

## **Trial Results by Peter Wax & Butch Nelson**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> the second annual spring liberated UKC pointing dog trial began under a light covering of soft snow. The snow gave the already scenic beauty of the Bench Land an almost mystical appearance of beauty and newness. No one could walk out this morning and not be confident in their dog and the grounds.

The UKC pointing dog trails are designed to become the finest “Breeder’s Stake” in North America. The game is played on foot, like we hunt, in venues large enough for a continuous course to best identify the finest hunting pointers. Unlike hunt tests where every dog can win this is a competitive trial and only the best dog on that day gets a blue ribbon and only a dog that has multiple best days can be championed.



**This is the view from Hyalite Kennels and even though most of the snow had melted by afternoon of the second day the view is still fantastic. Combine the view with two days of great folks, great food, and great dogs and it is a trip to remember.**

If the UKC pointing dog trial is the pinnacle of pointing dog evaluation, the trail grounds and trial management at Hyalite Kennel by Butch Nelson and Karen Paugh is the pinnacle of venues. Hyalite Kennel is located on the Bench halfway between Fort Benton, where Madam Moustache watched the killings on the bloodiest block in the west, and Lewistown, where the likes of Charles Russell, Granville Stewart, James Jergus and Teddy Blue Abbott shared a drink.

This is truly the historical lands where in 1884 on the fourth of July, Rattle Snake Jake died at the hands of the vigilantes; up high, ringed in by the Highwood’s to northwest, the Judith’s to the East and the Little Belt’s to the South on the very edge of the Judith River breaks.

When you come to Hyalite Kennel bring your dog, your camera, your fly rod and your appetite for while the grounds are large, the scenery extraordinary, the local fly fishing

legend, the food is unbelievable. Sausage and biscuits for breakfast, a pile of cold cuts and side dishes fit for lunch, and brisket grilled Montana style for supper. It is a place to run your dog, enjoy the country, and share in the company of likeminded folks in the cool shade of the porch.

### SATURDAY MAY 2<sup>th</sup> RESULTS

#### **Open Braces Placements and Passes:**

Our First Place Open Winner on Saturday was CH TR TAN Topperlyn Fontay Azure Bo an EB female owned and handled by Glen Gunderson. Azure was a rocket with heat seeking radar for a nose this morning showing great style and steadiness even in the face of a breaking brace mate. Azure consumed acres of ground with ease, continuously using the wind to her best advantage before turning to glass at the finds. All her points were like a master's painting and every retrieve soft and to the hand. All the previous soups tasted like angle frosting as she easily ran to a first place victory.

Open Braces Pass went to NBOB CH TR TAN Topperlyn Gallant Bodacious "Leo", EB male owned by Anne Johnson and handled by Glen Gunderson both from Minnesota. Leo had a slow start this day, and while his manners as always were near perfect with a 75 yard back and a solid find, he was just starting to act himself when time expired. As always a crowd favorite Leo earned a solid pass.



**First place winner, CH TAN Topperlyn Fontay Azure Bo, EB female, owned and Handled by Glen Gunderson surrounded by some rather tough looking characters**

### Open Braces Running Order

First Brace: CH TAN Topperlyn Fontay Azure Bo, EB female, owned and Handled by Glen Gunderson, mentioned, and Cloud De L'Audour, EB female, owned and Handled by Fred Overby. Cloud showed she was a competitor that would bend the rules to win - unfortunately the Judge was not.

Second Brace: Violet Des Renfro "Shug", EB female owned and handled by Fred Overby and NBOB Ch. TR. Tan Topperlyn Gallant Bodacious "Leo", EB male owned by Anne Johnson and handled by Glen Gunderson, mentioned. Shug and Leo made a pretty pair in the field finding and pointing a bird each and showing good manners through shot fall and retrieve. Leo, always the gentleman, honored Shug's point but in the passion of the moment on a closely pointed bird Shug did not return the favor. While today Shug did not get a placement or pass because of this minor indiscretion, she showed she can run with boys and will most certainly return.



**View from Hyalite Kennels back porch where tall tails and stiff legs are lowered and softened over a cup and story or two.**

### **Gun Dog Solo Placements and Passes:**

Our First Place Gun Dog Winner on Saturday is: Gun, Utica Sky Montana, EB male owned and handled by Gary Berger. Utica ran last, and drew a difficult field of sedge clumps and alkaline soils. Undaunted the team of Gary and Utica showed class and composure in the field leaving nothing to the imagination. Utica's hard work was rewarded with a beautiful high headed find at the end of the field which he held through shot and fall, followed by a picture perfect soft mouthed retrieve. This team really showed what a relationship between dog and handler should be, and for it they easily waltzed into the winners circle.

