

National Field Futurity
Tuesday, December 9, 2008
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A cold, whipping wind greeted the Weimaraner faithful. At the start of the day, there was almost a complete gallery. By the end of the stake, only a few brave souls mainly owners or breeders were left freezing in the cold with those that had to make the trek such as the judges, handlers, scribe, and stake manager. At times—between the chatter of teeth, all that I could think of were the words to that song from the musical Oklahoma. “Oklahoma, where the wind comes sweepin’ down the plain.” Of course I added a few choice words and verses to song to fit the wind and cold conditions. For the dogs, the whipping wind made scenting conditions for the dogs more difficult. Many dogs ran well but were at a loss for bird work.

The judges for the event were Mr. James Baker and Mr. Bill Landress to view the new crop of youngsters. One exceptional breeding swept all four placements. The winning dog “Bo”, Erbenhof SNS Boogie Woogie Bo (NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Scooby Doo’s Treeline Storm x Erbenhof S and S Rassmatazz JH, AX, AXJ), was the only dog that managed to run his lines and sweep faster than the wind coming down the plain. He handled his lines and edges, ran big, and managed to point a bird in eye sight of his handler. At times, I thought that Diane Vater would run out of voice trying to keep her eye on the prize and a handle on this dog.

Brace 1

Jezz (Diane Vater) and Cali (Phil Letzo)

Both dogs break away with Jezz setting a high standard for the day. Jezz had three nice finds, was steady working and to the front. Cali went on point in a thick pile of brush that was almost impossible to produce a bird. Cali was so stuck on producing a bird in the thick brush that later in the week she needed a trip to the local vet to treat a minor injury to her eye.

Brace 2

Roxie-A (Mike Mullineaux) and Cooper (Gordon Hansen)

Both Roxie and Cooper had a nice run. They both took their edges and handled the lines. At 20 Cooper had bird contact. At 25, Roxie went on point but Mike was unable to produce a bird.

Brace 3

Jesus (Aline Scharpf) and Masie (Tim Hidalgo)

Jesus broke away and had a big run for the entire brace. He consistently worked to the front and had bird contact in the first few minutes. Masie was led by Jesus around the course and was unable to produce a bird.

Brace 4

Chica (Ron Hudson) and Gandolf (Gordon Hansen)

The dogs were cut loose and were steady working the course. Chica had a nice steady find at 20 and handled it in nice style. Gandolf worked hard but was unable to figure out the scenting conditions in the wind that was whipping in circles. Chica and Gandolf show good ground speed and nice forward mature races.

Brace 5

Nevada (Diane Vater) and Mohawk (Nicholas Scharpf)

Nevada and Mohawk had a nice cast off. Both had bird contact at 5. Nevada went on to have two more bird contacts. Mohawk had bird work at 7, 20. Both dog's demonstrated good ground speed and intelligence in hunting.

Brace 6

Rose (Aline Scharpf) and Bo (Diane Vater)

Watching Bo run, it was hard to tell whether you were watching a mature All Age Dog or a young prospect. With my face as bundled up as possible, Judge Baker wanted to make sure the scribe recorded what everyone saw—a truly remarkable standard for the breed. Bo ran like the wind, handled the edges and stopped long enough at 22 for Diane to produce a bird in the woods. Bo demonstrated the top of a lovely breeding that clearly has run and bird finding ability. Rose worked the course hard but was unable to produce a bird.

Brace 7

Diesel (Steve Reynolds) and Kaiser (Nicholas Scharpf)

Both dogs break away and work the available cover. They had a divided find at 10. They also had bird contact at 20.

Brace 8

Roxie-B (Mike Mullineaux) and Lucy (Tim Carwile)

Both dogs were steady working but running more of a gun dog range. Roxie –B had bird contact at 5. Lucy had bird work at 15 and 25.

Brace 9

Tucker (Nicholas Scharpf) and Sass (Diane Vater)

At the start of this brace, there was a discussion about having the judges decide early whether they were seeing dogs worthy of the stake. Thank goodness both handlers left their dogs down as this was also a fun brace to watch with good dogs. They had a divided find at 9. Both dogs had a nice run. Sass showed

everyone that she is a worthy littermate. She ran big and tried to keep up with the wind while handling her edges.

Placements:

1st- Erbenhof SNS Boogie Woogie Bo (NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Scooby Doo's Treeline Storm x Erbenhof S and S Rassmatazz JH, AX, AXJ) breeder/Judy Mitchell, Sanford & Mary Schemnitz o/Duane & Kate Yoder h/Diane Vater

2nd- Erbenhof SNS Jezz E Bell(same as #1) o/h Diane Vater

3rd- Erbenhof S and S Bud E Cooper (same as #1) o/Logan and April Densley, handler Gorden Hansen

4th- Erbenhof S and S Sass A Frass (same as #1) o/Judy Mitchell, Sanford & Mary Schemnitz, h/ Diane Vater

Judges Award of Merit-

Holly Roller zum Ziel (NAFC/AFC Aztec's American Pie JH SDX x Amor's Amsel zum Ziel JH NRD) b/o/h/ Aline and Nikolaus Scharpf

Tucker Burdette Zum Ziel (same as Jesus) o/ Mary Wall h/ Aline and Nikolaus Scharpf