

Dear Field Trial Enthusiasts,

Montana invites you to come join us for a one day cocker trial to be held on Friday, April 4th, 2008. We will be holding our trial in conjunction with the Missouri Headwaters English Springer Spaniel Club's annual Springer Spaniel trial held on April 5th & 6th. We will be using grounds at the Fairweather Fishing Access site near Clarkston, MT, along the Missouri River. The grounds provide very interesting river bottom cover for the cockers to run in; grasses, trees, downfall, shrubbery and much more.

Our open stake will begin at 8:00 am on Friday the 4th. We will not be running a puppy stake but we are planning on a water series to be held at the discretion of the field trial committee. Tom Bratrud and Chris Maxcy, two longtime spaniel people, will be our judges for the trial. Lunches will be available for purchase on the grounds. If the weather permits we hope to have an informal Bird BBQ at the grounds after the trial. Camping, no running water or power, is available at Fairweather Fishing Access.

The entries close on March 27, 2008 so be sure to get your entries sent in. Mail them to: Dede Griffin, Field Trial Secretary, PO Box 801, West Yellowstone, MT 59758. The fee is \$110.00, make checks payable to MHGDC. More information is available on www.fieldcockers.com and www.workingcocker.com.

Springtime in Montana can be wet, cold, warm or dry so come prepared for anything but definitely bring your camera. Springtime in Montana is beautiful. Trees and flowers are beginning to bloom and you might even see some fawns or other young wildlife.

Bozeman, MT is approximately 1 hour from the grounds and you will find many lodging options as well as different and unique dining options. Bozeman is a college town and Main Street provides unique shops and eateries.

Mark your calendars, mail in your entries and come check out Montana. Get a small taste of what you will experience in October for the 2008 Nationals which will be held at the foothills of the Bridger Mountains.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at perdix1@msn.com. We all look forward to seeing you in early April.

Dede Griffin
Field Trial Secretary