



THE SPORTSMAN'S CHOICE

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2008 – 2009 Season Series

Attention competitors and upland enthusiasts,

In an effort to minimize the speculation relative to our competitive format, please find a more detailed description of a Midwest Upland Gundog Series™ (M.U.G.S). 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
- 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.
- M.U.G.S. is an independent entity and currently does not co-sanction its competitions with other groups or organizations.
- There are four Events within each Division:

The Top Gun Main Event:

- One canine competitor/one human competitor
- Competitors are never allowed in the same field more than once (one entry/field—fields based on number of entries)
- A random four bird set is utilized for each entry
- Competitors are allowed 15 minutes to safely harvest these birds

The Masters Main Event:

- One canine competitor/one human competitor 50 years of age and older
- A random four bird set is utilized for each entry
- Competitors are allowed 15 minutes to safely harvest these birds
- Masters competitors are allowed up to 2 entries/field

The Puppy Main Event:

- Pup must be 24 months of age or younger on January 1st of the year that the respective season starts/one human competitor
- A random four bird set is utilized for each entry
- Competitors are allowed 15 minutes to safely harvest these birds
- Puppy competitors are allowed up to 2 entries/field

The Amateur Event:

- One canine competitor/one human competitor. *Neither eligible competitor may have won more than 4 qualifiers or 2 major championships, if one or both of these criteria is achieved; the competitor (s) is/are no longer eligible to compete as an Amateur and must advance to compete in a "Main Event"*
- A random four bird set is utilized for each entry
- Competitors are allowed 20 minutes to safely harvest these birds
- Amateur competitors are allowed up to 2 entries/field

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
- Main Event entries (Top Gun, Masters and Puppy) are allowed 15 minutes to safely harvest their allocated number of birds
- Amateur Event participants are allowed 20 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 scored
- Awards and prizes will be distributed at the conclusion of all competitions
- Points will be tracked for all dogs and all competitors on an annual basis
- A High Point Dog award will be funded in each Event (a portion of each entry will fund this Annual award). To be eligible for this award, certain criteria must be met
- The majority of our competitions are conducted over two days (Saturday and Sunday), some are less, but none are longer

Saturday's Events:

- Amateur Top Gun Event
- Puppy Top Gun Event
- Masters Top Gun Event

Sunday's Events:

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

Entries per Event

- In all Events, *except Top Gun Main 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). All efforts will be made to avoid repeat entry into a field.
- In the Top Gun Main Event, competitors are allowed one entry/field but no more than three entries/Division or any more than six total TGME entries (3 Pointer entries/3 Flusher entries)

Entry Costs:

- Amateur Event: \$110/entry
- Puppy Top Gun Event: \$140/entry
- Masters Top Gun Event: \$140/entry
- Top Gun Main Event: \$160/entry

- \$5 from each entry is contributed to the "Dog of The Year" award for each respective Event (exceptions are the 50/50 format competitions)

Awards/Payback:

- Cash Payback for all Events (excluding Amateur) for Top 3 placements (Champion, Runner-up and Third)
- Puppy Top Gun Event: 25% of entry or \$35 per entry funds payback per Division
- Masters Top Gun Event: 25% of entry or \$35 per entry funds payback per Division
- Top Gun Main Event: 31% of entry or \$50 per entry funds payback per Division
- Cash paybacks will be distributed on a 50% - 30% - 20% scale (Champion, Runner-up and Third)

Scoring:

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| • 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 |
| • 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:

- Competitions hosted at Caribou Gun Club require all competitors to utilize a non-toxic shot load.
- 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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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 encouraged by the increased participation of new players and those that have been absent from the sport for a period of time. 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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