

**English Cocker Spaniel Club of America**  
**Field Trial Committee**

Meeting Agenda

Call in number is 712-432-0927 and the participation code is 393493# (don't forget the #)

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Members Present: Deb Strohl, Mike Schroeder, Vicky Thomas, Keith Meissner,

Absent: Dennis Joannides, Terry Reckart, Pete Rizzo

- I. Call to order            A call to order was made at 8:04 pm It was decided that a quorum was reached and we would continue with the meeting even though 3 members of the FTC were missing.
- II. Approval of Minutes            The minutes were approved Mike made a motion and Keith seconded
- III. Approval of the agenda (additions may be added at this time prior to approval)    Deb asked that Liability for planters be added to the agenda
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - A. Judges Criteria            Mike made a motion to accept the changes in the Judging Criteria wording to be accepted as written Keith seconded. Vicky will forward the Judges Criteria to the ECSCA for their approval.
  - B. Gun Committee: The changes / corrections have been made and The Revised Gunning Program document will be forwards to the Gunning Committee for their review. The Gunning Committee will be invited to the next FTC meeting for their comments / changes and review.
  - C. NCC Review 2016- No Budget required            Chris Dartt felt that at this time she cannot give the FTC an accurate budget for the 2016 NCC, she is working diligently on every aspect of the NCC and will have everything ready for submission to the FTC on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The FTC has full faith in Chris Dartt's ability to put on the 2016 NCC and do to it successfully. The FTC has looked at Chris's record of success in being the Chairs of several successful past NCC's and feels that the 2016 NCC is in good hands.
  - D. 201 NCC            The FTC would like to thank Jim Karlovec on a no frills, no fundraising NCC that was a great success. Jim made the NCC more about the dogs and less about the social aspect of the NCC. The 2015 NCC made a profit of over \$6000. Jim and his committee members did an outstanding job. The FTC would like to thank Jim and all of his committee members and following chairs on a great job. Chris Dartt Trophy Chair, Deb Strohl Patron Chair, Susan Sarracino Deihl Catalogue, Dawn Schuster Hospitality, Terry Reckert Fundraising, Roxanne Fegley Head Marshal, Mary lou Dunn, Marilyn Gilpin, Sharon Spellman, Judy Preistly Marshalls, Kim Wiley Merchandise, Steve Collins Training Day, Judy Preistly Judges Steward, Bethann Wiley Secretary, Paul Mommaerts Stewart of the Beat, Gun Team Dave Barto Captain, Billy Alcorn, John Darrt, Dave Procter, Steve Collins, John Leininger, Brandon Rogers Guns

E. 2017-Master Budget created The ECSCA has asked the FTC to develop a master budget for the NCC that would help in the distribution of our income as well as our expenses from the NCC. The FTC felt that a Master Budget would make it much easier for the NCC budget to be developed for each year and if we had an electronic format it could be easily passed from one NCC Chair to the next. Hopefully this could also be paired down to serve as a budget for ECSCA trials as well.

F. Proposal from Kansas Don and Trisha Bramwell have opened up their 720 acres of ground in Kansas if we need a location for the 2017 NCC. The FTC is glad to have a backup location if the Colorado location doesn't work out and would like to thank the Bramwell's for their generosity.

G. Clubs using ECSCA License:

*Hi Vicky,*

*FYI- AKC Field Trial Rules, Chapter 6, Section 2 states:*

*"This committee shall be comprised of at least five members of the club and may include the Field Trial Secretary."*

*It is my understanding that an ECSCA sponsored field trial must have only ECSCA members on their field trial committee. The field trial committee must have a minimum of 5 people on the committee.*

*I hope this helps :)*

*Best Wishes*

*Kim*

The FTC reported that there are several individuals who are putting on ECSCA sponsored trials. There are a variety of reasons for this including Location, Lack of possible Club Members etc... The FTC is concerned that there must be a proper budget in place in order to get approval for the Field Trial as well as a committee made up of ECSCA members. There is also a concern that if we are not developing new clubs and we rely on the ECSCA to host trials, if we lose one of more of the key members involved in the ECSCA trials, there is no club to continue on with. As a group we field trialers are getting older, if we lose some more key members we will also be losing trials. An established club with multiple members would help to ensure the continuation of Cocker Trials in that area.

