

2003

Field Champion
Amateur Field Champion
Webshire's Honest Abe



Photo by Sue Reynolds

DOB: April 7, 1989

(Sire: FC-AFC Wilderness Harley To Go ex Dam: Pine Creek's McChigger)

Vern Weber ran Golden Retrievers for many years, but when a vision problem made him unable to distinguish them at a distance it was time for a change. He didn't want to quit running trials so he called Gary Nelson owner of Pine Creek's McChigger, a black Labrador, to see if he would be breeding her soon. When the litter was born Vern and Ethel, known for bringing her fresh baked cookies to the trials, visited the breeder and took the entire litter home eventually purchasing their pick of the litter, Abe. Vern did the basic training and then turned him over to Mike Lardy and Andy Attar at seven months, just in time for the winter trip. Abe was on the Derby list with 73 points. Abe was qualified for 1992 through 1996 National Opens and was a Finalist in 1992. He also Qualified for the National Amateur in 1994. Records show 61.5 Open points and 33.5 Amateur points. He also competed in the 1997 Canadian National.

Abe, like his father, was a good sire. Among the 39 titled offspring are the 1998 NFC-AFC Abe's Ebony And Ivory, 1998 NFTCH Dippommarsh Kerensa O Carronnade also the 1997 High Point Junior dog, and the 1997 High Point Derby. We might assume that there are some that have yet to finish their titles.

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