



Water Training/Social Day

Maine Spaniel Field Trial Club

Saturday August 7, 2021

A bittersweet event with the passing of Rick Ahearn. Every year he would come down to the water and mingle with the club members. Glad to watch the club and our dogs enjoying his property. He will be missed.

Hoping this year's event will be a celebration of a return to normalcy. So in addition to those of you with dogs in training, we are looking to attract members who simply wish to discuss upland hunting, dogs, club business, and good friendship. Thus a Water Training/Social Day.

With that in mind...

Register/RSVP: Jack Klette klette@verizon.net 978-840-3694

Where: Ahearn Property
867 New County Road; Dayton, ME 04005

Lunch/Drinks: Pot Luck Grill available

Cost: \$20 per Family (monies collected at the event).

Time: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Schedule of Events:

Morning

- Explanation of test standards for Hunt Test Water – Marked and Blind (Moderated by Hunt Test judges)
- **Practical Water work for all handlers and dogs**
- Junior Handler

- Lunch break and General Meeting

Afternoon:

- Biggest Splash
- Water Blind (Timed event)
- Novice (Double Marked Retrieves)
- Open (Double Marked Retrieves)

Water Day Events

Junior Events

- 1) **JUNIOR HANDLER:** Two retrieves of a thrown dead bird with a blank shot. The first bird will be a land retrieve, the second a water retrieve. Young handlers may have a mentor accompany –Qualifying placements.

Adult Events

- 2) **SPLASH SPRINGER:** Looking for the most “Notable Entry” for a thrown dead bird. Placement 1
- 3) **SPLASH COCKER:** Same as above. Placement 1
- 4) **WATER BLIND:** Timed event. From judges signal to “retrieve to hand”. Dead bird on opposite shore, quickest time wins. Placement 1-3
- 5) **NOVICE:** 2 dead birds thrown consecutively. For dogs who have never placed in a trial or no Senior Hunter title, exceptions are w/JR Handlers. Placement 1-3
- 6) **OPEN: (for ALL dogs) Water work is a double mark. Dogs MUST be steady on the line. 1 dead over water, 1 dead thrown on land. Handler may decide order of retrieve Judges have flexibility. Open plaque awarded to the winner.**

