

2011

Danny Farmer

Began training with his mentor, Judy Aycock in 1978.

Competed in his first National Open in 1981 and has competed in every national since. Averaged 5 dogs qualified per year -- one year he qualified 9.

Is the only professional handler to win the National Open in three consecutive decades -- NFC-AFC Otis Of Redfern, NFC-AFC Vinwood's Takes A Lickin', and NFC-AFC Eagle Ridge Rocket Sam. He also won the Derby Championship with Vinwood's Takes A Lickin'.

Has won more open stakes than any other professional handler in the history of the game, at one point he won 18 opens in a row.

Has won the Purina High Point Open dog in three consecutive decades, FC-AFC Rippin Blue Thunder, FC-AFC Candlewood's Zackly Right and FC-AFC Trumarc's Stormin Norman.

Numerous national finalists have done pre-national training with Danny, including four in 2011. John Parrott won the National Open and Jerry Wickliffe won the National Amateur.

Is generous with his knowledge and property. He was a founding member of both the Quachita and the Piney Woods Retriever clubs and donated proceeds from his seminars to help them get started. He has held seminars for several other clubs throughout his career. If the Open at a trial is over, you would often find Danny in the field, shooting for the Amateur.