam.” “Sam” went further in the brush and is on point. Gunners are in place. Bird is up, shot fired, and “Sam” turned to mark the bird. The bird is winged but not dead. “Sam” has been sent for the retrieve. Time is 11:21. “Sam” has located the bird, nice very long retrieve to hand. It is 11:24 and we are moving forward. At 11:31, “Sam” has bumped the bird and chased. Both dogs have been picked up and we are headed to the break away.

After a lunch break, the thirteenth brace of DC AFC Valley Hunters Divine Penlee CDX RA MH MX MXJ VC, “Diva,” and CH Midan’s High Heeled Sneaker, “Gail,” have broke away at 1:16. As we come up the hill, “Gail” is on point. Bird is up, shot fired, dog is steady to wing and shot at 1:28. The handler has stopped for water for “Diva.” “Gail” has stopped to take advantage of the bucket as well. As we come through the tree line, we first see “Diva” standing on point and then see “Gail” standing on point. Time is 1:35. “Gail’s” bird is up, shot fired, steady to wing and shot. The judges called “Diva” a back. We have now crossed the bridge and we are in the shoot to retrieve area and it is 1:39.

NOTE: When we started after lunch today, the sky is clear, the sun is shining, slightly cool with the sun providing warmth. It is light jacket weather.

It is 1:46 and “Gail” is on point in the tree line up against the corn rows. Nice point. The gunners are moving into place. The bird is running. The bird is up and shot fired. “Gail” took two steps. The bird was not dead. “Gail” has been collared and we are moving forward. At 1:50, both dogs are together again and we are all moving forward. Point has been called for “Gail” at 1:52. Gunners are in place. Bird is up, shot is fired and bird is down. “Gail” has retrieved to hand. The handler has stopped for water for “Diva.” “Gail” has just brought a bird to us at 1:58. The handler is showing it to the judges stating it is cold. The judges were in agreement that the bird is cold and left the dog down. It is 2:04 and we have reached the end of course, so we are making a turn to the left to extend the course. At 2:09, we have been called over for a point called for “Gail” on the opposite tree line. On the other line, “Diva” is on point. This would be a shoot to retrieve for “Diva.” “Diva” took 3 steps on flush and shot. Nice retrieve to hand. We have approximately 20 people in the gallery for this brace excluding judges and workers. At 2:15, we have “Gail” on point. “Diva” came in for a back. Two birds up and shot fired. “Diva” did take a couple steps. Time is called at 2:17.

Judges comment: “Diva”—had moved on kill and been picked up for purpose of placement, however, was left down to complete the brace. “Gail”—not enough forward speed and drive.

At 2:28, the fourteenth brace of Cliffside’s Bella Cacciatora, “Bella,” and BK’s Gentleman Jack, “Betu,” is breaking away. “Bella” has just returned with a bird in the mouth at 2:37. The handler

for "Betu" has called point at 2:41. Nice stylish point. The dog jumped in for the bird and the bird is up, and there is a little bit of a chase. At 2:42, we are heading back to the starting line.

It is 2:55 and the last brace (fifteenth) of the 2006 Vizsla Club of America National Gun Dog Championship of CH Valleyhunter Vermilion Grant JH, "Grant," and AFC Valley Hunter Divine Edition CD RE SH NA OAJ VC, "Edie," has broke away. Both dogs are at the water bucket at 3:06. "Grant" is on point at 3:08. The bird is up, shot is fired, and "Grant" is steady to wing and shot. Note: "Grant" has required a number of encouragements to move forward. At 3:10, "Grant" is standing with a slight tail flag. The handler states it was a stop to flush. We have now crossed the bridge, and we are in the shoot to retrieve area and it is 3:15. As we come through the woods, "Edie" is on point with "Grant" backing. Time is 3:20. As the shot was fired "Edie" sat. "Grant" broke when "Edie" was sent for the retrieve. Bird was retrieved to hand by "Edie". Both dogs have been picked up. We are going to ride the course and follow "Edie" for experience.

The day and the competition is over.

As the reporter, I would like to thank everyone for their help and sportsmanship to make this event what it has been. Participants, owners, gallery and workers all showed why we participate in this sport. Thank you for the opportunity to report this important event for our breed.

