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Greg Dixon Wins Three National Championships with Different Breeds

Professional trainer and handler Greg Dixon of Backwoods Kennels in Spring Valley, Wis., capped his best year of field trialing in March at Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, Tenn., when he won the American Kennel Club (AKC) Pointing Breed Gundog National Champion-



"Bella," a Pointer, wins the Pointing Breed Gundog National Championship.

ship with a 5-year-old black-and-white female Pointer, NFC/FC Old School Attitude. The win with "Bella" was Dixon's third National Championship of the season.

"It was an amazing experience to win at Ames Plantation," says

Dixon, whose wife, Liz Dixon, scouted during the trials. "The two-week event consisted of 120 dogs running in one-hour stakes. Six braces ran every day, and one dog was selected for the second series. It was an honor to compete in the first Pointing Breed National to be held there. Winning the trial hasn't fully sunk in yet, even though it was months ago."

Bred by Dixon, Bella, who is owned by Justin Martin of Hutchinson, Minn., was sired by Front 'N' Center out of Attitude's Tornado.

Handling a 3-year-old female Weimaraner, NFC/FC Cherrystone La Reine De Pearls ("Marie"),

Dixon won the AKC Weimaraner National Championship last December in Ardmore, Okla. Thirty-two Weimaraners competed in the one-hour stake.

"Marie had three bird finds," Dixon says. "The Weim National is a retrieving stake, so Marie was called back to perform a retrieve, which she handled well."



"Marie" captures the Weimaraner National Championship.

Judith Goldman of Flat Rock, N.C., and Pam Cherry of Charleston, S.C., co-own Marie. Bred by Cherry, Marie was sired by NFC/NAFC/DC/AFC Snake Breaks Saga V Reiteralm, MH, out of CH Cherrystone Perl of Sagenhaft, MH. Dixon started training Marie when she was 4 months old.

Dixon won the AKC Gordon Setter National Championship last November in Eureka, Kan., with 8-year-old 2XNFC/NAFC/FC Cobb's Golden Kernal, who outperformed 27 dogs to win the one-hour stake.

Co-owned by Paul Jaeger of

Hudson, Wis., and Linda Sanders of Las Vegas, "Kernal," who was bred by Dixon, was sired by 2XNAFC/FC/AFC Ice Hot's Cobb out of Chaparral Bangz Rip Roarin'.

A professional since 1993, Dixon handles most bird dog breeds and has won national championships with four German Wirehaired Pointers and two Vizslas. "I like to call it being 'diversified,'" Dixon says. "It's a challenge I enjoy to train and handle the various breeds. They are similar, though, in that a good dog is a good dog."

Dixon feeds all the dogs in his Backwoods Kennels *Purina Pro Plan* Performance Formula.



"Kernal" wins the Gordon Setter National Championship.