

Bracco Gathering in the Northeast November 2022!!!

Join us for a regional gathering focusing on field work in the Northeast for Bracco owners November 4th – 6th, with optional fun activities the afternoon of November 3rd! After spiffing up your field/hunt skills on live birds Friday, you have a chance to participate in a double-double hunt test (four hunt tests over two days) on the weekend and possibly earn some legs towards your hunt title!

On Thursday November 3rd participants are welcome to gather on my property for a show handling clinic, and an agility demonstration and clinic if interested. We can work on show stacking and gaiting, using photos and videos to learn and work towards each dog's "best". If weather permits we can do a lobster bake at my house outdoors.

On Friday November 4th participants will gather at Centerville Farm and Kennel [Centerville Farm and Kennel - Dog Trainer, Obedience Classes | Hope Valley, RI \(birddogschool.com\)](#) where they'll be given the opportunity to work with Sarah Conyngham on 60 acres of state-managed forest and fields in Hope Valley, Rhode Island, in the heart of southern New England. Sarah specializes in training gun and field dogs for amateur handlers and she prides herself on the ability to evaluate a dog and tailor her training methods accordingly. Sarah raises her own birds on site (including homing pigeons and quail), and after assessing what each person's goals are she will tailor an individual session for them and their dog(s). I've never met a kinder, more astute gun dog trainer, and all my dogs have loved her. Once we know who is coming and what they want to work on I can give Sarah a heads up and she can design a group session prior to the individual dog team's work in the fields. Whether you want to introduce your dog to birds for the first time or want to work on something specific (like steadiness), Sarah will work with you on your goals. Depending on the number of teams attending we can arrange for lunch to be picked up for everyone. There will be a fee for each team, I can provide more information later once we have a head count. There will also be an option to audit the session if the handler does not have a dog available that they want to work. That evening we can gather back at my house for a group dinner of homemade pizza or other yummy things.

On Saturday November 5th and Sunday November 6th there will be a double-double hunt test at the John Flaherty field trial grounds which are about 60 miles from my house. Saturday's hunt tests are sponsored by the Tartan Gordon Setter Club, and Sunday's tests are sponsored by the Pointer Associates of New England (P.A.N.E.). Interested persons would need to send in their own entries to the clubs, and once the premiums are available I'll post them and/or forward them to anyone that is interested in coming. With four hunt tests it's possible to earn your Junior Hunter title in one weekend! The clubs bring in cooks for their hunt tests, so food and drinks will be available on the grounds. You can also park your RV on the grounds, but there are no hookups. [Flaherty Field Trial Clubs Association, Inc. | Welcome \(flahertyfta.org\)](#)

Camping: There is a KOA about five miles from my house (Mystic KOA), or if anyone wants to park their camper in my horse field without hookups they're welcome to do that. You will also be able to camp directly at the Flaherty Field Trial Grounds site.

Hotels Near Me (that accept dogs – please confirm when you call):

La Quinta 1-860-599-2400 (about 5-10 miles from my house)

Hilton Garden Inn 1-860-885-1000 (about 7 miles from my house). 5 Watson Rd, Preston CT

Cedar Park Inn 1-860-535-7829 (about 5 miles)

Hotels near Flaherty Field (recommended by a Club that recently had a show nearby)

Fairfield Inn & Suites Enfield CT 1-860-741-2211

If you're interested, or have questions, please get in touch with Deb Pereira pereiradebra@yahoo.com so she can get a head count for the various activities.