

ECSCA National Cocker Field Trial Championship

Trophies and Awards (Open to All)

(Effective 1/12/2014)

Duties of the NCC Trophy Chairperson:

1. Clarify in the spring, who is calculating the points for the annual field trial points each year. This is currently being maintained by Robin Putnam (rlputnam@hotmail.com) but should be verified each year.
2. The NCC Trophy Chairperson should review the approved ECSCA list of NCC trophies (available on www.fieldcockers.com go to the “How to Run a NCC? link) and year end awards to preserve continuity and accuracy for the upcoming year.
3. The NCC Trophy Chairperson should select the type of trophies to be awarded.
4. The previous year’s NCC Trophy Chairperson must communicate with the upcoming NCC trophy chairperson to make that person aware of who has traveling trophies and arrange for their return.
5. For all annual special trophies, the NCC trophy chairperson shall contact their donors or sponsors (i.e. Fallen Wings, Bramblewood, etc...) to see if they will offer the same award for the next NCC.
6. The NCC Trophy Chairperson should find sponsors/donors for all other trophies that do not have previously designated sponsors, to be awarded for the year in order to help cover the costs involved.

Changes to Existing Awards or Trophies including New Trophies

Proposed additional awards or changes to existing awards must be presented to the ECSCA Field Trial Committee well in advance of the annual NCC. A written description of the proposed award and how it will be funded each year should be sent to the FTC Chairperson who will present the information to the FTC Committee for initial review. If the FTC approves the award or the change, the award information will be forwarded to the ECSCA Board for final approval.

In the event that a sponsor of a trophy and/or award is no longer able or interested in providing the trophy, the ECSCA FTC will review the status of the award and determine the future offering of the award. The recommendation from the FTC will either be to discontinue the award or find alternate funding for the award. The final recommendation will be sent to the ECSCA Board for approval.

Definition of Trophy Types

Challenge Trophies – Items which are not won outright, but must be won a certain number of times by the identical owner(s), not necessarily with the same dog or at consecutive national championship field trials. Often referred to as “Three-time win” trophies (AKC’s preferred type) but also offered for longer periods. These usually are kept by the donor or the ECSCA until “retired”. A commemorative trophy item is often donated to be won outright.

Traveling Trophies – Items which the club and the donor permit the winning owner to “take home” and keep until the next year’s NCC. The trophy chair of the upcoming NCC will communicate with the recipient as to how the trophy will be delivered to the NCC.

Outright Win Trophies – any trophy offered by a specific donor or the ECSCA other than challenge or traveling trophies.

NCC Trophies and Prizes

First Place -

The **ECSCA National Field Trial Championship Trophy** - - Mr. David W. Flanagan offers, through the ECSCA for competition at its National Championship Field Trial only, a Sterling Silver plate, engraved with the name of each winner. To be won three times by the identical owner(s), not necessarily with the same dog or at consecutive national championships. Possession to be retained by the ECSCA until terms of possession have been met.

A commemorative trophy is offered by a sponsor to the winner of the NCC.

The Ballymena Farm Challenge Trophy - a bronze sculpture by artist Walter Matia of “Oscar”, a field-bred English Cocker Spaniel, mounted on a wooden base with brass plates engraved with the names of each winner, is offered to the owner(s) of the winner by Lisa and Hobson Brown through the ECSCA for competition at its National Cocker Field Trial Championship. For permanent possession, it must be won five times by the identical owner(s), not necessarily with the same dog or at consecutive national championships. The trophy will remain in possession of the ECSCA or the donors until such time as it is awarded.

A commemorative engraved plaque with the ECSCA medallion is offered outright to the winner by the donors.

The Fallen Wings Breeders Cup – Rumi and Michael Schroeder offer, through the ECSCA, for competition at its National Championship Field Trial only, a crystal vase, on a wood base with the names of the winning dog and its breeder(s), is offered to the breeder of the winner. For permanent possession, to be won three times by the identical breeder(s), not necessarily by the same dog or at consecutive national championships. Possession to be retained by the ECSCA or the donors until terms of possession have been met.

A commemorative trophy is offered outright to the winner by the by the donors.

