English Cocker Spaniel Club of America

Field Trial Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Members Present: Deb Strohl, Mike Schroeder, Vicky Thomas, Keith Meissner, Pete Rizzo, Dennis Joannides, Terry Reckart

I. Call to order A call to order was made at 8:02pm EST

II. Approval of Minutes: Dennis moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, Deb seconded, all in favor.

III. Approval of the agenda: Dennis moved to approve the agenda, Deb seconded and all in favor.

IV. Unfinished Business:

A. Gun Committee: The FTC reviewed in detail the current wording of the "English Cocker Gunning Program" document. The necessary corrections were made to the document. Terry stated that all our regulations as to gunning should not contradict the AKC gunning regulations, as the AKC sets the rules that all field trials must follow. The FTC will send this document with the changes to the Gun Committee for their review and would like to meet with the Gun Committee in an upcoming FTC meeting. The current document is attached to these minutes for review by everyone that field trials.

B. NCC Budget Approval: The FTC reviewed the exceptionally detailed 2016 NCC budget submitted by Chris Dartt which was approved by the FTC.

C. Judges List: Attached update

1. The FTC opted to hold up attaching the Judges List to these minutes to correct several errors that had previously been noted. It hopes to circulate them after our next meeting.

V. New Business:

A. Bixby Award nominations The FTC is looking for nominations for the 2016 Bixby award, if you have a nomination please forward the nomination and a bio to the FTC.

B. Vicky asked the FTC to approve the attachment of two articles that had been circulated in the past two weeks to see if everyone agreed they were of importance to Cocker Field Trialers. The FTC agreed they should be attached.

D. The FTC is recommending all field trial clubs begin to consider possible candidates for the 2017 NCC Judges. We will be calling for nominations in the next few weeks.

VI. Next meeting the FTC will concentrate on the Cocker Hall of Fame and we will be inviting Bethann Wiley the Chairwoman, to the meeting. It was mentioned that Fox Valley has agreed to Host a "Hall of Fame" field trial in connection with induction dates.

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VII. In a month the FTC will be inviting the Gunning Committee members to the meeting in order to review the Gunning document.

VIII. Pete reported that Kim Parkman would like to host a trial a week prior to the current North Carolina trial. She is looking for a club to help mentor them. Mike stated that Buck Grabowski recently moved to the area and that maybe he would be willing to help out with the trial. We discussed the proposal submitted by Paul Mommerts for the North Carolina trial and decided to review it at our next meeting as it was getting late.

IX. Adjournment –9:45pm EST Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting and Keith seconded it.

X. Next FTC Meeting July 12, 2016 8:00 pm EST

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The English Cocker Gunning Program

Based on an original Draft dated 6/4/2007
Written by
Tom Calabrese, Chairman of the Gun Committee
Dave Barto, John Lenninger, Dave Proctor
Updated by the 2016 FTC
Draft 6.28.16

Introduction: "The process to become a gunner"

Long before an individual is drawn to field trial gunning, they usually love to hunt and shoot. Because these hunters are known as "crack shots", they are invited to shoot for Field Trial Club's local training sessions or for a professional gun dog trainer. It is during these informal sessions that the "crack shots" are identified and the seed to shoot over the cocker spaniel field trial dog is planted.

These intense, but smaller training venues, quietly mark the birth of a transition where rudimentary gunning safety and a set of shooting skills are drummed into the prospective gunner's mind. If the individual miraculously possesses the discipline it demands to shoot within the very strict guidelines required for gunning at Spaniel field trials, he might receive the coveted "tap on the shoulder" by a mentor willing to assume the responsibility of further training him as his protégé. For many, this "tap" will never come.

Mentoring is a "one on one relationship" that first strives for safety and secondly values a fine shot. The new gunner will always be a reflection of his tutor. A field trial Gunner must not only be a crack shot, he must have the ability to read his surroundings and immediately assess the safety of the shot. This has to be an "unerring decision making process" because any single mistake may spell disaster.

