



# Advanced Judging Conference

Pilot Program

07/22/2023



# Conference Agenda

- Introductions
- Friday - Panel Discussion Friday 1:00 – 3:00
- 1<sup>st</sup> series of Mock Trial 3:30 – 5:30
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Series Call Back discussions
- Evening Meal and Panel Discussion on past Judging situations - Adjourn by 7:30
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Series
- Discuss Call backs to 3<sup>rd</sup> series
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Series
- Discussion of placements

# Judging Situation

## Retrieves

1. Dog sent on a long sailed out retrieve – dog comes up short circles back  $\frac{1}{4}$  way back to the handler – sits down, waiting for handler discussion: handler gives right hand back and dog buttons retrieve.
  - a. Short mark
  - b. Gave up looking.
  - c. Handled perfectly back to fall.

# Judging Situation

## Retrieves # 2

- *Mismark on a retrieve*
  - *Dog goes on by the fall and continues to hunt then comes back to the bird and makes retrieve*
  - *Handler starts directing dog to the fall – how long do you allow handler to direct dog.*
  - *Walk out to fall - how far?*
  - *Sent on a retrieve , spot on mark, brings wrong bird back, send back??*
  - *When do you tell a handler to handle his dog and how many times handling to the spot is enough?*

# Judging Situation Honors

- Throw out of an Honor Dog that you're judging when the brace dog bird was dropped close to your honor dog ?
- Interference of your honor dog while brace dog is on a retrieve through your honor dog – throw out dog ?
- When to tell your handler to handle his dog after an honor
- Your dog making bird, has honor – your dog continues hunting and puts up bird – good or not good
- Or dog honors the shot or command to hup even though he is close to his bird to flush then after brace ret you release dog – which one is better?

# Judging Situation

## Passed Birds

- Passed Bird – when to call a passed bird
- Dog is on long honor – cast dog off from the honor spot and gunner puts up bird
- Discuss Passed bird situations you have called???

# Judging Situation

## Hopper Birds

- Discuss your examples of judging hopper birds
  - Hopper across the center line
  - Can't find hopper bird after being released from steady – is it a failed retrieve?
  - How long is too long of a dog pursuing a hopper low flyer bird before he should hup?
  - handler does not hup dog and after 30 + yard chase, bird gets airborne, handler hits hup command and dog hups?

# Judging Situation Runners

- Trail out of a runner
  - Doesn't produce that runner
  - Produces that runner out of range
  - Produces bird three flags down course – what do you judge ? Control? course coverage? bird finding?



# Judging Situation Interference

- When to call interference
  - Your co judge handler chastising his dog
  - Consistent opposite course questing by your dog or brace dog – can you throw out a brace dog for out of control or interference?

# Judging Situation

## Trapped Birds

- Dog returning to handler with a trap, spots another bird, drops first bird and it runs off, dog flushes the bird he saw, gunner shoots that bird and dog makes the retrieve. Is it a failed retrieve?
- Dog traps bird and brings it in to handler and drops it and it gets away – failed retrieve?
- When to call hard mouth on trapped bird

# Judging Situation

## Short Shot Birds

- Gunner drops bird close to dog that flushed bird
- Bird dropped close to brace dog
- Can a judge excuse a gunner and request a new gunner