A **trophy** (*description and donor to be determined each year*) chosen by the NCC Trophy Chairperson to be offered to the owner of the first place dog in the National Championship each year. This is the commemorative trophy which accompanies the ECSCA National Championship Trophy

Acme Golden Whistle Award - offered by the Acme Whistle Co. in England to the Handler of the winning dog. Frequently this whistle is framed or is presented in a glass dome. The NCC Trophy Chairperson must contact Acme each year to acquire this award during the summer previous to the NCC. Contact information: Ben.McFarlane@acmewhistles.co.uk and Ben McFarlane: ACME Whistles, phone number 01215542124

Limited edition print of the previous year's NCC winner (if it is produced). This print is donated by the owner of the previous winner per the ECSCA NCC Print Protocol.

Certificate for 450 pounds Dog Food, donated by Purina.

AKC Blue Rosette (*sponsor to be determined each year*)

Second Place -

The Bramblewood "Second Best" Trophy, an engraved crystal vase, is offered by Andrea and Ernie Hasse who were the owners of the first modern NCC winner.

Certificate for 225 pounds of Dog Food donated by Purina

A **trophy** (*description and donor to be determined each year*) chosen by the NCC Trophy Chairperson to be offered to the owner of the second place dog in the National Championship each year.

AKC Red Rosette (*sponsor to be determined each year*)

Third Place

A **trophy** (*description and donor to be determined each year*) chosen by the NCC Trophy Chairperson to be offered to the owner of the third place dog in the National Championship each year.

Certificate for 112.5 pounds of dog food donated by Purina

AKC Yellow Rosette (*sponsor to be determined each year*)

Fourth Place

A **trophy** (*description and donor to be determined each year*) chosen by the NCC Trophy Chairperson to be offered to the owner of the fourth place dog in the National Championship each year.

Certificate for 112.5 pounds of Dog Food donated by Purina

AKC White Rosette (*sponsor to be determined each year*)

Judge's Certificates of Merit offered to the owner(s) of each dog that earns a Judges' Award of Merit. These are sponsored and donated each year and created by the Trophy Chairperson.

AKC Dark Green Rosette offered to the owner(s) of dogs that earn a Judges' Award of Merit. (*sponsor to be determined each year*)

Gunner's Award Trophy offered to the owner (s) of the dog that the gun team would most like to hunt over on a typical day's hunt. (*Sponsor and description to be determined each year*)

AKC Brown Rosette offered to the owner(s) of dog who was selected for the Gunners' Award. (*sponsor to be determined each year*)

Best Amateur Handler in the NCC offered to the best amateur handler in the national championship, as determined by the judges. (*Sponsor and description to be determined each year*)

Annual Overall High Point AKC Field Trial Awards

Open to All

Definition of Points: Points are awarded for placements in AKC field trials as follows: 1st – 5 points, 2nd – 3 points, 3rd – 2 points, 4th - 1 point. For the NCC placements, the points are doubled – 1st - 10, 2nd – 6, 3rd – 4, 4th -2. Points are accumulated beginning with the first field trial after the NCC through the following year's NCC.

Weighted Points – Points are calculated by multiplying the number of points earned for the placement, as stated above, by the number of dogs that started the trial. Example: 1st place in a 20 dog trial would be worth 100 weighted points – 5 (points for 1st place) x 20 (number of dogs in the trial) = 100 (weighted points).

These Annual awards are presented at the NCC event each year. These points are calculated for all dogs competing in AKC Cocker/English Cocker field trials and are open to all dogs to win. The calculation of each high point award begins with the first trial after the prior year's NCC and concludes with the current year's NCC championship points.

The points for the weighted high point dog do NOT include the current year's NCC championship points

HIGH POINT DOG-OPEN STAKES – Awarded to any dog that has entered in AKC Open Stake field trials that has accumulated the most points in Open All-Age Stakes during the current performance year.

Saradynpark Kennels High Point Cocker Plaque Traveling Trophy – a wooden plaque with the engraved names of all past winners, is offered by Rebecca and Andrew Green. The plaque is to be retained by the winner for one year.

Spaniels in the Field Perpetual Trophy (Traveling Trophy) - A perpetual trophy in commemoration of "Puppie" who inspired a journey into the Sporting Dog world. The flushing Cocker Spaniel is mounted on a wooden base with engraved names of all annual high Point Open Stake Dog/Bitch winners. The trophy is to be retained by the winning owners of the 2014 High Point Dog for one year. Donated by Kuni Smith - Spaniels in the Field. The High Point Trophy is dedicated to the memory of "Puppie", field bred American Cocker David Lamar SH, by Kuni Y. Smith. The faithful reproduction of her beloved companion was crafted by noted sculptor Karl Lansing. "Puppie" will be remembered as great hunting dog and loyal, faithful companion.

