

Lillington, NC Derby

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Very much in time the judges, handlers and dogs arrived at the promising testing grounds. We were very lucky because the weather still was not so hot, it was slightly humid, very good for the dog's noses and the sun was hidden behind a high foggy covering in the sky. The very experienced preparation team even offered a comfortable house and terrasse for the people and in the field there was a water tub prepared to refresh the hard working examinees.

The club had called for Derby Judges Daniel Myshin (Test Director), Ursula Scriba (Senior Judge) and Scott Crabtree (Judge)



Dog Nr. 1 the male Frank vom Cedar Valley (DK) 1070/23, born 06.19.2023, (breeder James A. Shuppe and handler Matthew Hicks), started and very soon got to pointing. The search of Frank was roomy, methodical, fluid and persistent. He always gave side eye to his handler and adjusted his search to the different heights of the coverings. Frank vom Cedar Valley could be honored with a 4h in search and a first prize.

Drago Rusty Guns Kennel (breeder Richard Scott Caldwell; owner and handler Garret Nelson) got a second prize and the two females Dandy vom Hochland (breeder Tyler Smith; owner and handler Aaron Bryson) and Danika vom Rusty Guns Kennel (breeder Richard Scott Caldwell; owner and handler Jamie Smith) worked very well and could get the deserved first prize as well. A very excellent search we could see with Danja Rusty Guns Kennel (Richard Scott Caldwell, being the breeder, owner and handler), a very promising girl. She showed a clear understanding of the hunting grounds, worked brisk, roomy, fluid and persistent with high concentration. Her head was adjusted to the different covers and always horizontal getting an optimum of sent. Also, she turned always into the wind. We decided to give her a 4h in search. In short, we got 4 first prizes and 1 second prize, so every dog succeeded and everybody was in a good mood.

After a short break we continued with the Zuchtschau. Ursula Scriba was Test Director and Spezialzuchtrichter for that test.

Here 7 dogs should be presented. All the dogs got their microchip checked and were measured. They were divided in 3 classes, male youth class, female youth class and female adult class. In every class at first the dogs were presented by their handlers trotting around the ring. Second step was a single performance to give the judge the chance to get a deeper look into the movement performance. In a triangle at first hindquarters, then sideview and finally front view was available. Now the judge is

able to tell his/her comment and the dog is presented in the center of the ring for everybody. In the youth class SG is the maximum score available.



The ranking in the youth class of males ended up with Frank vom Cedar Valley SG1 and Drago vom Rusty Guns Kennel SG2. The female youth class could be rowed with Danja Rusty Guns Kennel with SG1 showing already a radiant personality, Danika her sister got close with SG2 and Dandy vom Hochland caught up with SG3.

Most important is always the adult class, and here we saw a perfect female Yo-Yo vom Trocken Bach (breeder Frank O'Leary; owner and handler Dr. Richard Kildow Jr.), she got the very highly estimated V1. Clover vom Rusty Guns Kennel (breeder Richard Scott Caldwell; owner and handler Matthew Carroll, an elegant female received an SG2.

A relaxing lunch and afternoon were offered to all participants in front of the country house and terrasse provided on the property of a generous members of the club, Scott and Kyley Caldwell. For me it was an unforgettable visit in NC, thank you for all that.

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