



THE SPORTSMAN'S CHOICE

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2010 – 2011 Season Series

Attention competitors and upland enthusiasts,

Please find below a brief description of the Midwest Upland Gundog Series and an outline for how we will function throughout this season. This is not intended to be all inclusive, yet simply provide you with a general idea of our organization and how we conduct our series.

Overview of a M.U.G.S. competition:

- In order to participate in a M.U.G.S. competition you must be a M.U.G.S. member in good standing
- There are two levels of Memberships offered:
 - Daily/\$15
 - Annual/\$30 (includes family) renewal fees are \$20 for applicable members
- Each Member receives a current copy of the Official M.U.G.S. Handbook/Rulebook, identification card and unique window sticker
- Members are not charged "sanctioning fees" for their entry/entries
- We have two Divisions of competition; Pointers and Flushers. Each dog competes in one or the other based on breed type.
- There are THREE Events within each Division (exception would be Doubles, offered at select Competitions):

Top Gun Amateur Event:

- One canine competitor/one human competitor
- **Competitors are permitted to be in the same field up to two times.**
- A random four bird set is utilized for each entry
- Competitors are allowed 30 minutes to safely harvest these birds
- Competitors do not compete against one another yet attempt to accomplish a qualified score which is:
 - 4 birds Pointed (Pointing Division) or Flushed/trapped (Flushing Division),
 - up to but not exceeding 5 shots used to harvest these 4 birds (one extra shot is allowed),
 - 4 full retrieves (to hand from point that the shot was taken) and
 - 4 birds in the bag.
 - Unused time is not scored.
- Those competitors that achieve a qualified score will be rewarded with a unique Rosette for each qualified score and another prize commemorating this accomplishment. The fifth and tenth qualified score will also include a plaque including the competitors' photo highlighting their respective accomplishment.
- The Amateur Event is intended to introduce new competitors to the sport whereby they can gain familiarity, proficiency and recognition with those possessing similar experience levels. Amateur Event participants are not competing against one another or the clock - they simply are attempting to achieve a standard of proficiency and excellence in the field.

- The M.U.G.S. Amateur Championships presented by TRI TRONICS will be hosted once again at Whispering Emerald Ridge Game Farm in Menomonie, WI the weekend of February 26th – 27th, 2011. This wonderful championship features a Match Play format and traditional scoring method (see **Scoring** below for specifics). Only eligible Amateur competitors may compete.

Top Gun Open Event:

- One canine competitor/one human competitor
- **Competitors are never allowed in the same field more than once** (one entry/field)
- A random four bird set is utilized for each entry
- Competitors are allowed 15 minutes to safely harvest these birds
- Competitors will compete for trophies and cash purse to commemorate their accomplishment

Top Gun Main Event:

- One canine competitor/one human competitor
- **Competitors are never allowed in the same field more than once** (one entry/field and the number of fields used is based on the number of total entries)
- A random four bird set is utilized for each entry
- Competitors are allowed 15 minutes to safely harvest these birds
- Competitors qualify in an attempt to make it to the Run-off whereby the final placements are determined
- Competitors compete for cash prizes
- Competitors that have either Won or finished as a Runner-up during the Season are eligible to participate in the Tournament of Champions Event that is conducted during the Series Championship

Doubles Main Event:

- One canine competitor/two human competitors
- Competitors may have up to two entries in a field as long as one component of the team changes (dog or human)
- A random six bird set is utilized for each entry
- Competitors are allowed 20 minutes to safely harvest these birds

General

- *No running - in any Division, in any Event - at any time.* Our sport is to be enjoyed while walking at a safe and controlled pace!
- Each entry will consist of one four bird set
- Random sets will be utilized for each entry
- Chukar Partridge will be the bird species used for all competitions unless otherwise published. If pheasants are ever used, they will be restrained
- Amateur Event participants are allowed 30 minutes to safely harvest their allocated number of birds
- Open Event and Main Event participants are allowed 15 minutes to safely harvest their allocated number of birds
- Ties are settled by the time that the first bird was bagged
- Birds are to be harvested in the designated field to be scored
- Birds are to be returned to hand to be fully scored (safety excluded)
- Awards and prizes will be distributed at the conclusion of all competitions
- The majority of our competitions are conducted over two days (Saturday and Sunday), some are less, but none are longer

