

The NATC sponsored an American Working Terrier Association (AWTA) den trial on Memorial Day, May 26, 2003, at Village Green Farm, Crosswicks, NJ. Our trial was held the day after the New Jersey Beanfield Earthdogs seminar (Sunday) and practice day (Saturday), drawing 59 paid entries from Florida, Mississippi, Virginia, Canada, Maine and Vermont in addition to those from the immediate area. Twenty-five Dachshunds including dogs owned by NATC members Victoria Burton, David & Trudy Kawami, Mike Nothstein & Phyllis Meseroll, and Anke Masters were entered, along with 16 Border Terriers, 5 Norfolks, 3 Cairns, 3 Westies, 2 each of Bedlingtons, Jack Russells and Smooth fox Terriers, and one Australian Terrier. NATC members working at this trial were Mike Nothstein & Phyllis Meseroll, Anke Masters, David Kawami, and pending members Sandra Hambrecht and William Kuntz. A very big thank you also goes to Anke's daughter Marajke and prospective member Carol Katona, both of whom were invaluable at the trial.

The weather did not smile on us this year, but instead it rained buckets. Flooding caused the Novice den to shift to another part of the grounds and bailing water was the order of the day. Nonetheless five dogs earned their AWTA Certificate of Game-ness (CGC) under AWTA judge (& NATC Secretary) Carrie Hamilton. Three of these were Dachshunds: Rudy Toot Toot (MaryLou Bendall, Daytona Beach, Fla); Ch. Dachsdales Astro de Lin (Dale Parks, South Daytona, Fla); and Oluv vom alten Jagen (Anke Masters, Brick, NJ). Anke's Oli took top honors for Dachshunds advancing from the Novice class to earned his CG then posting the fastest time for any Dachshund that day through the 30 ft Certificate den: 7.44 seconds.



*Trudy Kawami with Nelke*



*Victoria Burton*



*Front row: David Kawami and Phyllis Meseroll, back row: Sandra Hambrecht and William Kuntz.*