Mentoring is the core of the English Cocker Gunning Program. It is almost impossible to quantify the experience level that qualifies an individual as a gunner. It's a judgment call. Nor would the leveling of rules or written protocol be applied to the program that would surpass or replace the importance of the mentorship that the Gunning Program relies upon. It is not the intention of this document to supersede mentorship, but to add a structure of organization among those that make up the brotherhood of Gunners. We recognize that the raw talent and judgment to become a Gunner is unique, and existing "Gunners", "Gun Captains" and members of the Gunning Committee recognize and appreciate that talent among their peers.

Everyone appreciates safe and competent Guns, especially those hosting and participating at our Field Trial events. It is, therefore, our conclusion that no one is more qualified to select qualified guns than those on the "front lines" shooting at Field Trials.

This English Cocker Gunning Program was developed around "The Gunning Seminar for Spaniels" which is recognized by both the AKC and ECSCA as the ultimate policy manual for all field trial gunning situations. If a conflict should occur between this document and the one used during the AKC "Gunning Seminar," the AKC document will supersede.

Background:

In 2007, when the original Cocker Gunning program was created, it automatically "Grandfathered" anyone from the Springer Spaniel Gunning Program onto the Cocker Qualified list with matching qualification of either Q (Gunner) or G (Gun Captain). This has remained in effect that any "Q" or "G" qualified Springer Gun is automatically accepted into the Cocker Gunning Program on par. Ideally, the Springer Spaniel Program

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would reciprocate and award points for those shooting at Cocker Field Trials, however, that is not done at this time.

It is now AKC protocol that at any licensed or unlicensed AKC field trial that a Qualified Gun Captain (G) is identified and made responsible for the team of guns that are assembled to shoot at a Cocker Trial.

The list of "Approved Gun Captains" is now maintained by the Gun Committee and published on the Fieldcockers.com website for all clubs to access. In the unusual case when an approved Gun Captain is unavailable, a club should immediately contact their Cocker Regional Committee Representative who may appoint a "Managing Gun Captain" by special permission. The qualifications for this would include an experienced individual gunner who is familiar with the operation and management of field trials and also the responsibilities of gun teams. Note: This person would not necessarily have to gun the trial, but would be responsible to oversee the selection and supervision of the gun team prior to and during the trial.

Steps to become recognized on the Cocker Gunner List as (Q)Gunner or (G) Gun Captain:

The steps to become either a Gunner or Gun Captain follow the same format. Therefore, it is presumed to become a Gun Captain, one is first a Gunner (Q). The application would be modified in the case of an applicant wishing to be upgraded to Gun Captain, but the parameters would remain the same.
The Gunning Program relies on the "inside" knowledge Field Trial Clubs have in knowing those among their contemporaries, who are safe "Guns" as well as how to shoot over English Cockers. The integrity of the program rests on the Field Trial Clubs and their sincere administration of the election of prospective "Gunners" and "Gun Captains" as well as the integrity of the "Gun Committee" that ensures the steps are fulfilled by potential candidates. The first basic we recommend is that the Gunner has a valid Hunting License demonstrating the Gunner has completed a "Hunters Safety Program".

It is presumed the prospective Gunners (Q) would have an extensive background in training sessions, hunt tests and/or field trials and have proven to be safe and reliable. Individuals meeting these ideals would be candidates that the Field Trial Club would be proud to recommend to the Gun Committee as "Gunners".
Those aspiring to be Gun Captains would have additional abilities of leadership. The accumulated list of Gun Captain Names should represent the "top echelon" of Gunners and persons listed should be proud to be among the other names.

Certain basics must be required for individuals to be considered by a Field Trial Club as a Gun (Q) for any field trial.

