

Land Purchase

A few years ago the membership took on a challenge to be the first federation in our sport to own their own running grounds and clubhouse. Not long after 214 acres of rolling ground was bought in Butler County Kentucky near Morgantown. The land has two ponds and a creek running through the center. The reason the UBGF believed this was the thing to do was simple. There was no security in having trials on government land whether it was federal, state or county. They had seen too many of their clubs pushed around in political moves to feel secure. They wanted to OWN land so the members their children and grand children would have a place to train their beagles and have field trials.

The price was \$150,000 and as soon as it was paid for more money was raised from members and some borrowed to fence in three enclosures. This cost \$70,000 and upon completion rabbits were added to each and the UBGF began having not only there National events there but UBGF clubs that had no running grounds started using it. A club, Butler County Beagle Club of Kentucky, was also formed to help maintain the land.

With funds short the UBGF decided that instead of going further in dept they would build a shelter house to use as a temporary club house. After building it they had it enclosed with a heavy vinyl tarp and it has served them well for the last two years. Then they built a 20x20 storage shed to keep field trial supplies and equipment in. With the dept on the fence being paid down the membership then voted to give the UBGF board permission to borrow more money to go with the money that had been donated by members or through raffles and the sale of many items and pursue building a 5000 sq ft clubhouse.

As of today, 3-10-06, the clubhouse is still in the planning stage and work is being done on blueprints and permits. Many members of UBGF clubs have donated there time and construction skills to help build as soon as all the permits are in place. With the history of this project do far I would say as soon as the paper work is done the clubhouse will go up in record time.

The IJBGF's greatest asset is its hard working members that have the vision to see not far into the future when the only place you will have to train your dog and have field trials is own private land. If you want to be part of the project you can donate time or money by contacting Sam Butler, 1-812-293-4404 - e-mail samrita3213rn1mail.com . Checks should be made out to the LTBGF Building Fund and sent to Sam at 18918 Michigan Rd, Marysville IN 47141.