

English Cocker Spaniel Club of America Field Trial Committee
2015 Year End Report
by Joe DeMarkis FTC Chair

I. FTC ANNUAL REPORT

1. Redefined protocol for the nomination and election the Chairperson for the FTC as amended in the FTC Mission Statement
2. Initiated an open conversation throughout the trialing community for awareness of how game is being recovered and utilized at our field trials. It has been recommended by the FTC that this topic be revisited periodically to keep this awareness at the forefront of our sport
3. After much discussion and examination of Judging criteria and our Green Book, have moved forward with the approval of 3 Sequential Field Trials. These trials are ran as one series with Springer's and one series with Cockers allowing clubs to utilize the same grounds, judges, gunners and all other resources available, allowing clubs to operate trails more profitably
4. Approval of a change to the portion of the AKC Cocker Judging qualification criteria as to match the Springer criteria which requires a AKC judging seminar prior to apprenticing
5. Established a complete contact email list of all Eastern region field trial enthusiasts in order to complete the process of the nomination of a vacant Eastern representative position.
6. Prepared, initiated and completed the voting process for selectio of a vacant Eastern representative position. This position was filled by Peter Rizzo
7. Worked closely with the 2015 NCC Chair, Jim Karlovec, in preparation and production of this year's National Cocker Championship. This event went on with very few glitches and showed a significant profit
8. Prepared, initiated and completed the bidding process for selection of the host for the 2016 NCC. The 2016 NCC will be chaired by Christine Dartt and to be held in Alexandria MN., Oct 27 - 28 – 29, 2016. Thursday - Sat - Sunday if needed. This event will not be hosted by a particular club but comprised of experienced individual chairs primarily from the Midwest
9. Prepared, initiated and completed the voting process for selection of the 2016 NCC Judges. The 2016 NCC Judges will be: Bob Child, UT and Dean Koehler, MN
10. Prepared, initiated and completed the bidding process for selection of the 2015 Bixby Award. This year's Bixby Award recipient chosen by the FTC is Sue Wilson
11. Established a new format for submission of Field Trial requests with a format that collects all pertinent information for AKC approval and statistics tracking. This form is available as a download on www.fieldcockers.com
12. Prepared, initiated and completed the petitioned to the parent club to include Rumi Schroeder to the list of Directors that have been nominated for the 2016 elections.
13. Coordinated and/or approved over 50 Cocker Field Trials with several new trials being established across the country. Included is a new ECSCA trial in South Carolina. This area of the country is

establishing a presence with the working cocker and it is my hope to help create a better standard to the breeding in this area by demonstrating the standards we breed for.

14. Prepared and initiated the vote for the 2016 FTC slate of 4 Representatives at Large.
This vote will be completed on January 4, 2016 and presented to the ECSCA Board of Directors for approval. Upon approval the FTC will select its Chairperson to replace the outgoing chair.
15. FTC Representatives personally initiated an ECSCA field trial interest membership drive in an effort to increase our presence with the parent club.

II. 2016 BUSINESS SLATED FOR REVIEW

- a) Developing an awareness of proper patterning of the cocker as defined by the trialing community
- b) NCC Judging Criteria as defined by the trialing community
- c) Review of gunning qualifications as defined by the trialing community
- d) Creating an ECSCA program to promote and/or support our 20-30 year old handlers