

2009 Spring Highlights

Our 2009 spring trial season was another banner one. Cooper Mountain Pepsi won runner-up at the Ontario Grouse Championship with a fast, forward, hard driving race and two stellar grouse finds. It had a large entry of 65 dogs. With this win and her previous win of the Fruchey Classic, she was awarded the prestigious Michael A. Seminatore Award, given annually to the top English setter coverdog in the country. This is our fourth dog to win this award. She also won a first place in the Jack Secor Memorial shooting dog stake when we returned back to Michigan. She was also named 2008-2009 Michigan Cover Dog of the Year. Now she's busy raising a nice litter of pups. It was a very rewarding and productive spring for our setter stylist.

We were also able to place several of our other dogs this spring on the grouse trial circuit here in Michigan. Pioneer Wendy, DunRoven's Gentleman Doc and Cooper Mountain Flash all had nice wins for us this spring.

We are starting to work our trial dogs now in preparation for the fall trials. We are doing bird field work now and soon it will be time to head north for sharptailed grouse on the prairies in the Upper Peninsula. Right after that we will be back in the woods after ruffed grouse and woodcock. I think we had a great hatch so I am looking forward with great anticipation this year.