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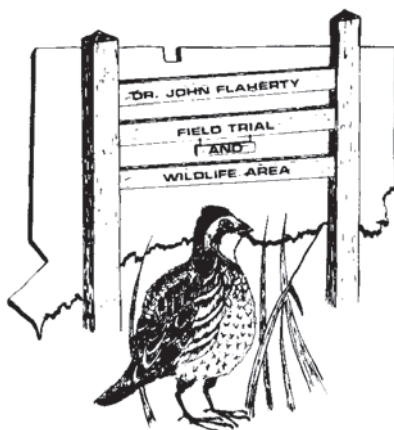


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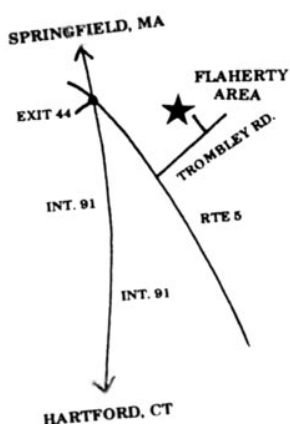
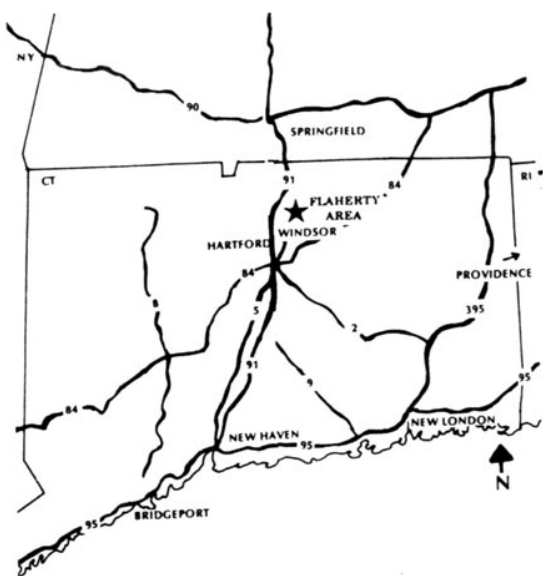
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The President's Message Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Clubs Association. Inc.

On behalf of the Flaherty Field Trial Association, I welcome you to the Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial grounds in beautiful East Windsor, Connecticut. Since its inception, the Flaherty Field Trial area has been a work in progress. For the past 79 years, the Association and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) have enjoyed an excellent working relationship that allows us to keep moving forward, which is essential to our success. Ann Kilpatrick and Laurie Fortin, Wildlife Biologists from the DEEP Wildlife Division, continue to work with the Association to maintain the grounds and keep them up to the standards we have come to enjoy. The DEEP Wildlife Division oversees the administration and habitat management work completed on the Flaherty grounds working in cooperation with the DEEP Field Support Services (FSS) Division.

Their work included herbiciding invasive plants, grounds maintenance (lawn mowing, brushwork, sign posting), and boundary marking. In addition, habitat mowing was completed by FSS. This work is being done thanks to the help and persistence of Ann Kilpatrick of the Wildlife division. Thank you all for your work on the grounds.

2022 saw Covid on the decline and Trials and hunt tests were able to be held without as many restrictions. We saw entries improve but they were not able to get back to our normal attendance - mostly due to the high cost of gas and diesel which hampered entrants traveling great distances.

The large culvert on the left side of the property is still closed due to storm damage and the DEEP is expecting to have this repaired late summer 2023. DEEP utilized a contractor for the grounds mowing in the summer of 2022 and due to the unusually dry conditions they were able to mow areas that have been difficult to mow in previous years due to the normal wet ground conditions. The mowing exceeded everyone's expectations.

Continuing the association's history of making improvements the floor in the clubhouse was painted.

Fencing was placed on the road side of Dearborn thanks to our American Field club members spearheaded by Bill Bonnetti. A beautiful 25 foot flag pole was donated and installed by Henry Wierzbicki in honor of his son Jeremy.

If you have never attended an event at Flaherty all of our events, we welcome spectators. Please come out and enjoy the thrill of watching high-quality bird dogs performing to the highest standards.

When using the grounds please respect them please leave the grounds as clean as when you arrived or better.

We are all acting as ambassadors to the sport whenever we are at any field trial in the Country. Treat everyone you encounter with respect and understanding; be a good sportsman and be helpful to your fellow competitors. Be a mentor to a new competitor it will help to grow our sport.

The CT DEEP is focused on bringing in new hunters and revitalizing hunters that have stopped hunting.

