

FLUSHERS



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Name: Jon Dayton

Family members: Lori (way better half)

State of residence: Minnesota

Dog's names: HR Moon Rivers Northern Belle SH and Alexa Star JH

Breed: Labrador Retriever (Belle is yellow and Lexi is black)

How would you best describe Belle: She is versatile and driven to retrieve. She's 49 pounds of pure energy and desire, but truly excels as our family pet. Lexi has an inferiority complex from not competing.

Where did you purchase Belle: On-Line Retrievers (Ogilvie, MN)

How did you end up selecting this pup/breeder: I purchased Lexi here after being referred to them by a long time hunting buddy. When I decided to get another dog we went back to On-Line and purchased Belle from one of their client; at six weeks old I was convinced that she'd be special.

What is your fondest hunting memory involving your dogs: Watching Belle come back over the hill with the money bird in her mouth at the US OPEN, completing a 200 yard retrieve on a pheasant that I had barely tickled to post the fastest time in our Division.

Proudest accomplishment while competing: Winning the M.U.G.S. Amateur Flushing Dog of the Year title, wins at the Iowa, SD and US OPEN Pheasant Championship.

How long have you competed in upland competitions: Last year was my rookie season, I played in the Amateur Events mostly, dabbling in some Puppy Events here and there. I am looking forward to competing in the Top Gun Main Event this season.

If you could say one thing about another competitor, what would it be: Luke Welch and Shannon Brown may be two of the nicest men I have ever met. Both are true gentleman, honorable competitors and great ambassadors of the sport.

What other types of hunting do you do: Waterfowl and deer (gun and archery)

What is your favorite spot to hunt: SD and Hendricks, MN (buddy's farm)

Who introduced you to hunting: I have been fortunate to have several people, family members, friends and acquaintances in my life introduce me to various types of hunting over the past 30 years.

What is one thing your peers do not know about you: I am actually pretty laid back when I am not competing. Was the question "don't know or won't believe?"

Who has trained your dogs: David Russell of On-Line Retrievers did all of the yard and handling work and Ray Shanks of Swamp Run Retrievers helped me with the advanced hunt test techniques.

What is your favorite hunting story: '06 MN Pheasant opener - I shot my duck limit in the morning, pheasant limit in the afternoon and bagged a nice deer that evening with my bow - The Dayton Grand Slam!