

## South Dakota Field Trials

Submitted by the Northern Plains Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club

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The new Northern Plains Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club held three wild bird trials in a little over a year. For many people living in other parts of the country a wild bird trial is a special treat. We are fortunate to live in wild bird country and to share these opportunities with other hunting dog lovers. Our trials have included Epagneul Bretons and Braque Francais.

The December 2016 trial was held near Armour, South Dakota at the home of Norman and Judy Pope. The temperature was around 9 degrees, the birds had grouped up two days before the trial and the first bird contact was approximately 200 pheasants. Judges for this trial were the Honorable Bob Olson, Honorable Randy Meester and Honorable Denine Ackerbauer. Participants included Denine Ackerbauer, Steven Broughton, Norman Pope, Dave Flynn, Terry Jacobson, Doug Bollin, Nate Cirillo and Eric Mueller.

Placement for the December 10, 2016 trial was:

Dog	Owner	Placement
<u><i>Open Solo</i></u>		
Etendard des Grands Lacs	Denine Ackerbauer	EXC

Placements for the December 11, 2016 trial were:

Dog	Owner	Placement
<u><i>Gun Solo</i></u>		
La Jolie de Sur le Delavan	Doug Bollin	CAG
Font Romeu Blaise Grand Ciel	Eric Mueller	RCAG
<u><i>TAN</i></u>		
Merle du Ten Bar Ranch	Nate Cirillo	TAN

The April 2017 trial was originally scheduled for Timberlake, South Dakota but because of the harsh winter had to be moved to near Armour, South Dakota at the home of Norman and Judy Pope. The pheasants were spreading out preparing for breeding season and the majority of dogs had bird contact. Judges for these trials were the Honorable Ange Franchi from France, Honorable Bob Olson, Honorable Randy Meester, Honorable Doug Bollin and Honorable Mark Dinsmore. Participants included Tom Lehmann, Mark Dinsmore, Jeff Hites, Julie Bollin, Doug Bollin, Steve Broughton, Brad Boison, Norman Pope, Dave Flynn, Mark Taylor, Terry Jacobson, Joel Lucasey and Callie Cirillo.

Placements for the April 8, 2017 trial were:

Dog	Owner	Placement
<u><i>Open Braces</i></u>		
L'Otti De La Savane Rouge	Thomas Lehmann	CAC
Elyn du Copper Spur	Angela Hites	PASS
Iven Du Mas D'Pataula	Norman Pope	PASS
<u><i>Open Solo</i></u>		

Domino du Milobre de Bouisse	Brad Boison	RCAC
Mircea de la Pinede Aux Oliviers	Doug Bollin	PASS
Elyn du Copper Spur	Angela Hites	EXC
Furio du Clos de la Muyde	Brad Boison	CAC
Indiana De Broughton	Steve Broughton	EXC
PR Jersey Hites Mississippi	Angela Hites	EXC
<b><u>Gun Solo</u></b>		
Ten Bar Ranch Spur Tan	Mark Taylor	PASS
Loki Ten Bar Ranch	Dave Flynn	RCAG
Heidi Sur Le Delavan	Dave Flynn	CAG and RCAGT
Iris de L'Etoile du Nord	Mark Dinsmore	RCAG
Mackinaw Valley Mae	Joel Lucasey	EXC
Mae-C De Chantant K-3	Norman Pope	CAG and CAGT
<b><u>Gun Braces</u></b>		
Loki Ten Bar Ranch	Dave Flynn	PASS
Ichuaway Du Mas D'Pataula	Norman Pope	PASS
<b><u>TAN</u></b>		
Lost Highway's Maggie	Norman Pope	TAN

Placements for April 9, 2017 were:

Dog	Owner	Placement
<b><u>Open Brace</u></b>		
Iven Du Mas D'Pataula	Norman Pope	CAC
<b><u>Open Solo</u></b>		
L'Otti De La Savane Rouge	Thomas Lehmann	CAC
Iven Du Mas D'Pataula	Norman Pope	EXC
Indiana De Broughton	Steve Broughton	PASS
I-Tonka De La Pinede Aux Olivers	Steve Broughton	EXC
Bary De los Cascajos	Steve Broughton	EXC
Elyn du Copper Spur	Angela Hites	EXC
<b><u>Gun Solo</u></b>		
Heidi Sur Le Delavan	Dave Flynn	CAG
Ten Bar Ranch Spur Tan	Mark Taylor	PASS
L Hites Mississippi	Angela Hites	HNQ

Thank you participants for making these trials fun. Also thank you to the judges for your time and efforts in supporting the events. These judges contribute time and money out of their own pockets for the Epagneul Bretons. Thank you also to the participants who at the last minute withdrew entries to judge certain events. Thank you Peter Wax for serving as the original secretary.