

STRUAN AWARD

DONORS: Eric and Joan Johnson

PURPOSE: This is a perpetual trophy to be awarded to the NSDTRC (USA) member-handler of the oldest dog of either sex to earn a Working Certificate Intermediate at a NSDTRC (USA) Hunt Test. To be eligible for the award, a dog must be five (5) years old or older on the day of the test and not have earned a title in any field testing program at a level that involves a double marked retrieve. The Struan Award is awarded to:

1. The oldest eligible dog to earn the first WCI at a Toller National Specialty.
2. If there are no eligible qualifiers at the annual National Specialty, the oldest eligible dog to earn the first WCI at any other NSDTRC-USA WCI test held during the course of the **prior** year.

DESCRIPTION: The Struan Award will be a plaque of finished wood. There is a hand carved duck decoy that has been inset into the plaque in bas relief. Under the decoy will be an area for mounting bronze, numbered duck and goose bands. The call name and year of each successive winner will be inscribed on each duck/goose band in numerical order. The plaque is trimmed on the edges to give it depth so as to protect the carved decoy and the engraved bands. In the event that any year's winner does not get the trophy engraved with their dog's name, the National Trophy Chair will be responsible for having it engraved at the expense of the NSDTRC (USA).

A keeper trophy of a matching bronze duck/goose band will also be made available by the Johnsons, and will be given to each year's winner as well. These keeper bands will also be numbered, and will match the numbers of the bands mounted on the trophy.

AWARDING
OF THE TROPHY:

The first award will take place at the 2006 National Specialty, assuming a qualifier.

Beginning with the award at the Specialty in 2010, the award will be given to the oldest eligible dog to earn the first WCI at the 2010 Specialty Hunt Test, or if there are no qualifiers, it will be awarded to the oldest dog to earn the first WCI at any other NSDTRC-USA WCI test that took place during the prior year. It is the responsibility of the Records Chair to work with each region that hosts a WCI to receive a list of qualifying dogs and their birth dates, and provide this information to the National Trophy Chairperson. The Trophy chair will verify the eligibility of each dog, determining whether the dog had or had not passed any double marked retrieve test prior to the WCI pass.

The winner of the award for 2010 (regardless of whether it was won at the Specialty or a different test earlier in the year) will keep the trophy for one full year.

The donors prefer that all presentations of the award take place immediately at the conclusion of each year's Specialty test. Prior to the test, the trophy will be displayed at the check-in table.

REASON: This award is presented to honor NSDTRC Ch/HR/WRCh Lennoxlove's Run With Wolves JH, WCX, Canadian WCI. Cheyenne became our first working Toller. Cheyenne

very much enjoys field work above all else in life. When a tick-borne disease cut short her field career, the pain of not working was probably as difficult for her as the pain of the arthritis. Despite the pain, she has never refused to try the retrieve and has shown us just how much the Toller is a heart on four legs.

We present this trophy to memorialize Cheyenne and her love of retrieving and to encourage Toller owners to make the commitment to train their dog to the next level of skills beyond basic retrieving. Our hopes are that in striving for the Struan Award, owners will realize that they can in fact continue even beyond the WCI.

ELIGIBILITY:

Individuals eligible for this award must be NSDTRC (USA) members in good standing for a minimum of 1 year. It will be the responsibility of each winner to ensure that the trophy is safely transported to either the next Specialty following the win of the trophy, or it may be returned to the NSDTRC (USA) Trophy Chairperson one month prior to the next Specialty following the win of the trophy.

For each NSDTRC-USA Hunt Test, entrants will be notified and/or reminded of the availability of this trophy through information provided in the Test Premium. Applications are no longer necessary to earn this award. It is the responsibility of the National Trophy Chair or the Specialty Hunt Test Chairperson to determine the eligibility of dogs that are entered. First verification will be done by reviewing birth dates of each dog entered in the WCI each year. If there are dogs that meet the age criteria, the Trophy chair or Hunt Test chair will then verify with the owner/handler whether or not the dog has previously passed a double marked retrieve test.

This trophy is offered on a three-time win basis, and for permanent possession this trophy must be won three times at three different Specialty Shows by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog. In the event that the trophy is not won three times by any owner/person, once all the plaques with the names of the winning dogs are filled, the trophy will become the possession of the NSDTRC (USA) for their determination on offering a new trophy.