

# SUNDOWNER STOCKDOG ASSOCIATION

April 2008

## SSA SPRING FUTURITY 2008

Another Futurity has come and gone, and I really mean gone. This was the last Spring Futurity for the SSA. I believe it ran smooth with only a few glitches. The concession stand made DELIOUS hamburgers, and the fries weren't too bad either. The Davis family had their product, the Stickwagon, there Saturday along with R Bar M Nutri-ceuticals. Larry Paris was able to make it on Sunday to help restock everyone with collars, name plates, leashes, etc. If you need information on any of these vendors contact me. David Jones from Tritronics, and Harold Kirkus from Purina were also on hand to answer questions and provide support from their company. We always welcome these representatives to attend our trials and visit with the people. Thanks to ALL the vendors.

Didn't we get to watch good, young dogs in action! (Some of these dogs are for sale) The Border Collie never ceases to amaze me. The Handlers were pretty good too. From the vantage point that Ra'Shelle and I had, you could see the cogs turning in the handler's head. It is not just a good dog and handler that wins anymore, strategy now plays a role in the success of finishing the course. I don't know how many times I have been told, "You've got to read the cattle" and "How are you going to approach that obstacle?" Strategy and planning are important but what goes on during the months before the trial ever begins with these young dogs is vital. At this point, I would like to mention that the Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place dogs in the Futurity were all trained by Randy Reed. Darrell Cooks' Res. Champion saw a lot of cattle after he left the trainer, and I am sure that didn't hurt him any. Darrell had Hooch riding in the cab of the truck so he would wean away from Randy and turn to him. I guessed it worked! Two of the top seven dogs in the Futurity Finals were litter mates, breeder Paul Gilbert. Basically, what I am saying is: Sundowner has **TOP** cattle dog people.

Thanks to all the hard work this past weekend by the Directors, Dennis, Adam, Ra'Shelle, and Laquita for the coffee and cookies. Darrell Cook and Brent Daniel put several miles on their trucks, with the high cost of diesel, to get the cattle to the arena. It is like being on a school board or committee; all the work and time are donated for the good of the cause. It takes a lot of hard work to put on a trial as big as last weekend. As always, we thank Wayne Carter for the arena and 'finals' cattle. We are very fortunate to have a good place to hold our trials.

April was not only our Spring Futurity but the SSA & Crossfire Challenge was held also. This gave handlers the opportunity to compete with their more experienced dogs. A belt buckle and money was awarded to first, a vest and money awarded to second, and the rest of the finalists received money. Nineteen dogs competed in Open class with seven called back for the finals, seven dogs in Non-Open with three called back for the finals.

**FUTURITY RESULTS---(17 dogs competed)**

1<sup>st</sup>- Randy Reed/Tag (owned by Jaime Doshier): Tritronics collar, vest, buckle, \$1200

2<sup>nd</sup>-Darrell Cook/Hooch: vest, buckle, \$1000

3<sup>rd</sup>-Randy Reed/Bull (owned by Ty McMillan): vest, \$750

4<sup>th</sup>-Paul Gilbert/Jody: vest, \$300

5<sup>th</sup>-Jimmy Walker/Oreo (owned by Preston Carter): vest, \$300

6<sup>th</sup>-Kenneth Beasley/Sissy: vest, \$300

7<sup>th</sup>-Kirby Elenburg/Bart: vest, \$300

**FALL FUTURITY NOVEMBER 8-9 (probably 7,8,9)**

This will not be a Futurity, this will be an EVENT! Work has already begun on the November Futurity. Door prizes, big money, lots of dogs, and various other ideas are being considered. Nestle-Purina is on board as a sponsor. Mark your calendar because this is one you won't want to miss!

RULE CHANGE: You may enter a dog that has only participated in "puppy" futurities. We believe this will bring in more dogs. The dog cannot have competed in any SSA trials. If the dog is young enough, it is possible for it to compete in the April Futurity and then again in the November Futurity. (Age of dog-not 2 yrs. old before Sept.1)  
More information to come.

Several handlers have mentioned that they are looking for a Fall Futurity dog. If you have one, you might want to advertise in the newsletter next month which will, as always, be posted on the internet website.

**SSA HANDLER OF THE MONTH—RANDY REED**

Speaking of the website, the newest addition to our website is a "HANDLER OF THE MONTH" column by Ruthann Daniel, highlighting one of our gifted and talented members. It's a chance for a little recognition of the hard work and dedication they spend honing their skills. She will be sending out questionnaires and/or interviewing people each month.

