

professional dog handler of Ontario, Ore., Sunday took top honors in a land and water "field trial" for retrievers, sponsored at Bradley airport and the Julia Davis park lagoon by the Idaho Retriever Trial club.

Grouse of Trabington topped a large field in the all-age stake, performing almost flawlessly for his owner, retrieving live pigeons at the airport and live ducks in the lagoon before an estimated 500 spectators.

Second Trials of Year

Approximately three dozen of the area's best animals participated in the event, the second such contest held this year under the sponsorship of the club.

Aleutian Water Buoy, a Chesapeake owned by James Cruzen of Boise, won derby stake honors, edging Menpha of Boise Basin, a black Labrador owned by Herman Koppes of Idaho City, for top honors.

Basco Nig, a black Labrador owned by John Nendiguerin, Ontario, Ore., won the junior stake for dogs under 24 months. Basco Nig was rated for first place over Montana Copper Key, a Chesapeake, owned by Peter Brooks of Boise.

Grouse of Trabington outpointed Dr. John Lundy's High Test Pride of Marcroft, a Chesapeake, and Basco Nig in taking the day's feature event.

German Shorthair Competes

In a special stake for dogs other than retrievers, Tom McGuire's German shorthair pointer, Waldwinkel Teresa, was the only animal to successfully complete both land and water trials, though Wizard, a German Weimaraner owned by Mrs. Fentress Kuhn, finished in first place in water events.

Judges were Richard Keefe of Ontario and Tommy McFall of Boise.

Dr. John Lundy, club official, said facilities for the trial were made available through the cooperation of John Bradley in the use of the airport, the city council and park board for the use of the lagoon, and the Army recruiting service, which furnished the sound truck.

George Walker, Nampa; the Chesapeake owned by J. F. Kaiger, Nampa; the Labrador owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelley, Ontario; the Chesapeake owned by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McFall, Boise; and the string of Labradors owned by Brassfield and John G. Pickard, Boise.

The kennel owner said that he and Dr. Lundy will put on a retrieving exhibition at the Boise Gun club Sunday, March 20.

RETRIEVER CLUB HOLDS AKC TRAIL

A national field trial champion, Brignall's Gringo, male Labrador, outperformed all entries in winning the open all-age stake at the Idaho Retriever Trial Club's first AKC sanctioned trial April 24, held at the Lake Lowell game refuge south of Nampa. Gringo, youngest dog ever to win the top honors and the only one from the west during the eight years the trials have been conducted, was handled by his owner, Clifford N. Brignall of Long Beach, Calif.

On Saturday the retriever enthusiasts from Oregon, California, Washington and Idaho put their dogs through their trials to determine winners of the junior stake—for dogs under two years of age—and the amateur handler stake, which includes any retriever handled by a non-professional. Junior stake winner was a Labrador male from Oregon—Ranger of Beaverstate. Judy of Modoc, a golden Labrador from California, owned and handled by T. R. Bacon of Candy, Calif., won the amateur-handled stake. Ranger of Beaverstate is owned by E. L. Kinnaman of Portland.

Winner of the Idaho state trophy was Aleutian Water Queen, a Chesapeake female owned by Robert Walker of Boise. The dog was competing in first trial in the junior stakes.



Top: Cliff Brignall and E. L. Kinnaman with Ranger of Beaver State on the line. Trial Judges Robert Bishop and Jack Lambert in foreground. Bottom: John Lundy, Boise, with Hi Test Pride of Marcroft and John Mendeguerin, Ontario, Oregon, with Basco Nig.