***Crazy Quail Challenge***

**Boykin Spaniel Club of Texas**

**Official rules and regulations**

**Description:** The Crazy Quail Challenge Team consists of one hunter/ handler and one dog. The handler may have an assistant restrain their dog while they shoot to avoid breaking. This is a competition to test a dog’s and his/her hunter’s abilities as they work together cooperatively to harvest and recover gamebirds.

The handler is allowed 6 shells for the duration of the run. The dog and handler will stand behind the shooting line and 3 birds will be launched, shot at and retrieved, **one at a time**. Dogs are sent by the handler once each bird falls to the ground. Dogs are to retrieve and deliver birds within a few steps of handler. Birds not fit for the table due to hard mouth do not count. Teams are timed with a maximum of ten minutes allowed to harvest and retrieve 3 birds. The teams earning the most points win a first, second and third place.

First Place – 100.00 Bass Pro Gift Card and Rosette

Second Place – 75.00 Bass Pro Gift Card and Rosette

Third Place – 50.00 Bass Pro Gift Card and Rosette

**1. Point System:**

* 5 points awarded for each minute remaining within the 10 minute limit after 3 birds have been harvested
* 10 points for each bird harvested
* 15 points for each bird retrieved, steady dog, within 3 steps of the handler
* 10 points for each bird retrieved when the dog is held at the line
* Zero 0 points for birds not retrieved within 3 steps of the handler
* 5 points deducted each time a dog is not steady (breaks for the bird before being called once the bird is on the ground)
* Zero 0 points for birds retrieved that are not fit for the table
* 5 points for each shell returned unused

**2. Disqualification:** Teams may be disqualified for the following: unsafe or reckless use of a firearm, being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, abusing the officials, excessive use of foul language, mistreatment of a dog, poor sportsmanship.

**3. Dogs:** Dogs will be judged on steadiness. They may be restrained at the line by anyone designated by the handler. There will be a 5 point penalty for restraining the dog at the line. A dog that breaks before being sent by the handler incurs a 5 point penalty.

The dog may be sent for the retrieve any time after the bird hits the ground.

**4. Guns:** A twelve-gauge shotgun will be provided and must be used by all participants. Only 2 shells may be loaded at any one time. No shells may be loaded until the handler is on the line and the score keeper and trapper signal they are ready to begin. After firing at the first target and sending the dog, the gun must be made safe and placed in the gun stand. Only after the first retrieve is complete (the bird is in the bucket), may the handler load and make ready for the second target presentation. At no time may a handler leave the line with the gun. **Failure to exercise excellent gun safety will result in immediate disqualification.**

**5. Birds:** Pigeon, chukar, quail, pheasant or ducks may be used at any event.

**6. General Rules:**

* The handler will call “Pull” or “Bird” for each bird to be released
* 10 minutes allowed for each run
* If no bird is killed on the first launch the handler must reload and then call for the second launch
* Shotgun must remain on “safe” until a bird is launched
* A handler may have a helper hold his/her dog while shooting to avoid breaking
* Dogs may not leave the line until sent by the handler’s verbal command for full points. This command may be given at any time after the bird is on the ground.
* All birds must be fired at and every attempt made to cleanly kill each bird.
* If the gunner connects with his first shot **the*****gun must be made safe by removing the unfired shell before accepting retrieve from dog.*** At no time will more than two shells be loaded at one time
* You will be allowed 2 shells per bird / per run
* The clock will start when the first bird is called for and will end when the last retrieve is complete and the bird is in the handler’s hand
* Handlers may participate with multiple dogs. Each combination will be considered a different team.
* Blinds and launchers can be placed at any distance or position that the event holder sees fit, as long as it is the same for every contestant
* Clock stops only when the last bird is in hand
* Zero points awarded for a retrieve when the handler must leave the line to get the bird from the dog

**7. Definitions:**

***Full retrieve:*** To receive credit for a full retrieve the hunter must remain behind the line. Retrieves must be delivered by the dog inside the blind, and can be picked up off of the ground or taken from the dog’s mouth. Hunters may kneel down to accept the retrieve but may not lay down. 10 points awarded. Once the hunter moves out of the blind for any reason, a full retrieve can no longer be awarded.

***Partial retrieve:*** A partial retrieve is when a full retrieve can not be awarded and the handler must leave the blind to assist a dog finish the retrieve. Zero points awarded.

***Breaking or Break:***  A dog shall be penalized for breakingif he leaves the blind before being instructed to do so. If the dog is recalled before making contact with the bird and re-heeled, the break will be considered a controlled break. 5 points deducted for each break, controlled or not.

**Entry Fee and Requirements.**

The entry fee is 30.00 for each handler/dog team each run. Each handler must be a current member of BSCT and have signed a waiver.

A handler dog team may rerun at the discretion of the judge if conditions prevented a fair chance

If time, participation rate and birds allow handlers may run more than once.