BOYKIN SPANIELS FOREVER

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must be under the handler's control at all times, and must handle kindly, with an absolute minimum of noise and hacking by the handler. A Master hunting dog must show a keen enthusiasm to hunt. must have a bold and attractive manner of running, and must demonstrate not only intelligence in seeking objectives, but also excellent ability to find game. The dog must hunt for its handler at all times at a suitable gun range, showing a fine Spaniel pattern and experienced hunting independence. The dog must locate game, flush well and must be absolutely steady to wing and shot without excessive handling in both land and water testing. Intelligent use of the wind and terrain in locating game, accurate nose, and intensity are essential. After the shot, a Master hunting dog must positively demonstrate its steadiness to wing and shot. The handler shall not command or signal the dog to retrieve until steadiness has been demonstrated.

Test Elements:

- 1. Must find, flush and retrieve two (2) birds to hand on land.
- 2. Must be line steady at water and retrieve one (1) bird to hand from water at a distance of at least 30 yards with a shot fired.
- 3. Must be tested on a blind water retrieve with a shot fired at 30 yards.
- 4. Ability to "hunt dead" on a land blind of approximately 40 yards.
- 5. Steady to wing and shot.

NOW TO THE GOOD STUFF...HOW DID OUR BOYKIN'S DO WHEN ALL WAS SAID AND DONE?

Saturday: Turn off cold, wet and nasty, but there was a great turn out for the event. The results were:

Junior Hunter - 15 entries/5 Qualifying Scores Boykin Spaniels 4/4

English Cocker Spaniel 1/0 Clumber Spaniel 1/1

American Water Spaniel 2/0

American Cocker Spaniel 1/0 English Cocker Spaniel 1/0

Senior Hunter - 11 entries/4 Qualifying Scores Boykin Spaniel 5/3 English Springer Spaniel 4/1 American Cocker Spaniel 1/0 Field Spaniel 1/0

Master Hunter - 9 entries/3 Qualifying Scores Boykin Spaniel 4/3 English Springer Spaniel 1/0 English Cocker Spaniel 2/0 American Water Spaniel 2/0

Sunday: Not raining...but cold, windy and muddy! ...and the results were:

Junior Hunter - 15 entries/5 Qualifying Scores Boykin Spaniel 9/4 American Water Spaniel 2/0 English Cocker Spaniel 1/0 Clumber Spaniel 1/1 American Cocker Spaniel 1/0 English Cocker Spaniel 1/0

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The numbers above speak for themselves and shout out loud for the abilities and enthusiasm of the Boykin Spaniel. Two Boykin Spaniels received their Junior Hunter titles on Saturday. They were Hollow Creek's Decoy JH and Hollow Creek's Gypsy JH and thus receive the recognition of being the first Boykin Spaniels to get an AKC Hunt Testing title. Congratulations to all of our Boykin Spaniels...their owners...their handlers...and especially their breeders...for this fine "debut" of the Boykin Spaniel at the AKC Hunt Test!!









Bill Wright





Waggin' Tails



Sehoy Quail Hunt 2006 Mark Lewis - SC



Hal Roemer and Hollow Creek's Bear



Hollow Creek's Gypsy -Owner: Harold Stanlick



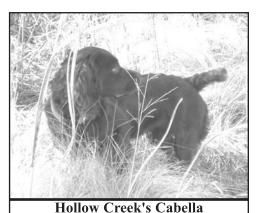
Hollow Creek's Jackson - CA



Junior - Jeff Crumbley - GA



Hollow Creek's Kookie - SC



I'm training Bella at Big Red Oak
Plantation in Gay, Ga and I can't begin
to tell you the number of compliments I
have received. Most of the hunters in
this area are not use to seeing a Boykin
and can't believe how natural she is in
the field. She is very aggressive and her
nose is truly unbelievable. I'm now
shooting over her and killing birds
which she is retrieving with no problem.
I'm planning to continue to work with
her on quail through the end of the
month then move to pigeons. I have no
doubts that she will be ready for
pheasant come October.

- Mitchell Hunter -