The association supports the DEEP in this endeavor. We all need to find ways to bring new sportsman into our rank's neighbors, friends or even a young adult that needs a mentor. I urge anyone that uses the grounds to get a Connecticut hunting or fishing license whether you are an active Field Trialer, an AKC hunting test participant, or just a hiker, biker or dog walker, hunting licenses help support the Wildlife management areas. If you prefer you can go to the DEEP Hunting license website and make a donation in lieu of a hunting or fishing license.

In conclusion, the association would like to offer best wishes to all the competitors that attend the Field trials and hunt tests on our hollowed grounds and we thank you for continuing the field trial tradition. Sincere thanks to our partners from DEEP, who maintain the grounds and manage the habitat to the highest standards.

Dick Frawley, President

Dr John E Flaherty Field Trial Association, Inc.

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Collaboration and Commitment: A Brief History of Flaherty Rich Garini

Originally our field trial area now known by the above title was commonly known as "Pelton's Pasture" after the name of its original owners, Baynard O. Pelton and his family.

Records reveal that the original field trial club to utilize the tract was the Associated Connecticut Club, as early as the 1930s. Commencing in 1942, the Fish and Game Department leased the area on an annual basis from these owners at a nominal fee. This relationship continued until 1947 when Baynard O. Pelton and the other family members transferred ownership of the tract to the State of Connecticut Fish and Game Department for the magnificent fee of "one dollar and other considerations". Despite the low cost of the action itself, there were other contingent fees attached and field trial patrons led by the late John Tattersall and Dr. John Flaherty volunteered contributions which were used to defray these costs.

The New England Futurity, now one of the region's premier attractions, staged its first renewal here on the occasion of its seventh running in the fall of 1942. With the exception of a two year hiatus in 1954 and 1955, it has been staged here, with ascending success and prestige, ever since and now calls the Flaherty Area - "Home".

As an aftermath of the spring meeting in 1957, an informal session brought to light that the Department had some limited funds which might be available for the construction of a clubhouse on the area if plans could be coordinated speedily. Action on the part of the trialers was swift and positive. Within ten days, a committee headed by Truman Cowles with participation by Harry Townshend, L.F. Bissell and others, had a meeting of the minds. Size and construction details were agreed upon, plans and specifications were drawn and in the Department hands - within ten days! The Department committed itself to the purchase of the necessary materials and the field trial contingent agreed to supply the labor force. Excavations for the footings and foundation were started in late May. Stanley Bastura, Frank LaMonica, Bruno Longhi, Jack Tattersall and Fred Ertel were the prime members of the committee headed by Truman Cowles. The entire construction of the structure, except for the masonry workers who were hired on successive Saturdays, was performed by field trialers and the clubhouse was ready for occupancy for the fall schedule. Next, a meeting of all concerned was called in the late fall, and the first steps of a formal organization were made. The new organization was called the "Field Trial Management Committee". Truman Cowles was elected chairman and Bob Conlin of the Associated Club was the first Secretary/Treasurer. A set of By-Laws and operating rules and regulations were drawn up as a basis for procedures. A formal agreement conferring official status on the Committee and delegating administration jurisdiction to it, was formulated.

The improved facilities at the area resulted in an influx of new clubs to use the tract, particularly clubs devoted to trials for individual breeds, mostly under the A.K.C. regime. In the next decade, clubs representing every known pointing breed came under the

“Flaherty umbrella”. Brittanys, Gordon Setters, Irish Setters, German Shorthairs, Weimaraners and Vizslas all came on the scene. For several years, the Shore Line Retriever Club also ran on these grounds. Today, member clubs of the Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Clubs Association Inc. host both National and Regional Championships in addition to 26 to 30 annual events on the Flaherty grounds.

In 1971 during the term of Governor Thomas Meskill, a reorganization of many State Departments was initiated and the Fish and Game Department was joined with other agencies under the banner of the Department of Environmental Protection. The Wildlife Unit became our new cooperating agency with support from Assistant Director Peter Bogue, Wildlife Supervisor Paul Rothbart and Mark Clavette as field trial liaison.

After twenty-four years as Chairman, Truman Cowles stepped down at the annual meeting in 1982 to be succeeded by Richard Garini.

In 1983 a new set of By-Laws were drafted and the name of the Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Clubs Assoc. was adopted and incorporation at the State and Federal levels was accomplished. In 1984 the acquisition of the 100 acre Dearborn tract was completed. Much effort has been devoted to this area in clearing and drainage improvements and they continue today.

In 1986 the first annual Flaherty booklet was produced under the direction of Bob Fleury with support from Truman Cowles and others.

