Grand Hunting Retriever Champion Pearl
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FIELD TRIAL PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER
WINTER 2010

FIELD TRIAL SCHEDULING

The scheduling period for field trials to be held in 2011 is January 1 - March 31, 2010. To ensure your field trial club/association receives the date(s) to which it has rights in 2011, a completed Field Trial Permit application must received by March 31st. Only Field Trial Permit applications of the type on the Field Trial Website will be accepted. Remember that field trials are scheduled by weekend of the year. Weekend number one in 2011 is January 1st-2nd. After March 31, 2010 any unscheduled field trial dates in 2011 become available on a first-come first-served basis to any field trial organization requesting the date(s).

FIELD TRIAL PERMIT FEES

We prefer to receive the Field Trial Permit fee when the application is submitted. Field trial clubs with Field Trial Permit applications pending for 2010 need to forward the appropriate fees to the Department's Field Trial Program at their earliest opportunity. If club officials are uncertain about the amount due, please contact us.

CREDITS & REFUNDS

To obtain a credit or refund if a field trial needs to be shortened or cancelled, field trial clubs must contact the Field Trial Program at least 48 hours prior to the beginning date of the field trial. Normally, the Program will credit the unused Field Trial Permit fee to the club's account for use on future field trials.

INSURANCE FOR FIELD TRIALS

Field trial clubs need to forward updated Certificates of Liability Insurance as this insurance is renewed. The Secretary of the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois (FTCI) provides the required updates to the Program for those clubs that obtain liability insurance through FTCI. Liability coverage must be at least $1,000,000.

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FIELD TRIAL PERMIT SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND/OR INSTRUCTIONS

Each Field Trial Permit contains a section with the heading "Special Provisions and/or Instructions". This section of the Permit is used to bring to the attention of field trial clubs items of importance to the conduct of field trials. For example, this section always contains information and instructions about contacting the site superintendent at least a week before the field trial. This contact ensures that the site superintendent knows that the trial will or will not use all of the days specified in the permit or that the trial has been cancelled. The club can also make any special arrangements when this contact is made. During this contact the site superintendent can apprize the club of special problems at the site which will effect the field trial. **Note: Field trial clubs are required to comply with the instructions in this section of the Field Trial Permit.**

HUNTING LICENSES AND HABITAT STAMPS

Hunting licenses and habitat stamps are required of all field trial dog handlers, scouts and gunners. These licenses and stamps are available from license vendors, over the internet at: http://dnr.state.il.us/ or by calling DNR Direct at: 1-888-6Permit.

Field trial clubs may apply for a waiver exempting non-resident dog handlers, scouts and gunners from the hunting license and habitat stamp requirements.

GAME BIRD RELEASES

Hand-reared game birds or mallard ducks released at field trials must either be purchased from an Illinois licensed game bird breeder or, if they are purchased from a non-resident game bird breeder, a health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian from the state of origin certifying the game birds are disease free must accompany the game birds or mallard ducks.

To lawfully possess and release hand-reared game birds or mallard ducks the field trial club or a club member must have a Game Breeders Permit. Harvest tags are required to be affixed to a leg of each game bird or mallard shot at those field trials where live birds are shot. The harvest tag is required to be affixed before the birds are removed from the field trial site.

Game Breeders Permits are available on the internet at: http://dnr.state.il.us/ or from any hunting/fishing license outlet. Harvest tags are available by calling 217/785-3423 or by writing to IDNR, License Consignment/Permits, PO Box 19458, Springfield, IL 62794-9458. Harvest tags are sold in rolls of 100 @ $10 per roll.

FIELD TRIAL WEBSITE

The Field Trial Website with the **field trial calendar**, regulations, policies, Field Trial Permit applications, waiver form letter, and related information is available at:
http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/PARKS/index.htm

QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS

Field trial club officials with questions or problems can write, call, or e-mail. Business hours are 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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