

# Le Grand Traverse Chapter



## 2011 Fun Trial

Top 4 Pointing Dogs and Top 4 Flushers  
Will be Invited to the  
RGS Michigan Gun Dog of the Year Trial

**Sunday, May 1, 2011**  
**Thundering Aspens Shooting Preserve**  
4612A N. 5 Rd. Mesick, MI 49668  
[www.tcrgs.com](http://www.tcrgs.com)

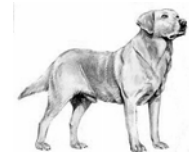
2011 RGS State of Michigan GDOY Trial  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 Chelsea, MI  
[www.ColonialFarmsLLC.com](http://www.ColonialFarmsLLC.com)

### Trial Information

8:00 AM Start Time (rain or shine)

Cost: \$45 per dog

- You must be a RGS member to participate (sign-up day of event available)
- **Pointing** dog and **Flushing** dog divisions run on same course same judges
- Limited to first 34 entries (regardless of division)
- Two Chukar per dog will be set out each brace
- Lunch included with entry fee
- Please note there is no puppy trial in 2011
- Only #7.5 size shot or smaller may be used
- Females in heat will be ran in the last brace
- No alcoholic beverages permitted on grounds
- All dogs must be leashed/staked out when not competing
- Hunter orange must be worn & a valid hunting license is required
- Once Draw is made changes will only be permitted at Trial Chair's discretion



All entries must be received **no later** than April 25th, 2011  
To: Ric Heller, PO BOX 233 Grawn, MI (616) 240-9000  
Or email [RicHellerII@hotmail.com](mailto:RicHellerII@hotmail.com)

Drawing will take place Tuesday, April 26th, 2011 –  
Posted on [www.michigan-sportsman.com/forum](http://www.michigan-sportsman.com/forum) - go to the Upland Page

----- ENTRY FORM (Cut and Mail) -----

*Entry Fee \$45 (make checks payable to Ruffed Grouse Society)*

OWNER/HANDLER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DOG (1) \_\_\_\_\_ M F BREED \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DOG (2) \_\_\_\_\_ M F BREED \_\_\_\_\_

I SUBMIT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ENTRY FEE(S) (\$45 per dog)

## **Minimum Entry Requirements for RGS Fun Trials**

1. **Are all RGS chapters required to maintain the same standards for their events?**

No, Chapters can have variations with trial rules and judging as long as the minimum entry requirements are met to send the top four gun dog placements to the Ruffed Grouse Society's "Michigan Gun Dog of the Year Trial."

2. **Who is allowed to compete?**

You must be a current RGS Member to be a handler or gunner. Participants can be signed up for active membership status the day of the trial. Youth 17 years of age and younger may handle a dog, but must have a designated adult gunner.

3. **How many dogs can a participant register for a trial?**

Only two dogs can be registered per person, per division (pointing & flushing). If the trial is not full, more than two dogs may be entered at the trial manager's discretion. Only two dogs, per division, can qualify for the Gun Dog of the Year Trial.

4. **Can a dog place in more than one regional trial?**

No, once a dog has placed in one of the top four placements at any trial, it cannot place again for that year. You may run your already qualified dog at other regional trials if room permits. The dog would be scored by the judges, but not used in the placements. All dogs that had placed in the previous year's trials are again eligible to compete the following year.

5. **What dogs would not be allowed to participate?**

The following trial placements or titled gun dogs are prohibited from competing:

- Pointing/Flushing/Retrieving AKC and FDSB shooting dog placements or championship titles
- NSTRA – titled dogs
- NAVHDA - Utility Prize 1
- UKC – HRCH, UH, CHF
- NAHRA – Senior
- AKC – Master Hunter
- APLA –Master/Grand Master
- GLSDA – Finished

6. **Can I use an electronic training collar at a trial?**

No electronic training devices are allowed.

7. **Can I use a bell, beeper collar or tracking collar?**

Yes, these are all permitted. No beeper/electronic collar combos are allowed. Collars must be functional.

8. **What could I be disqualified for at a trial or future events?**

Any participant that acts in an abusive manner toward his dog, a judge or another participant will be immediately disqualified and removed from the event. Any participant that shows unsafe gun conduct will be immediately disqualified and removed from the event. Any dog showing repeated aggressive behavior will be disqualified and removed from the field.

9. **All judges' and trial managers' decisions are FINAL.**