Saturday's Events:

- Amateur Event
- Open Event

Sunday's Events:

- Top Gun Main Event Qualifiers
- Top Gun Main Event Run-offs

Entries per Event

- In the Amateur Event competitors are allowed entry into the same field twice, but no more than that (entries may be with the same dog or a different dog).
- In the Top Gun Open Event competitors are allowed one entry/field and as many entries as there are fields used but not to exceed 4 entries/competitor – human or dog
- In the Top Gun Main Event, competitors are allowed one entry/field but no more than three entries/Division but not exceeding six total TGME entries (3 Pointer entries/3 Flusher entries)

Entry Costs:

- Amateur Event: \$110/entry
- Open Event: \$125/entry - \$15 from each entry goes to the purse
- Top Gun Main Event: \$185/entry - \$75 from each entry goes to the purse
- Doubles Main Event: As determined by Host Club/Promoter

Awards/Payback:

- The Amateur Events will award Rosettes to each competitor achieving a qualified score. Each Rosette is uniquely adorned and colored. Fifth and tenth qualified scores earn a plaque along with the competitor's photo as well to commemorate these accomplishments.
- The Open Events will award 100% of the purse collected for each respective field to that field's Champion. Plaques/trophies and prizes are awarded to the Top 3 placements in each field, too (Champion, Runner-up and Third).
- Top Gun Main Event: 40% of each entry or \$75 per entry funds the purse for each Division
- Cash paybacks will be distributed on a 50% - 30% - 20% scale (Champion, Runner-up and Third) unless otherwise published

Tournament of Champions (conducted within the Series Championship):

- Qualified competitors are eligible to participate in a Run-off to determine each Event's Tournament of Champions Champion.
- Traditional scoring is used for ALL of these events, including the Amateur Event
- To be eligible each competitor must have met the following criteria:
 - Amateur Event competitors that have achieved two qualified scores during the Season Series or were either the Amateur Championship Champion or Runner-up are eligible to participate in the Tournament of Champions Amateur Event Run-off,
 - Open Event competitors that have either been a field Champion or field Runner-up during the Season Series are eligible to participate in the Tournament of Champions Open Event Run-off,
 - Main Event competitors that have either been a competition Champion or competition Runner-up during the Season Series are eligible to participate in the Tournament of Champions Main Event Run-off.
 - Each eligible competitor is notified prior to The Series Championship of their eligibility

Example: At the Chukar Classic in the Top Gun Open Flusher Event the placements are:

Champion: Joe Schmododotz/Buckshot
Runner-up: John Schmododotz/Clean Miss

These two competitors are qualified to compete in the Open Flusher Tournament of Champions Run-off. This method will be used throughout the Series at each competition.

Scoring:

- Pointed/Flusher bird 300 Points
- Trapped bird (Pointing Division) -300 Points
- Un-used Shell 120 Points
- Full Retrieve 300 Points
- Partial Retrieve 120 Points
- Bagged Bird 600 Points
- Each remaining second on the clock 1 Point

Electronic Collars:

- This equipment is allowed in all Events. Any misuse or abuse will merit immediate disqualification and be subject to the revocation of an individual's Membership

Shot Shell Type:

- Lead shot may be used at **ALL HOST FACILITIES** including the Caribou Gun Club.
- Competitors shooting a 12 gauge are able to use OEM shells up to 2 3/4" in length and loads up to a 4
- Competitors shooting a 20 gauge are able to use OEM shells up to 3" in length and loads up to a 6
- At Competitions hosted any place else, LEAD LOADS are allowed
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- Competitors shooting a 20 gauge are able to use OEM shells up to 3" in length and loads up to a 6

It is my hope that this provides all competitors a greater understanding of our competitions. I seek to provide each competitor equal opportunity for success by limiting the number of entries in each Event and utilizing random sets for each individual entry. I am proud of our membership and the enjoyed camaraderie that exists at M.U.G.S. competitions. I will not compromise the integrity of our format to increase profitability; M.U.G.S. was not created for this purpose.

Thanks for your interest in the Midwest Upland Gundog Series! If you have any additional comments or questions, please contact me as I am happy to discuss or clarify our format with you.

Good times and good hunting,



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