In 1989, after serving since 1982 with the support of Pam Backman, Bob Fleury, Jim Moreau and Jack Tattersall, Rich Garini turned the reins over to Dr. James Moreau.

In 1993 another acquisition of 20 acres was added to the northwest corner and resulted in the removal of the existing tobacco shed which had once stood as a local land mark.

In 1995, after serving since 1990 with the help of Pam Backman, Bob Fleury, Nan Arnstein, Leslie Hunt and Eric Lissfelt, Dr. Moreau passed the baton to Bob Fleury.

In 1995-99 extensive habitat improvements were completed on the Dearborn tract to further improve usability during one hour events. In 1996, after two years as President of the Association, Bob Fleury turned over the office to Rich Garini. Bob had been supported by Nan Arnstein, Erik Lissfelt, and Jim Moreau.

During 1997, improvements to the habitat and structures continued. The planning and approval process to bring electricity to the grounds was completed and targeted for early 1998. Rich Garini continued as President and was supported by Bob Fleury, Rich Murphy and Bill Johnson.

1998 proved to be a banner year for the Association. Largely due to the influence and coordination abilities exhibited by Pete Bogue, Assistant Director of the State of CT Wildlife Division. The wheels of progress turned in our direction and electric power was provided to the clubhouse. In addition to what has now become an annual

habitat maintenance program, three days of effort, utilizing a contracted brontosaurus machine, several acres of previously unmaintained area north of Namerick Brook were cleared. Additionally, we expanded our civic out-reach by supporting the Connecticut Junior Hunting Day. At the annual meeting, Rich Garini turned over the reins to Rich Murphy. As President, Rich was supported by Rich Garini, Bill Johnson and Rich Loomis. During 1999, in addition to his Presidential duties, Rich Murphy coordinated an extensive effort to modernize the interior structure and appliances of the clubhouse interior. A partnership with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and the State of Connecticut provided funding for 50 hours of brontosaurus work on our East and Northern courses which re-established old field habitat void of many maple tree clumps that previously existed.

The annual meeting in December 2000 elected a new slate of officers to lead the association into the new century. Tom Mercier headed the group as president with Keith Madden as vice president. Lucille Sawicki took the reins as treasurer and Rich Loomis continued on as secretary. A major cooperative effort between the association and the State of Connecticut Wildlife Division resulted in several major improvements to the area. Mainly, the clubhouse area was re-landscaped and seeded, a new post and rail fence was erected and a 24' by 48' pavilion was added to the area greatly improving not only the esthetics but the usability of the area. In addition, the old well was reestablished and now supplies water for dogs and horses. In early 2002, the State of Connecticut purchased the former Gersten property, adding 72 acres to our northeast corner.

Tom Mercier was re-elected President for 2003 with support from Rich Murphy as Vice-President, Donna Pageau as Secretary, and Lucille Sawicki as Treasurer. November saw the construction of a new stand-alone bird room. Materials for the building were financed by the Association and a major contribution from Bob Fleury. Labor for the project fell to Bill Aspinall, Bob Fleury, Rich Garini and John Jennings.

Rich Murphy was elected President for 2004 and was supported by John Jennings as Vice-President, Matt Murphy as Secretary and John Sala as Treasurer. Phase One of the building expansion project began during the summer months with an addition to the back of the existing building which will eventually accommodate bathrooms and storage area. Rewiring and re-roofing of the entire facility were included in this phase. Materials were financed by the Association and labor fell to Bill Aspinall, John Bunker, Bob Fleury and Rich Garini.

Rich Murphy was re-elected President for 2005 and was supported by John Jennings, Vice-President; Matt Murphy, Secretary and John Sala as Treasurer. The final phase of the building expansion/remodeling was completed during the summer and fall seasons. Bill Aspinall, Bob Fleury, Rich Garini and John Jennings were assisted by Henry Wierzbicki who coordinated a crew of volunteers and installed a new metal roof, and Russ Davidson who took responsibility for the plumbing tasks in the bathroom and kitchen areas. Upon review of the efforts of the Association's

members over the past two years, it should be noted that approximately \$50,000 in materials and labor has been expended in remodeling and expanding the facility. In support of the Association efforts; the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection invested a sizable amount of money in establishing a new state-of-the-art septic system. These cooperative efforts have existed for over 60 years and it seems likely that a decade from now, "Flaherty" will have retained its identity and traditions, and posterity will have yet another generation to thank for it.

Rich Murphy was re-elected President for 2006 and was supported by John Jennings and Jon Sala. DEP made a major contribution over and above the usual ground's maintenance program with the introduction of an herbicide program aimed at eradicating the invasive Autumn Olive shrub. Proven successful, this effort could result in a reduction in mowing time.