The first requirement is to successfully complete the Springer Gun Seminar. The second would be for the Field Trial Club to submit an application, signed and dated by the President of each individual Field Trial Club (samples included in this report) to their Cocker Regional Gun Committee Member. They, the Field Trial Club, should consider the following when evaluating a candidate:

- Has the trial club known this candidate for an appropriate length of time to make a recommendation of his capabilities?
- Has the trial club seen this individual shoot over Cockers and/or Springers?
- Has the trial club seen this individual shoot at Training sessions, Hunt Tests, Field Trials?
- Did the individual demonstrate the ability to shoot well and within the guidelines outlined in the Springer Gun Seminar?
- Would you agree this Gunner's first priority is safety and he demonstrates objectivity when shooting at an event?

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English Cocker Spaniel Club of America
Gunner and Gun Captain Approval Form

This application is for the position of (circle one)

Gunner

or

Gun Captain

Applicant's Name: _____
Address (Street) _____
Address (City, State, Zip)_____
Applicants Phone_____Email _____

Recommending Field Trial Club _____
Recommending Gun Captain Mentor_____

Applicant's background: Include approximate years of experience shooting trials & hunt tests. Recommending Club or Gun Captain Mentor should attest to their knowledge and experience regarding the applicant's safety, proficiency and objectivity in past field trial, hunt test and/or training events.

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Signature (Club President or Mentor)

Date Submitted to ECSCA Gun Committee: _____
Determination: _____(Accepted/Rejected)
Date Returned to Sponsoring Club or Mentor _____

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Job Descriptions

Field Trial Gunner

Reports to: Field Trial Gun Captain

Purpose:

This position is responsible for the safe and quality performance as a member of the Field Trial Gun Team. The Field Trial Gun ("Gunner") is invited by the Gun Captain and participates with the field trial management, judges, planters, and handlers to ensure a successful event.

Primary Function and Responsibilities

- The "Gunner" at the direction of the Field Trial Gun Captain, reviews the trial gunning plan, course outline, rotation, etc., and any other pertinent issues prior to the start of the field trial.
- All Field Trial Guns must utilize a 12 gauge double gun, in accordance with AKC Field Trial guidelines. The double gun should be in excellent operating condition and only factory ammunition shall be utilized.
- Reloads must not be used. We are recommending the use of premium field loads as the conditions and venues warrant and determined by the Gun Captain as written in "The Gunning Seminar" page 19 "Shells" and on page 29 of the AKC handbook, item 11 under Gunning.
- The "Gunner" should look to the Gun Captain as a mentor and must be resilient and positive after honest performance review by the Gun Captain.
- The "Gunner" must have the ability to (1) "read" Spaniels and recognize when it is making game, (2) understand how wind direction will affect a dog's scenting and the "manner" it finds its game and (3) capable to adjust shooting to the cover.
- Prior to taking a shot, the "Gunner" must have the ability and discipline to determine without question that the area (in to which he/she will shoot) is clear and safe to shoot before shooting. If there is any doubt whatsoever as to the area being clear the "Gunner" must not take the shot. There can be no compromise to safety; additionally the "Gunner" has the ability to determine when to allow the bird(s) not to be shot.
- The "Gunner" must cleanly and consistently kill the birds flushed by the Spaniel. As written in the Gunning Seminar under the topic of "etiquette", if the bird is not dead after the first shot, it should be shot again to achieve a clean kill. Each shot should be in a sportsmanlike manner, again with no compromise to safety. The "Gunner" shoots for the dog, giving each and every dog a retrieve which will provide a fair test of the dog's marking and retrieving skills.
- The "Gunner" should come prepared to the trial with good quality field gear and prepared for all weather conditions.
- Maintain his own record of trials he/she has shot in.

Knowledge and Skill Guidelines

- Has experience in training spaniels in hunt tests and/or field trials.
- Has completed the Spaniel Field Trial Gun Safety Seminar.
- Has extensive experience shooting over spaniels in club training sessions.
- Has experience shooting in practice for local "pros".
- Has a history of safe shooting conduct.
- Be knowledgeable of the ECSCA Green Book
- Be knowledgeable of the AKC Rules and Regulations for Field Trials.

