

Frenchtown Fling 2013 Trial Report—by Penny Kukuk, ASC of Montana Secretary

Handlers, dogs, judges, helpers and spectators converged on Miller's Arena in Frenchtown for ASC of Montana's Frenchtown the second weekend in June. The weather was perfect - breezy and in the 70s. The trial went very smoothly and was well organized. Participants came from Florida, the Pacific Northwest and, of course from Montana. Competing Aussies ranged from finished, outstanding dogs like Jim McKay's Guss to exciting young prospects like Betty Williams' Kid. Non-aussies entered included a Border Collie, a Working Kelpie, a German Shepherd and an Australian Cattle Dog (with an amazing raccoon-like tail). The dogs and handlers uniformly showed very high quality work on cattle, sheep and ducks. There were two new WTCH's earned: Betty Williams WTCH'd Kid and Penny Kukuk WTCH'd Lizzie. Our judges Canby Scott and Robyn Johnson-Garrett did an awesome job as did the stock handlers, timers and scorekeepers.

Weekend High Awards

Saturday:

High Started Score—Wisp and John Barron 87 on sheep

High Open Score—Nero STDs and Nancy Creel 98 on sheep

High Advanced Score—WTCH W Lazy J BJM Kodiaks Sly Guss and Jim McKay 119 on sheep

High Combined Cattle-- WTCH W Lazy J BJM Kodiaks Sly Guss and Jim McKay

High Combine Sheep-- WTCH W Lazy J BJM Kodiaks Sly Guss and Jim McKay

High Combined Ducks-- WTCH W Lazy J BJM Kodiaks Sly Guss and Jim McKay

Sunday:

High Started Score—Top and Georgette Baillesd'err 79 on cattle

High Open Score—No Open Dogs

High Advanced Score-- WTCH W Lazy J BJM Kodiaks Sly Guss and Jim McKay 119 on sheep

High Combined Cattle-- WTCH W Lazy J BJM Kodiaks Sly Guss and Jim McKay

High Combine Sheep-- WTCH W Lazy J BJM Kodiaks Sly Guss and Jim McKay

High Combined Ducks-- WTCH W Lazy J BJM Kodiaks Sly Guss and Jim McKay

Weekend:

High Combined Aussie WTCH-- WTCH W Lazy J BJM Kodiaks Sly Guss and Jim McKay

High in Trial-- WTCH W Lazy J BJM Kodiaks Sly Guss and Jim McKay 119 on sheep

High score Junior Handler-- Madison McKay and Guss

All in all we had a wonderful weekend with a lot of success for the dogs and great camaraderie among the handlers and spectators. As always with ASC of Montana we had 'Good Dogs, Good Stock and Good People'.