# Boykin Spaniel Club of Texas

**Roustabout Rules March, 2020**

**Welcome to the BSCT Roustabout! The Roustabout is designed for a dog and handler team to highlight how it takes true teamwork and skill from both members to have a safe, successful and exciting hunt. Good Luck!**

**Competitors:** A team will consist of one dog and one hunter. The roustabout is a competition to test a dog and handler team's abilities as they work together. The time limit is 15 minutes. Each team will be allowed at total of 6 shells. Teams must be behind a blind while the field is being planted as they may not watch the planting/placement of birds. All harvested birds must be given to the judge and not dropped in the field.

**Running order will be drawn randomly the night before and participants notified the morning of the event.**

**All competitors must be a member of BSCT and sign a safety waiver for insurance purposes. Safety of our dogs and event attendees is the number one priority of the event.**

**Scoring:**.

* Each minute remaining in the 15 minute hunt time is counted as 1 point when 3 birds have been safely harvested and retrieved to the handler. Clock stops only when the last bird is in the hunter’s hand and the hunter calls "time".
* Unused shells are 5 points each when at least one gamebird has been harvested during the run.
* 15 points for each find and flush executed by the **dog**. A flush is when the gamebird becomes airborne and is not trapped or caught by the dog.
* If a bird is found and trapped by the dog, 10 points awarded
* 10 points for each bird safely harvested by the hunter
* 15 points for each retrieve within 3 steps of the handler (Birds returned unfit for the table deduct 15 points each)

**Disqualification:** Teams will be disqualified and fees forfeited for the following at the discretion of the judge/hunt chairman:

* shooting a bird on the ground
* shooting more than three birds
* shooting at non-designated species
* unsafe or reckless use of a firearm (immediate disqualification)
* being under the influence of alcohol or drugs
* abusing the officials
* excessive use of foul language
* mistreatment of a dog (immediate disqualification)
* poor sportsmanship as defined by the judge/hunt chairman
* a dog that is completely out of control
* getting help from spectators while in the field
* Running is never allowed. Hunters may be given one warning, the second time will be a disqualification. The hunter’s pace may be hurried if the dog is making game but it must be safely accomplished.
* **WARNINGS ARE NOT REQUIRED if, in the judge's/hunt chairman's opinion, an infraction constitutes unsafe gun handling or risk to dogs or people of any kind.**

**Attire:** Hunters are responsible for safe use of firearms at all times and anyone (hunters, judges, bird planters, marshals) entering the field is required to wear at least 144 square inches of blaze orange clothing above the waist. A bright blaze orange shirt or vest and hat is recommended. It is recommended you carry water for your dog. Your dog must be leashed while waiting to run and when finished or at the request of the judge during the run. The judge will indicate when to unleash your dog to begin your hunt.

**Guns: Pump and semi-automatic shotguns are not allowed**. Shotguns must be break open style (over and under or side by side). A gun malfunction shall be considered bad luck. It is the option of the hunter to get another gun, but they cannot appoint someone else to enter the field in their place.

Guns must be broken open and on safe:

* Any time the hunter is not actively working behind the dog seeking game.
* Following the harvesting of a gamebird and during the retrieving sequence.

During the hunt when the breech is closed, guns must be carried with the barrel pointing upward (soldier carry or equivalent) with the safety on unless the hunter/judge has determined a safe shot can be made.

A SAFETY is called when a game bird presents for a shot but cannot be safely harvested. If the hunter or judge calls a SAFETY the team is awarded points for harvesting the bird and the hunter retains the unused shell for another chance at a bird. A SAFETY should be called when a judge, spectator, planter, dog, vehicle or building is in the line of fire if the game bird were to be harvested.

**Planting and Harvesting of Birds:** Teams must remain in the holding blind or out of sight of field while it is being stocked for that run. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification. 3 birds will be planted for each team’s hunt with the exception of the first where 4 will be placed in the field. Birds will planted on a course marked by flags.

All birds left in the field will be considered luck of the draw as fields will not be flushed after each run. Judges shall watch the planting of fields. If they notice birds leaving the field after planting they shall instruct bird planters to plant one bird for every one seen departing.

Judge will walk a few steps behind the hunter to reduce the chance of bumping birds. If the hunter or the judge flushes the bird, there are no flush points but the team can earn points for the shot and retrieve. In the case of a questionable flush, it is the judge's decision whether the bird was flushed by the dog or human. After the team has flushed three birds or when time has expired, whichever comes first, the team ends its hunt.

