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Welcome to the 2023 National Open Championship in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Our committee has worked hard to present an outstanding venue for this years premiere event. Excellent grounds, great birds and outstanding gunning will be the norm to showcase the best field bred Springer Spaniels in the world! We will be hosted by the Dresbach, Cook and Shoemaker family properties and wish to tread lightly on their land. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

If you find yourself with some idle time I strongly recommend you take in nearby "<u>Old Man's Cave"</u> - you won't be disappointed.

As always funding is a necessary part of the sport. We made the decision to hold down the entry fee, and run a tight ship. We are the beneficiaries of a beautiful Beretta 12 gauge O/U shotgun to be raffled off and you can help by purchasing a book or two. As always Purina is a huge supporter of what we do and all of us should be using their products! There are many, many others who contribute time, talent and treasure; make a point of thanking them.

Of all the things you decide to contribute towards in a year, please keep this sport and these dogs at the top off your list. An event comes and goes in the blink of an eye, old friendships will be rekindled and new ones made...all because of these beautiful dogs.

We wish you all consistent crazy pace, constant teamwork, ridiculous finds, spot on retrieves, and perfect manners; but alas that will only boil down to the precious few. So instead we wish you not be disappointed by your furry friend, who is never disappointed by you ;)

Good luck to all!

Bill Cosgrove