

## North Dakota Pointing Dog Club

### 2019 Spring Field Trial

The North Dakota Pointing Dog Club held its Spring Field Trial May 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> on the Dakota Prairie National Grasslands' Hankinson Hills, near Hankinson, ND.

We would like to recognize our sponsors of our event. Purina provided bags of food for all placements and Gun Dog House Door, Inc. provided all of the lunches and Friday's dinner meal of pulled pork.

This is the fourth year we've held our spring trial on these grounds. It is characterized by sandy soils, originally deposited as the delta of an ancient river as it emptied into glacial Lake Agassiz. Since that time, wind and rain have shaped the topography into a unique landscape ranging from flat deltaic plains to choppy sand dunes, sprinkled and often masked with Oak, Poplar, Cottonwood and many ferns. If you would like to run your dog on grounds that offer a mix of prairie, sand dunes, and groves of many tree species, you must book your calendar for the spring of 2020.

As club's worker bee's age, the challenges of preparing for a trial become more and more involved thus we used Field Trial Centrals event management system to eliminate the burden of chasing down entry money and dog information. All 61 entries dog information and entry money were electronically entered and paid for by owners or handlers BEFORE the event started. Field Trial Central's system is able to export all stake information to make a random and fair running order. Plainly stated, by using Field Trial Central, our trial committee members were able to focus on ensuring all handlers, owners, and spectators enjoyed our event and not entry money and dog information.

Trials are not possible without the club volunteers, judges and sponsors. Thus we would like to acknowledge them: Rob Pfennig, Mark Pfeifer, Lance Schulz, Marcie Schulz, Brian Gingrich, Cindy Findley, Greg Dixon, and Dan Tang,

We started bright and early Friday morning and finished the OGD and OD stakes. That evening we enjoyed the judges dinner at Doc's Pub & Eatery in Hankinson.

We broke away at 10 AM Saturday morning as we waited for our judge to arrive and were able to complete the very competitive OLGD stake. CK Touchdown Guy was declared 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Sunday was a very relaxed with only 5 braces of AGD to run.

Congratulations to all participants and place winners.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next trial!



2019 Open Derby Placements: L-R: Judge Lance Schulz, Trena Cardwell, Jim Smith, Phil McAngelo, Connie Smith, Judge Cindy Findley

- 1) Someday's Showman – PM – Richard Anderson (o) Trena Cardwell (h)
- 2) NOT AKC
- 3) NOT AKC
- 4) NOT AKC