# Judging Situation

## Two Shot Birds

- Dog flushes two birds, both shot, do you require to retrieve both birds

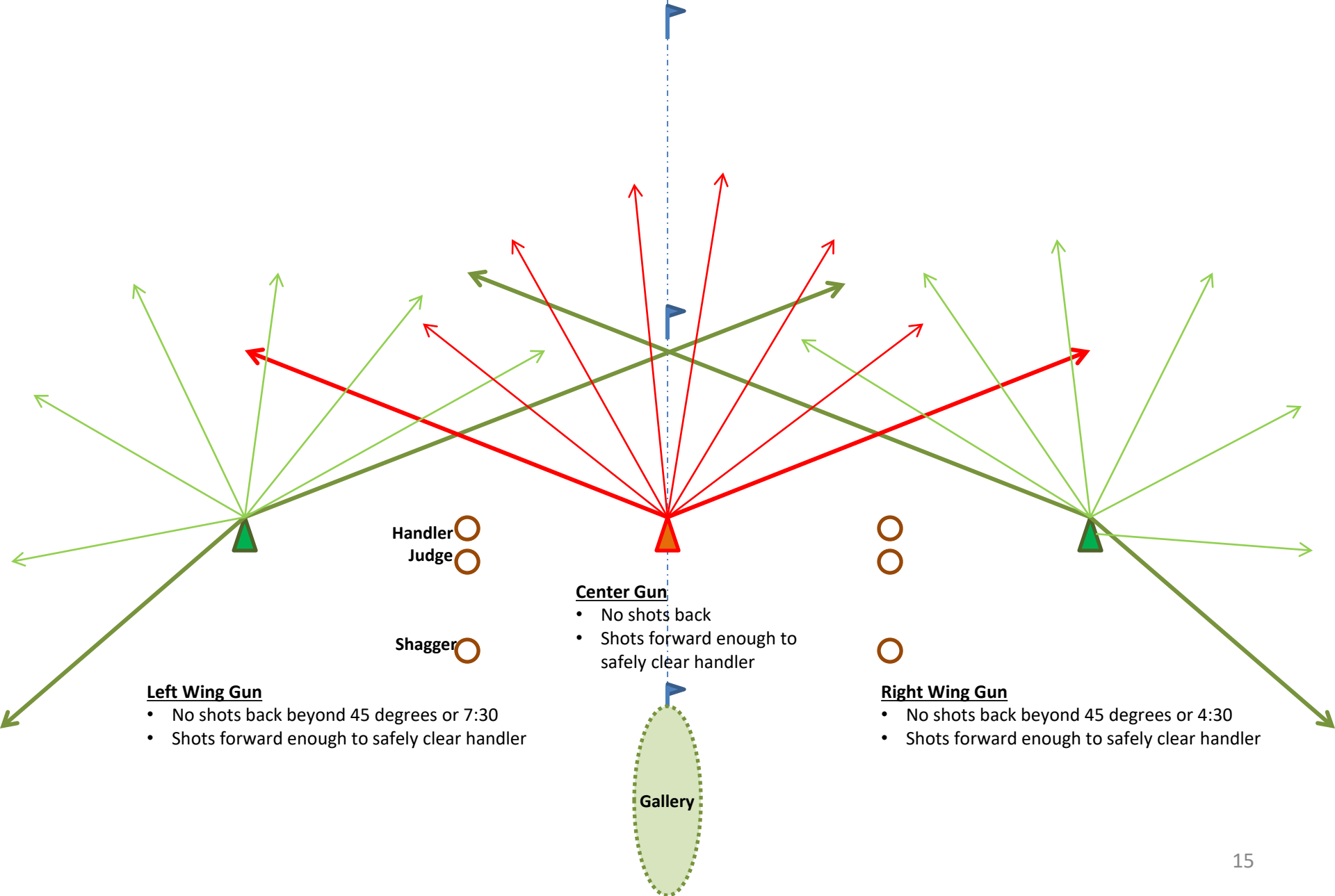
# Judging Situation

## Delivery to hand

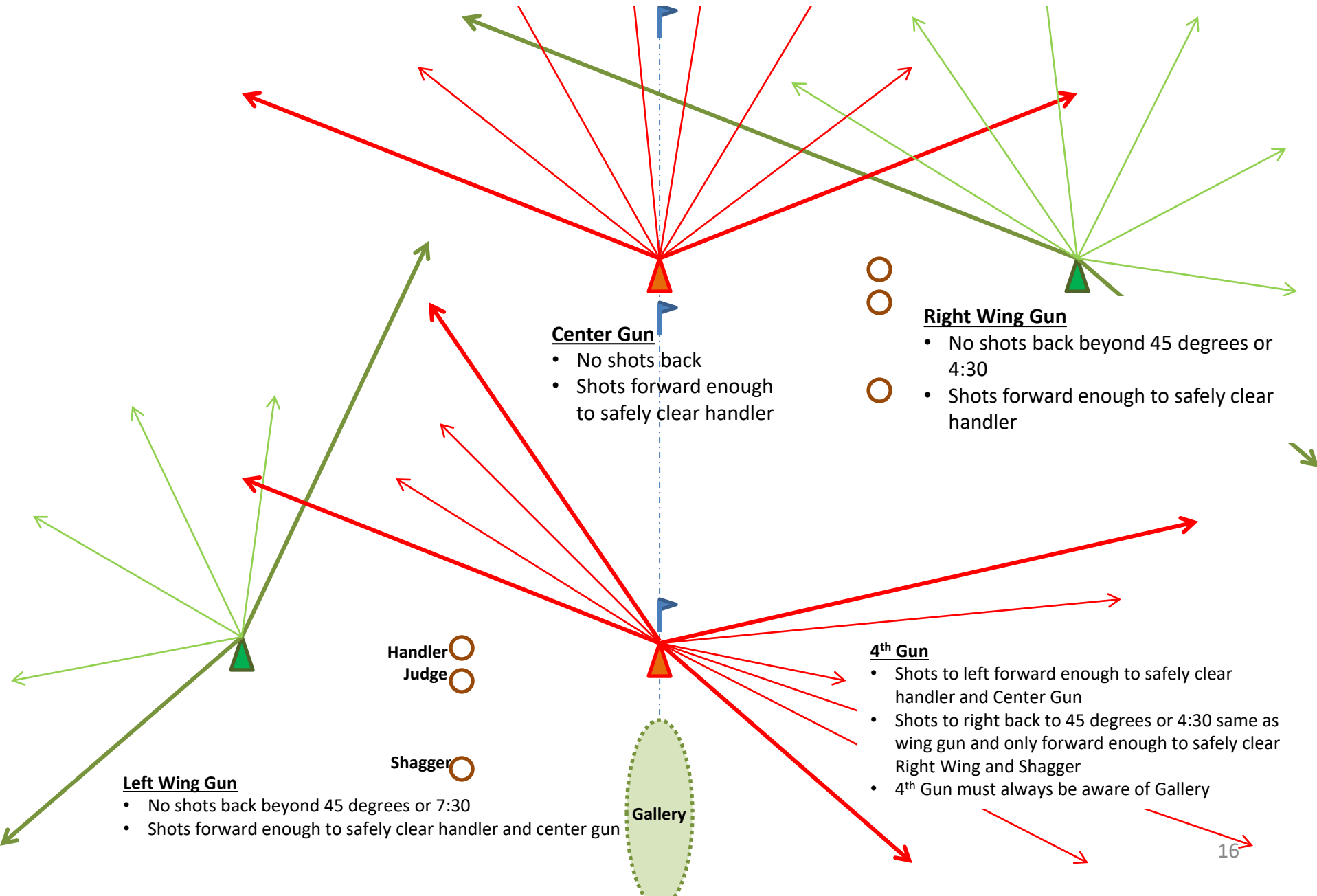
Discuss ideal retrieve

Calm, Hups in front of handler and presents the bird

# Gunning Diagram (Both Sides in line)



# Gunning Diagram (One side ahead of the other & 4<sup>th</sup> Gun Live)



## Center Gun

- No shots back
- Shots forward enough to safely clear handler

## Right Wing Gun

- No shots back beyond 45 degrees or 4:30
- Shots forward enough to safely clear handler

Handler ○  
Judge ○

Shagger ○

## 4<sup>th</sup> Gun

- Shots to left forward enough to safely clear handler and Center Gun
- Shots to right back to 45 degrees or 4:30 same as wing gun and only forward enough to safely clear Right Wing and Shagger
- 4<sup>th</sup> Gun must always be aware of Gallery

## Left Wing Gun

- No shots back beyond 45 degrees or 7:30
- Shots forward enough to safely clear handler and center gun

Gallery

# Mock Trial 1<sup>st</sup> Series

- Instructions to handler
- What type of notes to take
- When to take notes
- Judges' sheets - Scorecards
- What scores to assign



# Call Backs to 2<sup>nd</sup> Series

- What do you bring into 2<sup>nd</sup> series
- What do you tell you co judge regarding the dogs you brought back
- Situations that you have encountered in call backs in prior judging assignments
- What do you tell the handler
- Make sure you can account for all the dogs run under both judges

# Call Backs to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Series

In – Out – Maybe piles

How many to bring back

Make sure to account for all the dogs

Why is a dog out – have a reason to explain to the handler or the owner.

# Discussion

Wrap up Discussion on specific judging situations





**Good**



**Judging**

