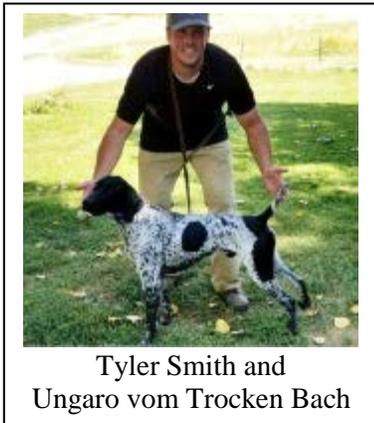


# Western Region Utah SOLMS

September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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## Day 1, September 7<sup>th</sup>



Tyler Smith and  
Ungaro vom Trocken Bach

Muddy Road Outfitters is a sought after testing venue, as the testing grounds are Pristine. We were lucky enough to get this venue on this weekend. This day would hold its challenges however. The first day of the test turned out to be a real hot one with little wind. It was 91 degrees by 11 am. The day began as dogs took the field for search and pointing. Five dogs were entered to the Solms. Every dog seemed well prepared for this portion of the test with all passing and moving to the next subjects. Daenen Scott and Agatha vom Hochland put on a real show when they took the field for search, Agatha searched with real purpose covering the

ground extremely well side to side using what little wind was available this day earning her a 4h in search.

The duck and rabbit drags are where the real challenges came from. The drag fields were perfect, 6-8" alfalfa with a crisp morning dew still on them. Despite the great drag fields only four of the five dogs passed the duck drag and two of the remaining four passed the rabbit drag. The judges did everything in their power to give the dogs the best shot at passing the drags. The judges were a great help and resource to all handlers and dogs. The water work was a real treat for the remaining two dogs that got to it. Both the remaining two dogs passed the test successfully. Well done to everyone who showed up and gave it their best attempts!!



Senior Judge Jeff Martin talking  
field search and pointing

## Day 1, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Results

1. Ungaro vom Trocken Bach , Tyler Smith. Prize 1 & V !
2. Caesar vom Großen Meer, John Michael Dezscz. No Prize!
3. Adele vom Hochland, Mike Madsen. No Prize!
4. Jewel vom Adlerberg, Conley Lindsey. No Prize!
5. Agatha vom Hochland. Daenen Scott. Prize 1 & SG!

## Day 2, September 8th



Front Row: (L to R) Thomas and Bear, Brad and Berg, Tyler and Tate, Mike and Briar, Jeffery and Arrow, Mark Peasley, Steve and Abe.  
Back Row: (L to R) Judges Jorg Kaltenegger, Jeff Martin, Manny Boutsikakis.

The second day went much better weather wise. As with most desert climates it changed overnight and stayed super cool until about 1:00 AM. This aided for a great day of testing. Five dogs were entered for this test (3 Solms and 2 AZP). The field search and pointing was a sight to behold. Thomas Konchar and Bear von den Sieben Söhnen were top of the charts with pointing as they located and found many wild roosters on the property earning them a 4h in Pointing. The next dog and handler that was

a stand out in the field was Jeffery Tims and Arrow vom Hochland. Jeff and Arrow took the field with vigor and put on a search that had everyone in awe. The dog used the wind correctly with a high head moving across cover side to side as a team with Jeff earning Arrow a 4h in search. The drag conditions were ideal as the weather stayed in the 70's until 11 am. We even got just a light dusting of rain before the drags took place. Every dog made it through the Duck drag with ease. Four of the five dogs passed the rabbit drag. One dog was a sure stand out on the drag work and if there was a 4h for drag work it would have gone to Mike Albert and Briar von den Sieben Söhnen. That dog put on a clinic working her drags.

The remaining four dogs took to the water right as the cloud cover lifted, immediately heating the day right up to 90 degrees. We all joked that it was a blessing from the Kurzhaar Gods! All 4 dogs did really well in the water and passed the test. Well done everyone!!

A special thanks to the judges, land owners and everyone who helped put this test on !!



Arrow vom Hochland Gun sensitivity and Jeff Martin

## Day 2, September 8<sup>th</sup>

1. Bear von den Sieben Söhnen, Thomas Konchar. Prize 3, V!
2. Abe Roche Jaune, Steve Portillo. Prize 3, SG!
3. Storm vom Riverwoods, Courtney Smith. No Prize!
4. Arrow vom Hochland, Jeffery Time. Prize 1, V!
5. Briar von den Sieben Söhnen. Mike Albert. Prize 1, SG!