Rich Murphy continued as President in 2007 with Joe Marino as V.P., Tom Tazza as Secretary, and David Margolin as Treasurer. Once again, the State of Connecticut D.E.P. Wildlife Division with supervision from Paul Rothbart did an outstanding job with habitat management. Additionally, Paul managed to secure the necessary funding needed to repave the entrance road. In a cooperative effort to increase parking space, the Association purchased fill and topsoil which the D.E.P. utilized to regrade much of the parking area. Lighting for the parking area was provided by Dave O'Brien. Rich Murphy presented plaques in recognition of the efforts put forth by Paul Rothbart, Mark Clavette, Bill Aspinall, Sue DeSilver, Dave Margolin, Rich Garini, and Bob Fleury. Additionally, Rich Garini was presented with the Bird Dog Foundation Life Patron Membership award.

Rich Murphy continued as president for 2008 with Patrick Cooke as V.P., Tom Tazza as Secretary and Dave Margolin as Treasurer. Under the supervision of Paul Rothbart, the State of CT D.E.P. Wildlife Division did an outstanding job with the annual habitat management in spite of very wet conditions on the grounds. In early Spring, the Association hosted the annual meeting of the Connecticut Falconry group. Lunch was provided to the falconers and guests from the State of CT D.E.P. Wildlife and Law Enforcement Divisions. Utilizing the clubhouse for their meeting, testing of new falconers, and exposure to several species of falcons, the day was an educational experience shared by all. Observing several falcons in the field was quite a thrill. Continuing our out-reach efforts; the Association supported the State of CT D.E.P. Law Enforcement Division as they sponsored a Hunting Accident Restoration/Investigation seminar and field program. As a national event, 48 "game wardens" representing 16 states attended the week-long event. In late Fall, with the generosity of Herb Holden Construction and the support of the Wildlife Division and our Association; two 48" culverts were replaced on the major loop road to insure the safe travel of emergency vehicles. The highlight of the annual meeting was the presentation of the Bird Dog Foundation Life Patron Membership award to Bob Fleury. In 2009, we were fortunate to have Rich Murphy continue as President, with Dave O'Brien as V.P., Kimberly Eaton as Secretary and Dave Margolin as Treasurer.

As a continuation of our annual outreach efforts, the Association donated a year's supply of Purina dog food to the Town of East Windsor canine unit. This unit is not taxpayer funded and relies on public donations for support.

The summer of 2009 saw the completion of the re-siding of the horse barn. The effort was directed by Dennis Harkcom with assistance from Rich Murphy, Bob Fleury and Rich Garini. In 2010 the current board was re-elected, Rich Murphy Pres., Dave O'Brien VP, Kim Eaton Secretary and Dave Margolin Treasurer. In 2010 we decided to renovate the clubhouse and make a few improvements. The few improvements turned into a full blown renovation that was completed over a three-month period. The tremendous efforts of Rich Garini, Bob Fleury, Rich Murphy and Russ Davidson will be enjoyed by many for years to come. The 2010 yearbook was dedicated to Susan DeSilver for all of her hard work on the yearbook and to the Association. Rich Garini working with Holden Construction fixed the big culvert problem once and for all. This new culvert has been named Garini's Gulch. The Association has joined the East Windsor Chamber of Commerce and has also retained the law offices of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy. Attorney Ed Pontacoloni will represent the Association in all legal matters and the EWCC. The Association continued to support the East Windsor K-9 unit with a year's supply of dog food and we also made a cash donation to the East Windsor Parks and Recreation department for the completion of the new dog park.

In 2011 Rich Murphy was elected President and is supported by Dave O'Brien V.P., Kim Eaton, Secretary and David Eaton, Treasurer. Thanks to Dave Margolin for serving as the Association Treasurer for the past four years. The problems with Coleman Farms continued into 2011 but with a lot of hard work by the State of Connecticut D.E.E.P. and the Association we were able to come to a compromise with the neighbors that has worked out nicely for everyone involved. I would like to thank Paul Rothbart of the D.E.E.P. for his work providing the Association with an alternate parking area that has worked out better than anyone could have imagined. The weather in 2011 was horrible as new records were set for the most snow and rain in Connecticut's history. Then throw in a tornado a tropical storm and a nor'easter in October that snapped leaf covered trees and power lines and you get an idea of how bad it was. Most of the State including the Flaherty grounds sustained severe damage that took months to clean up. On behalf of the Association I would like to thank the State of Connecticut for all of their support keeping the grounds open so that we could run trials. The Association continues to be an active member of the East Windsor Chamber of Commerce and continues to support the East Windsor K-9 Unit with a year's supply of dog food and a cash donation of \$500.00.