High Point Dog Trophy - offered by Purina (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017) to the owner(s) of the dog who has accumulated the most Open All-Age cocker field trial points in the current performance year. This trophy is selected by the NCC Trophy Chair.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE HIGH POINT DOG-OPEN STAKES – Awarded to the dog that has accumulated the most points in Open All-Age Stakes during the current performance year using the weighted average method of calculation which takes into account the number of dogs in each trial as well as the points earned for each placement, excluding NCC placements. This award is open to all dogs who enter AKC Open Stake field trials.

Oahe Kennels Perpetual High Point Trophy - a sterling silver trophy, with the names of all of the winners of the award engraved on its base, is offered by Tom Ness of Oahe Kennels. The trophy is to be retained by the winner for one year.

Silver Bowl Trophy- is offered as the commemorative trophy, to the winner by Oahe Kennels,

HIGH POINT DOG-AMATEUR STAKES – Awarded to the dog that has accumulated the most points in Amateur All-Age Stakes during the current performance year. This award is open to all dogs who enter AKC Amateur stake field trials

High Point Dog – Amateur Stakes Trophy - offered to the owner(s) of the dog that has accumulated the most points in Amateur All-Age stakes in the current performance year. This trophy is selected by the NCC Trophy Chairperson. (*Sponsor and description to be determined each year*)

HIGH POINT DOG-PUPPY STAKES – Awarded to any dog that has accumulated the most points in AKC field trial Puppy Stakes during the current performance year.

High Point Puppy Trophy - offered to the owner(s) of the dog that has accumulated the most points in Puppy stakes in the current performance year. This trophy is for permanent possession and selected by the NCC Trophy Chairperson. (*Sponsor and description to be determined each year*)

HIGH POINT HANDLER-OPEN STAKES – Awarded to any handler who has accumulated the most points in Open All-Age Stakes during the current performance year.

High Point Handler – Open Stakes Trophy offered by Purina (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017) to the handler who has accumulated the most points in the Open All-Age stakes for the current performance year. This trophy is selected by the NCC Trophy Chairperson.

HIGH POINT HANDLER-AMATEUR STAKES – Awarded to any handler who has accumulated the most points in Amateur All-Age Stakes during the current performance year.

High Point Handler – Amateur Stakes Trophy - offered to any handler who has accumulated the most points in the current performance year in Amateur All-Age stakes. This trophy is selected by the NCC Trophy Chair. *(Sponsor and description to be determined each year)*

HIGH POINT LADY HANDLER-OPEN AND AMATEUR STAKES – Awarded to any lady handler who has accumulated the most combined points in Open All-Age Stakes and Amateur All-Age Stakes during the current performance year.

FC Dungarvan Ready-Teddy Challenge Award - Named for a popular Field Champion from the early 1950s that was bred by the Garvans' Dungarvan Kennels. The High Point Lady Handler Award is offered by Noel Garvan Cacchio and Mykenzie Lea Cotiaux in memory of Wilhelmina "Billie" Garvan, Noel's mother, and Ruth Greening.

The trophy is a sterling silver cigarette box, now mounted on a wooded plaque with the engraved names of each winner. The cigarette box was originally offered by Billie Garvan as a trophy for the Best Lady Handler in the National in 1958 after she won the award the prior year. It was not won in 1958 or 1959, when it was re-offered as a trophy. Finally, in 1960, Ruth Greening won the trophy with FC Ru-Char's Citation. Ruth Greening was named Best Amateur Handler in the National in 1955 (Best Lady Handler was not awarded until 1957) and the Best Lady Handler in the National in 1960 and 1962. Billie Garvan won the Best Lady Handler in the National trophy in 1957 and 1961. Today this trophy honors the lady handlers of the past, present and future for their accomplishments afield. The trophy is to be retained by the winner for one year.

A **Commemorative Trophy** is offered outright by Dominique Savoie, to the lady handler who has handled her dog to the most Open and/or Amateur field trial points in the current performance year.

The Harold S. Bixby Memorial Service Award

Awarded for Service to the Sport

This award recognizes those individuals who have made significant contributions to our sport over many years and exemplify the high standards of Harold Bixby. It is presented at the discretion of the Field Trial Committee of the ECSCA which selects the recipient after reviewing nominations from the field.

A **trophy** is chosen by the NCC Trophy Chairperson is awarded to the selected recipient. *(Sponsor, typically the FTC committee, and description to be determined each year)*