

# Walla Walla Derby

May 7&8, 2022

Gusting winds greeted the participants for the Walla Walla Derby, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. There was good news, the predicted rain held off. Saturday, there were seven dogs scheduled to participate in the Derby and fifteen for the Zuchtschau.



The judges, Francois Aldrich, Senior Judge; Dagmar Heydeck, Test Director; and Todd Synoground determined that the dogs would do the first field search in a wheat field. All seven dogs handled the wind successfully and the searches were completed without incident.

For the second search it had been planned that CRP fields, with sage brush, would be used. However, when the judges inspected the grounds, the winds were howling, and it was determined that another field would be needed. It was determined that we would move to the east approximately two miles and back to the flats and use an alfalfa field. It proved to be a great decision. Although still windy, the conditions were better than in the CRP ground in the hills. Each dog was given the opportunity to find and point birds throughout the field.

Following the field work all participants retreated to the Touchet/Gardena Lions Hall for a catered lunch and to hear the results. All of the dogs successfully passed the Derby: Grizz vom Wüstenjäger, Lisa Davis, Prize 1; Friday vom Wüstenjäger, Gary Stockwell, Prize 2; Flush vom Wüstenjäger, John Baldwin, Prize 2; Xhey vom Trocken Bach, Frank O'Leary, Prize 1; Flirt vom Wüstenjäger, Wayne Touve, Prize 1; Flash vom Wüstenjäger, Pat Hobbs, Prize 1; and Faith vom Wüstenjäger, Danaette Reeff, Prize 1.

The weather continued to be challenging and we had the Zuchtschau to complete. We returned to the Buckley Ranch, where Mike and Sandy Buckley, the landowners, allowed us to use one of the enclosed machine sheds, which made the Zuchtschau very pleasant. Francois Aldrich and Dagmar Heydeck, both SZR's, evaluated each of the fifteen dogs. In the Junior Male Class Flush vom Wüstenjäger was the Sg 1 (j) and Friday vom Wüstenjäger was Sg 2 (j). In the Junior Female class Yelly vom Trocken Bach was Sg 1 (j), Zeder vom Trocken Bach Sg 2 (j), Diva vom Soestentall Sg 3 (j).

Sunday morning the participants were greeted with much better weather. There was a little bit of wind but nothing that would compromise the test. Again, there were seven dogs to be tested. Judges for Sunday were Lisa Davis, Senior Davis, Dagmar Heydeck, Test Director, and Todd Synoground. Each dog was given two opportunities to work and point birds.



All of the seven dogs were successful in passing the Derby. Don vom Soestental, Gilbert Dueck, Prize 1; Count vom Chesapeake Bucht, Kathy Crawford, Prize 2; Diva vom Soestental, Gilbert Dueck, Prize 2; Bonny vom PrärieFlügel, Joe Furia, Prize 2; Zeder vom Trocken Bach, Mike Mahony, Prize 1; Zula vom Trocken Bach, Gilbert Dueck, Prize 1; Yelly vom Trocken Bach, Frank O'Leary, Prize 1.



The highlight of the two-day test was the work by Zula vom Trocken Bach led by Gilbert Dueck. Zula received a well deserved 4h for Search, 4h for Nose, and 4h for Pointing!

Of the fourteen dogs that were tested each should have the opportunity to participate in Solms. There wasn't a dog at the test that could not be successful at the Solms with the proper preparation.