The association members were fortunate to have the current officers volunteer to serve in 2012. Rich Murphy as president, Dave O'Brien v.p., Kim Eaton, secretary, and David Eaton treasurer. The state of ct. Did an excellent job with the annual mowing under the leadership of Paul Rothbart. The association continued its outreach program by supporting the East Windsor police dept. Canine unit At the 2013 annual meeting of the Association, members once again elected Rich Murphy, President; Dave O'Brien, VP; Kim Eaton, Secretary; and Dave Eaton as Treasurer for 2014.

An aggressive mowing schedule for 2014 was discussed and the Association continued its outreach program with support for the East Windsor Police Canine Unit.

In 2013 the Flaherty Association and the State of Connecticut D.E.E.P. was able to finalize a Memorandum of Agreement that strengthens our long-time working relationship with the D.E.E.P. for many years to come. This wasn't as easy as a meeting or two, but was a two-year journey that had its high and low points along the way. I would like to thank Attorney Ed Pontacoloni, Esq. for its hard work, persistence and more than a few lunch hours spent at D.E.E.P. headquarters in Hartford. I would also like to thank Paul Rothbart, Rick Jacobson, Mark Clavette of the Connecticut D.E.E.P. along with Mary Lou Kramer, Melinda Decker at the Office of the Commissioner and Gary D. LeBeau, State Senator, 3rd District for all their efforts at bringing this to fruition.

In preparation for 2015 activities, Rich Murphy was re-elected President of the Association, along with the competent staff of Dave O'Brien V.P., Kim Eaton as Secretary, and Dave Eaton as Treasurer.

Phase one to rebuild the wooden bridge to the shooting area (see web site) was completed in late spring. Many thanks to the efforts of the membership. Phase two will complete the project and is scheduled for early spring 2016.

Paul Rothbart directed the annual mowing effort and acquired the necessary funding to complete regrading of the major loop road. The Board of Directors remains in place for 2015. Rich Murphy President, Dave O'Brien V.P. Kim Eaton Secretary and Dave Eaton Treasurer. A few significant projects were completed in 2015. The D.E.E.P removed the old fence around the corral and replaced it with a brand new fence. A horse wash stall was constructed behind the clubhouse and a new wood shed is under construction, which will be completed in the spring of 2016. The summer work party used 10 yards of topsoil to fill in the minefield of dog holes in the parking area. A new wood stove was installed and plans are being drawn up to remodel the back room of the clubhouse.

The Association participated in the State of Connecticut's Hunting and Fishing Appreciation Day by putting on pointing dog demonstrations for almost 1,000 spectators throughout the day. We also sponsored and participated in the Youth Hunt Day that was held on the Dearborn property October 10, 2015. The Association supplied well-trained dogs and handlers along with all the birds used for the event and also provided lunch for every young hunter and the entire staff of volunteers. It was a very well attended event and everyone involved had a great time.

After 32 years of service to the D.E.E.P., and to the Flaherty Association Paul Rothbart has retired. Paul has been with me for the past 14 years and has done a great deal for the Association. On behalf of the Flaherty Association, I would like to wish Paul Rothbart a very long, happy and healthy retirement.

In 2016 we welcomed District Wildlife Biologist Ann Kilpatrick to the Flaherty Management area. Ann is responsible for the

management of Flaherty and will also act as liaison between the Department and the Association. We look forward to working with Ann and together we will continue to make Flaherty the premiere field trial grounds on the East Coast. Rich Murphy was once again elected President and will be supported in 2016 by V.P. Rich Garini, Secretary Janice Gregory and Treasurer Sarah Conyngham. Plans have been submitted to the D.E.E.P for their approval of a new utility storage building to be built next to the existing bird room, a decision is expected in early 2017. A new wood shed has been completed and plans are in the works to renovate the bathroom and back room of the clubhouse.

Officers for 2017 were Dick Frawley, Tom Mercier, Janice Gregory, and Sarah Conyngham. The Association continued to support both ST OF CT Hunting & Fishing Appreciation Day, as well as our annual donation to the Town of East Windsor Ambulance Service. Highlighting the years competitive Field Trials included: American Brittany Classic/Championship, The New England Brittany Championship, The Northeastern Championship, The New England Futurity, Reg. 1 GSP Championship, Amateur A.A. Championship, Reg. 1 Amateur A.A. Championship, and Shooting Dog Championship. The demand for these dates is based on the continued quality of the mowing efforts on the various sections. Officers for 2018 were Dick Frawley, Cory Roy, Janice Gregory, and Sarah Cunningham.

