

FLUSHERS



Name: Name: **Scott Peterson**

Family members: Lizz (wife), Brock (son) and Kiley (daughter)

State of residence: Minnesota

Dog's name: Cherokee

Breed: Labrador Retriever (chocolate)

How would you best describe Cherokee: He is strong willed, always trying my patience. Yet, he is able to dig up birds in the most unlikely places in the most difficult conditions. Many times while quartering through the field he has surprised my Doubles partner Shannon Brown and I by just ap-pear-ing with a bird in his mouth - never indicating when or where he found it; just retrieving it to hand.

How did you acquire your Cherokee: From a small kennel in Black Duck, MN.

What is your fondest hunting memory involving your dogs: I enjoy jumping potholes for ducks in the fall. In 2002, I shot a triple while hunting with 3 of my chocolate labs (Cree, Lakota and Cherokee) and each one of them retrieved one of the birds. I'll never forget that, it was pretty cool.

Proudest accomplishment while competing: There are several, but I think what sticks out most to me is having won back to back NBDCA Doubles National Championships ('02 - '03) with Shannon with two different dogs, his Gus and my Cherokee.

What is your most vivid competition memory: Winning with Cherokee in '03. This dog represented at the time and still today, the greatest challenge for me to train because he was so tough headed. Shannon continued to encourage me, promising me that the sleepless nights spent doing drills with Cherokee would pay off. Our Doubles entry (Nationals) got off to an auspicious start and seemed to only get harder as we worked through the field. There were birds flushed out of range, bumped birds by us - not the dog - and when our heads were as low as they could go, everything changed. Suddenly Cherokee flushed a double and then another, Phil Hinchman had not found all of his birds in an earlier run and we did. As our score-keeper, Mike Carosello stated at the time, "I have never seen a run start so bad end so good". Our time of 7:01 was 40 seconds faster than the next closest team!

If you could win one competition, what would it be: Cherokee's last entry, a Doubles Event with Shannon Brown as my partner.

What type of gun do you shoot: Benneli Super Black Eagle and a Browning Lightning Citori

What type of ammunition do you use: I use FIOCCHI, exclusively!

Who do you frequently hang out with when you compete: Shannon Brown and my kids, Brock and Kiley. When the kids are around, I am often in the truck with them watching a movie. When they stay home, I hang out with just about anyone and everyone - I just enjoy talking dogs!