A little background on Ruthann, she was responsible for writing manuals, articles, and other publications while in the military. She is a very talented writer!

**ALSO.** Watch for an article by Ruthann Daniel, pictures by Pam Hicks, and an ad by Kasey Davis (Stickwagon) in the next issue of Stockdog Magazine. These ladies have done a great job. They just send me their creation and I send it on to the magazine.

The next trial will be May 17-18, same place, same time.  
Hope to see you there!

**FUTURITY**

**SAT.**

1. Paul Gilbert/Jody
2. Randy Reed/Tag
3. Kirby Elenburg/Bart
4. Kenneth Beasley/Sissy
5. Paul Gilbert/Jay
6. Brent Daniel/John
7. Brent Daniel/Badger
8. Darrell Cook/Hooch
9. Randy Reed/Bull
10. Michael Johnson/Keno
11. Lynn Daniel/Bucky
12. Kirby Elenburg/Buck
13. Chris Thompson/Tug
14. Chris Thompson/Hank
15. Jimmy Walker/Oreo
16. Butch Dodson/Twister
17. LH Wood/Trac

**SUN.**

1. Randy Reed/Tag
2. Jimmy Walker/Oreo
3. Kirby Elenburg/Bart
4. Randy Reed/Bull
5. Darrell Cook/Hooch
6. LH Wood/Trac
7. Chris Thompson/Hank
8. Paul Gilbert/Jody
9. Kenneth Beasley/Sissy
10. Brent Daniel/John
11. Chris Thompson/Tug
12. Butch Dodson/Twister
13. Brent Daniel/Badger
14. Michael Johnson/Keno
15. Lynn Daniel/Bucky
16. Paul Gilbert/Jay
17. Kirby Elenburg/Buck

**FINALS**

1. Randy Reed/Tag
2. Darrell Cook/Hooch
3. Randy Reed/Bull
4. Paul Gilbert/Jody
5. Jimmy Walker/ Oreo
7. Kirby Elenburg/Bart

**OPEN**

**SAT.**

1. Jimmy Walker/Bill
2. Jimmy Walker/Mitch
3. Butch Dodson/Thunder
4. Randy Reed/Lucky
5. Kirby Elenburg/Tag
6. Darrell Cook/Elmer
7. Brent Daniel/Lucky
8. Chester Williams/Bandit
9. Paul Gilbert/Zack
10. Tommy Blessing/Bud
11. Kenneth Beasley/Bull
12. Darrell Cook/Lucy
13. Kenneth Beasley/Hooch
14. Paul Gilbert/Boomer
15. LH Wood/Ace
16. Chris Thompson/Cree
17. Chester Williams/Flo
18. Kirby Elenburg/Slick
19. Kirby Elenburg/Nuge
20. Randy Reed/Tuff

**SUN.**

1. Chris Thompson/Cree
2. Kenneth Beasley/Bull
3. Jimmy Walker/Bill
4. Kirby Elenburg/Slick
5. Tommy Blessing/Bud
6. Jimmy Walker/Mitch
7. Randy Reed/Lucky
8. Brent Daniel/Lucky
9. Chester Williams/Flo
10. Kirby Elenburg/Tag
11. Kirby Elenburg/Nuge
12. Randy Reed/Tuff
13. Darrell Cook/Lucy
14. Darrell Cook/Elmer
15. Paul Gilbert/Boomer
16. Chester Williams/Bandit
17. Paul Gilbert/Zack
18. Butch Dodson/Thunder
19. LH Wood/Ace
20. Kenneth Beasley/Hooch

**FINALS**

1. Jimmy Walker/Bill
2. Randy Reed/Lucky
3. Jimmy Walker/Mitch
4. Tommy Blessing/Bud
5. Kenneth Beasley/Bull
6. Brent Daniel/Lucky
7. Chris Thompson/Cree

**NON-OPEN**

**SAT.**

1. Jimmy Walker/Angie
2. Lynn Daniel/Tuff
3. Lynn Daniel/Britt
4. Glenda Blessing/Bree
5. Brent Daniel/Buck
6. LH Wood/Ty
7. Arnel Bryan/Gus
8. Kirby Elenburg/Reno

**SUN.**

1. Lynn Daniel/Britt
2. Arnel Bryan/Gus
3. Brent Daniel/Buck
4. Butch Dodson/Dee
5. Kirby Elenburg/Reno
6. Jimmy Walker/Angie
7. Lynn Daniel/Tuff
8. LH Wood/ Ty

**FINALS**

1. Lynn Daniel/Britt
2. Arnel Bryan/Gus
3. Brent Daniel/Buck