The association supported our annual donation to the Town of East Windsor Ambulance Service.

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Eversource completed their work and left the grounds with a new parking area at Dearborn a improved road at the clubhouse and two new culverts on the grounds thanks to negotiations with Eversource and Dick Frawley. The State has requested that the Association help develop two junior hunter events for 2019 and the association recognizing the decrease in new hunters the association looks forward to partnering with the State to help develop the program.

Officers for 2022 were Dick Frawley, Cory Roy, MJ Haesche, and Sarah Conyngham.

Ann Kilpatrick arranged for TR Landworks to do the mowing this year. It was the driest year we have had in many years. Ted was able to mow areas that have not been accessible in years he also mowed fifteen-foot swaths throughout the grounds. As covid winds down we were able to run most of the trials scheduled. Yankee Weimaraner joined the association this year and will be holding their first event in the spring of 2023. The floor in the clubhouse was painted and Bob Fleury added to the history board in the back room.

Information necessary to run an event at the Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Area

In order to run an event at Flaherty, a club must be a member of the Flaherty Association. Application for membership must be presented in writing to:

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April 8 - 9	Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club (HT)
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April 20 - 23	Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club
April 24 - 27	New Britain Field Trial Club
April 28 -	
May 1	New England Futurity
May 6	Youth Day - Flaherty FTCA
May 12 - 14	Pointer Associates of New England
May 19 - 21	Central Connecticut Bird Dog Club
May 28 - 31	Spruce Brook Field Trial Club
June 2 - 4	Hudson Valley GSP Club
June 18	Flaherty Summer Meeting 9 am Work Party
June 25	TarTan Gordon Setter Club Meeting

FALL

Sept. 7 - 10	Associated Field Trial Clubs of Conn.
Sept. 15 - 17	Hudson Valley GSP Club
Sept. 18 - 19	Nutmeg German Shorthair Pointer Club
Sept. 22 - 24	Nutmeg German Shorthair Pointer Club
Sept. 26 - 27	New England Brittany Championship
Sept. 28	Central New England Brittany Club
Sept. 29 -	
Oct. 1	Southern New England Brittany Club
Oct. 6 - 8	Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club
Oct. 9 - 12	Northeastern Shooting Dog Champ.
Oct. 13 - 15	New Britain Field Trial Club
Oct. 21 - 22	Pointer Associates of New England
Oct. 30 - 31	TarTan Gordon Setter Club
Nov. 4	Pointer Associates of New England (HT)
Nov. 5	TarTan Gordon Setter Club (HT)
Nov. 11 - 12	US Complete Shooting Dog Champ.
Nov. 25	Connecticut Valley Vizsla (Hunt Test)
Nov. 26	Southern NE Brittany (Hunt Test)
Dec. 2	Flaherty Annual Meeting 9 am
Dec. 3	Nutmeg GSP Club (Hunt Test)

2023 Field Event Dates Nod Brook Management Area Simsbury/Avon, CT

DATE	ORGANIZATION
March 5	Shoreline Retriever Club
March 12	Shoreline Retriever Club
March 19	Shoreline Retriever Club
March 25	S. Berkshire Golden Retriever Club
March 26	Shoreline Retriever Club
April 1	Shoreline Retriever Club
April 2	Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club of NE
April 8	Yankee Waterfowlers HRC
April 15	S. Berkshire Golden Retriever Club
April 16	Yankee Waterfowlers HR
April 22	S. Berkshire Golden Retriever Club
April 23	Labrador Retr. Club of Pioneer Valley
April 29-30	Central CT Springer Spaniel Club
May 7	S. Berkshire Golden Retriever Club
May 14	S. Berkshire Golden Retriever Club
May 20, 21	Central CT Springer Spaniel Club
May 27	Yankee Waterfowlers HRC
May 28	S. Berkshire Golden Retriever Club
June 10	Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club
June 11	Labrador Retr. Club of Pioneer Valley
June 17	Yankee Waterfowlers HRC
June 29, 30, July 1, 2,	S. Berkshire Golden Retriever Club
July 6, 7, 8, 9	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club of NE
July 15, 16	Yankee Waterfowlers HRC
July 22	Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club
August 19, 20	Central CT Springer Spaniel Club
August 26, 27	Central CT Springer Spaniel Club
September 2	Labrador Retr. Club of Pioneer Valley
September 3	S. Berkshire Golden Retriever Club
September 9	West Hartford Game Club
September 16	Yankee Waterfowlers HRC
September 17	Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club
September 22, 23, 24	Labrador Retr. Club of Great. Boston
October 1	Shoreline Retriever Club
October 7	West Hartford Game Club
October 8	S. Berkshire Golden Retriever Club
October 15	Shoreline Retriever Club
October 22	S. Berkshire Golden Retriever Club
November 11	West Hartford Game Club