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Field Trial Gun Captain

Reports to: Field Trial Committee Chairman

Purpose:

The position is responsible for the management and function of the Field Trial Gun Team in accordance with the guidelines of the ECSCA and the AKC. The position provides the leadership that fosters safety and maximizes the contribution of the Gun Team toward a successful field event. This Gun Captain manages all aspects of the field trial gunning, and works in conjunction with the field trial management, judges, planters and handlers to ensure a successful event.

Primary Function and Responsibilities

- The Gun Captain is responsible for the gun team personnel, utilizing a positive and motivating approach that maximizes each gunner's contribution to the field trial.
  This responsibility includes the selecting of the gunners for the event, on-site review of gun performance and discharging team member(s) as necessary.
- The Gun Captain functions as a mentor to the gun team participants. She/he sets a trial plan, oversees the gun team activities and makes recommendations for the improvement of gun participants.
- The Gun Captain offers support to the Field Trial Committee in course design focusing of event safety, and fostering a shooting environment which allows for the Cocker's field trial evaluation.
- The Gun Captain makes constructive recommendation(s) to the Field Trial Committee for the improvement of the trial and/or future trials with regard to gunning safety.
- The Gun Captain is responsible for many other trial gunning issues. Some include coordinating with Field Trial committee and advising his/her gun team regarding the local regulations and game laws, reviewing the expected number of entries to establish manpower requirements, selecting appropriate shells and shot size, coordinating the acquisition of shells with field trial committee, team rotation schedule and instructing the gun team on the proper "zones of fire."

Knowledge and Skill Guidelines

- Have a minimum of ten years of spaniel experience in hunt tests and/or field trials.
- Have completed the Spaniel Field Trial Gun Safety Seminar.
- Have extensive trial gun experience.
- Be knowledgeable of ECSCA Green Book rules.
- Be knowledgeable of AKC Rules and Regulations for Field Trials.
- Have good management skills including outstanding leadership, competence in oversight and supervision of guns and ability to communicate confidently.

NCC Gun Captain or Co-Captains

Reports to: National Field Trial Committee Chairman

Purpose:

The position is responsible for the assembly, management and function of the NCC Gun Teams. The prestige of the position shows leadership that fosters safety, demonstrates impartiality to all participants and maximizes the contribution of the Gun Team toward a successful field event.

Primary Function and Responsibilities

- The Gun Captain is responsible for assembling a premier gun team, utilizing the most experienced individuals possible that demonstrate no bias for any particular participant. The preferred guns for

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shooting the NCC shall be (G) rated or can be a very highly qualified (Q) rated. The prospective list of names should be reviewed with the ECSCA FTC.

- The Gun Captain or Co-Gun Captains will always have an individual in the field supervising their various teams. In the case of a single Gun Captain, he will name an "Assistant" Gun Captain that will supervise the team when the Gun Captain is out of the field so we will have an observing captain in the field at all times.
- This responsibility of supervising includes on-site review of gun performance and discharging team member(s) if necessary.
- The Gun Captain should review the course design focusing of event safety and fostering a shooting environment which enhances the Cocker's field trial evaluation.
- The Gun Captain is responsible for providing a bio and photo from each gunner (himself included) for the Catalog.
- The Gun Captain is responsible for obtaining the results of the Gunners Award.

Cocker Gun Committee Regional Member (GCRM)

Reports to: Field Trial Gun Committee Chairman

Purpose: Provides oversight and guidance to Field Trial Clubs, Individual Gunners, Gun Captains and the Field Trial Committee while developing future guns that will regard all aspects of field trial gunning. We require representation for each region.