Deb noted the difficulties that potential ECSCA members are having in getting membership, even though the process was streamlined last year, it is still difficult and a many step process that takes time. Deb received a letter from someone who was put up for membership in early 2015 and had to inquiry several times about the membership until it was finally granted in 2016. The FTC felt that we would have a better chance of acquiring new ECSCA members if the membership process was easier. It was noted that the ESSFTA membership is quite easy to fill out and proceed with.

Insurance Report: The ESSFT club has a 2 million dollar aggregate insurance policy that covers gunners who are judging their ESSFT Club trials and the National, but only for gunners that are parent club members. Guns at the Springer National must be parent club members. This is also true for their Parent Club Trial and Hall of Fame Trial as well as the Springer Amateur National. It is very likely that gunners who are gunning an NCC don't have insurance coverage unless they are ECSCA members. It was suggested that gunners at trials are not covered by club insurance unless they are Club Members at a Club Event or ECSCA members at a ECSCA event. Deb was concerned that Planters at our trials should be covered under club insurance as well and unless they are club members they are most likely not covered, unless they are possibly paid planters. There is a liability there which should be of concern to Trial Chairmen and Clubs. The FTC would like to explore the possibility of liability insurance for gunners and planters. Anyone who is not a Club Member is not covered by liability insurance for Club Trials and only ECSCA members are covered at ECSCA Trials. Dennis will do some research and reach out to some other insurance carriers in order to better understand the situation. Equisure does a lot of insurance coverage for Field Trial Clubs, the FTC would like to have some contact with them in order to better understand how this affects field trailers.

The FTC discussed wind patterns again. It was brought up that there is more and more flat patterning in springers and the FTC has concerns that this is spilling over into the Cockers. The FTC has noticed that there

are more and more dogs not running appropriate wind patterns. It is our duty to ensure that people are knowledgeable about wind and appropriate patterning. More and more amateurs are entering the sport with dogs that run a flat pattern in every wind condition.

## V. New Business:

### a) Other FTC Issues and Concerns

1. Getting someone to edit minutes                      Due to Dennis's absence from the meeting it was decided that Dennis would be volunteered to edit the FTC minutes. The FTC would like to thank Dennis for taking on this important position.
2. HOF- Only one person at induction                      Tabled till the next meeting
3. Update/create the Spaniel Test for Cockers after the AKC Seminar?                      Tabled till the next meeting

Calendar                      The FTC would like to review the deadlines calendar for the ECSCA.

Reporting of Trials and Dogs                      The new form that was created for the application of Field Trials is making it easier for the FTC to process the Field Trials for both the ECSCA and the AKC. The new forms include post trial results which are extremely important. Without the reports after the trial the FTC, ECSCA and the AKC cannot get the results, including Water Tests, Field Champions, NCC Qualifiers, Points Status and etc... The FTC is still in the process of streamlining the process and the form.

## VI. Adjournment – Next FTC Meeting May 3, 2016 9:33 pm EST

# SEE ATTACHED

Final Version Pending ECSCA BOD Approval **4/18/2016 version**

## **Criteria to be Eligible to Judge an AKC Cocker Field Trial and the Cocker National Championships**

Cocker field trial judges should have extensive experience and knowledge in spaniel handling, training, and several prior spaniel field trial judging assignments to enhance the judging panel. It is essential that judges be of the highest standard possible, active in all phases of spaniel training, trialing and handling.

