



## National English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association National Open Championship - 2008

The first National Open Field Championship for English Springer Spaniels was held in 1947 in Carbondale-Marion, IL. This year, the 62<sup>nd</sup> National Open Championship will be held in Howard, New York starting on November 8, 2008, with over 120 Springers handled by the top professional and amateur handlers from the United States and abroad expected to compete.

The scope of the National Open is impressive, as it is one of the few remaining competitions that approximate true hunting conditions over variable terrain and through all types of weather. These dogs are judged on their ability to find, flush and retrieve shot game in five land series and one water series over several days of competition. This year's judges, John Leininger from Middletown, OH and Jim O'Shea from Palmyra, PA, will have the honor of selecting the "best of the best".

To fund this national event, we are reaching out to the field trial community, hunting enthusiasts, sportsmen and those businesses that have a special connection to outdoors sports such as ours. As a supporter of this event, you will have the opportunity to connect with its several hundred participants as well as the 1000+ members of the ESSFTA, Parent Club of the Breed, over 40 American Kennel Club member and licensed spaniel clubs, and other sporting enthusiasts.

You can help make the 2008 National Open an event to remember, through one of more of the following opportunities:

1. Show case your products by donating products or services to our auctions and raffles.
2. Advertise in the National Open catalog.
3. Sponsor a land or water series.
4. Donate to a specific area such as the Banquets, Cocktail Parties and our Gun Team.

Enclosed are donation/sponsorship and advertisement response forms for this event. Please fill out the appropriate form and return it with your payment to the contact person specified on the form.

All National Open sponsors and donors will be listed on the website [ESSFT.COM](http://ESSFT.COM). This website is dedicated to Springer Spaniel competition events and activities. From this one website, you can find out just about everything that there is going on within the Springer Spaniel world.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (262) 377-3878 or at [ckieck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ckieck@sbcglobal.net). We look forward to your support

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