

Welcome to the 2008 Cocker National in Bozeman, Montana

The grounds this year are on beautiful rolling alpine meadow ranch land with great cover of scrub brush, tall grasses all adjacent to three year round streams. Your back drop will be the Bridger Mountains complete with an elk herd which may make your acquaintance as you quest through the end leg of the second series.



Close by is Bozeman. No longer a cow town, but now complete with art galleries, antiques, fine dining and just a few Western bars to add some special Montana flavor to a very "boutique" village.

Crews are already on site building bridges, setting courses, making signs and tables, setting aside parking and bird storage, banquet plans, and arranging a whole bunch more details which make a National go...which brings me to my point.

Actual costs to run National Trial runs up to \$500/ entry. Obviously only a portion of that cost is covered by entry fees. The rest is offset to some degree by advertising, some sales and patron gifts, all of which are hustled, if you will, by the same folks who are on the ground "pushing dirt and wood" and building the infra-structure mentioned above. Anything we can do to take the pressure off those folks and to create more income to defray expenses is critical to the success of this year's Cocker National.

To that end, NCC will sponsor a silent auction of quality items, donated by you, such as dog and field art, field accessories, glassware, photos (preferably framed), a one of a kind hand made fly rod(s), previous National poster art, or other objet d'art you feel is appropriate.

We hope as many of you as possible will help by donating to this event which celebrates these elegant dogs and their success in the field.



The auction will take place on the second evening, Saturday 18, 2008 of the National. Items will be listed by donator (if you wish) and bidding will be by assigned number so that your bid will be anonymous.

Please contact Shaina Long longshaina@gmail.com or Al Defalco yankeeck@rockisland.com with description of your donated item.

Thanks so much for helping us out.

Al and Shaina

Silent Auction Chairs