

1994

Field Champion
Amateur Field Champion
Dairy Hill's Night Cap



August 26, 1955 - June 16, 1970

“Cappy” made Field Trial history during his life. He accumulated 244 1/2 total points, 148 in the Open and 96 1/2 in the Amateur, which at the time of his death ranked him third in all-time total points and fourth in total all-time Open points. This record is a great one, but even more, he was a devoted friend and shooting companion. Unfortunately, only a few of his points were earned later in life as he became plagued with illness. It is interesting to recount in this regard that in his first trial he won the Derby and the Qualifying, with a JAM in the Open, and that he won his first Open two days after his second birthday.

“Cappy” was an extraordinary marker, both on land and water and was very fast, but it was for his fantastic lines that he was truly famous. He came on the scene at a time when the extreme diagonal lines of today were unknown, but he soon made it apparent that they would have to be learned for a dog to remain competitive. In this regard I think that it is safe to say that he revolutionized field trial training. All in all, he was a pleasure to watch and to run.

“Cappy” qualified for 5 National Championships during the period of 1958 - 62 (not qualified for 1959) and 7 consecutive National Amateur Championships from 1958 - 1964. He was a finalist in 1960.

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