### **Part 1. The following criteria are necessary requirements for judging AKC Member or Licensed Cocker Spaniel Field Trials.**

1. Field Trial judging experience between the two prospective Judges must meet a combined minimum of twelve (12) AKC Championship Stake judging assignment points as documented by AKC. The twelve (12) Championship Stake judging assignment points must have occurred in five (5) different locations. Championship Stakes **are those where a dog is placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> and could be awarded** points toward an AKC Field Champion title or AKC Amateur Field Champion title. (Language change 4/19/16)

2. All judges wishing to judge a Cocker Spaniel Field Trial shall receive a copy of the most recent edition of “*A Guide to the Conduct and Judging of Cocker Spaniel Field Trials*” (a.k.a. “The Green Book”) supplied by the ECSCA Field Trial Committee (FTC). All judges shall be asked to become familiar with its contents and address any questions they may have to the ECSCA FTC or the Field Trial Chairman of the sponsoring club. (Paragraph added 2/9/2016 pending ECSCA BOD approval)
3. All Spaniel Judges with prior AKC Championship stake judging assignments point(s) will be grandfathered as meeting the criteria below.

## **Part 2. How to become a Cocker Field Trial Judge**

Prospective individuals wishing to become judges for Cocker Spaniel Field Trials must:

1. Attend an AKC Spaniel Field Trial Judging Seminar prior to apprenticing at a field trial  
(Amended 1/26/2106 pending ECSCA BOD Approval)
2. Complete two (2) Apprentice Judging Assignments under two different AKC Senior judges. The Apprentice assignments shall be completed at an AKC approved Championship Stake Spaniel Field Trial with prior permission from the local Field Trial Committee. The Senior Judge should be contacted by the local trial committee and agree to the assignment. The standard AKC Apprentice form must be completed by the Senior Judge and submitted to the AKC for recording purposes with an additional copy supplied to the ECSCA FTC Chairman.  
(Amended 2/9/2016 pending ECSCA BOD approval)

## **Part 3. National Cocker Championship (NCC) Field Trial selection criteria:**

In addition to the judging criteria for Cocker Spaniel Field Trials, individuals nominated for NCC Judges must:

1. Have twelve (12) AKC Championship Spaniel Stake judging assignment points. Three (3) of the 12 assignments must be from judging AKC Cocker Field Trial Championship stakes. These three (3) trials must be separate assignments at different locations. (Amended to three separate venues on 3/8/2016 from two separate venues on 1/26/16. Pending ECSCA BOD Approval)
2. Have handled a spaniel and earned at least one (1) Championship point by placing in an Open All-Age or Amateur stake at an AKC Field Championship trial. (Amended by the FTC to allow handing any dog, not just ones without an FC or AFC 4/19/16)
3. Have actively handled a spaniel in an AKC field trial in the past three (3) years prior to the NCC they would be judging.

Prior FTC Approved revisions: 6/5/2012, 3/8/2016, 3/21/2016 (spelling and language edit only)  
Original Document: 3/5/2011 3/30/2016 (spelling and language edit only)

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TO: Paul & Vicky  
FROM: Don & Trisha  
SUBJECT: Cocker Nationals  
DATE: April 6, 2016

Trisha and I would like to offer our grounds, etc., for the 2017 Cocker Nationals.

The grounds consist of 720 acres of a mixture of CRP grasses, i.e., little bluestem, switch grass and indian grass, all of which will remain standing in the unlikely occurrence of snow or ice. Part of the grounds is interspersed with small clumps of sandplum bushes and small scattered cedars which are some of the primary cover from predators for pheasant and quail. We have run the KS and OK trials on these grounds for several years, as well as the 2014 NOC. The 2016 NAC will be held here in November.

Adequate water for the water test may be available on our land dependent on the drought. If there is not, there is a large farm pond nearby.

Most of the logistical/ancillary items are in place by virtue of the KS/OK clubs, i.e. shag baskets, bird bands with pliers, dunk tanks, tractor with water bbl for courses, live water at cook shack, trash receptacles and haul off, etc. Trisha will take care of the necessary KS field trial permit by including the event on our annual permit. FT guns do not need a hunting license to shoot in a FT. Arrangements can be made for ATV's if necessary. We also have about 100 flags, if needed.

Since you were here for the 2014 NOC, you are familiar with most of this. I thought you might want a short description, if you need to pass info along to others.

We own the land so there is no problem with causing the grounds to be unavailable due to mowing, change of plans, etc.

There is an interior finished, heated building on our trial grounds which we constructed for shelter and meals during our field trials. Off road parking is located nearby.