Mansfield Hollow Field Trial Area 2023 Field Event Dates Mansfield, CT

DATE	ORGANIZATION
MARCH 19	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
MARCH 25	YANKEE WATERFOWLERS HUNT. RET. CLUB
APRIL 2	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
APRIL 16	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
APRIL 23	CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVER CLUB OF NE
APRIL 30	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
MAY 7	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
MAY 21	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
MAY 27	CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVER CLUB OF NE
JUNE 10	CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVER CLUB OF NE
JUNE 11	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
JUNE 25	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
JULY 9	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
JULY 23	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
AUGUST 13	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
AUGUST 27	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
SEPTEMBER 2	CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVER CLUB OF NE
SEPTEMBER 10	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
SEPTEMBER 17	AMERICAN HUNTING DOG CLUB
SEPTEMBER 24	CASDA
OCTOBER 22	IRISH SETTER CLUB OF CENTRAL CT

2023 Field Trial Dates Sugarbrook Field Trial Area Plainfield, CT

DATE	ORGANIZATION
March 25, 26	Irish Setter Club of New England
April 2	Yankee Waterfowlers Hunting Ret. Club
April 8, 9	CASDA: Sugarbrook Field Trial Club
April 29	NAVHDA
May 6, 7	CASDA
June 5	Yankee Waterfowlers Hunting Ret. Club
October 1	CASDA
October 8	CASDA
October 15	Yankee Waterfowlers Hunting Ret. Club
October 22	Yankee Waterfowlers Hunting Ret. Club
October 29	CASDA
November 5	CASDA

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2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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EVENT	DATE	
HELDCA	4/8-9/23	Work Day
Merrimack NAVHDA	4/15/23	Training Day
Merrimack NAVHDA	4/29/23	Training Day
Granite State H&R	5/6/23	Training Day
Patriot Sporting Spaniel Club	5/7/23	Training Day
Merrimack NAVHDA	5/13/23	Training Day
Granite State H&R	5/20-21/23	Hunt Test
Merrimack NAVHDA	5/26-28/23	Test
Merrimack NAVHDA	6/10/23	Training Day
Katahdin GSP	6/17/23	Club Day
Merrimack NAVHDA	7/8/23	Training Day
Spinone Club of America	7/29/23	Training Day
Merrimack NAVHDA	8/5/23	Training Day
Northern N.E. Brittany Club	8/6/23	Club Day
Northern N.E. Brittany Club	8/12/23	Training Day
Merrimack NAVHDA	8/19/23	Training Day
Katahdin GSP	8/20/23	Training Day
Spinone Club of America	8/26/23	Training Day
Merrimack NAVHDA	9/1-3/23	Test
Merrimack NAVHDA	9/7-10/23	Training Day
Katahdin GSP	9/23/23	Hunt Test
Northern N.E. Brittany Club	9/24/23	Hunt Test

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2023 Spring Field Trial Schedule

Southern NE Woodcock Championship	3/20 to concl
Setter Club of New England	4/1 - 2
US Complete NE Regional Championship	4/12 - 14
Region 1 AFTCA Walking Shooting Dog Champ.	4/15 - 16
New England Open Shooting Dog Championship	4/24 to concl
New England Futurity	4/28 - 29
Northern New Hampshire BDC	4/28 - 30
Region #1 AFTCA All Age Championship	4/30 to concl
Arcadia Field Trial Club	5/6 - 7
Maine Bird Dog Club	5/13 - 14
Central Conn BDC	5/19 - 21
Ocean State BDC	5/20 - 21
Spruce Brook BDC	5/26 - 29

2023 Fall Field Trial Schedule

NE Bird Dog Club	8/25 - 27
Associated FTC of Conn.	9/7 - 10
Central Conn BDC	9/9 - 10
Maine BDC	9/15 to concl
Setter Club of NE/NNHBDC	9/10 to concl
Northeastern Shooting Dog Ch.	10/9 - 12
Region 1 AFTCA Horseback Shooting Dog Champ.	10/13 - 15
US Complete Shooting Dog Assn NE	11/11 - 12

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April 1-2 Garden State Amateur Classic
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April 1-2 North Jersey Brittany Club AKC

April 8 Delaware Pointer Setter AFTCA

April 15-16 Del Val Brittany AKC Walking Trial

April 22-23 Del Val Brittany AKC Trial

April 28-30 Club AKC Spring Field Trial

May 11-15 Lee Bird Dog Club
TBD Lee Bird AKC Trial
TBD Lee Bird AFTCA
TBD Lee Bird Club Championship Stakes