Membership Requirements: To become a member of the Gun Committee an individual must

- Have been an active Gun Captain for both the Cocker and Springer Gun Programs in excess of 5 years.
- Have been gunning Field Trials for 10 years or more.
- Have gunned Field Trials in more than 2 regions and should be actively shooting in Cocker and/or Springer Trials outside of their home trial.
- Must be qualified to present a "Gunning Seminar".
- Must be nominated by two Field Trial Clubs.
- Must be able to demonstrate a meaningful voice and show leadership qualities for the betterment of gunning and the ability to stand firm, not to be swayed by peer pressure, and be able to decline an application for due cause.
- Must have been a member of a National Gun Team
- Be capable to advise clubs on course design helping facilitate safe gunning at trials and events.
- Be capable to talk to newer or older guns in a constructive way to correct shooting problems that arise.
- The regional Members will be selected from the nominees by the FTC.
- The regional Members will serve on the committee for a minimum period of 5 years. Even if you die, you can't get off.

Primary Functions and Responsibilities:

- Educate and mentor new guns (Training Seminars, training sessions, etc.).
- Evaluate guns for progressing up the gunning ladder (P to Q to G).
- Review any gunning complaints and initiate corrective action if warranted.
- Review the Gun Team selection for National Events and comment on same to the Field Trial Committee.
- The Cocker Gun Committee makes up the Gun Captain review board that evaluate an application to become a Gunner or Gun Captain to determine if the candidate has achieved enough experience to be

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rated. The criteria used to arrive at the decision is the number of years gunning, the number of ESS/ECS field trials they have gunned, Club affiliations, Gun Captain experiences, Attendance and participation in a Parent Club Field Trial Gunning Seminar, "Q" rated (Qualified status) by Interclub Field Trial Gun Chairs, the personal recommendation by the seminar leader or a mentor/sponsor, based on their observation of the candidate's gunning safety and protocol and Leadership qualities.

Regions:

There will be a CGC Representative from each of the following regions as long as that region has a Cocker field trial.

East:	Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York (mostly Eastern NY), Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania (east of Susquehanna River)
Mid East:	Ohio, Pennsylvania (west of Susquehanna River), Western New York, Eastern, Michigan
Mid West :	Wisconsin, Iowa, Western Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota
Rocky Mountain:	Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Missouri, Tennessee, Missouri, Nebraska , North Dakota
West :	California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana

Cocker Gun Committee Chairman

Reports to: ECSCA Field Trial Committee

Purpose: The Gun Committee Chairman is responsible for the coordination and operation of the Field Trial Gun Committee.

Primary Functions and Responsibilities

- Coordinate with the Field Trial Committee and the NCC Gun Captain the selection of the "Master Suggested NCC Gun Team" for each year's National Championship.
- Organizing and conducting one or more meetings per year to review potential "Gunning" candidates and "Gun Captain" candidates
- To attend at least one meeting per year with the FTC to review the status of selected "Gunning" candidates and "Gun Captain" candidates as well as other gunning issues such as not enough gunners for local field trials due to expanding field trials.
- To be the contact person when local field trial clubs are having difficulty in obtaining a Gun Captain or "Gunner" for their events by coordinating with the Regional Gun Committee Member.
- The Chairman of the Committee is elected by the Regional CGC Members for a period of three years and may be re-elected for one additional term of three years.