Reserve: Vesper's Belle Du Hunrunr, BS female owned by Sherry Niesar and handled by Nick Wax. Belle put on a nice gundog run for her 13 year old handler making three staunch points, the first was a double, and holding through shot and then finishing up with soft mouthed retrieves.

Pass with Honor: GUN TAN Gundy's Gypsy Jo Du Hunrunr "Josie", EB female owned and handled by Glen Gunderson. Josie usually sets the bar high and early in this event, but she took a couple minutes to get into the swing of things and once back into the game she gave everyone a nice run by finding, pointing, holding to shot and retrieving to hand. Her obvious joy to be with and perform for her handler at all times made everyone envious.



Pass: Ambra Du Hyalite “Daisy”, EB female owned by Ken and Janice Bruwelheide and handled by Ken Bruwelheide. Daisy is a powerful well built female with eye catching markings. She is a dog that usually draws attention and today was no exception making some nice moves and a beautiful point. Leaving a second before the gun prevented a placement but earned her a solid pass.

Pass: Topperlyn Fonzie EB male owned by Lynda Kieres. Fonzie showed great potential by using the ground and wind intelligently, finding, pointing, and holding to shot 3 birds. A little sticky on the retrieve kept him out of placement, but like many dogs that ran today he should and I am certain will return.

Pass: Des Par-Besso Par “Tess”, EB female owned and handled by Keith Castleberry. Tess is the little orange and white dog that can. She displayed the most nose this day and pointed with brilliance and high headed style. She is so intelligent that it was hard to tell “who was handling who” and if she would have been just a touch more polished on the retrieve she would have been in contention for a placement.



**Toujours Fidele Cerene Shelby, and her owner/handler Jennifer Allain with a Father/Son team of gunners.**

#### Gun Dog Running Order

1) Toujours Fidele Cerene Shelby, EB female owned by Matt and Jennifer Allain and handled by Jennifer Allain. Shelby had a really nice run finding and pointing two birds, staying for flush on the first but leaving just a hair to soon on the second. This is a dog with a lot of heart that we predict will return with a trip to the winners circle.

2) Capucine Du Hameau De Sorny “Sorny”, EB female owned and handled by Lynda Kieres. Sorny is a spunky little gal that makes you smile when you watch her run. Unfortunately she ran at the bird a wee-bit too soon to be passed.

3) Cassandra Du Hyalite, EB female owned by Ken and Janice Bruwelheide and handled by Ken Bruwelheide. Cassie is fun to watch but unfortunately she went with the bird.

- 4) Bovine du Hyalite, EB female, owned and handled by Todd Lehner. Bovine showed his breeding by running a nice pattern and displaying an exceptional nose and powerful prey drive, but unfortunately Bovine also went with the bird.
- 5) Alaine De Grand View "Moxie", EB female owned by Matt and Jennifer Allain and handled by Matt. As Matt was bringing Moxie around she immediately makes a bird scent a good 150 yards from the gunner. Over a minute passes as the gunner glides to the front but alas Moxie could not wait and the gunner is robbed of a shot.
- 6) Vespers Belle Du Hunrunr, BS female owned by Sherry Niesar and handled by Nick Wax, mentioned.
- 7) Topperlyn Fonzie, EB male owned by Lynda Kieres, mentioned.
- 8) GUN TAN Gundy's Gypsy Jo Du Hunrunr, EB female owned and handled by Glen Gunderson, mentioned.
- 9) Ambra Du Hyalite "Daisy", EB female owned by Ken and Janice Bruwelheide and handled by Ken Bruwelheide, mentioned.
- 10) Dakota Du Cabaret Des Pins, EB male, owned by Wallace Huey and handled by Fred Overby. This is a dog to take notice of. His training is just beginning and it showed as he broke early.
- 11) Des Par-Bessos Par "Tess", owned and handled by Keith Castleberry, mentioned.
- 12) Grifondorf Du Hyalite, EB male owned and handled by Larry Jent. Griff was in the wrong place at the wrong time as the gunner stepped on a bird and he gave merry chase.
- 13) Utica Sky Montana, EB male, owned and handled by Gary Berger, mentioned.



**It does not get any better than this! Another view from the that special back porch at Hyalite Kennel**

#### **TAN:**

We had two passes in the Tan today. Diego De Broughton, EB male, Owned and handled by Todd Lehner and D'Rosabelle Du Hyalite, EB female owned by Mel and Kim Kotur and handled by Mel. Both these dogs did a masterful job of displaying their excellent breeding. While the TAN is just a quick glimpse into the future both these dogs showed they are worth waiting for a better look.



### TAN Running Order

- 1) Diego De Broughton, EB male owned by Todd Lehner, mentioned.
- 2) Topperlyn Issy, EB female owned and handled by Lynda Kieres. Issy showed good nose but was just not ready to point today.
- 3) D’Rosabelle Du Hyalite “Rosie”, EB female owned and handled by Mel and Kim Kotur, mentioned.
- 4) Topperlyn Isis, EB female owned and handled by Lynda Kieres. Isis watched her sister and did not point.



