

Agronomist Report

2023 Canadian Nation Spaniel Championship

Landowners

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Target/Problem Weeds

Foxtail barley (*Hordeum jubatum*), cheat grass/downy brome (*Bromus tectorum*),
Canada wildrye (*Elymus canadensis*)

Field History

Skar Creek Ranch

1st 2nd Series

3rd 4th 5th Series

Tom Bratrud seeded the half section of Skar Creek Ranch with a mixture of Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever grass mixture, which included primarily grasses, alfalfa, and timothy.

Previously the entire half section of pasture has been treated for foxtail barley. On September 8th 2022 the pasture was walked and inspected by Matthew Walton of Ponoka fertilizer and Greg Royer. A small patch of foxtail barley was located on the West edge of the property adjacent to the road and is located on the map, this area will not come into play for any of the series work and as far from the staging areas of the camp. A small amount of spear grass was located on the grassy slope of the south facing side of the draw running West to East. This small area will not be used for any of the series work and will be marked on the map and flagged.

The area of Skar Creek ranch that will be used for all 5 series work is “mean seed” free and consist of a mixture of grasses, alfalfa, and timothy.

The Calgary English Springer Spaniel club wants to ensure all participants that the dog’s safety and well being is our priority. The grounds have been walked, areas of concern will be mowed, signed and flagged. Water will be available on the course. Unfortunately, southern Alberta has experienced a second hot and dry growing season. Every precaution will be taken to resolve any agronomy issues by the Calgary club to ensure the safety and well being of the dogs. Please feel free to contact Greg Royer, 403 637 2073 or gmroyer@rogers.com for any questions or concerns you have.



Skar Creek RanchNE 18 weed map.pdf

Table 1: Vascular plants found in the September 20222 survey of grasslands

Scientific Name Common Name

Alopecurus Pratenis – (Meadow Foxtail)	Phalaris canariensis – (Canary grass)
Agropyron Cristatum – (Crested Wheat grass)	Phleum pratense – (Timothy grass)
Agropyron Repens – (Quack Grass)	Poa Pratensis – (Kentucky Blue)
Bromopsis Biebersteinii (Meadow Brome Grass)	Psathyrostachys Juncea – (Russian Wild Rye)
Bromus inermis – (Smooth brome Cirsium arvense – (Canada thistle)	Rubus sp.- (Raspberry)
Dactylis glomerata – (Orchard grass)	Rumex crispus – (Curled dock)
Elymus Canadensis – (Canadian Wild Rye)	Salix sp. – (Willow)
Festuca Arundinacea – (Tall Fescue)	Sinapis Arvensis – (Wild Mustard)
Festuca rubra - (Creeping Red Fescue)	Solidago sp. – (Goldenrod)
Festuca Perennis – (Annual Rye)	Sonchus Arvensis – (Perennial Sow Thistle)
Festuca Pratensis- (Meadow Fescue)	Sonchus Oleraceus – (Annual Sow Thistle)
Heteropogon Contortus – (Spear Grass)	Symphoricarpos - (Snowberry)
Hordeum Jubatum - (Foxtail Barley)	Symphoricarpos – (Orbiculatus)
Lolium Perenne – (Perennial Rye)	Thlaspi Arvense - (Stink weed)
Medicago Sativa – (Alfalfa)	Trifolium repens- (White clover)
Phalaris Arundinacea – (Reed Canary grss)	Trifolium Pratense – (Red Clover)
	Verbascum thapsus – (Common mullein)
	Vicia cracca – (Tufted vetch)