

2018 AKC Pointing Breed Walking Gun Dog Championship

1A NFC NGDC FC AFC Lundy's Red Bull (Bull) Owner & Handler Laura Miller, Breed/Sex Vizsla/M with 1B FC Blazin Liverhead Tip Topper (Topper) Owner Peter Wilkin, Handler Jon Hann, Breed/Sex GSP/M. At 7, Bull pointed with Topper backing. Birds were flushed and the dogs were steady. At 12, both were on point but in separate locations, both had game and were mannerly. Topper pointed game stylishly at 20 while Bull honored. All was in good order. They had separate simultaneous finds at 30, Bull in the grass and Topper in the trees, both dogs were mannerly. Topper pointed feathers at 53. He carded a good find at 58. Both dogs finished the hour well.

2A Jandal's Perfect Merger (Pac Man) Owner & Handler Janice W. Price, DVM, Breed / Sex GSP / M with 2B Friedelsheim's Five Shot Venti (Mimi) Owner Barry & Michelle Bollinger, Handler Barry Bollinger, Breed / Sex GSP / F. Mimi scored a nice find at 5. PacMan pointed on the hillside at 45 but it was unproductive. At 59, he was on point again but this too proved barren. Mimi finished the hour forward.

3A Liverhead's Sizzlin Lizz (Liza) Owner Peter Wilkin, Handler Jon Hann, Breed/Sex GSP/F with 3B Wolf Plain Brooks Captain Jack (Jackson) Owner Jeremy Goldsmith, Handler Dennis Hazel, Breed/Sex GSP/M. Liza pointed game at 8, she was stylish and steady. Her handler felt she wasn't acting right and picked her up at 15. Jackson scored a good find at 20. He pointed into the brambles at 25 but after a brief attempt to flush, Hazel opted to take a nonproductive. Jackson had an absence late in the hour; he returned to the front where he pointed at 57, along a brushy edge, taking a nonproductive there.

4A Sure Shot's It's A Jungle Out There (Lindsey) Owner Steven Kreuser/Berneer Brawn/Penny Ljungren, Handler Dennis Hazel, Breed / Sex GWP / F with 4B Rush Creek's Rumor Has It (Adele) Owner James & Jeanne Rowell, Handler Jim Rowell/Mark Calder, Breed/Sex Vizsla/F. Adele scored a find at 5 with good style. Lindsey carded finds at 17, 20 and 30 with Adele backing each time. Both dogs showed good manners at the flush. Lindsey was found pointing by her scout, it was an attractive, mannerly piece of birdwork. She scored again at 40, relocating successfully on a running bird. Adele had her second find at 42, followed by an unproductive stand at 48. Lindsey carded her sixth find at 55. She ran a good, consistent race for the hour. Adele also completed her hour.

5A Liverhead's Gettin Rowdy (Rowdy) Owner Peter Wilkin, Handler Jon Hann/Peter Wilkin, Breed/Sex GSP / M with 5B Slaterock Mattie Clark (Muzz) Owner Rick Heare, Handler Chris Young, Breed/Sex GSP/F. Rowdy pointed at 9, but no game was produced. He caught the front without his handler and did a natural back when he came upon Muzz pointed at 10. The flush was already underway and both dogs stood steady for flush and shot. Rowdy had a very nice find at 20, near the first big hill; all was in good here. At 33, Muzz was on point on the right; Rowdy honored on sight at great distance. Both dogs were very mannerly for flush and shot. They scored a divided find at 39, both were steady. Muzz pointed at 42, but moved up and was picked up. Rowdy ran a forward, easy handling pattern. He pointed a final time at 58, with great style.