END OF GUNNING REPORT

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Projected 2016 NCC Budget

Income

		Number	Each	$	
Trial Entry Fees	Entries	90	$225.00	$ 20,250.00	
Donations					
	Purina Donation			$ 1,000.00	(+ trophies)
	Trophy Donations -See Assc Costs Below				
	1st Place (A.R. Ginn)	1	425		
	2nd Place (sponsor?)	1	300		
	3rd Place (Olivia sponsor?)	1	275		
	4th Place (sponsor?)	1	250		
	Certificate of Merit (Bear Creek/Land?)	4	200		
	Gun's Award (2016 Gun Team)	1	220		
	NCC Best Amateur Handler (Danae Steele)	1	160		
	Golden Whistle Award (Bob & Tawney Crawford)	1	125		
	Ribbons (Jim Karlovec)	8	160		
	Certificates of Completion (Jean Marie Tate)	15	125		
	Donated Trophies (NON MONETARY)				
	Fallen Wings Breeder's Cup (Rumi & Mike Schroeder)				
	Bramblewood Kennel's Second Best Trophy (Ernie & Andrea Hasse)				
	High Point Open Dog (Purina)	1	250	Purina	
	High Point Amateur Dog (Glencoe Kennels)	1	250		
	High Point Puppy (Linda Simon/Nadine Kohn	1	150		
	High Point Open Handler (Purina)	1	250	Purina	
	High Point Amateur Handler (MHSA?)	1	250		
	Harold S. Bixby Award (Harry Blane)	1	175		
				$ 3,565.00	
Patron Program					
Platinum Patrons		5	600	$ 3,000.00	
	Gifts (2 @ $75)	150.00			$ 750.00
	Banquet (2@$32)	64.00			$ 320.00
	Lunch (2@$8.5x3)	51.00			$ 320.00
	Catalogs (2@$10)	20.00			$ 100.00
	NCC Print (1@$25)	25.00			$ 125.00
	Notation Subtotal	310.00			$ 1,615.00

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Gold Patrons	5	500	$ 2,500.00	
Gifts (1 @ $75)	75.00			$ 375.00
Banquet (1@$32.)	32.00			$ 160.00
Lunch (1@$8.5 x3)	25.50			$ 160.00
Catalogs (1@$10)	10.00			$ 50.00
NCC Print (1@$25)	25.00			$ 125.00
				$ 870.00
Notation Subtotal	167.50			
Silver Patrons				
Patron Gifts	5	350	$ 1,750.00	
Banquet (1@$40)	**32**			**$ 160.00**
Catalogs (1@$10)	10			$ 50.00
NCC Print (1@$25)	25			$ 125.00
Notation Subtotal	67			$ 335.00
Bronze Patrons	10	200	$ 2,000.00	
Catalogs (1@$10)	10			$ 100.00
NCC Print (1@$25)	25			$ 250.00
Notation Subtotal	35			$ 350.00
Basket Auction	10	50	$ 500.00	
Silent Auction	25	40	$ 1,000.00	
Merchandise Sales				
Merchandise Sales			$ 3,500.00	
Catalogs				
Advertising Income	20	100	$ 2,000.00	
Dog Memorials	5	50	$ 250.00	
Catalog Sales	10	10	$ 100.00	
Notation Profit				$ 2,350.00
Banquet and Lunches				
Paid Banquet	80	40.00	3,200.00	
Pre-Paid Lunches Wednesday	40	8.50	340.00	
AT the door Paid Lunch Wednesday	40	10.00	400.00	
Pre-Paid Lunches Thursday	**30**	**8.50**	**255.00**	
At the door Paid Lunch Thursday	30	10.00	300.00	
Pre-Paid Lunches Friday	25	8.50	212.50	
At the door Paid Lunch Friday	20	10.00	200.00	
Misc Sponsorship and Other				
Sale of Dog Crates at end of trial	8	20	$ 160.00	
Photgrapher sponsorship (Tom Calabrese)			1,000.00	
Total Income			$ 47,482.50	