Parking for motor homes, trailers, etc is available both at our house or adjacent to the trial grounds. There are no hook-ups.

Our clubs use birds which are available nearby and are delivered each day. We have a large birdpen, if needed.

The grounds are located two miles east of Zenda, KS or 4 miles west of Spivey, KS. We used the Best Western-Airport Motel, near the Wichita airport to serve as headquarters. Special room rates were \$72/day. It is about 45-60 minutes from the trial grounds. There is a 40 acre field adjacent to and owned by the motel that is partially fenced and available for airing dogs. There are a few smaller motels located within 20-35 minutes of the grounds and some larger motels in Pratt (35 min), Wichita (60 min) or Hutchinson (55 min).

There are two training fields (160 acres) located next to the trial grounds.

# The English Cocker Gunning Program

Including the Organization and Job Description of the Gunning Committee that oversees the program

- The Criteria and Job Description for Gun Captains
- The Criteria and Job Description for Field Trial Gunners
- [Process for selecting Gun Teams for the National Cocker Championship](#)
- Forms and SOP's

Based on an original Draft dated 6/4/2007

Written by

Tom Calabrese, Chairman of the Gun Committee

Dave Barto, John Lenninger, Dave Proctor

## Purpose:

Everyone appreciates safe and competent Guns, especially those hosting our Field Trial events. No one is more qualified to select qualified guns than those on the “front lines” of a Field Trial. The purpose of updating the 2007 Cocker Gun Committee (CGC) proposal is to add guidelines for the expansion of the Cocker Gun Committee to represent gunners from throughout the United States by adopting the “regional system” now in place for the Springer Spaniel Gunning Program.

Our original 2007 English Cocker Gunning Program provisions remain largely unchanged. The Gunning Program will continue to be administered by a Gun Committee which reports to the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America Field Trial Committee (FTC). We will be adding language that defines their relationship.

The Gunning Program relies on the “inside” knowledge Field Trial Clubs have in knowing those among their contemporaries, who are safe “Guns” as well as how to shoot over English Cockers. The integrity of the program rests on the Field Trial Clubs and their sincere administration of the election of prospective “Gunners” and “Gun Captains” as well as the integrity of the “Gun Committee” that oversees the steps are fulfilled by potential candidates.

Certain basics must be required for individuals to be considered by a Field Trial Club as a Gun (Q) for any field trial. The first is a valid Hunting License demonstrating the Gunner has completed a “**Hunters Safety Program**”. The second requirement is to successfully complete the Springer Gun Seminar. Third, the candidate would sign the Job Description included in this report acknowledging his acceptance of the responsibilities and duties outlined. Fourth would be for the club to submit the application, signed and dated by the President of

each individual Field Trial Club (samples included in this report) to their Cocker Regional Gun Committee Member.

Your Field Trial Club should consider the following when evaluating a candidate:

- Has the trial club known this candidate for an appropriate length of time to make a recommendation of his capabilities?
- Has the trial club seen this individual shoot over Cockers?
- Has the trial club seen this individual shoot at Training sessions, Hunt Tests, Field Trials?
- Did the individual demonstrate the ability to shoot well and within the guidelines outlined in the Springer Gun Seminar?
- Would you certify to this Gunner's safety?
- Would you certify to this Gunner's objectivity when shooting at an event?

It is presumed the prospective Gunner and Gun Captain have an extensive background in training sessions, hunt tests and/or field trials and have proven themselves to be safe and reliable. Individuals meeting these ideals would be candidates that the Field Trial Club would be proud to recommend to the Gun Committee as either "Gunners" or "Gun Captains". The accumulated list of names should represent the "top echelon" and persons listed should be proud to be among the other names.

Members of the supervisory Gun Committee should have an even a more extensive background and experience above and beyond the Gun Captain as well as the management skills it would be required to monitor upcoming Guns and Captains. It must be assumed that the Gun Committee members will be willing and able to decline an application for just cause.