6A Brillows Justa JJJ Drifter RN CGC (Luke) Owner Johnny & June Johnston Handler Erica Bandes/Meredith Mayes, Breed/Sex GWP/M with 6B NAGDC FC AFC Wolf Plain Brooks Raven SH (Raven) Owner Dennis & Jennifer Hazel, Handler Dennis Hazel, Breed/Sex GSP/F. Luke was a no show. Raven was absent for about five minutes early in the hour. She pointed game at 20 and handled it well. Her second find came at 30 in a strip of grass. She was perfectly steady. At 36, she had her third find, again with excellent manners. She finished her hour forward.

7A DC Snips Lady Mezi (Mezi) Owner John Michael Clay & Jeremy Yelton, Handler Brenda Roe, Breed / Sex GSP / F with 7B FC AFC VK's Twenty Gauge Gunnar (Gunnar) Owner Robyn & Sherwin Van Kooten, Handler Sean or Sherwin VanKooten/Jon Hann, Breed/Sex Vizsla/M. At 5, Gunnar pointed with Mezi backing; both dogs looked good. They had separate finds at 15, all in order both places. At 25, Gunnar was seen pointing in the tall grass, Mezi was honoring. At the turn around point at 33, Gunnar pointed a dead bird. At 50 point was called for Mezi, she stood near the base of a hill with excellent style. Gunnar was forward and was found pointing on the hilltop at the same time. Mezi took a non productive; Gunnar scored a nice find. Mezi pointed on the camp hill at 57, relocation was needed and she did it with expertise. Time expired with Gunnar ranging nicely forward; Mezi's birdwork concluded at time.

8A DC Silver Bullet's Latin Dancer SH (Cha Cha) Owner & Handler Matt Bruns, Breed/Sex GSP/F with 8B Wolf Plain Brooks Uptown Funk Pippa, Owner Dennis & Jennifer Hazel, Handler Dennis Hazel, Breed/Sex GSP/F. Birds were in the air and both dogs were in motion at 7.

9A DC AFC Friedelsheim's Freight Train Mason MH (Mason) Owner Barry & Michelle Bollinger, Handler Barry Bollinger, Breed/Sex GSP/M with 9B NAFC FC AFC Snake Breaks Sargent Von Reiteralm (Sarge) Owner & Handler Lance Fargo, Breed/Sex Weim/M. Both dogs were running nicely from the breakaway. Mason had a good find at 5; Sarge scored at 10. At 14, Mason pointed with Sarge honoring. Mason's third find came at 18 on a covey, all was in good order. Mason pointed at 30 but even a lengthy flush failed to net his quarry. Sarge pointed near the turn-around point at 32, it was a nice find. Mason scored his fourth find at 37, an attractive and mannerly piece of birdwork. Both dogs were pointing in different locations at 39. Mason's was a barren stand; Sarge had birds and handled them well. Sarge's fourth find came on the hill at 50, all in order. At 52, Mason's fifth find went into the books as another good one. He had his sixth at 57; he ran a nice race.

10A Jandal's Perfect Choice (Peanut). Owner & Handler Janice W Price DVM, Handler Janice Price, Breed/ Sex GSP/M with 10B DC AFC Odyssey's Perfect Traveler (Charlie) Owner Charles Parietti, Handler Jon Hann, Breed/Sex GSP/M. These Shorthairs scored a divided find at 6. Charlie scored another find at 11 in the corner, Peanut came in and was cautioned to back by the other handler. Both dogs were steady to wing and shot. At 15, Charlie was pointing with very nice style and was mannerly for the flush. Peanut pointed at 24; a small covey was produced for him. Peanut pointed again at 32 but it was not productive. Charlie scored fourth find at 34 with all in order. At 38, he swapped ends to point, he was mannerly for the flush. Charlie pointed again at 44 but it proved unproductive. At 54, Charlie could be seen pointing well forward, Peanut came in for a back. Both dogs finished forward.

