

CPBGVC Hunt Test Report—February 18-20, 2022
Tokeena Beagle Club, C pen (Milford Rd.)

Chairperson's report

No bad weather looming, a full entry but not overfull—things were looking good for the February Hunt!

Friday 2/18/22

The field opened at 10 am for open run time, right on schedule. The weather was good, not too hot, partly cloudy, kind of windy. There was a bit of rain overnight on Thursday but nothing after that so the field dried out as the weekend progressed. No PLE/NLE this time. The judges' meeting was held in the late afternoon—judges agreed that it would be hard to see rabbits and so would use voicing to prove pursuit when necessary. Everyone retired back to their homes, RVs, and hotels and got rested up for the next day.

Saturday 2/19/22

26 hounds entered, 25 dogs ran (plus 1 FEO to fill out a pack), 14 qualified. We held roll call and morning meeting at 7 am to facilitate getting all the runs done in daylight. Weather was chilly in the morning (30's) but warmed up to 60's in the afternoon with some wind (more so at the set up than on the field). Runs varied, some with no rabbits seen, some with several rabbits. It was clear that the dogs that were aggressively in cover had more success but the judges had to rely on hearing pursuits more than seeing them.

Roger Mayer was back this month with his gadgets first thing in the morning and had the coffee and hot water ready for us. Tony Childs brought donuts again (thank you, Tony!) and we were able to get started with the first run before 8 am.

Lunch was delivered by Anthony from Subway based on individual orders.

Phyllis Lindquist set up the raffle items and ran the draw at the end of the day. We raised \$245 to defray costs.

One bitch had been withdrawn due to being in heat so a dog was run FEO to bring the pack back up to 3.

Dinners were delivered to the hotel at 6:30 pm by Kim Newsome from The Pompous Pig and much enjoyed by the folks that attended. We did have enough members in attendance to have a club meeting (after the meal).

Sunday 2/20/22

24 hounds entered, 23 started (plus 1 FEO to fill out a pack), 20 qualified.

Again, we started at 7 am with Roger's coffee and Tony's donuts. Weather was about the same, chilly at the start but warmed up by afternoon. The dogs seemed to have more difficulty following scent on the alleys than in the cover, perhaps due to the dryness (no rain since Thursday night).

Many thanks to all who worked before during and after the event:

Hunt Test Secretary—Robert Sweeney

Hunt Test Chairman—Mary Fluke

Hospitality—Coady Egan and Mary Fluke.

Raffle Co-ordinator—Phyllis Lindquist with some help from Jill Fitzgerald.

Robert Sweeney and Michael Edwards for providing the RV (field office).

Thank you to our judges: Roger Mayer, Michael Edwards, Nick Reading, Tony Childs, Ruth Hoffman, Coady Egan, and Jill Fitzgerald.