I must thank our judges greatly as they were very willing to speak with the knowledge that nothing they felt about the dogs would be released prior to the publishing of this article. The judges were kind enough to give comments each evening and overall comments at the end of the event.

Judge's overall comments:

"See breed as bird finding machines. Handlers are not over-handling. No over-abusing of scouts. Dogs are handling one hour with stamina. Conditions were not great but did not hinder the dogs greatly. Enjoyed the handlers' adult manner, sportsmanship, gallery manners and promptness of handlers to have dogs on line."

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Notes from Judges' Marshall

Today is Wednesday, February 23, 2006 at 8:16, and the first brace of Cliffside's Friday Night Lights, "Coach," and Onpoint's Number One Deal, "Deal," has broke away. At 8:19 we had a point by "Coach;" shot was fired. No gun shyness seen. We had "Deal" looking birdy, however, no bird work. No gun shyness seen by either dog. "Chase" is showing some nice range. "Deal" is working a little closer. Note: There is no rain this morning; it is however a little overcast. Temperature is cool. "Coach" has just made a nice move off to the tree line on the right at 8:26. Both dogs had a point at 8:33. Both handlers fired. Nice clean work. "Coach" had four points and "Deal" had one. "Coach" showed nice range and trainability. "Deal" ran a nice course a little closer working.

The second brace of Cliffside's Rimfire's Riley, "Riley," and Onpoints Full Throttle, "Tagg," has broke away at 8:46. "Riley" had a nice strong break away right off the line. "Tagg" delayed a little then followed with a nice cast. At 8:47, we have a nice double point with nice style for both. Shots were fired, no gun shyness noted by either dog, and we have a nice strong chase by both dogs. It is 8:52 and "Riley" is on point with "Tagg" backing after "Tagg" had just made a very nice cast. Again, we have bird up, shot fired and a beautiful chase. Due to tagging on the part of "Riley," the handler has chosen to pick up his dog at 8:58. "Tagg" is acting birdy in several spots as we are moving along. "Tagg" has had two points. It is noted that this dog has a nice long ranging nose. The birds have not been under the dog's nose. Time is called at 9:11.

At 9:16, the third brace of Onpoint's Cheeky Won, "Cheeky," and Toldin Pirooska's Lady in Red, "Maia," have broke away. We have had a little bit of a slow start here. "Cheeky" is making some moves at 9:25 and showing some hunting. At 9:38, "Cheeky" is on point. Bird up, shot fired, no gun shyness seen and good chase. Time is called at 9:41.

The fourth brace of Onpoint's Been There Won That, "Jinx," and Saginaw Diamond Dan, "Dan," broke away at 9:50. We have a nice strong break away by both puppies. The judges have notified the handlers that scouts can be sent if needed. "Dan" has joined us at 9:56. "Jinx" is seen on the line on the left at 9:57. Point is called for "Dan" at 9:58. Bird is up, very nice staunch point, shot fired, no gun shyness seen, excellent chase. We are forward and we are now up with "Jinx". "Dan" is showing nice use of the course with multiple finds. The scout was sent to find the "Dan" and found him working birds. The handler collared "Dan" and brought him forward and we are moving again. Again, "Dan" is having multiple finds. The judge has suggested that the handler collar his dog and bring him forward.

WindDance Field of Dreams, "Catcher," and Razn The Stakes JH, "MacKenzie," break away as the fifth brace at 10:22. "MacKenzie" is making a nice break away. "Catcher" with a little slower start but is now going. At 10:25, we have "MacKenzie" on point. Bird up, shot fired, no gun shyness and with nice chase. "Catcher" bumps a bird at 10:26. Shot fired with no gun

shyness noted, and nice chase by both dogs. At 10:32 “Catcher” had a covey of at least 10 quail, and there was excitement had by all. “Catcher” had a total of 2 bumps and 3 points. “MacKenzee” had a total of 6 points showed some nice hunting and good trainability.

Judges commented that they really liked the style of the point of “MacKenzee.”