After the hunt, the judge will instruct the hunter the route to take out of the field in order to avoid flushing birds.

**Out of bounds:** Dogs may be sent out of bounds to hunt or retrieve. Birds may be located by the dog out of bounds and full credit will be given for bird work done by the dog out of bounds. Retrieves count only if bird is retrieved to the hunter within bounds. Hunters may not go out of bounds for any reason. If a dog flushes a bird out of bounds the hunter may take a shot provided he remains within bounds. Any bird shot while the hunter is out of bounds will count as one of the three contacts but will receive NO credit. It is the judge’s responsibility to warn the hunter when close to boundary.

**Spectators**: Spectators shall be limited to designated areas only. Spectators are NOT allowed to communicate with competitors in an attempt to help them find birds while the competitors are in the field. This could lead to disqualification. Spectators should not travel adjacent to the field during a run to avoid interfering with a hunting team.

**Judges:** In any situation not specifically covered under the rules, the judge/hunt chairman will be allowed to use common sense to arrive at a decision. Judges/hunt chairman decisions are final, no appeals will be heard.

**Roustabout Registration:**

Entries are Limited to 10 Participants

Entry fee is $250.00 and includes lunch on the event day. Rosettes/plaques and Prizes for First, Second and Third Places

**First Place**: Event Customized Buffalo Arms Leather Shotgun Shell Belt and First Place Plaque

**Second Place**: Event Customized Filson Upland Game Bag and Rosette

**Third Place**: Custom Made for your dog Neoprene Waterfowl Hunting Vest from Benik Medical and Rosette

Entries and waiver forms must be received by March 20th, 2020.

Placement

**BSCT Roustabout Score Card**

TIME:

min/sec

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| **Handler** | | **Dog** | | |
| **Phone** | **Email** | | | |
| **Scoring Criteria** | | | | **# points** |
| **Minutes remaining in 15 minutes allowed with 3 birds harvested (1 pt/min)** | | | **Minutes:** | **X 1** |
| **Unused shells/at least one gamebird harvested to qualify for points (5pts/shell)** | | | **Shells** | **X 5** |
| **Number of finds and flushes by the DOG (15 pts each find and flush)**  A flush is when the gamebird becomes airborne and is not trapped or caught by the dog | | | **Flushes** | **X 15** |
| **Number of finds and traps (10 pts each trap)**  A trap is when the dog catches the bird instead of putting it airborne | | | **Traps** | **X 10** |
| **Number of birds in the bag, safely harvested or Safeties (10 pts each bird)** | | | **Birds** | **X 10** |
| **Number of retrieves within three steps of the handler (15 pts each retrieve)** | | | **Retrieves** |  |
| **Total** | | | |  |
| **15 pts deducted each bird retrieved that is unfit for the table due to mishandling by the dog** | | | **Unfit Birds** | **Minus 15pts/bird** |
| **Final Score** | | |  |  |

**Boykin Spaniel Club of Texas First Annual Roustabout and Crazy Quail Competition**

**7:30AM – 3PM Saturday, March 28, 2020, Sisterdale, Texas**

**Event Information**

**Emergency Information:**

Contact Hunt Chairman Aron Smudy

**210-859-3960**

Emergency Veterinary Care:

Herbst Veterinary Hospital

1376 South Main Street  
Boerne, TX 78006  
[**830-249-3543**](tel:830-249-3543)

**Event Officials:**

**Hunt Chairman:**

Boerne Methodist Emergency:

134 Menger Springs Road

Boerne, TX 78006

**830-331-3000**

Aron Smudy 210-859-3960

**Hunt Committee Members:**

Warren Dennis 832-4235570

Aaron Petty 832-257-9415

Carter Coleman

Karen Dennis 832-563-9030

Scott Ruth 210-827-0601

**Hospitality:**

**Lunch will be served at approximately 12PM. Roustabout competitors’ lunch is included in their entry fee. Lunch is $6.00**

**Directions:**

**\*Map/Directions from front entrance provided only to registered, waivered participants & spectators**

**Upon arrival all spectators and participants must register at the home base site.**

**Event Schedule:**

7:30 – 8:15 Arrival, Meet and Greet and Registration at Headquarters

8:30 Mandatory Handlers Meeting for Roustabout Competitors at Headquarters

9:00 Roustabout begins in Front Field

9:30 Crazy Quail begins at Creekside Site

12:00 Lunch at Headquarters

1:30 Roustabout resumes

3:00 Awards for Crazy Quail and Roustabout at Headquarters