

## MidStates Stock Dog Association

August 2011

There have been a couple of nice summer trials! Danny Shilling hosted the Christian Co. Fair in Ozark, MO. on July 15. It was a hot start, but after the sun dropped, it cooled off. Marc Christopher and his family joined in the fun, adding two new youth handlers to the competition. Danny judged the trial. Roy Taber and Craig won the first Open and Lyle East and Ted won the second Open. In the Ranch competition, Ruth Hines and Jewels continued their winning streak stepping up the competition another notch with a score of 72. Kenny Ruzicka and Corky won Novice again! It must be the year for Ruth and Kenny! Marc Christopher won Nursery with Roy and his son Ethan, won Youth with the same pup. Congratulations to one and all!

On July 31, Ozark Empire Fair trial was held in Springfield, Mo. This is a MSSDA benefit trial putting money back in the club to fund clinics, awards and other expenses. Club members donate their time, talent and treasure to make it a success. A big thank you to Danny Shilling for supplying the sheep and managing the setout crew comprised of Andrew, Mhari and Gareth Rowell, David Leierer, AJ Malnar and Lyle East who also served as Trial Director. They were all quite pungent by the end of the trial! Cindy VonDette judged all classes and Lois East and Milissa Rowell timed and scribed for her. Michael Povey added a distinguished touch to the announcing and Linda Holloway was on hand to explain the classes and what the handlers were attempting to accomplish. Katrina Sutherland, Twila Leierer and Milissa were in charge of the administrative duties. Mhari was probably the MVP of the trial. Assuming the center position, she took several good hits from ewes attempting an escape.

For a complete list of the standings, please visit the MSSDA website. Current leaders in each class are:

### Sheep

Open – Roy Taber and Craig - 21.7  
Larry Burch and Dot - 15.4  
Bob Roe and Gwen - 15.0  
Ranch – Ruth Hines and Jewels – 69  
Ruth Hines and Katie – 41  
Bob Salmon and Jill – 38  
Novice – Kenny Ruzicka and Corky – 22  
AJ Malnar and Mick – 15  
Twila Leierer and Ritz -14

### Cattle

Open – Myra Bradford and Alex - 32.9  
Lyle East and Spot – 25.8  
Lyle East and Sis – 24.6  
Ranch – David Leierer and Opie - 35  
Glenn Christensen and Mac - 26  
Marvin Daniel and Ben - 25  
Ruth Hines and Curly Bill 25  
Novice – Twila Leierer and Ritz - 13  
Michael Povey and Tina - 9  
Milissa Rowell and Mac - 8

There have been discussions among members regarding the association sanctioning more than one member's trial on the same day. In the past, the club has striven to avoid sanctioning two different trials on the same day and the member applying for sanctioning earliest was awarded the sanction. The Board of Directors met and decided it would require the members to vote and establish a standard. All members will receive a ballot in the mail if you didn't receive one at Springfield. Please give this some thought, make your decision and return the ballot by August 21. As soon as ballots are tallied, the rule will be added and new books will be printed.

Trivia: What is the only dog mentioned in the bible?

Trials sanctioned by MSSDA must abide by the MSSDA By-Laws and Rules. The following trials are also sanctioned by USBCHA.

#### Upcoming MSSDA Sanctioned Trials

- September 24 – 25 Duckhead Cattle Dog Trial  
Open, Nursery, Ranch and Novice  
Mike Minor 918-440-1266  
Coffeyville, OK
- September 24 – 25 Taber’s Sheep Dog Trial  
Open, Nursery and Pro-Novice  
Roy Taber  
Walnut Grove, MO
- September 30 – October 2 Salmon Ranch SDT  
Open, Nursery, Pro-Novice, Ranch  
Bob Salmon 660-476-5664  
Appleton City, MO
- October 4 – Tulsa State Fair  
Open, Nursery, Ranch and Novice  
Danny Shilling 417-732-2325  
Tulsa, OK
- October 15-16 Oaktree Classic SDT  
Open, Nursery, Open Ranch, Ranch and Novice  
Tom and Ruth Hines 918-333-6140  
Bartlesville, OK
- November 5-6 Bartlesville 4-H and FFA Benefit  
Open, Nursery, Ranch, Novice  
Tom and Ruth Hines  
918-333-6140
- November 12-13 Leierer Farm and Ranch  
Open (Double lift Sat.), Nursery, Ranch and Novice  
David Leierer 479-965-2882  
Branch, AR 72928

A man, his wife and their Border Collie, Daisy were out for a drive in the country in their new convertible, with the top down. The husband and wife were enjoying the scenery as they drove along. Unbeknownst to them, Maisey gave birth to seven puppies in the back seat of the automobile. The couple continued to drive along, unaware of the new arrivals. Soon the road began to deteriorate and was beginning to become quite rough. Suddenly, the car ran over a deep pothole in the road, and one of Daisy’s puppies bounced up and out of the car, landing on the roadway just in front of a police car that had been following the man and his wife.

The police officer switched on his lights and siren, and soon had the couple pulled over to the side of the road. “What are you pulling me over for?” queried the startled driver. The officer responded, “I pulled you over for creating a Road Hazard, for other drivers!” “What hazard?” asked the man. “A puppy bounced out of your car and put myself and several other drivers at risk, trying to avoid hitting it.” Now your Driver’s License and Proof of Insurance please. Thank you Sir, and the ‘Bitches’ name?” “Hey! How dare you call my wife a bitch!” “Sir, I was referring to the dog!” “Oh, her name is Daisy. Why do you want her name, officer?” “Well Sir, after I write your ticket for “Endangering Vehicular Traffic”, I am going to cite your dog, Daisy, for Littering!