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A participant aims at a rooster during the 2022 Ringneck Festival competitive hunt.

Let's all Celebrate together 26th Year Ringneck Festival

BY LAURIE SHELTON
 OF THE HURON CHAMBER AND
 VISITORS BUREAU

The Ringneck Festival Committee is eager to pave a blaze orange trail to The Ringneck Festival this year as we prepare to celebrate our 26th year November 2nd through 4th. This competition, hosted by the Huron Chamber & Visitors Bureau is a six man competitive hunt that began in 1997 known as the Ringneck Festival and expanded 5 years later to include a Bird Dog Challenge the two prior days making it a three day event.

Teams are traveling to Huron SD from all over the country with the 2023 competition seeing hunters from West Virginia, Florida, Arizona, Texas, Washington, Ohio, Colorado, Wyoming, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Montana and South Dakota. We are seeing many faces return year af-

ter year, which is the best part of the competition. Seeing the old friends and then meeting some new ones.

We have hunters who have competed since the beginning of the competition and then we usually have three or four new teams each year and 2023 is no different, we have team "2 Out of 3 Ain't Bad; Cowboys Like Us; Feeling Cocky; and Redneck MoHicks. Depending on land availability, some teams may unfortunately get turned away, which was the case this year.

During the competition banquets Friday and Saturday night, there are raffles for guns, silent auction, calculata and also The "RLB Hall of Fame", which is an honor where the Ringneck Festival committee acknowledges the landowners, teams, volunteers and sponsors that help contribute to the success of the event. The committee



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A dog flushes a rooster pheasant as a participant pulls up to shoot during the 2022 Bird Dog Challenge.

21st year of Bird Dog Challenge: exhibition tests the skills of bird dogs

BY LAURIE SHELTON

OF THE HURON CHAMBER AND VISITORS BUREAU

Kicking off the annual Ringneck Festival is the Bird Dog Challenge November 2nd and 3rd. The Huron Chamber and Visitors Bureau has been hosting this exhibition testing and showcasing the skills of dogs and hunters since 2002.

Each Bird Dog team is made up of two hunters and one dog. Each hunter has five shells and 15 minutes to harvest birds. Points are awarded based on birds harvested, full, partial and normal retrieves, shots not taken and every second remaining on the clock. Cash prizes are awarded for contestants placing first to fifth place.

The 2022 Winners of the Bird Dog competition were all local competitors who know how to work their dogs.

In third place was Blaise Tomczak and Mike Hall with dog Penny, harvesting 5 birds with 5 shells re-

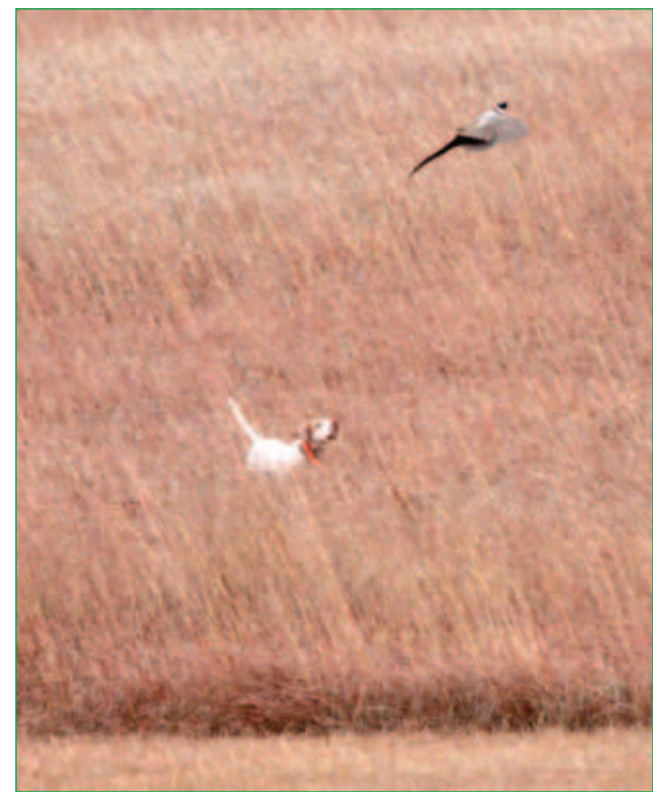
maining with 8 minutes 15 seconds left on the clock with a total score of 2545.

Second place was Johnny Richman and Jeremy Coon with dog Moose, harvesting 5 birds with 4 shells remaining and 9 minutes 44 seconds left on the clock with a total score of 2574.

The winners who came in first place was the team of Jeremy Coon and Mike Zell with dog Slim, harvesting 5 birds with 5 shells remaining and 10 minutes 36 seconds left on the clock with a total score of 2626.

