

Walla Walla Derby

by Frank O'Leary



(L to R) Frank O'Leary with Ungaro, Judge Mark Peasley, Judge Jörg Kaltenegger, Judge Francois Aldrich, Denver Hodges with Ussa, Gil Dueck with Uschka, and Rafael Aguilar with Ingolf.

The Western Region's second test of the year took place in Walla Walla, WA, on May 12th. Dogs from California, British Columbia, and Washington competed in the event. The weekend got underway with a Social Hour and bar-b-que at the O'Leary's attended by leaders, judges, and helpers.

Judges for the Derby were Jörg Kaltenegger, Test Director, from Clairsville, OH; Francois Aldrich, Senior Judge, from Crownville, MD; and Mark Peasley from San Carlos, CA. The Zuchtschau Formwertrichers were Francois Aldrich and Jörg Kaltenegger, both are Spezialzuchtrichter VDH.

In the Derby three of the dogs received Prize 1. Ungaro vom Trocken Bach leader/owner Frank O'Leary; Ussa vom Trocken Bach leader/owner Denver Hodges; and Uschka vom Trocken Bach leader/owner Gil Dueck. All three received perfect scores in all categories. Ingolf vom Canuck leader/owner Rafael Aguilar received a Prize 3. The work of the Prize 1



Senior Judge Francois Aldrich goes over the Derby scores with the leaders

dogs was impressive especially when you considered they were eleven months old.

In the Zuchtschau all dogs did as good as they could receiving SG (j). All of the dogs were less than eighteen months old and while participating in the Junior class could only receive a SG.



(L to R) Judges Jörg Kaltenecker, Mark Peasley, and Francois Aldrich presenting certificate and score sheet to Frank O'Leary for Ungaro vom Trocken Bach

Score sheets and awards were distributed at a dinner and social hour at the Brik in Walla Walla. It is anticipated that all participating dogs will be tested this fall in the Solms. Uschka has gone to Germany to complete her education; Ungaro is at his new home in Utah and will be tested there in September; while Ussa and Ingolf are scheduled to return to Walla Walla the end of September for their Solms.