

2020

Field Champion
Amateur Field Champion
Tealcreek Patton's Saber
"Saber"



2014 National Open Portrait with Chris Hatch and "Saber"

DOB: November 1, 2004 – April 13, 2018
(Sire: NFC-AFC Five Star General Patton **ex Dam:** FC-AFC Highest Black Ty Affair)
Owned By: Chris and Portia Hatch **Breeder:** Chris and Portia Hatch

It is an honor one can only imagine for a dog to be inducted into the Retriever Hall of Fame.

We bred to "Patton" after watching him win the National at Oakdale in 2003. "Saber" was born in our home with 7 other little black fur balls. General Patton was a Calvary commander prior to his tank career. As a Calvary commander, he invented and patented a saber. That is how Saber got his name.

Saber was unique in so many ways. He was a crazy mixture of talent, personality, enthusiasm and love of the game. He was bred, trained and handled by the same amateur his entire career. All field trial dogs are fun. But having a dog that either won or almost won 42 times (25 All-Age wins and 17 All-Age seconds) is truly memorable. You don't thoroughly recognize it until it's over.

We retired Saber at the end of the 2015 season, finishing with 23 All-Age points, (one win and six seconds.) I thanked him every day in his retirement for giving me such a great experience.

- 205.5 All-Age Points
- 3 Double Header Wins (3 different states, in 2011, and 2 in 2013)
- 2013 Purina High Point Amateur Retriever and #5 High Point Open Retriever with 73.5 All-Age points
- 2013 Retriever News High Point Amateur Retriever with 47 pts.
- Qualified for 11 Nationals
- 2011 National Amateur Finalist
- 2014 National Open Finalist
- 25 All-Age wins and 17 All-Age seconds
- 22 Derby points
- AFC at 3 years



Chris Hatch, owner of FC-AFC Tealcreek Patton's Saber, speaking at the 2021 Induction Ceremony, June 12, 2021.

From the 2021 Field Trial Hall of Fame Induction booklet