

2012 Spring Trial Season

We had a phenomenal spring this year. It started with our trip to Pennsylvania for the Ontario Grouse Championship which we won with Mike Cooper's dynamic setter Cooper Mountain Pepsi. That win continued our great championship streak that made 7 championship placements in the last 8 championships that we entered.

In the National Grouse and Woodcock Invitational Championship we qualified and ran Quail Trap Sadie, Moss Meadow Traveler, and Autumn Moon. Dave Hawk's Quail Trap Sadie was named "Day Dog" the second day and was named to run in the finals. Unfortunately, it was not to be for Sadie this year.

Two of our dogs, Moss Meadow Traveler and Quail Trap Max were winner and runner-up in the Michigan Amateur Classic for owners Ken Moss and Dave Hawk, respectively.

Next we ran the Ruffed Grouse Trial where Jack Harang's Autumn Moon place third in the OSD and Mike Cooper's exciting pup Jetwood placed in the John R. Stuart Derby Classic.

We won the John Hadaway Cover Dog Classic with Rich Hollister and Jack Harang's young setter Dun Roven's Gary. In the one hour Dell Todd Derby Classic Autumn Snow won second for owned Jack Harang.

In the Beaverton Grouse Dog Club's Spring Open Shooting Dog Stake, Quail Trap Max won first and Dennis Keysor's Merdith's El DeGuello won second in the Sunday OSD stake. One of the best memories for me was when Tammy ran Autumn Snow in the Eaton Derby Classic and won it with two nice broke finds, one on a woodcock and the other on a grouse. Needless to say, she is real proud of him as she did all of his early training.

The NBOGCA trial was a big success for us as we ran Robert Kluger's setter stylist, Waymaker Terrific Chet, who is still a derby, in the open shooting dog where he was awarded first place in a great 30 dog stake. In the puppy stake we were awarded second and third with Mike Cooper's two dogs, Black Moon and Jetwood, respectively.

Autumn Moon came back and won the Great Lakes Regional Championship for the second year in a row with a great race and immaculate birdwork. This is the sixth championship he has won.

We would like to thank all of the judges and club officials that ran the trials for all their hard work and time. Their dedication to the sport is what makes it all possible for our great sport to keep growing.