**Capucine Du Hameau De Sorny “Sorny”, owned and handled by Lynda Kieres**

### SUNDAY MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> RESULTS

#### **Open Solo:**

Our First Place Open Winner on Sunday is CH TR TAN Topperlyn Fontay Azure Bo, EB female owned and handled by Glen Gunderson. Today Azure’s run is absolutely without fear, confident yet graceful resulting in three finds. Every point was heart stopping and every bird was handled with perfection ending with a nice soft mouth delivery to hand.

Reserve: NBOB CH TR Topperlyn Gallant Bodacious, EB male owned by Anne Johnson and handled by Glen Gunderson both from Minnesota. Leo had an excellent run, and showed his great nose by pointing at such distances that he needed to be repositioned so the gunner could find and flush the bird. As we have come to expect from this great dog Leo was steady until sent for the retrieve.

Pass: Violet Des Renfro “Shug”, EB female owned and handled by Fred Overby. Shug had a honest mans run today but needed a gentle “whoa” to keep her steady earning her a pass instead of a placement. Again Shug proved she has the stuff and we expect to see her continue to improve.

#### Open Running Order

- 1) CH TR TAN Topperlyn D’Artagan “Dart”, EB male, owned by Lynda and Chris Kieres and handled by Lynda Kieres. Dart began like the champion he is with a perfect find, point, shot and retrieve. His second find was a walking bobbie that he happened to step on and very uncharacteristically he gave chase.
- 2) CHF Zeus’ Ebony Leaps A Lot, EB male owned by Peter Wax and Sherry Niesar and handled by Nick Wax. Zeus like Dart had a good start with nice deep find early in the run. He held firm for many minutes while the handler and gunner glided over for the shot and retrieve sequence. It looked good for the 13 year old handler Nick but Zeus pushed his second bird to flush and grabbed it out of the air.
- 3) CH TR. TAN Topperlyn Fontay Azure Bo, EB female, owned and Handled by Glen Gunderson, mentioned.
- 4) Violet Des Renfro, EB female owned and handled by Fred Overby, mentioned.
- 5) NBOB CH TR TAN Topperlyn Gallant Bodacious, EB male, mentioned.



**It’s called “Big Sky Country” - View to the southwest from Hyalite Kennel.**

#### **Gun Dog Solo:**

Our First Place Gun Dog was GUN TAN Gundy's Gypsy Jo Du Hunrunr “Josie”, EB female owned and handled by Glen Gunderson. Josie lived up to her reputation today with a wonderful run showing her usual style and energy.

No reserve or passes in Gun Dog Solo.

#### Gun Dog Running Order

- 1) Topperlyn Fonzie, EB male owned and handled by Lynda. Fonzie just was not himself this weekend and went with the bird.
- 2) Alaine De Grande View ‘Moxie’, EB female owned by Matt and Jennifer Allain and handled by Jennifer. Nice run but in the excitement Moxie forgot the rules and gave chase.
- 3) GUN TAN Gypsy's Jo Du Hunrunr, EB female, mentioned.

4) Dakota Du Cabaret Des Pins, EB male owned by Wallace Huey and handled by Fred Overby. This dog is a tiger in the field leaving no stone unturned. He makes a deep cast that results in appoint nearly 200 yards out but leaves before the gliding gunner can get into flushing range.

5) Ambra Du Hyalite 'Daisy', EB female owned and handled by Ken Bruwelhiede. This dog made a nice point and retrieve, however in the future she should wait for the gunner.

6) Bovine Du Hyalite, EB female owned and handled by Todd Lehner. Bo worked hard on a moving bobbie and finally pinned it, but unfortunately went with the bird.

7) Capucine Du Hameau De Sorny "Sorny", EB female owned and handled by Lynda Kieres. Sorny showed great sunk, speed, nose and an intense point but did not hold long enough for the gun.

8) Cassandra Du Hyalite 'Cassie', EB female owned and handled by Ken Bruwelhiede. Shows great promise and was one of the gunner favorites but alas a pass was not in the cards.

9) Toujours Fidele Cerene Shelby, EB female, owned by Matt and Jennifer Allain and handled by Jennifer. Shelby left just a hair too soon but she showed a lot of high natural qualities. Shelby only has three good wheels but runs like she has six and is nicely patterned and smart to the wind.

10) Vespers Belle Du Hunrunr, BS female owned by Sherry Niesar and handled by Nick Wax. Not the same dog today. Looked like a birdless run but then she bumped a bobbie and gave wild and carefree case sealing her fate.

11) Cloud De L'Audour, EB female owned and handled by Fred Overby. Cloud showed great natural ability and desire but went with the bird.



**See you all next year - Oh and remember your boots!**