

# **2010 Open National Championship**

## **Proposal**

The 2010 Open National Championship will begin on Monday, November 15th and continue until conclusion. At 4:00pm on Sunday November 14, a meeting of the delegates will be held at the Half Moon Bay Conference Center. The Purina Welcome Party will follow the Delegate's meeting.

The NOC committee is comprised of Don Mock, as General Chairman and Paul McGagh as Field Trial Chairman. Dan Hale is the gun captain. Curtis Bomgartner is the Bird Steward. Hospitality Chairman is Jack Olsen. Field Trial Secretary is Mhari Peschel. Fund Raising is Vicky Thomas. Other members of the committee consist of Diane Christensen and Pam Miller. Other members will be announced.

The grounds are a combination of privately held property and property that is held by Peninsula Open Space Trust (Post). All are located in Pescadero, approximately 17 miles South of Half Moon Bay, California.

The headquarters are in the Comfort Inn in Half Moon Bay California. This motel has 54 rooms, meeting spaces and a complimentary breakfast each day. There are over 40 hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts in Half Moon Bay.

The birds will be sourced from Beck's Game Bird Farm, of Modesto, California and delivered every other day during the Championship. These birds have been used in the past for regional trials with excellent results. Dead birds will be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank which is a charity organization that distributes food to the needy in the area. Several youth groups will assist and clean and prepare the birds.



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## **The Committee**

### ***Don Mock, General Chair***

Don has been around Springer Spaniels for over 11 years. Don has participated in 11 Nationals and has been chairman for numerous field trials in Northern California. Don currently has two dogs 1 in competition and 1 in training

### ***Paul McGagh, Field Trial Chair***

Has been in the sport for many years. He has earned National Championship titles as well as champion titles for many dogs and is a respected judge, trainer, and trailer.

### ***Danny Hale - Gun Captain***

Dan has been instrumental in the Gunning world having mentored many of the best guns in the country as well as having trained and trialed Springer's. Dan has captioned 3 nationals and has shot over 20. He has been active in the sport for 34 years.

### ***Mhari Peschel- Field Trial Secretary***

Mhari and husband Gary have been active in this sport for many years. They own and trial numerous dogs and bring a wealth of knowledge and understanding to our team.

### ***Jack Olsen - Hospitality***

Although new to field trialing, Jack has owned and hunted Springer's since 1976. With his relations with local land owners and the coastal community of Half Moon Bay, Jack looks forward to bringing everyone to California in 2010.

### ***Vicky Thomas- Fund Raising***

Vicky has been active with both cockers and Springer's for many years. She brings a wealth of great ideas and enthusiasm to the committee.

## **The Grounds**

The privately owned grounds are comprised of prime coastal natural cover that runs ½ mile by 2 miles overlooking the Pacific Ocean. This level land consists of coastal grasses and patches of coyote brush. We will be able to set courses that are 2 miles long with consistent cover throughout that will consist of knee high grasses and undercover.

The picture below was taken during early fall and shows the height of the grasses.



### **3rd & 4th Series-**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Series will change to typical hunting cover found in California. The courses would be run in bottomland and down through the valleys. The cover consists of sage, coyote brush, Manzanita and natural grasses. The length of the course will be approximately 100 flags.







## **Water Series**

The Water Series will be held at Westland Nursery which is approximately 1 mile from the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th series. It has been used by several Labrador groups for training and hunt tests. It features "movable islands" so we can have an exact distances and the water is warm.



## **Access**

The area of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> is off of historical Pacific Coast Highway 1. We will be driving inland on graveled well traveled farm roads. We will be establishing a base camp at one end of the course with tents and food available. It will be available for Motor Homes. We have permission to use Motorized vehicles for planting and there will be shuttles to transport handlers and dogs to and from the course.

However, to reduce the impact of motorized vehicles no personal ATV's or other motorized vehicles will be allowed in the gallery



## **Weather**

This area is generally cool coastal climates during the middle of November. The humidity, however, is relatively high (between 80% and 92%) so the scenting will be good. The average high temperature in November is in the 60's with average lows in the 30's. There is no recorded snowfall. Sunrise will be around 6:45am and sunset will occur at 5:00pm. Rainfall is a possibility at this time of the year.

## **The Birds**

Mike Beck of Beck's Game Bird Farm, located in Modesto California, has supplied birds for the Stockton 2009 Fall Field Trial with excellent results. Everyone agreed the birds were healthy and good flyers.

There will be a mix of Hens and Rosters used throughout the trial. Mike Beck has agreed to deliver the birds every other day to assure their strength and freshness.

## **Gunning**

Dan Hale is the gun captain. Dan is planning to bring together an excellent team to insure a successful event.

## **Accommodations**

The Comfort Inn Half Moon bay will serve as headquarters for the 2010 National. Half Moon bay and Pescadero have over 48 Hotels, motels and Bed & Breakfasts. They have facilities to serve all requests. For those wanting to camp, there will be an area for motor homes and trailers just a short distance from the trial grounds in Pescadero.

## **Local Restaurants**

Joe's of the Coastside	7am-9pm Daily (HMB)
Sam's Coffee Shop	6am-3:00pm Lunch and dinner (HMB)
Duarte's Tavern	7:00am-9:00pm (Pesc)

There are numerous other restaurants in the area and info will be provided with the 2010 registration packet.

## **Planned entertainment and activities**

Below are the activities that are in the planning process. Details will be available as the plans are solidified.

### ***Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>***

4:00pm Delegate Meeting followed by the traditional Purina welcoming event with Calcutta. Half Moon Bay Conference Center, Dress: Casual

### ***Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>***

6:00 pm No Host Cocktails followed by Banquet dinner at 7:00 at the IDES Portuguese Hall and catered by them. We will have a silent auction and raffle, Dress: Cocktail

### ***Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>***

6:00 pm No Host Cocktails followed by a typical California crab feed sponsored by the Western Interclub. At dinner we are going to have wines provided by several local wineries. Morning snacks and mid-day meals will be available for purchase on the grounds from the local senior center and youth groups.

## **Fundraising and sponsorships**

We plan on several fund raising activities such as a Shot Gun Raffle, sale of Calendars. Finding sponsors for each series, a Calcutta, silent auction items and raffle. The proposed budget is enclosed.

## **Travel**

Half Moon Bay is conveniently located just 45 minutes from San Francisco International Airport, and just an hour from San Jose International. These airports are served by all the major airline.