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Birds	Expenses				
	Hens		700	9.00	6,300.00
	Roosters		100	13.00	1,300.00
Judges	Judges				
	Child Airfare		1	300.00	300.00
	Child Rental Car, gas		1	250.00	250.00
	Koehler Gas		1	150.00	150.00
	Hotel		9	115.00	900.00
	Breakfasts		5	15.00	75.00
	Dinners		5	30.00	150.00
	Gifts		2	200.00	400.00
Bird Planter	Bird Planter				
	Planter Fee		1	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Hotel	comp		0.00	0.00
	Dinner		2	30.00	60.00
	Breakfasts		2	15.00	30.00
Gunners	Guns				
	Estimate for Shells		8	100.00	800.00
	Gun Gifts		9	110.00	990.00
	Gun Expense Stipend		8	150.00	1,200.00
	Owners Gift		4	100.00	400.00
	HPS Rental				
	Porta Potties		5	85.00	425.00
	Tent		1	500.00	500.00
	Sides		6	20.00	120.00
	Heater		1	80.00	80.00
	Tables and Chairs		1	150.00	150.00
	Delivery		1	40.00	40.00
	Signs to Grounds		4	30.00	120.00
	Trophies				
	Trophies with tax, artwork		1	3,500.00	3,500.00
	Merchandise				
	Merchandise		1	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Catalog and Premium				
	Catalogs		200	10.00	2,000.00
	Running Orders		100	1.00	100.00
	Premium printing and Postage		100	1.00	100.00
	Prints		1	1,000.00	1,000.00

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Welcome Dinner					
	Welcome Party	65	23.00	1,495.00	
	Handler Bags	90	10.00	900.00	
	Hotel				
	Conference Room Microphone	1	50.00	50.00	
	Meeting Refreshments	1	50.00	50.00	
Banquet					
	Banquet				
	Banquet	115	32.00	3,680.00	Total cost of Banque
	Judges/Gunners/Chairs/Patrons/landowners no charge				
	Banquet	22			$704.00
Lunches	**Lunches**				
	Wednesday Lunch	120	8.50	1,020.00	
	Thursday Lunch	100	8.50	850.00	
	Friday Lunch	90	8.50	765.00	
	Awards Ceremony (Saturday Lunch sponsored by the ECSCA?)	40	8.50	340.00	
	Staff Lunches (3 days)	37			$943.50
	Patron Expense				
	Patron expense Platinum			1615.00	
Other Expenses	Patron expense Gold			870.00	
	Patron expense Silver			335.00	
	Patron expense Bronze			350.00	3170.00
	Staff and Misc				
	Staff Hats	29	25.00	725.00	(hats @ cost embro titles)
	Barn and Welcome party decorations	1	500.00	500.00	
	ATV, trailer, gas, expense	1	300.00	300.00	
	Towels for Water Test	20	10.00	200.00	(towel cost 5.00 emb
	Photographer	1	1,400.00	1,400.00	
	Ice/Water/Snacks - guns, judges	1	400.00	400.00	
	Morning Coffee/Doughnuts	1	200.00	200.00	
	Tubes for Prints	20	2.50	50.00	
	Crates for Dog Trolley	8	50.00	400.00	
AKC	Postage and shipping (merchandise)	1	150.00	150.00	
	Application Fees	1	15.00	15.00	
	AKC Fees	90	3.50	315.00	
	Unforeseen	1		600.00	
Total Expenses				42,515.00	
Net Income				4,967.50	

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ACRAL MYTILATION SYNDROME (AMS)

This condition is seen in puppies **(only working lines to date**) and results in lesions on distal extremities caused by self-mutilation, featuring loss of sensitivity to pain on distal limbs, tendency to lick or bite their own pads, resulting in auto-amputation of claws, digits and their own footpads in severe cases; however there is no limping.

The condition is inherited as a simple Autosomal Recessive gene, meaning that a copy of the AMS gene must be inherited from both parents for the disease to occur. With recessive conditions lie AMS, there are three genetic categories: affected, normal or carriers. Antagene has developed a DNA test for this condition which enables breeders to identify whether their dogs are carriers prior to breeding, As with any other recessive gene, carriers must only be mated to dogs tested Normal (i.e. Clear) to avoid producing affected progeny.

DNA testing for AAMS (Acral Mutation Syndrome) :
http://www.antegene.com/en/ams/-acr ual-mutilation-syndrome-english-cocker

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(Submitted by Kate Romanski so Field people would be on the aware. FTC agreed to distribute with the minutes)

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