## **ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:**

The original Cocker Gunning program automatically qualified or "Grandfathered" anyone from the Springer Spaniel Gunning Program into the Cocker Qualified list matching their qualification Q or G. This remains in effect that any "G" or "Q" qualified to Gun in the Springer Spaniel Program is automatically accepted into the Cocker Gunning Program.

Ideally, the Springer Spaniel Program would reciprocate; therefore a focus during this revision is to have a parallel plan that could at some time be recognized by the Springer Community. An important factor will be to keep records of who shoots at Cocker Trials. A second factor would be to try to have the Springer Spaniel Community recognize and award points for those shooting at Cocker Field Trials.

In the unusual case when the availability of an approved Gun Captain is unavailable, a club should contact their Cocker Regional Committee Representative who may appoint a "Managing Gun Captain" by special permission. The qualifications for this would include an experienced manager who is familiar with the operation and management of field trials and also the responsibilities of gun teams. Note: This person would not necessarily have to gun the trial, but would be responsible to oversee the selection and supervision of the gun team prior to and during the trial.

1. The list of Approved/Accepted Gun Captains would be maintained by the Gun Committee and published on the Fieldcocks.com website for all clubs to access.

## SELECTING GUNNERS FOR NCC EVENTS

March 30, 2016

1. The gun committee should nominate 2 or 3 individuals from their region that they believe would make excellent Guns at the Nationals. This selection process should be made by reaching out to the regional clubs holding trials and getting their input as to "Quality Guns".
2. The full Gun Committee will then review the list of candidates for qualifications (to be determined by Gun Committee).
3. List of nominations will be submitted to the FTC for review.
4. the list of names to the NCC Gun Captain(s). The GC should then select his/her gun teams from the list provided. The FTC will provide
  - a. There should be two teams consisting of four to five persons including the GC.
  - b. Two alternates should be chosen
5. The Gun Captain will forward his Gun Team selection to the FTC for review. After review and approval, the Gun Team will be published on Field Cockers. Posting of the Gun Team should occur at least sixty days prior to the National event.

# Job Descriptions

## Cocker Gun Committee Regional Member

### Requirements and Job Description

Draft 3.23.16

**Title:** Cocker Gun Committee Regional Member

**Reports to:** Field Trial Gun Committee Chairman

**Purpose:** Provides oversight and guidance to Field Trial Clubs, Individual Gunners, Gun Captains and the Field Trial Committee regarding all aspects of field trial gunning.

**Membership Requirements:** To become a member of the Gun Committee an individual must

- Have been a Gun Captain for both the Cocker and Springer Gun Programs in excess of 5 years.
- Have been gunning Field Trials for 10 years or more.
- Have gunned Field Trials in more than 2 regions.
- Must be qualified to present a "Gunning Seminar".
- Must be nominated by more than one Field Trial Club in his home region.
- Must demonstrate leadership qualities and the ability to decline an application for due cause.
- Must demonstrate complete unbiased affiliations towards any individual participant during a field trial, shooting for all dogs in the same manner.
- Must have been a member of a National Gun Team
- Be capable to advise clubs on course design helping facilitate safe gunning at trials and events.
- Be capable to talk to newer or older guns in a constructive way to correct shooting problems that arise.
- Be able to review and report from each trial noting the gunners and Gun Captains to maintain proper records.

### Primary Functions and Responsibilities:

- Educate and mentor new guns (Training Seminars, training sessions, etc.).
- Evaluate guns for progressing up the gunning ladder (P to Q to G).
- Review any gunning complaints and initiate corrective action if warranted.



- Review the Gun Team selection for National Events and comment on same to the Field Trial Committee.

### **Regions:**

There will be 2 CGC representatives from each of the following regions if that region has 2 or more field trials. In the case of fewer than 2 field trials, the region will have 1 CGC.

- East:** Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York (mostly Eastern NY), Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania (east of Susquehanna River)
- Mid East:** Ohio, Pennsylvania (west of Susquehanna River), Western New York, Eastern Michigan
- Mid West:** Wisconsin, Iowa, Western Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota
- Rocky Mountain:** Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Missouri, Tennessee, Missouri, Nebraska
- West:** California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana

## **Cocker Gun Committee Chairman**

### Requirements and Job Description

Draft 3.23.16

Title: Field Trial Regional Gun Committee Chairman

Reports to: ECSCA Field Trial Committee

**Purpose:** The Gun Committee Chairman is responsible for the coordination and operation of the Field Trial Gun Committee.