If you are interested in competing in next years' competition October 31st & November 1st, 2024, you can find a complete list of rules and regulations at www.HuntHuronSD.com/events.

You may also call the Huron Chamber & Visitors Bureau at 605-352-0000 or email programs.events@Huronsd.com



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RINGNECK:

accepts nominations and votes on the nominees. Each recipient is given a golden bronze pheasant statue to call their own and their name goes on a plaque attached to a larger pheasant statue that takes up permanent residency at the Huron Chamber & Visitors Bureau office for all to see.

The Ringneck Festival strives to give back to their competitors and volunteers in two ways: to youth hunting programs along with a scholarship program. Bob Strassman, one of our frequent hunters, donated a shotgun in 2005, the year after his daughter Stephanie died in a car accident while he was at the Ringneck Festival. Through the Strassman Fund, donations are awarded each year to youth hunting programs, such as disabled youth hunts, 4-H hunting programs, and Pheasants Forever youth programs. If you have a program that fits the mission of the Strassman Fund, contact the Huron Chamber & Visitors Bureau. We also have the scholarship fund, which was established for volunteers or the chil-

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dren of volunteers and landowners to receive funds toward their college education. "Without the volunteers who help us, this event simply could not happen, so we encourage them or their children to apply for the scholarship," Laurie Shelton, President & CEO Of the Huron Chamber & Visitors Bureau. "It's an incentive and reward for volunteers to continue to be volunteers and we encourage and remind them to apply for the scholarships by April each year. The scholarship fund was born several years ago from a spontaneous auctioning of a few donated items at the Ringneck Festival to be. Now we ask our teams to bring a silent auction item so that we can continue to provide scholarships to our volunteers.

The Huron Chamber & Visitors Bureau along with the Huron community welcome our hunting guests to Huron, and wish them all success in the field.



2023 Bird Dog Challenge Schedule

9 miles south of 21st Street to 219th Street; 1 mile west to 399th Avenue; 1 mile south to 220th Street

Thursday

South Field

10 a.m. - Dan Krugman/Kent Shelton (Wilson)
 10:20 a.m. - Jared Finnegan/Dan Krugman (Lucy)
 10:40 a.m. - AJ Armstrong/Billy Heisinger (Tuff)
 11 a.m. - Eddie Karban/Becky Karban (Hercules)
 11:20 a.m. - Cole Searing/Jim Searing (Ava)
 11:40 a.m. - Dan Krugman/Jared Finnegan (Scout)

North Field

10 a.m. - Billy Heisinger/AJ Armstrong
 10:20 a.m. - Burrow/TBD
 10:40 a.m. - Dan Krugman/Kent Shelton (Scout)
 11 a.m. - Jared Finnegan/Kent Shelton (Lucy)
 11:20 a.m. - Dan Krugman/Jared Finnegan (Wilson)
 11:40 a.m. - Eddie Karban/Becky Karban (Midas)
 Noon - Cole Searing/Jim Searing (Creed)

Friday

South Field

10 a.m. - Johnny Richman/Jeremy Coon (Rip)

10:20 a.m. - Gail Styer/Troy Styer (Apollo)
 10:40 a.m. - Byron Petsch/Ethan Petsch (Axl)
 11 a.m. - Mike Zell/Jeremy Coon (Wally)
 11:20 a.m. - Cole Searing/Dorris (Ava)
 11:40 a.m. - Blaise Tomczak/Mike Hall (Penny)
 Noon - Cole Searing/Jason Buckmaster (Creed)
 12:20 p.m. - Brandon Goergen/Marc Fenske (Roma)
 12:40 a.m. - Johnny Richman/Jeremy Coon (Cooper)

North Field

10 a.m. - Gail Styer/Troy Styer (Frankie)
 10:20 a.m. - Jeremy Coon/Johnny Richman (Kane)
 10:40 a.m. - Cole Searing/Dorris (Creed)
 11 a.m. - Brandon Goergen/Marc Fenske (Rogie)
 11:20 - Jeremy Coon/Johnny Richman (Moose)
 11:40 a.m. - Byron Petsch/Ethan Petsch (Stormy)
 Noon - Jeremy Coon/Mike Zell (Slim)
 12:20 p.m. - Johnny Richman/Brett Pearson (Rip)
 12:40 p.m. - Cole Searing/Jason Buckmaster (Ava)
 1 p.m. - Blaise Tomczak/Tomczak (Penny)



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Cheyenne, Wyo.
Cheyenne, Wyo.
Torrington, Wyo.
Minot, N.D.
Wichita Falls, Texas

Fly-N-Gun

Dan Cathcart
Tim Samelstad
Mike Vaughn
Bernie Berkinholtz
Craig Steinbach
Ernest Vigil

