

Close to a decade and a half ago I developed the first website devoted to FDSB field trial pointers. Most folks had slow dialup connections then. That was a major factor considered in my initial goal which was to keep it as simple as possible. My position, based on feedback from others was that most folks were more interested in information as opposed to many bells and whistles and through the years I have kept that in mind. Within a year a much fancier website (Fielddog.com) appeared which by its name was much more comprehensive than the one webmastered by me.

Times have changed and technologies have advanced. At that time I foresaw the time when The Field Trial Pointer Home Page would become technologically outdated and would be replaced by others. We all read, hear, and talk about giving to the sport. At the beginning my hope was that my “giving” would be the home page... easy to navigate by neophytes, access to field trial info days, weeks, and sometimes months in advance of that available in the hard copy media, and open to all with no subscription nor log-ins required..... in short.. a one click stopping off place with no need for many bookmarks on browsers. Today almost all have high speed connections which makes my initial path to simplicity out of date. My time preferences are to spend more time with my family, friends, and dogs rather than trying to keep up-to-date on such matters.

On Feb 8, 2004 I posted the following:

*Long term goal of website is to have it taken over by better known, larger and more technologically sophisticated host.*

Last year, realizing that time had come, I started looking for a replacement but was unsuccessful. There were several very viable candidates that simply did not have the time for such an undertaking. One that did have the time but was erroneously turned down by me was Bill Holton of the Cover Dog Message Board and Field Trial Central fame. I really wish that I had turned it over to him at that time. My only reason for not doing it was that my thought was

with Field Trial Pointer Home Page the webmaster should be a dyed in the wool 100% FDSB Pointer person.

I urge all of you to support the Cover Dog Message Board, Field Trial Central, FieldDog.com, Strideaway, and the Lisa Littell's facebook page Field Trial Bulletin as alternatives for The Field Trial Pointer Home Page.

In the above paragraph I use "alternatives" rather than replacement partly because I have paid for the present (ISP and domain registry) and also because of many emails.

On a temporary basis I will leave some of the home page intact. Specifics on this will follow at a later time. Check back here later, please.

Thank you for your support,

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