11A Hoosier Boys Augustus McCrae (Gus) Owner Jason & Shaunna Flenniken, Handler Rick Hopkins Breed/Sex GSP/M with 11B FC AFC Spring Hill's Red Hot Performance (Red) Owner & Handler John Bell, Breed/Sex Brittany/M. Red pointed at 5, after a lengthy flush, birds were produced for the mannerly Brittany. A divided find went in the books at 15, both dogs were well behaved. Another divided find occurred at 21 but Gus had excessive movement and was picked up. Red finished the hour with no further birdwork.

12A FC Erin's Saint Louis Jimmy (Jimmy). Owner Brian Wayson, Handler Lance Fargo, Breed/Sex Pointer/M with 12B Handsome Hoffnug V Greif (Hopper) Owner Clay Benton Handler Jon Hann,

Breed/Sex GSP/M. Jimmy was lost early. Hopper had a good find at 6 and another at 9. He finished the hour without further bird contact.

13A FC VK's Twenty Gauge Xr (Deuce) Owner Robyn & Sherwin Van Kooten, Handler Sean or Sherwin VanKooten/Jon Hann, Breed/Sex Vizsla/M with 13B FC AFC Braveheart's Sporting Wood (Woody) Owner & Handler Lance Fargo, Breed/Sex GSP/M. Woody pointed at 5 but it was not productive. Deuce had an unproductive at 12. Woody pointed again at 22, Deuce honored; no birds were flushed. Deuce scored a find at 32 with Woody backing, all was in order. At 38, deuce pointed again with Woody backing. Woody scored a nice find at 41. Deuce had a third find at 44, he displayed great manners and style. Woody carded his second find at 55, nicely done. Deuce ran a fine race, covering the country and staying forward.

14A Whitetail's Antebellum Southern Style SH (Belle) Owner Larry Evans, Handler Debbie Darby/Larry Evans, Breed/Sex GWP/F with 14B FC Heartbeats Smokin White Walls (Wally)Owner & Handler Michael Wiacek, Breed/ Sex Weimaraner/M. Belle scored a good find at 6; Wally pointed feathers at 8. Wally pointed successfully at 16. Belle had an unproductive at 19. She scored her third good find at 48, and her last find at 52. She was mostly forward in her ground pattern.

15A NGDC FC AFC Doc Holliday's Side By Side (Doc) Owner Sean VanKooten, Handler Sean or Sherwin VanKooten/Jon Hann, Breed/Sex Vizsla/M with 15B DC MWM's Flyin The Coop(Cooper) Owner Richard J Miller, Handler Rick Hopkins, Breed/Sex GSP/M. Cooper pointed game with style at 6. At 26, Doc had a find with Cooper backing. Doc had his next find at 55 and ran a good race. Cooper was big and powerful on the ground.

16A Double M's White on Rice (Odie) Owner Meredith Mays, Handler Clifford Mesnard Breed/Sex GSP/M with 16B Flappjacks Twisted Sister (Nova) Owner Clay Benton, Handler Jon Hann, Breed/Sex GSP/F. Nova notched a great find at 6, with style and manners. At 13 she was seen on point well to the front, it took several minutes to get to her but she remained tight. Over on the left at 19, Odie pointed but it was unproductive. Odie scored a good find at 44. Odie pointed at 48, with Nova honoring. Nova moved and was up. The work was a second unproductive for Odie.

17A CH Whitetail's The Last Frontier SH (Atz) Owner Debbie Darby, Handler Debbie Darby/Larry Evans Breed/Sex GWP/M with 17B Little Bit of Rust II (Jaycee) Owner Sharon Williams, Handler Stuart Williams/Pegi Z, Breed/Sex Brittany/F. Jaycee scored a find at 20 with Atz backing. Atz pointed at 25 but it was unproductive. Birds were scarce this brace but both dogs finished the hour forward.