May 19-21 Eastern GSP Field Trial

Sept. 1-4 English Setter Club AFTCA Labor
Day Trial

October
TBD Mid-Atlantic Open Shooting Dog
Champ. (Greenwood)

Garden State Open Shooting Dog Champ.
(Greenwood)

Mid-Atlantic Amateur Classic (Greenwood)

TBD Club AKC Fall Horseback Trial

November
TBD Club Thanksgiving Field Trial
TBD AKC Stakes
TBD American Field Stakes

Welcome to Southern New England

The members of the Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Clubs Association, Inc. welcome you to Southern New England. We hope you enjoy the hospitality and competition at one of our many field trials, take home some fond memories and promise yourself to return again.

Nestled on the banks of the Connecticut River between the metropolis of Springfield, Massachusetts, nine miles to the North, and that of Hartford, Connecticut, eighteen miles South, is the town of East Windsor. The town is rich in agriculture heritage and its people love their land, are protective of their resources and proud of their life style. We are at the crossroads of New England, about one hour driving time from Vermont, Rhode Island and New Hampshire and approximately 100 miles from Boston and New York.

The land has always been East Windsor's main attraction. In the 1630s settlers were drawn by the rich soil of the Connecticut River Valley to the area was known as Windsor Farms. Agriculture totally dominated local land use; tobacco, corn and potatoes were the major crops and dairy farms dotted the hill sides. In the 18th century, the town included South Windsor and Ellington, with their mills overlooking the major streams and farms reaching the hills. Today fewer than 2,000 acres is considered undevelopable for use. Much of this land lies near the Connecticut and Scantic Rivers and long range plans for this acreage include a national park along the Connecticut and a state park along the Scantic.

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Rte. I-91 South to exit 23 West St., Rocky Hill (40 min.) under New England's largest geodesic dome, hundreds of Jurassic Period dinosaur tracks (some 185 million years old). Visitors are invited to make plaster casts.

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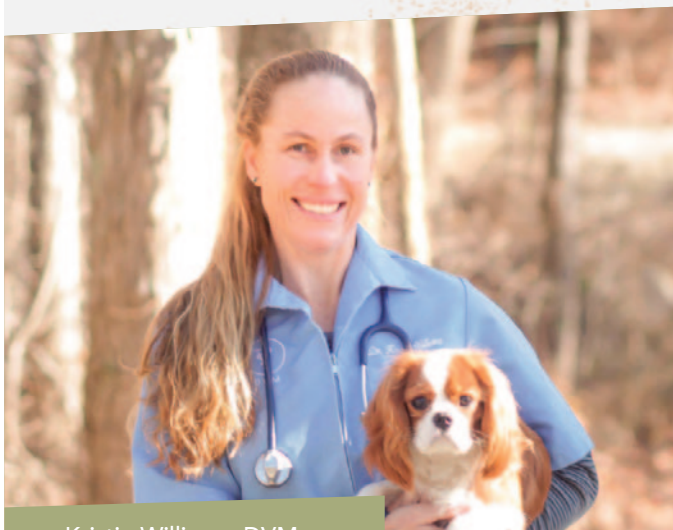
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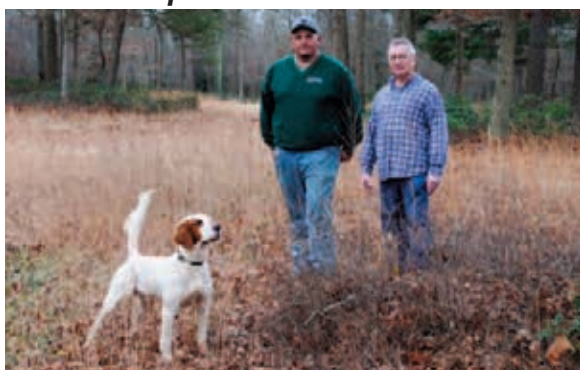
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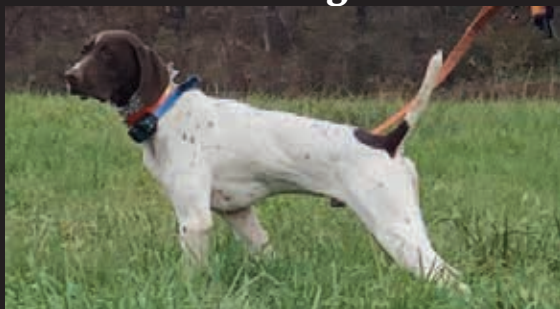
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