



**UNITED BEAGLE GUNDOG
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To the Members of the UBGF:

At the August, 2008 UBGF Annual Meeting, the delegates voted to cease using the qualification papers for dogs entered in the Derby & All-Age Run-Off. The decision was based on a desire to lighten the load of the Field Trial Secretaries.

At the time of this vote, we explained that we would attempt to have a list of every dog that had qualified prior to the event. However, since many clubs hold qualifying trials during the 30 days prior to the runoffs, we cannot and do not have a record of all qualified hounds. Field Trial Secretaries have 30 days to turn in the results of their trials to our Records Coordinator.

At the 2009 Derby Run-off, a handler entered many dogs and though we request that everyone put down the trial the dog qualified at, the handler stated he could not remember where some of the dogs qualified.

After the Run-off, and after all the results of the trials were received by Brian Jenks, we discovered that the dog, Little Gus's Caddy, winner of the 13" male class, had not qualified at a Derby Qualifying Trial. I immediately contacted the handler, Richard Sawyer, and tried to contact the owner, Gus Tsatsaronis. I explained to Richard, and asked him to contact the owner to let us know where the dog qualified. I gave them 72 hours to respond. I explained that if they were unable to provide me with correct information regarding where the dog qualified, I would be forced to strip the dog of its First Place.

After four days, I had not received any information to the contrary from Richard Sawyer. Hearing nothing, I notified the owner of the Reserve Champion that we were elevating his dog to the National Champion. I notified the owners of the 1st Runner-Up thru 3rd Runner-Up that I was moving them up one place.

As our trials are AKC sanctioned, we follow their direction and do not move any hound up to the 3rd Runner-Up position.

If you have any further questions about this decision, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Beagling,

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