The sixth brace of Barben’s Absolutely Positive, “Stoli,” and Lady Brinkley, “Brinkley,” broke away at 10:55. We have a nice strong break away by both puppies. Note: We have seen some real nice puppies this morning. “Brinkley” has a point, bird is up, shot is fired, no gun shyness seen and a nice chase. Meanwhile, “Stoli” bumped a bird and had a nice chase. It is 11:09. We had a point by “Brinkley” with a back by “Stoli” at 11:13. We were at the end of the course at 11:17, so we turned to the left and extended the course for time. Time is called at 11:22.

At 11:28, the seventh brace of Onpoints Hit Me With Your Best Won, “Hit,” and Paradox Sonata in Red, “Tayshaun,” broke away. “Tayshaun” is showing birdiness at 11:31. Bird is up, shot fired and no gun shyness seen. “Hit” made a nice cast to the opposite tree line at 11:34. “Tayshaun” had a second point at 11:37 with a nice chase with the prize of catching the bird. “Hit” has his first point at 11:43. Bird is up, shot fired and again no gun shyness seen. At 11:48, “Hit” made a nice cast on the tree line. Scout has been sent. “Hit” found in the corner in the corn rows.

It is 11:58 and we are going to take a lunch break.

Our eighth brace Barben’s Absolute Joie de Vive, “Reba,” and Calif Dreamin’s Gidget, “Gidget,” has just broke away strong at 1:05. At 1:09, “Gidget” is making a nice long cast up to the tree line up in front of us. “Gidget” has just showed in front of us at 1:10 with bird in mouth. “Reba” has just made a nice cast over to the pine lines. It is 1:13 and the scout for “Reba” has been sent. In the meantime, “Gidget” is birdy. Bird up, shot fired, no gun shyness seen and bird is brought back to handler. We now have “Reba” in front of us. Both dogs were ahead of us down in the briars at 1:15 when multiple birds were seen in flight.

An apology is noted that my recorder went on the blitz and my notes will be from discussions with the judges. *“Reba”—medium run, good on the objectives, good use of the course, three finds and good style on point. “Gidget”—better than medium run, two nice finds and points.*

The ninth brace of Onpoint’s Won Hitman Style, “JP,” and Red River’s Basil Hayden JH, “Hayden,” broke away. *“JP”—medium run, good on the objectives, medium cover of the course, one find, and no point. “Hayden”—better than medium run, got behind a little too much, very nice style, two nice finds with nice style on point.*

The tenth brace of Cliffside’s Tee Time at Maple Run JH, “Levi,” and Razn The Bar, “Bart,” broke away. *“Levi”—nice run and two points. “Bart”—lots of bird contact with catches, however only one point.*

The eleventh brace of Onpoints Longo Gone and Won It, “Wonit,” and Poppyhil Vally Hntr Heart of Gold, “Cha Cha,” broke away. “Wonit”—*bumped a bird but did not see it fly and birdy but no point however; feathers were seen.* “Cha Cha”—*three nice points, shots fired, nice work.*

At 3:23, Stony Lonesomes Wilbur Brooke, “Brooke,” and Valley Hunter’s Usual Suspect, “Keyser,” the twelfth brace has broke away. “Keyser” is birdy as we came around to the second field at 3:27. As he found the bird, “Keyser” stepped in and grabbed it. At 3:39, “Keyser” goes in and picks up another bird. We have extended the course at 3:46 for time. As we are moving forward, we have possible point for “Keyser;” a little weak, bird is up, shot fired and nice chase. “Brooke” had a moderate break away with a steady run, however, no bird work.

The final brace (thirteen) of the Vizsla Club of America National Gun Dog Championship Open Puppy Stake of Paradox Movement in Red, “Liza,” broke away at 3:52. “Liza” has her first point at 4:00. Bird is up, shot fired and no gun shyness seen. “Liza” had a nice chase including a catch of the bird and returned it to the handler. We have a bump, with a shot fired and a nice chase. Note: “Liza” had a slow start, however, she has picked up speed and range using the course now at 4:04. “Liza” had two more points, both were really nice with nice style. Both birds went up in the tree above her.

The day and the competition is over.

NOTE: The judges tried to encourage handlers as best they could. They commented to me that any comments they made to the handlers were only given to help.

Judges’ overall comments:

“Puppies enjoyed being here. Only a couple did not point. We enjoyed [the competition.] Only a couple showed signs of wanting to tag. Only say a couple of young handlers out—glad to see.

Respectfully Submitted,

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