Carpenter, Wyo.
Juda, Wis.
Aniwa, Wis.
Sheldon, Wis.
Thorp, Wis.
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Feeling Cocky

Tyler West
Jason Davis
Bob Grote
Cory Buckalew
Chris Hudson
Brandt Hudson

Creston, Iowa
Creston, Iowa
Delaware, Ohio
Creston, Iowa
Kent, Iowa
Kent, Iowa

Ground Pounders

Johnny Richman
Mike Zell
Troy Styer
BJ Ball
Jeremy Coon
Delvin McHugh

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- Charles Dickens

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Greg Wagner	Oxford, Iowa
Terry Waychoff	Parnell, Iowa
Jim Stahl	Huron

Jimmy and the Boys

Cole Searing	Huron
Jim Searing	Huron
Jason Buckmaster	Huron
Dale Ames	Huron
DenJer Dorris	Virgil
Alan Dorris	Wolsey

Questionable Characters

Rick Hoistad	Forman, N.D.
Steve McCullough	Townsend, Mont.
Ben Galt	White Sulpher Sprgs, Mon.
Russell Popham	Austell, Ga.
Nathan Hofer	Huron
Peter Schindelholz	Land O Lakes, Wis.

Reasonable Redneck Stud Fee

Kent Shelton	Huron
Brian Branson	Baker, W.V.
Danny Wilburn	Franklin, W.V.
Chuck Pyle	Huron
Preston Steele	Huron
Kevin Soward	Huron

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Phoenix, Ariz.
Bardleyville, Mo.
Bardleyville, Mo.

Salt Creek

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Ken Hanus
Aaron Vandy
Steve Hanus
Calvin Hanus
JJ Hanus

Solon, Iowa
Clear Lake, Iowa
Ely, Iowa
Traer, Iowa
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Solon, Iowa

RLB's Rooster Raiders

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Lancy Reilly
Shane Spooner
Tom Wookey
Eric McNames
Scott Simpson
Riley Dalzell

Wolsey
Watertown
Clark
Pierre
Pierre
Bison

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Ringneck Festival Committee



Members of the Ringneck Festival committee are, from left: Justin Lindquist, Laurie Shelton, Kent Shelton, Paula Mom, Gail Styer and Wanda Barthelman. Not pictured: Becky Hofer.

2023 Ringneck Festival scorekeepers

Jennifer Moeding/Meagon Moser
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Phillip Van Diepen/Mike Harrison
Julie Waldner/Anita Brick
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Enumclaw, Wash.
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Normandy Park, Wash.

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Jon Dagele
Chuck Schuelke
Rich Koehn
Bob Koehn

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Florence
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Watertown
Watertown

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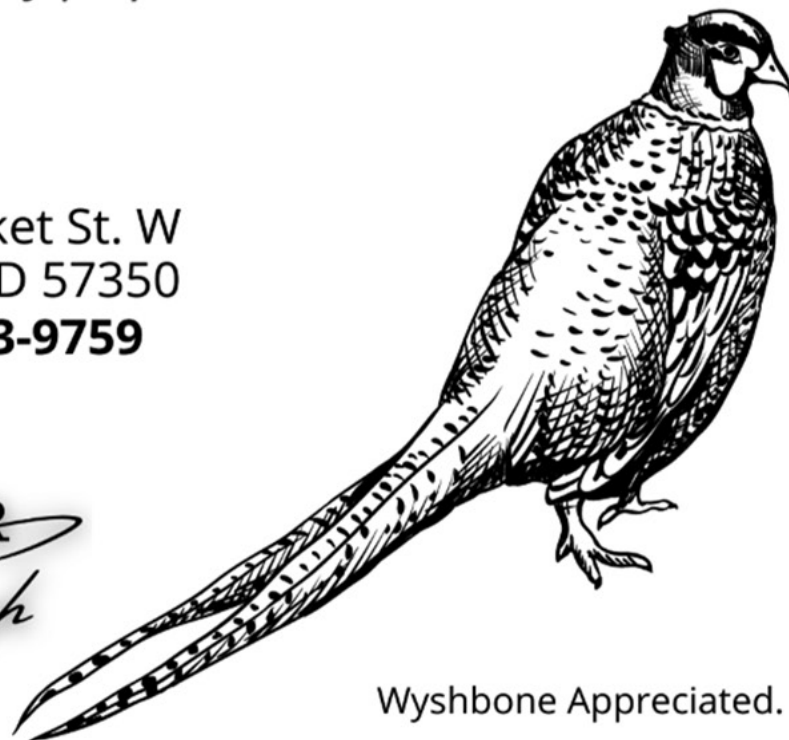
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