

Fall SMSDL Trials - Entry forms for each of the SMSDL Fall Trials are attached.

October 2-4, Salmon Ranch, Appleton City, MO
Friday & Saturday - Open and Nursery
Sunday - Pro-Novice and Ranch

October 9-11, Burch Family Sheep Dog Trial, Butler, MO
Friday & Saturday - Nursery
Friday - Pro-Novice and Ranch
Saturday & Sunday - Open

October 22-25, Ettrick Kennels Steve Munson Memorial Trial, Butler, MO
Thursday - Pro-Novice and Nursery
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday - Open
Judge - Andrew Dickman

October 28-29, Happy Hollow Dare Ewe, Russellville, MO
Open, Nursery, Pro-Novice, Ranch, Novice
Judges - Jerry Rowe--Open; Gordon Watt--Nursery, Pro-Novice, Ranch, Novice

October 30-November 1, Happy Hollow Autumn Classic Sheepdog Trial, Russellville, MO
Friday & Saturday - Open and Nursery
Sunday - Open with Double Gather
Judge - Andrew Dickman

Gordon Watt & Family

Gordon Watt and his family have permanently settled in the Russellville, Missouri, area and have become members of the Show Me Stock Dog League. Gordon has over 40 years of training and trialing experience--he has been running dogs since he was a young boy and has been a shepherd since the age of 17. He represented Ireland 14 times at the International and England nine times at the International. He has won both the Irish and English singles national championship and the Irish and English doubles national championships, as well as being world champion in 2005. Gordon is offering private lessons and clinics at Happy Hollow Farm and is also available to schedule clinics at other locations. He will also be offering custom dog training, as well as having started and finished dogs for sale. He can be reached at 573-418-5938.

Gordon's wife Kerry and 13-year-old daughter Sophie Hemmings are also dog handlers.

From the SMSDL President

Hope your summer has been enjoyable.

We just wanted to thank the numerous people who supported the Missouri State Fair SDT. First and foremost are Bob and Susan Salmon--without their support, this trial would not have happened. They provided equipment, sheep, and hours of time.

THANK YOU!

Thanks go out to Larry and Denise Burch for providing cattle, judging, and expert commentary during the trial.

Laurie Nichols, Paula Diggins, Claire Sanbothe, Becky Henson, Carrie Duran, and Beth Huhs provided outstanding sheep handling for our setout.

They kept the sheep quiet, and every set was awesome. The most important part of the trial was handled with ease!
Thank you girls!!!

A special thanks goes out to Caryn Miller and Dotty Esher for setting up our education table. It looked great, and we got lots of attention. I do think it was a worth while project.

Thanks goes out to Robin Reasoner, Bob Salmon, Larry Burch, and Larry Moore for their expert judging. Every run was judged fairly and accurately--no complaints, imagine that!
The scribes did an outstanding job as well: Caryn Miller, Susan Salmon, and Nicki Hall. Thank you!

Of course we could not forget the wonderful duck demonstration put on by Bettie Kinsley and her Border Collie Hillary. They were an important part of our demonstration, and was a definite crowd pleaser. A special thanks to the "obstacles" for the duck demo--Sharon and Jerry Rowe.

We must comment on the outstanding cattle demonstrations that were conducted by Larry Burch and Bob Salmon. Everyone was impressed! Milissa Rowell wrote a very nice article for the last Midstates Newsletter about Bob and his dog Cap.

Make sure you take a look.

Thanks also go out to Susan Salmon, Jan Moore, Sue Taber, and Dotty Esher for all their help with the "table." Keeping scores and paperwork in check is a big task. Thanks for all your help!

Set up was a monumental task, as was the "tear down." Again, a big thanks goes out to Bob Salmon, Susan Salmon, Larry Burch, Denise Burch, Carl Rupe, Nicki Hall, Shane Hall, Dotty Esher, Caryn Miller, Claire Sanbothe, Randy Sanbothe, Carrie Duran, Paula Diggins, Laurie Nichols, and Michelle Borgman for their help. It was truly a long day. We sincerely hope we have not left out anyone. Each person played an important part in the success of this trial: from everyone that entered to everyone that helped! Thank you!

We had several sponsors that helped support the trial. Our main sponsor was "Protect the Harvest." They provided us with lanyards for our id tags, T Shirts to give away as prizes, and brochures for the table. Please visit their website for more information about this important organization. We also had educational support from the American Sheep Industry, American Lamb Board, United State Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services, and the Missouri Cattlemens Association. Our sincere thanks to all who contributed.

As you can see, we could not have done it without everyone. It was a wonderful trial, and went like clockwork. We had lots of compliments, and the Fair seemed to be thrilled. We were able to provide ribbons, and a small payout for all classes. Even with the extras and expenses, we were still able to donate \$600.00 back to the League.

GOOD JOB EVERYONE!

Hope to see you all at the trials this fall!
Art Irvin