18A My Covert Operative (Pike) Owner Elsa Gallagher, Handler Jon Hann, Breed/Sex Pointer/M with 18B DC Gamble's Benny The Jet SH (Benny)Owner & Handler Rick Hopkins, Breed/Sex GSP/M. Pike had a find at 18, manners were perfect. Benny came in for a very nice honor. Pike suffered a barren stand at 34. Pike scored mannerly finds at 52 and 55. Benny poined twice late in the hour but no birds were produced for him. Both dogs ran intelligent races that covered the country but handled responsively.

19A FC McVeigh's Ayerie Sorcerer's Apprentice SH (Merlin) Owner Kimberlee & Raymond McVeigh, Handler Kimberlee or Raymond McVeigh, Breed/Sex English Setter/M with 19B TKs First Class Traveler (Rowdy) Owner Victor Scott, Handler Jon Hann, Breed/Sex GSP/M. Merlin had find at 25, another at 40 and his third at time. He handled them nicely. He had unproductives at 11 and 50. Rowdy went on a bird finding mission, scoring nine finds, two stops to flush and one mannerly back. He showed pretty

style on all of his birds and was intensely steady.

20A DC Kan-Point's Summer Lovin' SH (Kisses) Owner Lucretia Coonrod/Richard & Linda Stanley, Handler Brenda Roe, Breed/Sex GSP/F running as a bye. Kisses was found to the front on point at 8, after a brief absence. Kisses was stylish and mannerly. She scored her second find just before the hour expired. Once again she showed good manners.

Concluding Remarks

The AKC Pointing Breed Walking Gun Dog Championship for 2018 concluded today, April 7 at the Mingo Sportsman's Club, Bloomingdale, OH. Judging this event were Gene Moseley, Waller, TX and Art Cohen, Glenrock, PA. They spent twenty chilly hours in the judicial saddles. These gentlemen have long been involved in the sport of bird dog field trials. Gene has campaigned his German Shorthairs in regional and national competition for over 40 years. He has judged National Championships for every AKC breed of pointing dog. Art Cohen is a nationally known judge who successfully competes with his Brittanies. Art has judged the horseback AKC Gun Dog Championship twice, he has also judged numerous National championships for most of the AKC parent clubs and has judged American Field Championships as well. Art has also been in the field trial game for over 40 years. Gene and Art gave every dog their attention and chose the ones who best suited their image of an ideal gun dog. We were very pleased to have them judge our walking championship.

We wish to Thank our sponsors for another great event! Purina , Sportdog and Dogs Unlimited contribute majorly to this event. Purina gives financial aid to the Gun Dog Association which ensures that this event will endure. They also provide dog food for the winners, samples for participants and promotional items for our raffle. We can not say often enough, how much we appreciate their support! Please thank a Purina Rep, but more importantly, please buy Purina's great product, Purina Pro Plan dog food!

Our next sponsor, Sportdog, awards its sought after collars to each placing dog in this Championship. They are great units and are happily received by the winning handlers. Next time you need a new tracking or training unit please patronize Sportdog!

Dogs Unlimited is an excellent dog equipment supply company that is owned and operated by pointing dog people Alan and Marcia Davison. They contribute a \$100 gift certificate to the Champion of this stake. Please contact Dogs Unlimited next time you need dog equipment!

The event committee wishes to thank the Mingo Sportsman's Club and its members for allowing us access to their grounds for the running of this Championship. Member Bill Monk once again stepped up and helped us out by handling a myraid of details. Allen Bickerstaff helped us out by planting birds on Thursday and driving the dog wagon on Friday. We were able to use the Mingo clubhouse for our Thursday night banquet and raffle drawing which was well attended. Everyday during the trial, breakfast and lunch were cooked and served in the pavillion at the field trial parking area by various Mingo club members. This type of service takes a huge load off of an event committee. We appreciate the efforts of the following Mingo Members: Allen Bickerstaff, Ian Monk, Cliff Mesnard, Wiley Monk, Jess Brown, Dave Moffett, Jim Still and Brian Biggo.

