



New Dual Champion & Amateur Field Champion ! Dual Ch./AFC Rice Creek B'Zuka Wynd Dancer

Wow! This has been quite a busy spring trial season for Zuke and I. Both titles finished in three months. I cannot express how much this means to me to have accomplished the AFC title on this handsome boy.

Zuke is the stud puppy out of Ch. Chaparral Rad Aclee Clearcut CD SH and DC/AFC Chaparral XLO Rater XL Lent MH. Right from the start, I knew that there was something special about this puppy. He and I were destined to be together. Zuke had the attitude to be a "show" dog and the nose to be a "bird" dog. When you put it all together, watch out, "The Duke of Zuke" has arrived.

Zuke was WD at North Country's January '98 Specialty and Best of Opposite in Sweeps. He finished his bench championship at 2 yrs. of age.

He did not begin his formal fieldwork, except for some pheasant hunting, until the fall of 1999 when he went to "Camp Basham". He did well that first fall season and spring 2000 saw him continuing his success with placements. Over the summer 2000, he tore his shoulder ligaments and so he and Jim Basham were on injured reserve. May 2001 in Michigan changed his life forever. His first points came at the Irish Setter Club of MI all breed trial with a fine performance and a win in OGD, with hugs to the judge from me. Fall 2001 at

Badgerland's trial saw his major win. It was great to have friends there to share my joy.

Spring 2002 he came out as a force that was hard to beat. A 3rd place at the Trisetter Classic with some top dogs was an exceptional placement. He was placing consistently at each trial he was in. Nodrog's trial brought me my first win in the Amateur Gun Dog stake to finish his Open Field Championship and earned him the Title DC like his daddy. Of the wins, that one was the most special for me because I did it with him. He put on a performance that brought tears to my eyes. I just watched him do what he so loves to do, go hunting! The trial at Miami Valley found us with another win in AGD and a 4th place in ALGD with seven finds, well off his birds and looking proud. Next stop back to MI and the place where it all began for us. May 4-5 2002 in Highland Michigan at the Irish Setter trial found a win in AGD to finish his AFC!

Was it a hard road to travel? Yes, but the reward is sweet! I will do it all over again with another dog. A very special thanks to Jim for teaching this gal and her dog to be a team! Thanks to Dan for being my partner in this dog adventure and Shelley LeBlanc for choosing Rater as Abbey's date back in '96. I could not have done this without support from all my friends. Thanks!!!! See you in the field!

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