### **Primary Functions and Responsibilities**

- Making sure all the field trial clubs are submitting gunning reports
- Maintaining the gunning lists of who has gunned at which trials
- Coordinate with the Field Trial Committee and the NCC Gun Captain the selection of the “Master Suggested NCC Gun Team” for each year’s National Championship.
- Organizing and conducting one or more meetings per year to review potential “Gunning” candidates and “Gun Captain” candidates
- To attend at least one meeting per year with the FTC to review the status of selected “Gunning” candidates and “Gun Captain” candidates as well as other gunning issues such as not enough gunners for local field trials due to expanding field trials.
- To be the contact person when local field trial clubs are having difficulty in obtaining a Gun Captain or “Gunner” for their events by coordinating with the Regional Gun Committee Member.
- The Chairman of the Committee is elected by the Regional CGC Members and will be re-elected every three years.

## **Field Trial Gunner Job Description**

*Final 4-16-07*

### **Function Description**

**Title: Field Trial Gunner**

**Reports to: Field Trial Gun Captain**

### **Purpose:**

This position is responsible for the safe and quality performance as a member of the Field Trial Gun Team. The Field Trial Gun (“Gunner”) is invited by the Gun Captain and participates with the field trial management, judges, planters, and handlers to ensure a successful event.

### **Primary Function and Responsibilities**

- The “Gunner” at the direction of the Field Trial Gun Captain, reviews the trial gunning plan, course outline, rotation, etc., and any other pertinent issues prior to the start of the field trial.
- All Field Trial Guns must utilize a 12 gauge double gun, in accordance with AKC Field Trial guidelines. The double gun should be in excellent operating condition and only factory ammunition shall be utilized. Reloads must not be used.
- The “Gunner” should look to the Gun Captain as a mentor and must be resilient and positive after honest performance review by the Gun Captain.
- The “Gunner” must have the ability to (1) “read” Spaniels and recognize when it is making game, (2) understand how wind direction will affect a dog’s scenting and the “manner” it finds its game and (3) capable to adjust shooting to the cover.
- Prior to taking a shot, the “Gunner” must have the ability and discipline to determine without question that the area (in to which he/she will shoot) is clear and safe to shoot before shooting. If there is any doubt whatsoever as to the area being clear the “Gunner” must not take the shot. There can be no compromise to safety; additionally the “Gunner” has the ability to determine when to allow the bird(s) not to be shot.
- The “Gunner” must cleanly and consistently kill the birds flushed by the Spaniel. Each shot should be in a sportsmanlike manner, again with no compromise to safety. The “Gunner” shoots for the dog, giving each and every dog a retrieve which will provide a fair test of the dog’s marking and retrieving skills.
- The “Gunner” should come prepared to the trial with good quality field gear and prepared for all weather conditions.

### **Knowledge and Skill Guidelines**

- Has experience in training spaniels in hunt tests and/or field trials.
- Has completed the Spaniel Field Trial Gun Safety Seminar.
- Has extensive experience shooting over spaniels in club training sessions.
- Has experience shooting in practice for local “pros”.
- Has a history of safe shooting conduct.
- Be knowledgeable of the ECSCA Green Book
- Be knowledgeable of the AKC Rules and Regulations for Field Trials.

## **Field Trial Gun Captain**

*Final 2-15-07*

### **Reports to: Field Trial Committee Chairman**

#### **Purpose**

The position is responsible for the management and function of the Field Trial Gun Team in accordance with the guidelines of the ECSCA and the AKC. The position provides the leadership that fosters safety and maximizes the contribution of the Gun Team toward a successful field event. This Gun Captain manages all aspects of the field trial gunning, and works in conjunction with the field trial management, judges, planters and handlers to ensure a successful event.

