



2020 AKC Walking Gun Dog Championship

January 13 – 15

Empire Ranch near Sonoita, AZ

The 2020 addition of the AKC Walking Gun Dog Championship began Monday January 13, 2020. The site of this year's renewal is the historic Empire Ranch near Sonoita, AZ. The Empire Ranch is a working cattle ranch that is managed by the BLM. The course used in this Championship is a single loop course. The cover on the course is mainly dry grassy cover with small trees throughout the course. There are countless objectives for the dogs to hunt. There is ample room for a dog to show their heels in the large open fields and also requires the dogs to apply themselves wisely. The dogs must be mindful of their handler or risk being lost to judgement.

The first day began with the temperature in the mid 40's. The sky was cloudless which allowed the temperature to climb to around 70 in mid-afternoon. The wind was mainly very light, increasing to around 10 MPH in the afternoon.

The plan is to run 6 braces each day. There have been a couple dogs that were scratched and two dogs in season so as happens at so many trials there are some adjustments to the previously published running order.

We are very happy to have an addition to the Championship. The Weimaraner Club of America has been allowed to embed their new National Walking Championship in the AKC Walking Championship. The club stepped up to the plate in supporting this effort and their will be a WCA National Walking Champion named during this Championship. It is wonderful to see a club get behind the waling trials. We all hope that this will be a long-lasting partnership!

Capping off the day was a wonderful dinner sponsored by our friends at Purina. Our caterer for dinner brought in a true, old west chuckwagon which prepared a wonderful dinner over open fires delighted all in attendance. Thank you to Purina for helping make so many events that much more special.

The Running

1) CH Rugerheim's Very Grimm Knight "Heinrich"

Breed: GSP Sex: M

Handler: Barbara Noblet

Heinrich would run a well-mannered, race, always hunting for his handler. He had 3 finds in his hour and non-productive. Kirby was also pleasing to watch and was well connected to his handler. He hunted the cover well and also made some nice moves but would only record a stop to flush in his hour.

CH Knight-N-Reiteralm's Heartland Flyer "Kirby"

Breed: Weimaraner Sex: M

Handler: Todd Yamamoto

2)Trax Seventh Sisterv Graenit "Carmen"

Breed: Weimaraner Sex: F

Handler: Chris Meyer

The action is this brace started early with both dogs pointing stylishly at 9 minutes, unfortunately only feathers were produced. Carmin went on to hove 5 finds well spaced in her hour. She hunted well and finished the hour. Deuce recorded a non-productive at 15 minutes and a good honor of his brace mate at 17 minutes. He hunted the course to the extreme and was lost to judgement at time.

FC AFC VK's Twenty Gauge Xr "Deuce"

Breed: Vizsla Sex: M

Handler: Sean VanKooten

3) Yong Gun's Rugerheim Nobody Does It Better "Carly"

Breed: GSP Sex: F

Handler: Rick Petersen

Carly was impressing all with her fast, wide and well directed race. At 12 a breach of manners ended her bid for the title. Spur had 2 nice finds during his hour. He also had a no -productive. He ran well and finished the hour.

Jaas N Silverthorn's Gleaming Spur "Spur"

Breed: Weimaraner Sex: M

Handler: Wayne Cowles

4) NAFC FC Waybac's Silver Surfer "Surfer Dude"

Breed: Weimaraner Sex:

Handler: Chris Meyer

Dude's had a good day. He ran a well-directed race. He carded 2 finds, one at 34 and a flawless find at 49. Molly also ran a good race. She had a find at 44 and also a non-productive in her hour. Both dogs finished the hour hunting hard and to the front.

Yong Guns Rugerheim Hot Tamale "Molly"

M Breed: GSP Sex: F

Handler: Rick Petersen

5) NFC NAFC GFC AFC WestWeim Get Yer Gun Ms Oakley "Annie"

Breed: Weimaraner Sex: F

Handler: Frank Sommer

Annie had a short day with a foot problem showing up early in the hour causing her handler to pick her up. Tread hunted the extremes of the course while being able to maintain good contact with his handler. He had two nice find, one at 12 minutes and one at 44 minutes. He finished the hour.

Silver Rain N Eidelweiss Traxion Tire "Tread"

Breed: Weimaraner Sex: M

Handler: Leslie Like

**6) CH Brymar's SixPack 'Cuda "Charlie"
"Gunnar"**

Breed: Weimaraner Sex: F

Handler: Justin Beuhring/David Reynolds

Charlie ran a well-directed race, beginning and ending with the same spring in his step. He had an impressive find at 34 minutes on a large covey of chukar. Gunnar also ran a nice race. He was found on point at 15 minutes with his good style and manners on display. Both dogs finished the hour.

NWGDC GFC FC AFC VK's Twenty Gauge Gunnar

Breed: Vizsla Sex: M

Handler: Sean or Sherwin VanKooten

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