Tom Maneely served the stake as Judge Marshal, he rode every brace and supplied this scribe with notes for the daily running descriptions. Gary Sadler put in long hours caring for, catching, and planting the majority of the birds. Gary spent the better part of Thursday driving to pick up additional birds for the final days of the field trial.

Jim Rowell made his UTV available for a dog wagon on Wednesday, we used Trish James' truck on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday we rented a Mingo member's UTV; Bill Monk made the arrangements for it and delivered it to us on short notice, it really did help us take better care of our walking handlers. Thank you Rick Hopkins for driving it on Saturday morning.

Trish James was her usual awesome self. She handles the paperwork, social duties and any need that crops up with a "Sure thing" or "I can do that" which is accompanied by one of her bright smiles. She adds to this event in a huge way.

Kim Trafton was responsible for our raffle and its success. Kim begins work on the raffle very soon after the previous one is drawn. Thank you Kim! Thank you also for the Easter basket, chocolate is always a big hit!

Our thanks go out to our Wrangler and handy helper Cliff Mesnard. Cliff filled in for Meredith Mays who took some of her horses to a trial in Michigan. We appreciate your horses, your long hours and your help.

There were thirty-nine entries drawn in this Championship, representing seven different pointing breeds. One entry was scratched taking the starting field to 38.

Best of Breed Recipients:

Brittany: Little Bit of Rust II (Jaycee) Brittany/M Owner Sharon Williams, Handler Stuart Williams.

English Setter: FC McVeigh's Ayerie Sorcerer's Apprentice SH (Merlin) English Setter/M Owner Kimberlee & Raymond McVeigh, Handler Kimberlee or Raymond McVeigh, English Setter/M

German Shorthaired Pointer: DC/AFC Odyssey's Perfect Traveler (Charlie) GSP/M, Owner Charles Parietti, Handler Jon Hann

German Wirehaired Pointer: Whitetail's Antebellum Southern Style SH, (Belle) GWP/F, Owner & Handler Larry Evans.

Pointer: FC My Covert Operative (Pike) Pointer/M, Owner Elsa Gallagher, Handler Jon Hann

Vizsla: FC/AFC VK's Twenty Guage Gunnar, (Gunnar) Vizsla/M, Owner Robyn & Sherwin Van Kooten, handled by Sean Van Kooten.

Weimaraner: NAFC/FC/AFC Snake breaks Sargent von Reiteraim (Sarge) Weimaraner/M, Owner & Handler Lance Fargo

Judges Award of Merit:

NFC/NGDC/FC/AFC Lundy's Red Bull Vizsla/M Owner & Handler Laura Miller

Liverhead's Getting Rowdy GSP/M, Owner Peter Wilkin, Handler Jon Hann

DC Snip's Lady Mezi, GSP/F, Owner John Michael Clay, Handler Brenda Roe

TK's First Class Traveler, GSP/M, Owner Victor Scott, Handler Jon Hann

Championship Winners:

4th Place- FC Blazin Liverhead Tip Topper (Topper) GSP/M Owner Peter Wilkin, Handler Jon Hann

3rd Place – DC/AFC Friedelsheim's Freight Train Mason MH, (Mason) GSP/M, Owner Barry & Michelle Bollinger, Handler Barry Bollinger

2nd Place – DC/AFC Odyssey's Perfect Traveler (Charlie) GSP/M, Owner Charles Parietti, Handler Jon Hann

And the winner is!

2018 AKC Walking Gun Dog Champion

FC/AFC VK's Twenty Gauge Gunnar, (Gunnar)Vizsla M, Owner Robyn & Sherwin Van Kooten and handled by Sean Van Kooten

Gunnar placed second in the AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship (horseback) just a few days ago. This great young dog is on a roll!

We really enjoyed the show of sportsmanship that we got from all who attended this event. Way to go, people! Congratulations to all of you on your great dogs!

Bonnie Hidalgo, Chair, 2018 Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championships