#### **Primary Function and Responsibilities**

- The Gun Captain is responsible for the gun team personnel, utilizing a positive and motivating approach that maximizes each gunner’s contribution to the field trial. This responsibility includes the selecting of the gunners for the event, on-site review of gun performance and discharging team member(s) as necessary.
- The Gun Captain functions as a mentor to the gun team participants. He/She sets a trial plan, oversees the gun team activities and makes recommendations for the improvement of gun participants.
- The Gun Captain offers support to the Field Trial Committee in course design focusing of event safety, and fostering a shooting environment which allows for the Cocker’s field trial evaluation.

- The Gun Captain records the gunners and stakes in which they participated with the Field Trial **Gunning** Committee.
- The Gun Captain makes constructive recommendation(s) to the Field Trial Committee for the improvement of the trial and/or future trials with regard to gunning safety.
- The Gun Captain is responsible for many other trial gunning issues. Some include coordinating with Field Trial committee and advising his/her gun team regarding the local regulations and game laws, reviewing the expected number of entries to establish manpower requirements, selecting appropriate shells and shot size, coordinating the acquisition of shells with field trial committee, team rotation schedule and instructing the gun team on the proper “zones of fire.”

### **Knowledge and Skill Guidelines**

- Have a minimum of ten years of spaniel experience in hunt tests and/or field trials.
- Have completed the Spaniel Field Trial Gun Safety Seminar.
- Have extensive trial gun experience.
- Be knowledgeable of ECSCA Green Book **rules**.
- Be knowledgeable of AKC Rules and Regulations for Field Trials.
- Have good management skills including outstanding leadership, competence in oversight and supervision of guns and ability to communicate confidently.

# Forms and Submittals

## **SOP #1: Application for Gun Captain Submittal Process**

The sponsoring Mentor or Cocker Field Trial Club should prepare the application (next page) including a narrative relating to knowledge, experience and safety. The completed form should be dated and forwarded to the Gun Committee Chairman for review. The review and return determination will be completed in **six** working days or less.

**SOP #2: The Gun Captain of a Field Trial is required to fill out this form and submit it within 48 hours after a trial event. (Please see sample). Included on the form is the name of the Host Club, the dates of the events, type of events, the names of the “Gunnings” and any comments necessary. The form is to be returned to Tom Calabrese either by email or mailed.**

**NEED ORIGINAL DOCUMENT INSERTED** this is a scan-SOP #1

**English Cocker Spaniel Club of America**

**Gun Captain Approval Form**

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (Street):** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommending Club or Mentor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's background:** Include approximate years of experience shooting trials & hunt tests. Recommending club or Gun Captain mentor should attest to their knowledge and experience regarding the applicants safety, proficiency and objectivity in past field trial, hunt test and/or training events.

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Signature

Date Submitted to ECSCA Gun Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Determination:  Accepted Gun Captain       Rejected

Date Returned to Sponsoring Club or Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

**SOP #2**

**English Cocker Spaniel Club of America  
Field Trial Gun Report Log**

**Host Club** \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Trial Date</b>	<b>Trial Date</b>	<b>Trial Date</b>	<b>Trial Date</b>
<b>Stake (Open/Am)</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Gun Captain</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Return to: Tom Calabrese 4926 Newton Rd., Hamburg, NY 14075 eaglerare@verizon.net**

**Sample Field Trial Gun Report SOP#2**

**English Cocker Spaniel Club of America  
Field Trial Gun Report Log**

**Host Club** Fox Valley English Cocker Spaniel Club

	<b>Trial Date</b>	<b>Trial Date</b>	<b>Trial Date</b>
	4/4/14	4/5/14	4/6/14
<b>Stake (Open/Am)</b>	Open X	Open X	Amateur X
<b>Gun Captain</b>	Peter Zuleger		
<b>Gun</b>	John Dart		
<b>Gun</b>	Paul Mommarts		
<b>Gun</b>	Jess Sekey		
<b>Gun</b>	Lea Ames		
<b>Gun</b>	Will Pick		
<b>Gun</b>			

**Comments:** Guns shot well, we had a mixed planting of pheasants and chuckers , everyone did very well with the two different speeds of the birds. Many positive comments No safety issues.

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